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SSC CGL 2024 Tier I — 12 September, Shift 2

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General Intelligence and Reasoning

1. Which of the following numbers will replace the question marks (?) in the given series? 16, 36, 64, ?, ?, 196, 256, 324

- (a) 81, 100
- (b) 81, 121
- (c) 100, 121
- (d) 100, 144

Answer: (d)

2. Two sets of numbers are given below. In each set of numbers, certain mathematical operation(s) on the first number result(s) in the second number. Similarly, certain mathematical operation(s) on the second number result(s) in the third number and so on. Which of the given options follows the same set of operations as in the given sets? (NOTE: Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the number into their constituent digits. E.g. 13 – Operations on 13 such as adding/subtracting/multiplying to 13 cannot be performed. Breaking down 13 into 1 and 3 and then performing mathematical operations on 1 and 3 is not allowed.) 10 – 12 – 8 – 15; 12 – 14 – 10 – 19

- (a) 8 – 6 – 10 – 18
- (b) 11 – 13 – 9 – 17
- (c) 6 – 8 – 12 – 16
- (d) 15 – 13 – 9 – 19

Answer: (b)

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

B	000	00	X X X X	
000	X X	X X X X	B B	
X X	B	B B	00	?

(a)

X X X
B B B
000

(b)

X X X X X
B B B B
000

(c)

X X X X
B B B
00

(d)

X X X
B B B B
000

Answer: (d)

4. Based on the English alphabetical order, three of the following four letter-clusters are alike in a certain way and thus form a group. Which is the letter-cluster that DOES NOT belong to that group? (Note: The odd man out is not based on the number of consonants/vowels or their position in the letter-cluster.)

- (a) DGK
- (b) HKO
- (c) ACG
- (d) MPT

Answer: (c)

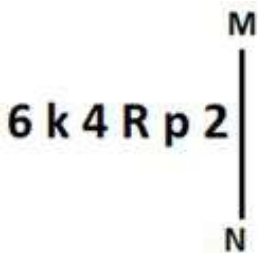


5. Select the set in which the numbers are related in the same way as are the numbers of the following set. (11, 16.5, 22) (14.5, 20, 25.5) (NOTE: Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into its constituent digits. E.g. 13 – Operations on 13 such as adding/deleting/multiplying 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) (14, 18.5, 23.5)
- (b) (21.5, 25, 31.5)
- (c) (24.5, 30, 36.5)
- (d) (18, 23.5, 29)

Answer: (d)

6. Select the correct mirror image of the given figure when the mirror is placed at MN as shown below.



- (a) 5 q R 4 k 2
- (b) 5 q R 4 k 2
- (c) 5 q R 4 k 2
- (d) p 2 R 4 k 2



Answer: (c)

7. Which of the following terms will replace the question mark (?) in the given series? HPL, KLQ, NHV, QDA, TZF, ?

- (a) WVK
- (b) XVK
- (c) WDK
- (d) XWK

Answer: (a)

8. In a certain code language, $A + B$ means 'A is the son of B', $A - B$ means 'A is the wife of B', $A \times B$ means 'A is the brother of B' and $A \div B$ means 'A is the daughter of B'. Based on the above, how is P related to R if ' $P \times S \div M - T + R$ '?

- (a) Daughter
- (b) Brother
- (c) Father's mother
- (d) Son's son

Answer: (d)

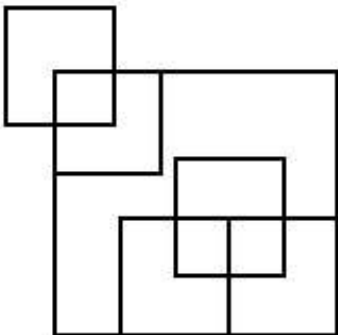
9. Three statements are given followed by three conclusions numbered I, II and III. Assuming the statements to be true, even if they seem to be at variance with commonly known facts, decide which of the conclusions logically follow(s) from the statements. Statements: All cards are postcards. Some postcards are books. All books are novels. Conclusions:

- I. Some postcards are novels.
- II. No card is a book.
- III. All cards are novels.

