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SSC CGL 2022 Tier I — 3 December 2022, Shift 4

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General Intelligence and Reasoning

1. In a certain code language, 'EDUCATION' is written as 'GFWCATKQP' and ‘PROFESSOR’ is written as ‘RTQFESUQT’. How will 'FACULTIES' be written in that language?

(a) HCEWLTIGU

(b) HCEWNVKGU

(c) HCEULTKGU

(d) HCEULVKGU

Answer: (c)

2. By interchanging the given two signs and numbers which of the following equation will be correct? + and ×, 1 and 2

(a) 8 × 3 – 4 ÷ 2 + 1 = 7

(b) 2 × 3 – 8 ÷ 1 + 9 = 18

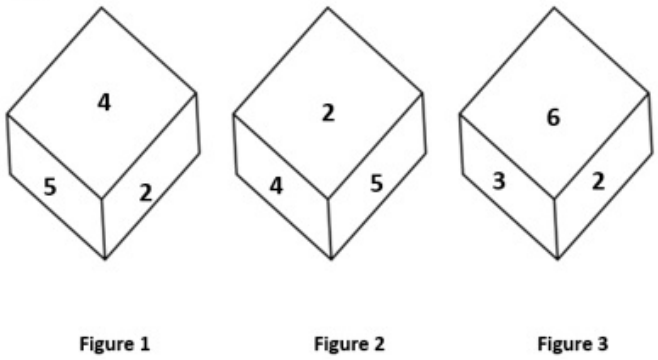
(c) 8 × 3 – 4 ÷ 2 + 1 = 3

(d) 2 × 3 – 8 ÷ 1 + 2 = 5

Answer: (c)

3.

Three different positions of the same dice are shown. Find the number on the face opposite the face showing ‘2’.



(a) 5

(b) 4

(c) 3

(d) 1

Answer: (d)

4. Select the set in which the numbers are related in the same way as are the numbers of the following set. (NOTE : Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into their constituent digits. E.g. 13 – Operations on 13 such as adding / subtracting / multiplying etc. to 13 can be performed. Breaking down 13 into 1 and 3 and then performing mathematical operations on 1 and 3 is not allowed.) (6, 22, 14) (8, 30, 19)

(a) (12, 46, 27)

(b) (4, 18, 11)

(c) (7, 26, 17)

(d) (9, 34, 22)

Answer: (b)

5. Select the set in which the numbers are related in the same way as are the numbers of the following sets. (NOTE : Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into its constituent digits. E.g. 13 – Operations on 13 such as adding / subtracting / multiplying etc. to 13 can be performed. Breaking down 13 into 1 and 3 and then performing mathematical operations on 1 and 3 is NOT allowed) (63, 81, 7) (84, 49, 12)

(a) (99, 121, 9)

(b) (76, 234, 12)

(c) (12, 125, 56)

(d) (78, 14, 56)

Answer: (a)

6. Select the set in which the numbers are NOT relate[illegible] the same way as are the numbers of the given set. (NOTE: Operations should be performed [illegible]he whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into its constituent digits. E.g. 13 – Op[illegible]ions on 13 such as adding / substracting / multiplying etc. to 13 can be performed. Br[illegible]n 13 into 1 and 3 and then performing mathematical operations on 1 and 3 is not allo[illegible]22, 9, 198)

(a) (19, 7, 133)

(b) (26, 5, 130)

(c) (28, 7, 196)

(d) (17, 9, 157)

Answer: (d)

7. A + B means 'A is the father of B' A – B means 'A is the mother of B' A @ B means 'A is the son of B' A # B means 'A is the daughter of B' If A # B – C @ D + E, then how is A related to E?

(a) Sister-in-law

(b) Mother

(c) Sister

(d) Daughter

Answer: (c)

8. Three Statements are given followed by Three conclusions numbered I, II and III. Assuming the statements to be true, even if they seem to be at variance with commonly known facts, decide which of the conclusions logically follow(s) from the statements. Statements: All spoons are forks. All knives are forks. All forks are plates. Conclusions:
I. All knives are plates.
II. All plates are spoons.
III. Some plates are knives.

(a) All conclusions follow.

(b) Both conclusions II and III follow.

(c) Both conclusions I and II follow.

(d) Both conclusions I and III follow.

