PREVIOUS YEAR PAPER

SSC CGL 2019 Tier I — 9 March 2020, Shift 3

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50 of the paper's 100 questions · +2 for a correct answer, −0.5 for a wrong one · 60 minutes

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Questions from the Staff Selection Commission's paper of 9 March 2020, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Each question is followed by its answer, and the answer key is repeated on the last page.

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General Awareness

1. _____ was appointed Chief Justice of India with effect from 18 November 2019.
   (a) Ranjan Gogoi
   (b) Ashok Bhushan
   (c) Sharad Arvind Bobde
   (d) Dipak Misra

   Answer: (c)

2. Which of the following was NOT a type of sacrifice performed by kings in ancient India to establish their position?
   (a) Muvendavelan
   (b) Rajasuya
   (c) Vajapeya
   (d) Ashvamedha

   Answer: (a)

3. As of January 2020, _____ has the maximum number of seats in the Rajya Sabha.
   (a) Uttar Pradesh
   (b) Maharashtra
   (c) Tamil Nadu
   (d) Karnataka

   Answer: (a)

4. In January 2020, China tested the world’s first high-speed driverless bullet train between Beijing and:
   (a) Haikou
   (b) Shanghai
   (c) Lhasa
   (d) Zhangjiakou

   Answer: (d)

5. Article _____ of the Constitution of India deals with provisions related to the administration and control of Scheduled Areas and Scheduled Tribes.

(a) 222(1)
(b) 244(1)
(c) 244(2)
(d) 222(2)

Answer: (b)

6. The spice, cinnamon, is native to:

(a) Bhutan
(b) Malaysia
(c) Sri Lanka
(d) Afghanistan

Answer: (c)

7. _____ was executed at Lahore in November 1915 for his role in the Ghadar Conspiracy in February 1915.

(a) Kartar Singh Sarabha
(b) Tantia Mama
(c) Vijay Singh Pathik
(d) Maganbhai Patel

Answer: (a)

8. Haemophobia is the fear of:

(a) blood
(b) water
(c) heights
(d) darkness

Answer: (a)

9. Which of the following books is NOT authored by RK Narayan?

(a) The Jungle Book
(b) The Guide
(c) Swami and Friends
(d) Malgudi Days

Answer: (a)

10. Crocodiles have a _____ chambered heart.

(a) three
(b) single
(c) four
(d) two

Answer: (c)

11. _____ was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1913 and a knighthood in 1915.

(a) Rabindranath Tagore

(b) Mother Teresa

(c) Mahatma Gandhi

(d) Sarojini Naidu

Answer: (a)

12. Which of the following is a beach in Goa?

(a) Marina

(b) Varkala

(c) Kudle

(d) Palolem

Answer: (d)

13. The Government of India launched the _____ Initiative on 16 January 2016, with the objective of supporting entrepreneurs, building a robust start-up ecosystem and transforming India into a country of job creators instead of job seekers.

(a) Skill India

(b) Digital India

(c) Empower India

(d) Start-up India

Answer: (d)

14. Kandhamal Haldi, a variety of turmeric indigenous to _____, earned the Geographical Indication (GI) tag from Intellectual Property (India) in April, 2[illegible].

(a) Meghalaya

(b) Odisha

(c) Assam

(d) Nagaland

Answer: (b)

15. The Kyaik Htee Yoe pagoda is located in:

(a) Nepal

(b) Sri Lanka

(c) Bhutan

(d) Myanmar

Answer: (d)

16. Which of the following monuments bears a similarity to the French war memorial, the Arc-de-Triomphe?

(a) Gateway of India

(b) Charminar

(c) India Gate

(d) Victoria Memorial

Answer: (c)

17. Christiaan Barnard is famous for:
    (a) first publishing tables of logarithms
    (b) delivering the world's first test-tube baby
    (c) performing the world's first human heart transplant
    (d) cloning the first mammal ever

    Answer: (c)

18. Snails belong to Phylum:
    (a) Arthropoda
    (b) Mollusca
    (c) Echinodermata
    (d) Chordata

    Answer: (b)