- (a) Only II and III conclusion follow
- (b) Only I and II conclusion follow
- (c) Only conclusion I follows
- (d) Only conclusion III follows

Answer: (c)

10. How many squares are there in the given figure?



- (a) 10
- (b) 9
- (c) 7
- (d) 8

Answer: (b)

11. 'NGRP' is related to 'JCNL' in a certain way based on the English alphabetical order. In the same way, 'FKLT' is related to 'BGHP'. To which of the following is 'SQUO' related, following the same logic?

- (a) PNRL
- (b) PMRK
- (c) ONQL
- (d) OMQK

Answer: (d)

12. Three of the following numbers are alike in a certain way and one is different. Pick the odd one out. (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 /deleting /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) $12 - 7 = 209$
- (b) $19 - 11 = 330$
- (c) $23 - 8 = 343$
- (d) $15 - 9 = 264$

Answer: (c)

13. Which of the following operations should be interchanged to make the following equation correct? $12 + 12 - 4 \times 4 \div 2 = 22$

- (a) $-$ and $+$
- (b) $+$ and $\div$
- (c) $\div$ and $-$
- (d) $\times$ and $-$

Answer: (c)

14. Select the combination of letters that when sequentially placed in the blanks of the given series will complete the series. E_GHEI_GELK_ _OME

- (a) IFGE
- (b) IGFE
- (c) FIFE
- (d) FG EI

Answer: (c)

15. In a certain code language, 'talk to me' is coded as 'aq yt bl' and 'do not talk' is coded as 'yt me wc'. What is the code for 'talk' in that language?

- (a) aq
- (b) wc
- (c) yt
- (d) bl

Answer: (c)

16. What will come in place of the question mark (?) in the following equation if '+' and '-' are interchanged and 'x' and '÷' are interchanged? $16 \div 4 + 8 \times 8 - 4 = ?$

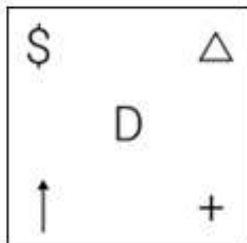
- (a) 67
- (b) 42
- (c) 11
- (d) 36

Answer: (a)

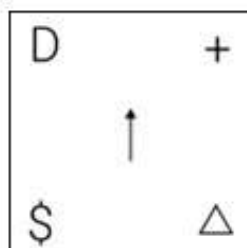
17. Identify the figure from the given options, which when put in place of the question mark (?), will logically complete the series.

↑	+	D	△	\$	+	↑	△	
	\$		↑		D		\$	
D	△	\$	+	↑	△	D	+	?

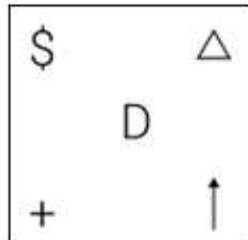
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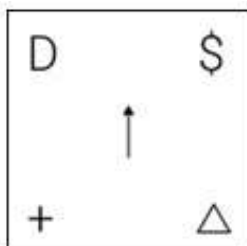
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(c)



(d)



Answer: (b)



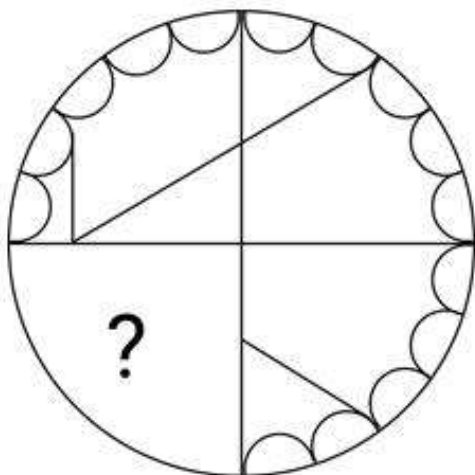
18. 346 is related to 245 by certain logic. Following the same logic, 580 is related to 479. To which of the following is 613 related, following the same logic? (NOTE : Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the numbers into its constituent digits. E.g. 13 – Operations on 13 such as adding /deleting /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) 512
- (b) 460
- (c) 720
- (d) 630