Answer: (d)

9. Which of the following numbers will replace the question mark (?) in the given series? ?, 11, 35, 107, 323

(a) 4

(b) 5

(c) 8

(d) 3

Answer: (d)

10. In the following question below are given some statements followed by some conclusions based on those statements. Taking the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts. Read all the conclusions and then decide which of the given conclusion logically follows the given statements. Statements: I. All P are Q. II. All R are Q. Conclusion: I. All Q are R. II. All P are R.

(a) Neither conclusion follows

(b) Only conclusion I follows

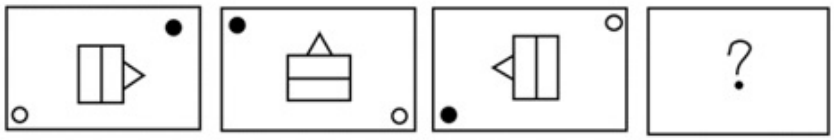
(c) Only conclusion II follows

(d) Both conclusions I and II follows

Answer: (a)

11.

Select the figure that will replace the question mark (?) in the following figure series.



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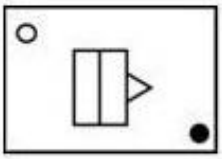

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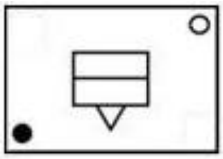

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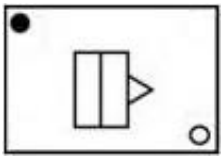

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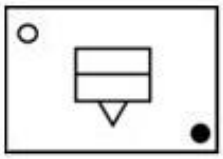


Answer: (d)

13.

Which of the following terms will replace the question mark (?) in the given series?

VTHJ ? TRJL SQKM RPLN

(a) USIP
(b) UZIK
(c) USIK
(d) USLK

Answer: (c)

14. Select the odd group of numbers. (NOTE: Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into its constituent digits. E.g.13 – Operations on 13 such as adding /subtracting /multiplying etc. to 13 can be performed. Breaking down 13 into 1 and 3 and then performing mathematical operations on 1 and 3 is not allowed)

(a) (90 –93 –96)

(b) (84 –87 –90)

(c) (44–49 –52)

(d) (58 –61 –64)

Answer: (c)

15. If L × M means that L is the mother of M, L – M means that L is the father of M, L ÷ M means that L is the sister of M, then which of the following expression shows that P is the father of R?

(a) Q – P × R

(b) P – Q ÷ R

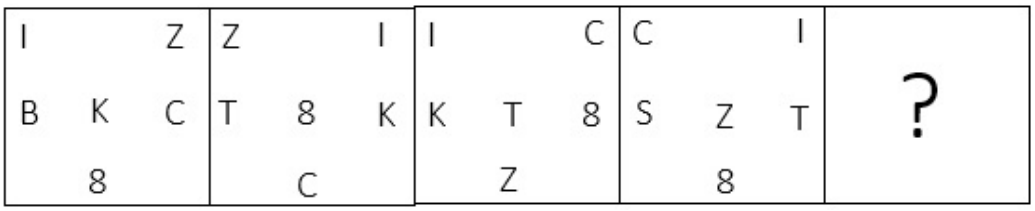
(c) P – Q × R

(d) R – P × Q

Answer: (b)

16.

Which figure should replace the question mark (?) if the series were to be continued?



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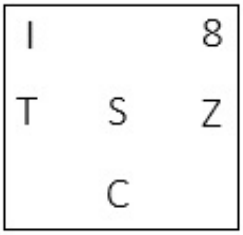

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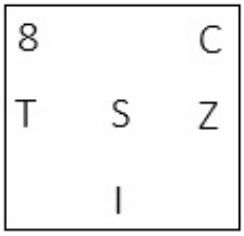

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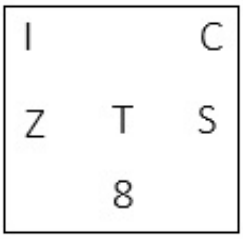

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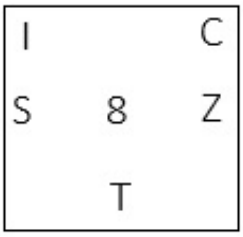

Answer: (a)

17.

