

PREVIOUS YEAR PAPER

SSC CGL 2024 Tier I — 13 September, Shift 1

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Questions from the Staff Selection Commission's paper of 13 September 2024, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM. Each question is followed by its answer, and the answer key is repeated on the last page.

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General Intelligence and Reasoning

1. Select the option that can replace the question mark (?) in the following series. AH21, CJ18, EL15, GN12, ?

- (a) HR11
- (b) IP9
- (c) J8
- (d) HQ10

Answer: (b)

2. Which of the following interchanges of numbers (not digits) would make the given equation correct?

$$\frac{480 \div 0.3 \times 5 + 500}{190 + 9 \times 27 \div 1.6} = 2$$

- (a) 5 and 9
- (b) 0.3 and 1.6
- (c) 27 and 480
- (d) 500 and 190

Answer: (b)

3. 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) Frivolous : Big :: Deride : ?

- (a) Encourage
- (b) Taunt
- (c) Jeer
- (d) Detest

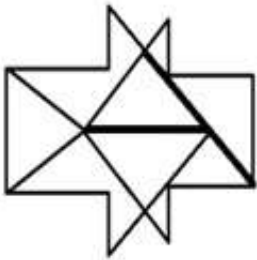
Answer: (a)

4. Select the number from among the given options that can replace the question mark (?) in the following series. 30, 20, ?, 60, 140

- (a) 30
- (b) 40
- (c) 35
- (d) 25

Answer: (a)

5. How many triangles are there in the given figure?



- (a) 7
- (b) 8
- (c) 6
- (d) 9

Answer: (a)

6. Select the pair in which the numbers are related to each other in the same way as are the numbers in the given pairs. (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.) 3 : 25 :: 4 : 62

- (a) 5 : 123
- (b) 6 : 218
- (c) 7 : 345
- (d) 9 : 731

Answer: (a)

7. The position(s) of how many letters will remain unchanged if all the letters in the word 'GRIMACE' are arranged in English alphabetical order?

- (a) Zero
- (b) One
- (c) Two
- (d) Three

Answer: (a)

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

A	L	U	A	
B L U E	A B E M	M A B T	U M T L	?
M	U	L	B	

(a)

B				
M	T	L	H	
				A

(b)

U				
A	T	M	B	
				L

(c)

B				
L	U	M	H	
				A

(d)

U				
B	T	M	A	
				L

Answer: (c)

9. 'Ample' is related to 'Abundant' in the same way as 'Substantial' is related to '_____'. (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.)

- (a) Considerable
- (b) Venerable
- (c) Meager
- (d) Scarce

Answer: (a)

10. In a certain code language, 'HUSBAND' is written as 'JVUDBPF' and 'SISTER' is written as 'UJUVFT'. How will 'BROTHER' be written in that language?

- (a) DJTFPTV
- (b) FJPVDTT
- (c) DTPVJFT
- (d) TFVJTPD

Answer: (c)

11. In a certain code language, $X + Y$ means 'X is the father of Y', $X - Y$ means 'X is the brother of Y', $X \times Y$ means 'X is the sister of Y', $X \div Y$ means 'X is the wife of Y'. Based on the above, how is D related to H if ' $D \times E \div F + G - H$ '?

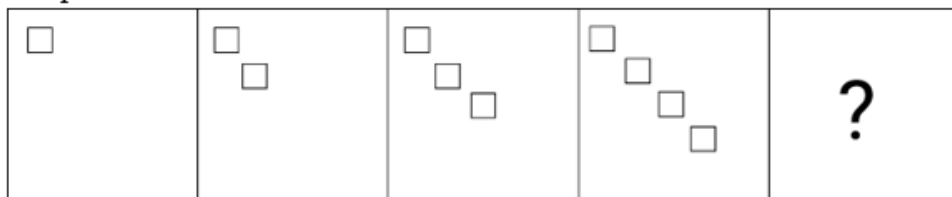
- (a) Father's sister
- (b) Mother's sister
- (c) Sister
- (d) Mother's mother

Answer: (b)

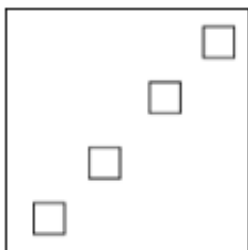


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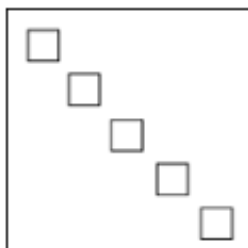
Identify the figure given in the options which when put in place of ? will logically complete the series.