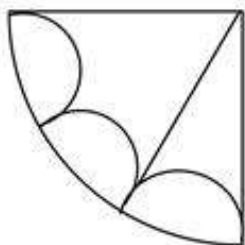
Answer: (a)



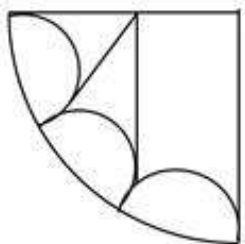
19. Select the option figure that will replace the question mark (?) in the figure given below and complete the pattern.



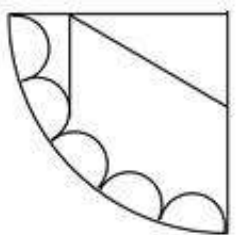
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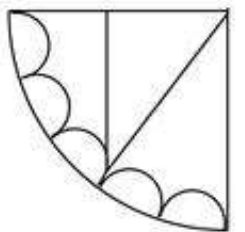
(b)



(c)



(d)



Answer: (c)



20. Select the word-pair that best represents a similar relationship to the one expressed in the pair of words given below. (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)
Duleep Trophy : Cricket

- (a) Burdwan Trophy : Polo
- (b) Agha Khan Cup : Hockey
- (c) Dhyan Chand Trophy : Badminton
- (d) Durand Cup : Cricket

Answer: (b)

21. Each vowel in the word 'STAMINA' is changed to the preceding letter in the English alphabetical order and each consonant is changed to the following letter in the English alphabetical order. How many letters are there in the English alphabetical order between the letter which is the third from the right and the fourth from the left in the group of letters thus formed?

- (a) Four
- (b) Six
- (c) Seven
- (d) Five

Answer: (d)

22. In a certain code language, 'can we play' is coded as 'ae tc nx' and 'play in school' is coded as 'tc rm ef'. How is 'play' coded in that language?

- (a) ae
- (b) rm
- (c) ef
- (d) tc

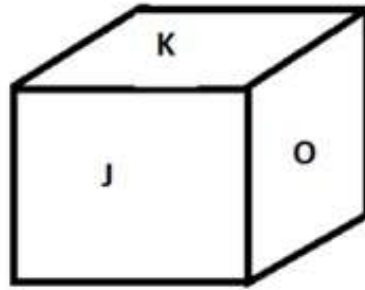
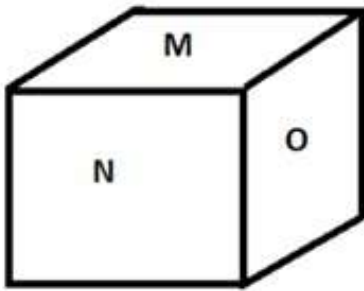
Answer: (d)

23. In a certain code language, 'BOOK' is written as 'ZNNI' and 'SHOP' is written as 'QFNN'. How will 'NOTES' be written in that language?

- (a) LNRDQ
- (b) LRDQN
- (c) LDNQR
- (d) QDRNL

Answer: (a)

24. Six letters J, K, L, M, N and O are written on different faces of a dice. Two positions of this dice are shown in the figure below. Find the letter on the face opposite to J.



- (a) N
- (b) M
- (c) O
- (d) L

Answer: (a)

25. Six letters U, V, W, X, Y and Z are written on different faces of a dice. Two positions of this dice are shown in the figure. Find the letter on the face opposite to V.