Select the option figure in which the given figure (X) is embedded as its part (rotation is NOT allowed).

(X)

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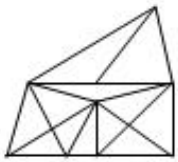

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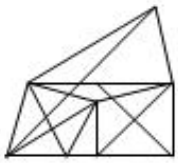

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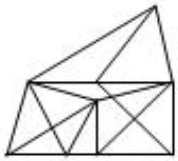

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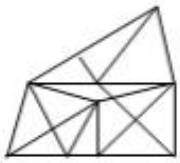


Answer: (a)

18. Select the option that is related to the third word in the same way as the second word is related to the first word. (The words must be considered as meaningful English words and must not be related to each other based on the number of letters/number of consonants/vowels in the word.)
Bee : Beehive :: Dog : ?

(a) Kennel

(b) Stable

(c) Pen

(d) Shed

Answer: (a)

19. Select the word-pair that best represents a similar relationship to the one expressed in the given pair of words. (The words must be considered as meaningful English words and must not be related to each other based on the number of letters/number of consonants/vowels in the word) Tailor : Sewing machine

(a) Electrician : Expensive

(b) Farmer : Plants

(c) Scissors : Hair

(d) Police : Handcuffs

Answer: (d)

20. In a certain code language, STEAMER is coded as 81, and CRUISE is coded as 75. How will SUBMARINE be coded in that language?

(a) 102

(b) 109

(c) 100

(d) 115

Answer: (a)

21. Which of the following letter-clusters will replace the question mark (?) in the given series? RLV, PNS, NPP, ?, JTJ

(a) MSN

(b) LRM

(c) KQN

(d) KTM

Answer: (b)

22. Select the correct combination of mathematical signs to replace the * signs and balance the given equation. 66 * 6 * 12 * 3 * 15 = 12

(a) ÷, −, ×, +

(b) +, −, ÷, ×

(c) ÷, ×, +, −

(d) ×, −, ÷, +

Answer: (b)

23.

Which two numbers, from amongst the given options, should be interchanged to make the given equation correct?

$$54 - (3 \times 12) \div (8)^{\frac{1}{3}} + (11 \times 4) + 6 = 69$$

(a) 11 and 6

(b) 4 and 12

(c) 6 and 4

(d) 3 and 4

Answer: (d)

24. Three of the following letter-clusters are alike in some manner and hence form a group. Which letter-cluster does not belong to that group?

(a) EQVK

(b) RDIX

(c) QFJV

(d) IMRO

Answer: (c)

25.

Select the option figure in which the given figure is embedded (rotation is NOT allowed).

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

Answer: (b)

General Awareness

1. The arms Act which disallowed Indians from having arms was passed in _____.
   (a) 1878
   (b) 1925
   (c) 1920
   (d) 1855
   Answer: (a)

2. Roquefortine C is found in:
   (a) Meat
   (b) chicken
   (c) Egg
   (d) cheese
   Answer: (d)

3. The Mohiniyattam dance form originated from which state?
   (a) Kerala
   (b) Karnataka
   (c) Tamil Nadu
   (d) Maharashtra
   Answer: (a)

4. The body of the _____ is circular in cross-section [illegible]ence, the name roundworms. They may be free living, aquatic and terrestrial or parasitic in pla[illegible] and animals.
   (a) Platyhelminthes
   (b) Ctenophores
   (c) Mollusca
   (d) Aschelminthes
   Answer: (d)

5. Which French chemist was one of the first scientists to synthesise organic compounds such as formic acid, methane and acetylene from their elements?
   (a) Jacob Berzelius
   (b) Auguste Laurent
   (c) Marcellin Berthelot
   (d) Antoine Lavoisier
   Answer: (c)

6. For which year was Manna Dey honored with the Dadasaheb Phalke Award?
   (a) 2015
   (b) 2019
   (c) 2007
   (d) 2001
   Answer: (c)

7. Ugadi is celebrated in which of the following states?

(a) Madhya Pradesh

(b) Andhra Pradesh

(c) Himachal Pradesh

(d) Kerala

Answer: (b)

8. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog in June 2022?

(a) Avinash Kulkarni

(b) Krishna Srinivasan

(c) Vivek Kumar

(d) Parameswaran Iyer

Answer: (d)

9. Which special knowledge or practical experience is NOT a condition for being nominated to Rajya Sabha by the President of India?