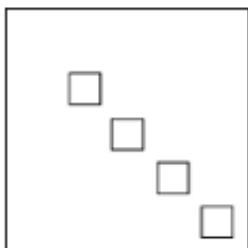
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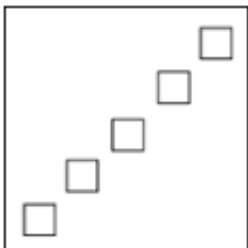
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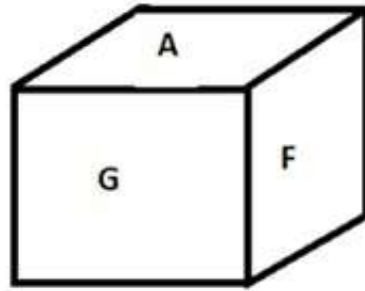
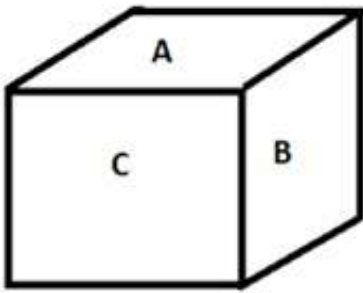
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Answer: (b)



13. Six letters A, B, C, E, F and G 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 A.



- (a) F
- (b) G
- (c) E
- (d) C

Answer: (c)

14. Select the option that represents the letters that when sequentially placed from left to right in the blanks below will complete the letter series. _ X _ F _ _ _ X T _ X _

- (a) XTTFXFX
- (b) FTXTFFT
- (c) XFTTXFX
- (d) FXXTFXT

Answer: (b)

15. In a certain code language, 'mountain is tall' is coded as '33 66 44'; 'rocky is tall' is coded as '44 55 11' and 'rocky is mountain' is coded as '33 55 11'. How is 'stand' coded in that language?

- (a) 33
- (b) 11
- (c) 44
- (d) 66

Answer: (d)

16. 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) $31 - 5 = 160$
- (b) $13 - 8 = 109$
- (c) $21 - 4 = 89$
- (d) $27 - 9 = 243$

Answer: (d)

17. Select the option that represents the letters that, when placed from left to right in the blanks below, will complete the letter series. D _ F D _ F _ F _ D _ F

- (a) D F D D F
- (b) D F F D D
- (c) F F D F F
- (d) F D D F F

Answer: (c)

18. Four letter-clusters have been given, out of which three are alike in some manner and one is different. Select the letter-cluster that is different. Note: The odd one out is not based on the number of consonants/vowels or their position in the letter cluster.

- (a) NMI
- (b) LKF
- (c) YXT
- (d) SRN

Answer: (b)

19. What will come in the place of the question mark (?) in the following equation, if '+' and '-' are interchanged and 'x' and '÷' are interchanged? $315 \times 15 - 93 + 16 \div 7 = ?$

- (a) 4
- (b) 8
- (c) 2
- (d) 12

Answer: (c)

20. 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 /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.) (27, 405, 3) (23, 690, 6)

- (a) (14, 364, 7)
- (b) (16, 448, 7)
- (c) (22, 616, 7)
- (d) (24, 600, 5)

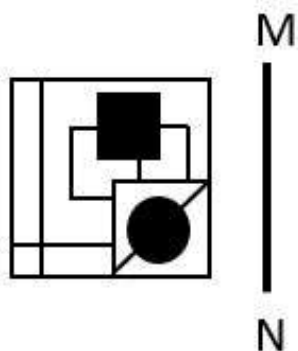
Answer: (d)

21. Select the set in which the numbers are related in the same way as are the numbers of the following set. $7 - 14 - 23$ $4 - 11 - 20$ 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)

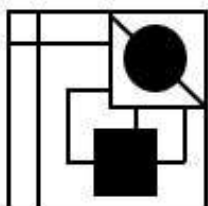
- (a) $7 - 15 - 22$
- (b) $5 - 12 - 21$
- (c) $9 - 12 - 22$
- (d) $15 - 30 - 20$

Answer: (b)

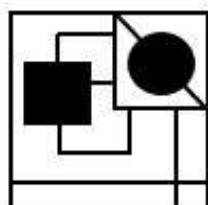
22. Select the correct mirror image of the given figure when the mirror is placed at MN as shown.