19. The first Wimbledon Championship was held in:
    (a) 1877
    (b) 1896
    (c) 1863
    (d) 1884

    Answer: (a)

20. The amalgamation of Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank n Bank of Baroda (BoB) came into effect from:
    (a) 1 June 2019
    (b) 1 January 2019
    (c) 1 April 2018
    (d) 1 April 2019

    Answer: (d)

21. Which of the following is an inert gas most commonly found in light bulbs?
    (a) Hydrogen
    (b) Argon
    (c) Oxygen
    (d) Radon

    Answer: (b)

22. Name the state capital located 530 metres above sea level between 93 East longitude and 27 North latitude.
    (a) Hyderabad
    (b) Dispur
    (c) Itanagar
    (d) Patna

    Answer: (c)

23. The Mission Indradhanush, an initiative of Govt. of India, is associated with:
    (a) digitalisation
    (b) highway development
    (c) immunisation
    (d) cleanliness

    Answer: (c)

24. _____ was the first host country of the FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association) World Cup.
    (a) France
    (b) Brazil
    (c) Uruguay
    (d) Italy

    Answer: (c)

25. Which of the following is the only correct pair as described by Chola inscriptions?
    (a) Shalabhoga – land gifted to Brahmanas
    (b) Pallichchhandam – land donated to Jaina institutions
    (c) Brahmadeya – land gifted to temples
    (d) Vellanvagai – land of Brahmana peasant proprietors

    Answer: (b)

English Comprehension

1. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No improvement.

Long after those five horses <u>finish</u> drinking water from the trough, an old horse appeared over the brow of the hill.
    (a) have finished
    (b) had finished
    (c) had been finishing
    (d) No Improvement

    Answer: (b)

2. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. The popular leader is remarkable for the way in which he _____ the qualities of a good politician and a world class thinker.
    (a) shows
    (b) controls
    (c) portrait
    (d) conditions

    Answer: (a)

3. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word. Relief

(a) Stress

(b) Anger

(c) Aid

(d) Emotion

Answer: (c)

4. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given. A building where grain is kept or stored

(a) Greenery

(b) Granary

(c) Grate

(d) Grandstand

Answer: (b)

5. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Humane

(a) Sympathetic

(b) Cruel

(c) Living

(d) Kind

Answer: (b)

6. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.
A. So, in the agrarian era, you destroy your enemy's productive capacity by burning his crops or fields.
B. Now, in the information era, destroying the enemy's productive capacity means destroying their information infrastructure.
C. You battle with your enemy by destroying the enemy's productive capacity, which will be different depending upon the foundation of economy.
D. But in the industrial era, ending productive capacity meant bombing of the factories that are located in cities and main industrial areas.

(a) ACDB

(b) BDAC

(c) ACBD

(d) CADB

Answer: (d)

Passage — for questions 7–11

> In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Select the most appropriate option to fill each blank.
>
> When you enter a restaurant, you take your (1)_____ and you are served a glass of water. You take your (2)_____ to decide what you should order. When a (3)_____ appears, you ask him the routine question, "(4)_____ do you have?" The waiter will begin to recite (5)_____ day's menus, generally with nothing new in it, but you like to hear it all over again.

7. Select the most appropriate option for the blank numbered 1.
   (a) stage
   (b) seat
   (c) counter
   (d) plate

   Answer: (b)

8. Select the most appropriate option for the blank numbered 2.
   (a) wallet
   (b) pen
   (c) place
   (d) time

   Answer: (d)

9. Select the most appropriate option for the blank numbered 3.
   (a) manager
   (b) cleaner
   (c) waiter
   (d) friend

   Answer: (c)

10. Select the most appropriate option for the blank numbered 4.
   (a) When
   (b) How
   (c) Why
   (d) What

   Answer: (d)

11. Select the most appropriate option for the blank numbered 5.
   (a) the
   (b) an
   (c) this
   (d) a

   Answer: (a)

12. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.