(a) Science

(b) Art

(c) Eloquence

(d) Literature

Answer: (c)

10. Achievement of self-reliance and removal of pov were twin objectives of which five-year plan?

(a) Third

(b) Fifth

(c) Fourth

(d) Second

Answer: (b)

11. Who said the following words? “Sarfaroshi ki tamanna ab hamare dil me hai, dekhna hai zor kitna baazu-e-qaatil me hai”

(a) Ramprasad Bismil

(b) Bhagat Singh

(c) Ras Bihari Bose

(d) Subhash Chandra Bose

Answer: (a)

12. Which of the following pairs of countries will host the 2023 FIFA Women’s World Cup?

(a) Canada and Mexico

(b) New Zealand and Austria

(c) France and Canada

(d) New Zealand and Australia

Answer: (d)

13. Which force is responsible for the motion of the moon around earth?
    (a) Van der Waals
    (b) Centrifugal
    (c) Frictional
    (d) Centripetal
    Answer: (d)

14. Who took oath as the 49th Chief Justice of India in August 2022?
    (a) Sanjiv Kapoor
    (b) Ajay Kumar Sood
    (c) Uday Umesh Lalit
    (d) Rajiv Ranjan
    Answer: (c)

15. Identify the animal that is NOT a non-chordate.
    (a) Repltiles
    (b) Arthropods
    (c) Porifera
    (d) Arachnids
    Answer: (a)

16. Asiad is regulated by_____.
    (a) International Olympic Council
    (b) Commonwealth Games Federation
    (c) Indian Olympic Council
    (d) Olympic Council of Asia
    Answer: (d)

17. Dhuadhar falls originate from which of the following river?
    (a) Mahanadi
    (b) Godavari
    (c) Narmada
    (d) Krishna
    Answer: (c)

18. In which of the following cases did the Supreme Court of India pronounce the theory of the 'Basic Structure' of the Constitution?
    (a) Kesavananda Bharati Case, 1973
    (b) Golaknath Case, 1967
    (c) Minerva Mills Case, 1980
    (d) Swarn Singh Case, 1989
    Answer: (a)

19. The year whose prices are being used to calculate the real GDP is called _____.
    (a) current year
    (b) constant year
    (c) base year
    (d) fiscal year

    Answer: (c)

20. Ajmer became the suba headquarters under the _____.
    (a) Pallavas
    (b) Cholas
    (c) Mughals
    (d) Delhi Sultanate

    Answer: (c)

21. The headquarters of the National Institute of Oceanography of India is located at:
    (a) New Delhi
    (b) Hyderabad
    (c) Kanyakumari
    (d) Goa

    Answer: (d)

22. Unemployment arising due to mismatch between availability in the market and skills of available worker is called?
    (a) Seasonal
    (b) Structural
    (c) Economical
    (d) Frictional

    Answer: (b)

23. Ravikirti was the court poet of which of the following dynasty ruler?
    (a) Cholas
    (b) Cheras
    (c) Pallavas
    (d) Chalukyas

    Answer: (d)

24. India's First AI-powered, end-to-end digital Lok Adalat was launched in _____.
    (a) Uttar Pradesh
    (b) Rajasthan
    (c) Madhya Pradesh
    (d) Gujarat

    Answer: (b)

25. Kagyed dance, a customary dance festival which is celebrated annually in Sikkim falls in which month?

(a) May

(b) October

(c) December

(d) August

Answer: (c)

Quantitative Aptitude

2. In a ΔABC, the median BE intersects AC at E. If BG=12 cm, where G is the centroid, then BE is equal to:

(a) 16 cm

(b) 18 cm

(c) 15 cm

(d) 13 cm

Answer: (b)

3. The table given below shows the number of players participating in two games in six different schools?

	Games	
Schools	A	B
J	31	58
K	24	36
L	18	26
M	29	37
N	12	33
P	40	44

What is the ratio of total number of players participating in game A to the total number of players participating in game B?