- (a) Z
- (b) W
- (c) X
- (d) Y

Answer: (a)



General Awareness

1. Chand Bardai's famous literary work _____, mentions Prithviraj Chauhan's love story and heroic deeds.

- (a) Rajamartanda
- (b) Harakeli Nataka
- (c) Prithviraj Raso
- (d) Abhidhana Chintamani

Answer: (c)

2. Who established Shantiniketan and when?

- (a) Ravindranath Tagore, 1905
- (b) Mahatma Gandhi, 1910
- (c) Ravindranath Tagore, 1901
- (d) Devendranath Tagore, 1915

Answer: (c)

3. In which year was the Digital India mission launched?

- (a) 2017
- (b) 2015
- (c) 2014
- (d) 2016

Answer: (b)

4. In July 2020, which state initiated the 'Ashirwad Scheme' to extend financial support for a daughter's marriage who belongs to a family earning a lower income?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Punjab

Answer: (d)

5. Hindustani singer Pandit Venkatesh Kumar was honoured with 'Kalidas Samman-2022' by which state government?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: (b)

6. Which of the following institutes was founded by Usha Lalini Sarabhai who was a Bharatanatyam and Kathakali dancer?

- (a) Nalanda Nritya Kala Mahavidyalaya
- (b) Nrityanjali Institute of Performing Arts
- (c) Sri Thyagaraja College of Music and Dance
- (d) Darpana Academy of Performing Arts

Answer: (d)

7.

Match the points under Column A with those under Column B.

Column A

- i. Annelida
- ii. Arthropoda
- iii. Echinodermata
- iv. Platyhelminthes

Column B

- a. Tapeworm
- b. Sea star
- c. Ant
- d. Earthworm

- (a) i-a, ii-c, iii-b, iv-d
- (b) i-a, ii-b, iii-c, iv-d
- (c) i-d, ii-c, iii-b, iv-a
- (d) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d

Answer: (c)

8. Which of the following hills is located in the Eastern Ghats?

- (a) Shevaroy hills
- (b) Khasi hills
- (c) Anamudi hills
- (d) Naga hills

Answer: (a)

9. Who among the following players is related to table tennis?

- (a) Pankaj Advani
- (b) Manika Batra
- (c) K Srikanth
- (d) Manish Narwal

Answer: (b)

10. What are the five Fs of indirect transmission?

- (a) Fruit, fingers, flu, food and fluid
- (b) Flies, fingers, fomites, food and fluid
- (c) Flies, fingers, friends, food and fruit
- (d) Flies, fingers, fomites, food and fruit

Answer: (b)

11. Which of the following is an example of public sector industry in India?

- (a) Tata Iron Steel Company
- (b) Bajaj Auto
- (c) Dabur
- (d) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

Answer: (d)

12. The Election Laws Amendment Bill passed in the Parliament recently seeks to implement certain electoral reforms. One of them is the eligibility date. Till now, only one date – 1 January was considered for deciding eligibility with respect to age. What reform does the Bill seek in this regard?

- (a) Eliminating the idea of eligibility date – enrolment throughout the year
- (b) Introducing three dates – 1 January, 1 May, 1 September
- (c) Introducing four dates – 1 January, 1 April, 1 July, 1 October
- (d) Introducing two dates – 1 January and 1 June

Answer: (c)

13. Which of the following is NOT a Fundamental Duty of the Indian citizens?

- (a) To cherish and follow the noble ideas that inspired our national struggle for freedom.
- (b) Mandatory national service of 5 years.
- (c) To develop scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform.
- (d) To safeguard public property and to abjure violence.

Answer: (b)

14. _____ leaves are used to make bidis.