(a) Grammatical

(b) Occurrence

(c) Professional

(d) Fasineting

Answer: (d)

13. Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence. Johnny's mother said, "Johnny, run down to the grocer's and get a loaf of French bread and a pound of cheddar cheese."

(a) Johnny's mother asked him to run down to the grocer's and get a loaf of French bread and a pound of cheddar cheese.

(b) Johnny commanded his mother to go down to the grocer and buy a loaf of French bread and a pound of cheddar cheese.

(c) Johnny's mother pleaded with John to run down to the grocer's and get her a loaf of French bread and a pound of cheddar cheese.

(d) Johnny asked his mother to run down to the grocer's and get a loaf of French bread and a pound of cheddar cheese.

Answer: (a)

14. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.

(a) Presence

(b) Labarotary

(c) Definite

(d) Absence

Answer: (b)

15. Select the most appropriate meaning of the following idiom. To bark up the wrong tree

(a) To sound or appear ferocious but not actually so

(b) To cover oneself with the outer covering of a wrong tree

(c) To do something that will not get the result you want

(d) To make a sound like that of a dog

Answer: (c)

16. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. It's raining heavily, so you should take an umbrella, but you will get wet.

(a) should take an umbrella

(b) so you

(c) It's raining heavily

(d) but you will get wet.

Answer: (d)

17. Select the most appropriate meaning of the following idiom. To take a back seat

(a) To go through a short but unpleasant period of time

(b) To become less important or to give up control over things

(c) To lecture or criticise the person who is actually in control of something

(d) To be less successful in one's efforts

Answer: (b)

18. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.
A. They were all very bright and eager to learn, and the sage was proud of them.
B. One day he realized that he had imparted sufficient knowledge to his disciples.
C. Once upon a time, a great sage had a group of obedient disciples.
D. There was only one thing that he had not taught them – a special mantra that could bring the dead back to life.

(a) DBAC

(b) ADBC

(c) ACBD

(d) CABD

Answer: (d)

19. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given. Working very hard and very carefully

(a) Indigent

(b) Dilatory

(c) Diligent

(d) Indulgent

Answer: (c)

20. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence. Conduct all the exams in a fair and proper manner.

(a) The exams were all conducted in a fair and proper manner.

(b) Let all exams should be conducted in fair and proper manner.

(c) Let all the exams be conducted in a fair and proper manner.

(d) All the exams are conducted in a fair and proper manner.

Answer: (c)

21. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

You must go to the book fair <u>if you are liking it</u> or not.

(a) whether you have liked

(b) if you like it

(c) although you are liking it

(d) whether you like it

Answer: (d)

22. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error. The big ship sank and everyone abroad drowned.

(a) abroad drowned

(b) sank

(c) and everyone

(d) The big ship

Answer: (a)

23. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Extol

(a) Censure

(b) Realistic

(c) Exposure

(d) Boorish

Answer: (a)

24. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. Today's graduates should _____ their skills constantly to be able to excel in their career and life.

(a) active

(b) encourage

(c) dilute

(d) upgrade

Answer: (d)

25. Select the most appropriate synonym of the giv word. Inclement

(a) Dignified

(b) Wonderful

(c) Pleasant

(d) Stormy

Answer: (a)

Answer key

Answer key as marked in the Staff Selection Commission's response sheet. "—" means the sheet did not show it clearly.

General Awareness

1	**(c)**	2	**(a)**	3	**(a)**	4	**(d)**	5	**(b)**	6	**(c)**	7	**(a)**	8	**(a)**
9	**(a)**	10	**(c)**	11	**(a)**	12	**(d)**	13	**(d)**	14	**(b)**	15	**(d)**	16	**(c)**
17	**(c)**	18	**(b)**	19	**(a)**	20	**(d)**	21	**(b)**	22	**(c)**	23	**(c)**	24	**(c)**
25	**(b)**														

English Comprehension

1	**(b)**	2	**(a)**	3	**(c)**	4	**(b)**	5	**(b)**	6	**(d)**	7	**(b)**	8	**(d)**
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25	**(a)**														