(a) 117 : 77

(b) 67 : 116

(c) 77 : 117

(d) 116 : 57

Answer: (c)

4. (mx + n) is a factor of:

(a) $m^2 x^2 + 2nx + n^2$

(b) $m^2 x^2 + 2mnx + n^2$

(c) $m^2 x^2 + 2mx + n^2$

(d) $m^2 x^2 + 2mn + n^2$

Answer: (b)

5.

ΔABC is a right-angle triangle at B. If $\tan A = \frac{5}{12}$, then $\sin A + \sin B + \sin C$ will be equal to:

(a)

$1\frac{5}{13}$

(b)

$2\frac{4}{13}$

(c)

$3\frac{1}{13}$

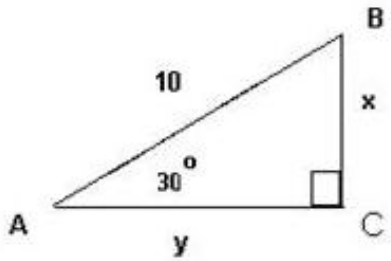
(d)

$2\frac{1}{13}$

Answer: (b)

6.

Study the given triangle and find the length of BC.



(a)

$\frac{5}{2}$

(b)

6

(c)

5

(d)

3

Answer: (c)

7. With an average speed of 45 km/h, a train reaches its destination on time. If it goes with an average speed of 30 km/h, it is late by 15 minutes. The total journey is:

(a) 20.5 km

(b) 40.5 km

(c) 22.5 km

(d) 30.5 km

Answer: (c)

8.

The tax on the salary of C is $\frac{1}{4}$ of the salary and savings are $\frac{1}{3}$ of the salary. The ratio of the expenditures to the savings is _____.

(a) 4 : 5

(b) 4 : 3

(c) 5 : 4

(d) 3 : 4

Answer: (c)

9.

Study the following table and answer the question that follows.

A school has four sections A, B, C and D of Class IX students.

The results of Science and Mathematics examinations are shown in the following tal

RESULT	No. of Students			
	Section A	Section B	Section C	on D
Failed in both	24	25	18	
Failed in Science but passed in Mathematics	14	12		5
Passed in Science but failed in Mathematics	7	6		10
Passed in both	63	60	56	55

What is the ratio of number of students who failed in Science but passed in Mathematics of section B and section D together to the number of students of section A that passed in both subjects?

(a)

9 : 17

(b)

3 : 9

(c)

4 : 9

(d)

5 : 11

Answer: (b)

10. In a 1200 m race, bike A beats bike B by 100 m. Bike B beats bike C by 100 m in a 600 m race. If bike A beats bike C by 30 sec in a 720 m race, then what is the speed of bike C?

(a)

$\frac{17}{3}$ m/ sec

(b)

$\frac{26}{9}$ m/ sec

(c)

$\frac{17}{9}$ m/ sec

(d)

$\frac{26}{3}$ m/ sec

Answer: (a)

11.

The following table gives information of panchayat elections held in six villages P, Q, R, S, T and U.

Village	Total number of votes (in hundreds)	Votes polled (in %)	Valid votes ([illegible])
P	50	80	[illegible]
Q	60	75	[illegible]
R	100	65	[illegible]
S	80	60	70
T	60	80	90
U	40	90	60

Hint: 1) percentage of votes polled $= \frac{\text{Total votes polled}}{\text{Total number of votes}} \times 100$

2) percentage of valid votes $= \frac{\text{Total valid votes}}{\text{Total votes polled}} \times 100$

Find the ratio of invalid votes of village R to that of village U ?

(a) 455 : 268

(b) 321 : 107

(c) 455 : 288

(d) 423 : 755

Answer: (c)

12. A dishonest trader says to customers that he sells his goods at a cost price, but he uses a false weight and gains 12.5% as profit. How many grams does he use to weigh 1 kg?

(a) 900 g

(b) 880.5 g

(c) 850 g

(d) 888.8 g

Answer: (d)

13. Find the largest number of 3 digits divisible by 4 and 7.

(a) 960

(b) 980

(c) 990

(d) 970

Answer: (b)

14. A and B working separately can complete a piece of work in 10 and 16 days, respectively. If they work for a day alternately, with A beginning the work, in how many day(s) will the work be completed?

(a)

$$10\frac{1}{4}$$

(b)

$$12\frac{1}{4}$$

(c)

$$1\frac{1}{4}$$

(d)

$$\frac{1}{4}$$

Answer: (b)

15.