- (a) Neem
- (b) Betel
- (c) Tendu
- (d) Champa

Answer: (c)

15. Buddhadev Dasgupta is famous for playing which of the following musical instruments?

- (a) Sarangi
- (b) Sarod
- (c) Bansuri
- (d) Mridangam

Answer: (b)

16. In which of the following years was Pro Kabaddi League established in India?

- (a) 2016
- (b) 2015
- (c) 2014
- (d) 2013

Answer: (c)

17. According to Census of India 2011, what is the gap between male and female literacy rate in India?

- (a) 21.59%
- (b) 24.84%
- (c) 16.68%
- (d) 18.30%

Answer: (c)

18. In which form of exchange are goods used as medium of exchange?

- (a) Barter exchange
- (b) Currency exchange
- (c) Credit exchange
- (d) Online exchange

Answer: (a)

19. What is the product formed when zinc and sulphuric acid react?

- (a) Zinc oxide
- (b) Zinc sulphide
- (c) Zinc sulphate
- (d) Zinc hydroxide

Answer: (c)

20. In the state legislative assembly, the Money bill can be introduced with the prior permission of _____.

- (a) Auditor General
- (b) Finance Minister
- (c) Governor
- (d) CAG

Answer: (c)

21. Which of the following gases emits red light when electricity is passed through it?

- (a) Argon
- (b) Neon
- (c) Hydrogen
- (d) Helium

Answer: (b)

22. The Vedangas are Hindu auxiliary disciplines that originated in ancient times and are linked to the study of the Vedas. These are _____ in number.

- (a) seven
- (b) five
- (c) six
- (d) four

Answer: (c)

23. Gangaur Festival, Pushkar Fair, Nagaur Fair and Urs Fair are the popular fairs and festivals of which state?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Tripura
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Punjab

Answer: (c)

24. Who among the following freedom fighters is known as 'Deshbandhu'?

- (a) Gopal Krishna Gokhale
- (b) Chittaranjan Das
- (c) Subhas Chandra Bose
- (d) Bhagat Singh

Answer: (b)

25. What was the actual growth rate of the first five-year plan?

- (a) 4.2%
- (b) 2.6%
- (c) 3.6%
- (d) 2.1%

Answer: (c)

Quantitative Aptitude

1. The average of the squares of the first 46 natural numbers is

- (a) 730.5
- (b) 727.5
- (c) 729.5
- (d) 728.5

Answer: (d)

2.

A person borrowed some money on simple interest. After 4 years, he returned $\frac{9}{5}$ of the money to lender. What was the rate of interest?

- (a) 19% p.a.
- (b) 18% p.a.
- (c) 17% p.a.
- (d) 20% p.a.

Answer: (d)

3. The MP of an article was Rs.180 and it was sold at a discount of 15%, the discount in Rs. is:

- (a) 27
- (b) 15
- (c) 12
- (d) 18

Answer: (a)

4. In $\triangle DEF$, the bisector of $\angle D$ intersects side EF at point N . If $DE = 36$ cm, $DF = 40$ cm and $EF = 38$ cm, then the length (in cm) of NF is _____.

- (a) 18
- (b) 20
- (c) 12
- (d) 16

Answer: (b)

5. Find the area of a sector with an arc length of 44 cm, which subtends a central angle of 30° .

- (a) 1584 cm^2
- (b) 1488 cm^2
- (c) 1884 cm^2
- (d) 1848 cm^2

Answer: (d)

7.

If $m + n = 24$, then $(m - 16)^3 + (n - 8)^3$ is _____.

- (a) 0
- (b) 320
- (c) 576
- (d) 40

Answer: (a)

8. Solve the following:

$$\frac{1}{1 + \cos\theta} + \frac{1}{1 - \cos\theta} = ?$$

- (a) $2\sin^2\theta$
- (b) $2\sec^2\theta$
- (c) $2\operatorname{cosec}^2\theta$
- (d) $2\tan^2\theta$

Answer: (c)

10.

Solve the following:

$$\left[(2.5 + 1.5)^2 \div 4 \text{ of } \frac{1}{2} \times 8 - 1 \right]$$

- (a) 63
- (b) 81
- (c) 27
- (d) 0

Answer: (a)



11. A thief pursued by a policeman was 150 m ahead at the start. If the ratio of the speed of the policeman to that of the thief was 5 : 4, then how far (distance in metres) could the thief go before he is caught by the policeman?