If the length of the diagonal of a cube is $7\sqrt{3}$ cm, then the surface area of the cube is _____.

(a) 216 cm^2

(b) 256 cm^2

(c) 284 cm^2

(d) 294 cm^2

Answer: (d)

16.

If $\Delta BPQ \cong \Delta ASR$ and $\angle A = \frac{1}{3}\angle R = \angle S$ then find $\angle Q$. (All angles are in degrees).

(a)

108°

(b)

36°

(c)

72°

(d)

118°

Answer: (a)

17. Two identical circles each of radius 30 cm intersect each other such that the circumference of each one passes through the centre of the other. What is the area of the intersecting region?

(a)

$400\pi - 250\sqrt{3}\ \text{cm}^2$

(b)

$300\pi - 150\sqrt{3}\ \text{cm}^2$

(c)

$500\pi - 350\sqrt{3}\ \text{cm}^2$

(d)

$600\pi - 450\sqrt{3}\ \text{cm}^2$

Answer: (d)

18. The marked price of a chair is ₹ 2,400, which is 20% above the cost price. If the chair is sold at a discount of 10% on marked price, what is the profit percentage?

(a)

10%

(b)

8%

(c)

9%

(d)

26.2%

Answer: (b)

19. A sum becomes Rs.15,500 in 7 years on simple interest at the rate of 30 percent per annum. What is the total interest for the 7 years?

(a) Rs.12,200

(b) Rs.1,47,000

(c) Rs.10,500

(d) Rs.11,500

Answer: (c)

20.

Study the given table and answer the question that

The table shows the percentage of marks obtained by 7 students in different subjects.

Subject / Students	Hindi	English	Maths	Physics	Chemistry	Biology	IT
Amit	67	88	92	88	58	60	98
Ruchi	65	78	68	70	64	72	76
Kanchan	89	66	76	76	72	68	76
Prashant	88	80	72	68	62	64	72
Mrinal	78	64	76	74	68	80	78
Kunal	60	86	88	74	94	76	84
Diksha	74	92	96	66	86	88	96

How many students have scored the highest percentage of marks in more than one subject?

(a) Four

(b) Three

(c) Two

(d) One

Answer: (c)

21. If x + y + z = 0, then what is the value of

$$\frac{x^2}{(yz)}+\frac{y^2}{(xz)}+\frac{z^2}{(xy)}$$

?

(a) 1
(b) 0
(c) 2
(d) 3

Answer: (d)

22. What is the possible value of (a + b + c) – 3 , if $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 9$ and ab + bc + ca = 8?

(a) 5
(b) 3
(c) 9
(d) 2

Answer: (d)

23. If the 8-digit number 123456xy is divisible by 8, then the total possible pairs of (x,y) are:

(a) 8
(b) 13
(c) 10
(d) 11

Answer: (b)

24. The area of a sector of a circle is $308cm^2$, with the central angle measuring 45°. The radius of the circle is:

(a) 14 cm
(b) 21 cm
(c) 7 cm
(d) 28 cm

Answer: (d)

25. The cost of apples is increased by 20% and then decreased by 20%. What is the net pecentage decrease?

(a) 4%
(b) 3%
(c) 5%
(d) 6%

Answer: (a)

English Comprehension

1. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. The anchor gave us a _____ welcome, a pleasant smile and a bouquet on reaching the hotel.

(a) warm
(b) worth
(c) winning
(d) wonderful

Answer: (a)

2. Select the correct passive voice form for the given sentence. Rashi was writing a letter to her husband.

(a) A letter was being written by Rashi to her husband.
(b) A letter were being written by Rashi to her husband.
(c) A letter was been written by Rashi to her husband.
(d) A letter were been written by Rashi to her husband.

Answer: (a)

3. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words. The study of languages

(a) Philology
(b) Anthropology
(c) Lexicography
(d) Philosophy

Answer: (a)

4. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Exemplary

(a) Flattering
(b) Unsatisfactory
(c) Imitative
(d) Desirable

Answer: (b)

5. Choose the incorrectly spelt word.

(a) Irritating
(b) Pedestrian
(c) Enervating
(d) Beguilling

Answer: (d)

6. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words. Sharp and direct

(a) Acerbic
(b) Zoonic
(c) Anodyne
(d) Acidic

Answer: (a)

7. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word. Keen

(a) Happy
(b) Enthusiastic
(c) Wild
(d) Imitate

Answer: (b)

8. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.