- (a) 200
- (b) 600
- (c) 400
- (d) 350

Answer: (b)

12. The ratio between male and female members in a club is 2 : 3. If the number of male members is increased by 200, the ratio becomes 5 : 6. How many female members are there in the club?

- (a) 1400
- (b) 1000
- (c) 1200
- (d) 900

Answer: (c)

13.

If $7 \tan \theta = 3$, then $\frac{7 \sin \theta + 5 \cos \theta}{7 \sin \theta - 2 \cos \theta}$ is:

- (a) 8
- (b) 6
- (c) 5
- (d) 7

Answer: (a)

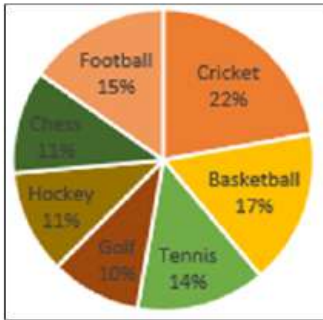
14. Two pipes A and B can fill a tank in 48 minutes and 66 minutes, respectively. If both the pipes are opened simultaneously, then after how many minutes should pipe B be closed so that the tank gets filled in 32 minutes?

- (a) 22
- (b) 20
- (c) 16
- (d) 18

Answer: (a)

15.

The given pie chart shows the expenditure by a state government on various sports during a particular year.



If the total amount spent on tennis and football is ₹1,45,000, then the total amount (in ₹) spent on all the given sports is:

- (a) 3,10,000
- (b) 5,00,000
- (c) 4,50,000
- (d) 4,10,000

Answer: (b)

16. Every month, a man consumes 20 kg of rice and 8 kg of wheat. The price of rice is 20% of the price of wheat, resulting in a total expenditure of ₹300 per month for rice and wheat combined. If the price of wheat is increased by 20%, what percentage reduction in rice consumption is needed to maintain the same expenditure of ₹300? (Given that price of rice and consumption of wheat is constant.)

- (a) 24%
- (b) 22%
- (c) 40%
- (d) 38%

Answer: (c)

17. In triangle ABC, the length of side BC is 2 cm less than twice the length of side AB. The length of side AC exceeds the length of side AB by 10 cm. The perimeter of the triangle is 40 cm. Determine the length (in cm) of the smallest side of the triangle.

- (a) 12
- (b) 10
- (c) 14
- (d) 8

Answer: (d)

18. From a point T, the length of the tangent to a circle is 32 cm and the distance of T from the centre is 40 cm. The diameter (in cm) of the circle is:

- (a) 48
- (b) 16
- (c) 32
- (d) 36

Answer: (a)

19. Two cylinders have the radii of their bases in the ratio 4 : 5 and their heights are in the ratio 5 : 7. Find the ratio of their curved surface areas.

- (a) 5 : 4
- (b) 4 : 5
- (c) 1 : 2
- (d) 4 : 7

Answer: (d)

20. In a garden, there are 6 daisy plants the first year. Each year, a gardener adds 3 new daisy plants. He has 26 jasmine plants the first year and loses 2 each year. When will the number of daisy plants equal to the number of jasmine plants after the first year?

- (a) 6 years
- (b) 4 years
- (c) 5 years
- (d) 2 years

Answer: (b)

21. Which of following numbers is NOT divisible by 11?

- (a) 109153
- (b) 5445
- (c) 80124
- (d) 128041

Answer: (d)

22.