(a) Adopt
(b) Acces
(c) Abandon
(d) Abase

Answer: (b)

9. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the underlined group of words.

After my father passed away, I used to look at a series of stars, trying to find the unknown.

(a) Galaxy
(b) Constellation
(c) Caravan
(d) Horde

Answer: (b)

10. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words. One who does something not professionally but amateurs

(a) Professional
(b) Mature
(c) Immature
(d) Amateur

Answer: (d)

11. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the word 'polite' in the given sentence. The rude and insensitive murderer pleaded for mercy in the court.

(a) Pleaded
(b) Mercy
(c) Insensitive
(d) Rude

Answer: (d)

12. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains an error. The newspaper reported / that it was a mystery / how the thieves enter / into the house.

(a) into the house

(b) how the thieves enter

(c) that it was a mystery

(d) The newspaper reported

Answer: (b)

13. Select the word that is OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word. Adversity

(a) Fortune

(b) Affliction

(c) Brilliance

(d) Penury

Answer: (a)

14. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice. Let the farewell be bidden to our seniors.

(a) We should be bidden farewell by our seniors.

(b) Our seniors should bid farewell to us.

(c) Let us bid farewell to our seniors.

(d) Our seniors should be bidden farewell.

Answer: (c)

15. Rearrange the parts of the sentence in correct order. The nanostructures on the
P. with added, or "doped," iron and phosph
Q. surface made of nickel selenide
R. offers the high performance and stability
S. that are needed for industrial-scale electrolysis

(a) QPRS

(b) QRSP

(c) RPQS

(d) SPQR

Answer: (a)

16. Select the most appropriate collocating word to fill in the blank. I listened to him with_____ attention.

(a) hefty

(b) massive

(c) rapt

(d) vast

Answer: (c)

17. Parts of the following sentence have been given as options. Select the option that contains a grammatical error. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer. Amla juice / is rich with / Vitamin C. / no error

(a) Vitamin C.

(b) Amla juice

(c) No error

(d) is rich with

Answer: (d)

19. The question below consists of a set of labeled sentences. Out of the four options given, select the most logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph.
P. The award is named after Alfred Nobel, the Swedish inventor of dynamite.
Q. A Nobel Prize is an award that is given to someone whose work has benefitted society.
R. This award is given in six categories, and medicine is one of those categories.
S. This year Professors David Julius and Ardem Petapoutian have won this prize for medicine.

(a) SPQR

(b) PQSR

(c) SQRP

(d) QPRS

Answer: (d)

20. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. They hired her to increase sales, but her strategies failed to _____.

(a) move the needle

(b) burn bridges

(c) spill the beans

(d) get a second wind

Answer: (a)

Passage — for questions 21–25

> In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank. We believe our value is in direct proportion to the value of our accomplishments. If we cannot accomplish certain results, we tend to feel (1)_____ about ourselves. Some of us try too hard and become workaholics and over-achievers. With a few genuine feelings of self-worth, we try to create some and prove that we are somebody by our successes and (2)_____. Because our desire for perfection is so great, we (3)_____ to set unrealistic goals and place unreasonable demands on ourselves. Failing, rather than encouraging us to have realistic aspirations, only leads to a mere punishing round of self-blame and a resolve to drive ourselves harder next time. If we do not finally achieve our goals, we are (4)____; despite everything we have done, we still feel (5)_____ inside.

21. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.

(a) high

(b) good

(c) low

(d) better

Answer: (c)

22. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.
    (a) anxiety
    (b) obstacles
    (c) actions
    (d) achievements

    Answer: (d)

23. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.
    (a) come
    (b) tend
    (c) wish
    (d) crave

    Answer: (b)

24. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.
    (a) disappointed
    (b) flattered
    (c) protected
    (d) glad

    Answer: (a)

25. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.
    (a) satisfied
    (b) empty
    (c) lively
    (d) honoured

    Answer: (b)

Answer key

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

General Intelligence and Reasoning

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

General Awareness

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

Quantitative Aptitude

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

English Comprehension

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