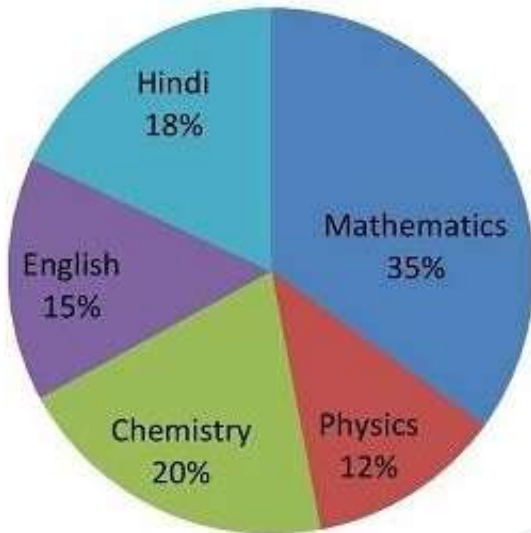
If $\cot^4\phi - \cot^2\phi = 1$, then the value of $\sec^2\phi + \cos^2\phi$ is:

- (a) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
- (b) $\frac{3}{2}$
- (c) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
- (d) 2

Answer: (a)

23. The following pie chart shows the study time of different subjects of a student in a day. Study the pie chart and answer the question.

Percentage distribution of study-time of different subjects



If the student studied English for 3 hours, then he studied Mathematics for:

- (a) 5 hours
- (b) 1 hour
- (c) 2 hours
- (d) 7 hours

Answer: (d)

24.

The given table shows the production of iron rods by a company for a period of 6 months. Study the table and answer the question that follows.

Month	January	March	May	July	September	November
Production	60	75	45	85	90	108

What is the ratio of the month having the highest production to the month having the least production?

- (a) 12 : 5
- (b) 1 : 2
- (c) 5 : 12
- (d) 9 : 5

Answer: (a)

25. For the following equations, what are the values of a and b to have infinitely many solutions? $ax + by = 2$ $3x - (5 - 2a)y = 6$

- (a) $a = 1, b = -1$
- (b) $a = -1, b = -1$
- (c) $a = -1, b = 1$
- (d) $a = 1, b = 1$

Answer: (a)

English Comprehension

1. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blanks. He had _____ the _____ into smaller clips.

- (a) clipping, clips
- (b) clips, clipping
- (c) clipped, clipping
- (d) clipping, clipped

Answer: (c)

2. Select the sentence that does NOT have a spelling error.

- (a) The focus of the exhibition is to reinforce versatility and creative thinking.
- (b) The insouciance of the rock star considering the importance of the occasion, came as a shock to the audience who expected stressful moments.
- (c) The artist received recognition for her impressive etchings, buclic landscapes, and recreation of natural scenes around her.
- (d) The paintings are structured chronologically starting from cubism to surrealism.

Answer: (b)

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

My sisters wished me good luck before I went on the stage to sing.

- (a) Told me to break an arm
- (b) Told me to break the ice
- (c) Told me to sit on the fence
- (d) Told me to break a leg

Answer: (d)

4. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice. The drug pedlar was arrested by the narcotics team.

- (a) The narcotics team arrest the drug pedlar.
- (b) The narcotics team has arrested the drug pedlar.
- (c) The narcotics team was arrested the drug pedlar.
- (d) The narcotics team arrested the drug pedlar.

Answer: (d)

5.

Select the correct option to form a meaningful sentence.

I / that / the chef / to work / in / the new / heard / restaurant / is going / across the road.

(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j)

(a) a, b, d, c, g, e, f, h, i, j

(b) a, c, g, b, h, i, f, e, d, j

(c) a, b, d, c, e, f, h, g, i, j

(d) a, g, b, c, i, d, e, f, h, j

Answer: (d)

6. Select the most appropriate synonym of the underlined word. Many people love to visit enchanted hills.

(a) risky

(b) alluring

(c) echoing

(d) cool

Answer: (b)

7. Parts of a sentence are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the parts in the correct order to form a meaningful sentence.

A. needs to be

B. the shelf in

C. a piece of wood

D. the kitchen

E. need to buy

F. replaced, so I will

(a) BDAFEC

(b) ACDBFE

(c) DEBACF

(d) BEFCAD

Answer: (a)

8. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words. The list of subjects to be discussed at a meeting

(a) Agenda

(b) Menu

(c) Minutes

(d) Objectives

Answer: (a)

9. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the word in brackets to fill in the blank. She has _____ (witty) remarks about everything.

- (a) whimsical
- (b) unamusing
- (c) woeful
- (d) sorry

Answer: (b)

10. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Paralysed

- (a) Demure
- (b) Healthy
- (c) Stifled
- (d) Sultry

Answer: (b)

11. The following sentence has been divided into four segments. Identify the segment that contains an adverbial usage error. Mr. Arun / will pay dear / for his / financial mistake.

- (a) Mr. Arun
- (b) financial mistake
- (c) for his
- (d) will pay dear

Answer: (d)

12. Select the most appropriate synonym of the word in brackets to fill in the blank. Listening to the same lecture everyday appeared very _____ to him. (boring)

- (a) monotonous
- (b) furious
- (c) monolithic
- (d) nervous

Answer: (a)

13. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. We have postponed this movie outing too many times, so we are going tomorrow, come _____ or shine.

- (a) hail
- (b) rain
- (c) mountain
- (d) thunder

Answer: (b)

14. Parts of a sentence are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the parts in the correct order to form a meaningful sentence. O. went

P. yesterday

Q. we

R. to the

S. park

(a) QORSP

(b) PSROQ

(c) RQOSP

(d) OPQRS

Answer: (a)

15. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word. Repulse

(a) Substitute

(b) Recover

(c) Reprove

(d) Repel

Answer: (d)

16. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word in the given sentence. One must be confident of winning and gaining one's goals and must face situations, disasters, trials and setbacks of life with confidence.

(a) Setbacks

(b) Trials

(c) Disasters

(d) Confident

Answer: (a)

17. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. Five years later, I was eating this same dish at the same restaurant.

(a) had been eating

(b) am eating

(c) has been eating

(d) will have be eating

Answer: (b)

18. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice. Scientists were conducting experiments on the newly discovered species.

(a) The newly discovered species has been conducting experiments by scientists.

(b) Experiments were being conducted on the newly discovered species by scientists.

(c) The newly discovered species has been experimented on by scientists.

(d) Experiments on the newly discovered species had been conducted by the scientists.

Answer: (b)

19. Parts of a sentence are given below in jumbled order. Select the option that arranges the parts in the correct sequence to form a meaningful sentence.

(P) the sun

(Q) to our planet, Earth (O) provides essential energy

(R) sustaining life and warmth

(a) QROP

(b) POQR

(c) ROQP

(d) ORPQ

Answer: (b)

20. The given sentence is divided into four segments. Select the option that has the segment with a grammatical error. The employees were comfortable / with me and they talked about / their problems since / I has worked there as a manager.

(a) with me and they talked about

(b) I has worked there as a manager.

(c) their problems since

(d) The employees were comfortable

Answer: (b)

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. People often say that the stars govern their fate but they forget the fact that success or failure is the result of one's own (1)_____. If we sow chaff, we can't reap grain; and the result or consequence of an action depends on what one does and to the extent he (2)_____ it. If we work hard, we succeed to the extent that we work. People who think that the law of karma is (3)_____ may feel that if one is destined to get something he will always get it whether he strives for it or not. But experience tells us that reward and punishments are the direct result of our action. Honesty and hard work never go unrewarded and (4)_____ and evil deeds never go (5)_____. In fact even the law of karma, in its proper sense, means that the fruit we get is decided by whatever actions we did in the past.

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

(a) incidents

(b) case

(c) power

(d) actions

Answer: (d)

22. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.

(a) does

(b) have

(c) put

(d) create

Answer: (a)

23. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.

- (a) supreme
- (b) most
- (c) more
- (d) greatest

Answer: (a)

24. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.

- (a) horribly
- (b) fairness
- (c) badly
- (d) dishonesty

Answer: (d)

25. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.

- (a) vile
- (b) unpunished
- (c) waste
- (d) punished

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

General Awareness

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

Quantitative Aptitude

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

English Comprehension

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