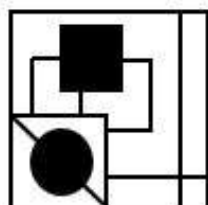
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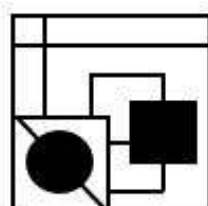
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(c)



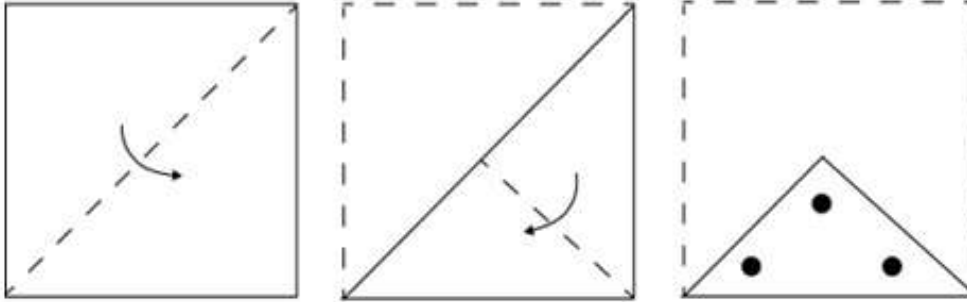
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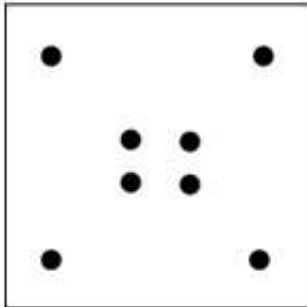
Answer: (c)



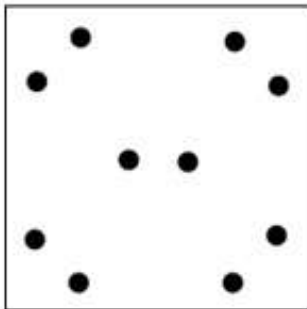
23. A square sheet of paper is folded along the dotted line successively along the directions shown and is then punched in the last as shown. How would the paper look when unfolded?



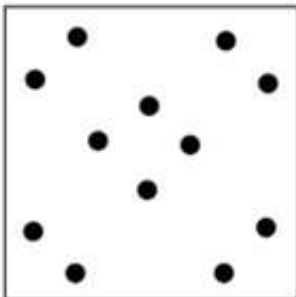
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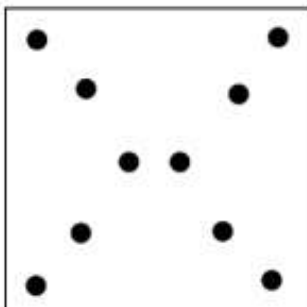
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(c)



(d)



Answer: (c)

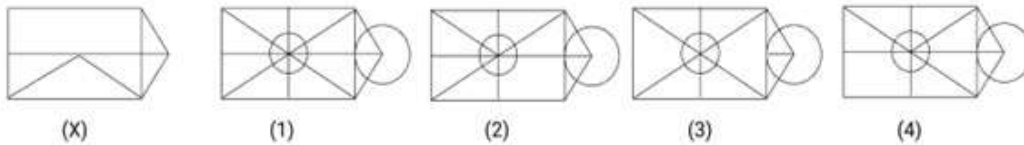


24. Which of the following terms will replace the question mark (?) in the given series? KES, MIQ, PMN, TQJ, YUE, ?

- (a) EYY
- (b) EXY
- (c) EXZ
- (d) FYX

Answer: (a)

25. Figure X is followed by four figures numbered (1), (2), (3), (4). Identify the figure among the four in which figure X is embedded (i.e. contains figure X in the same form).



- (a) 3
- (b) 4
- (c) 2
- (d) 1

Answer: (d)

General Awareness

1. Which team won the T20 cricket event, Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2022-2023?

- (a) Vidarbha
- (b) Himanchal Pradesh
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Punjab

Answer: (c)

2. According to the Census of India 2011, which group of Union Territories recorded the highest sex ratio?

- (a) Chandigarh, Puducherry, Lakshadweep
- (b) Puducherry, Lakshadweep, Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- (c) Puducherry, Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- (d) Chandigarh, Puducherry, Delhi

Answer: (b)

3.

Match the sports in List I with the sportsperson in List II who were in news for their sports achievement in 2022:

LIST I- Sports		LIST II-Sports man	
A	Lakshya Sen	i	Boxing
B	Rameshbabu Pragganandhaa	ii	Badminton
C	Nikhat Zareen	iii	Shooting
D	Rudrankksh Patil	iv	Chess

- (a) A-i, B-iv, C-ii, D-iii
- (b) A-ii, B-iv, C-i, D-iii
- (c) A-iv, B-ii, C-i, D-iii
- (d) A-iii, B-iv, C-i, D-ii

Answer: (b)

4. Which Indian singer wrote 'Raag Sarita'?

- (a) Balasaheb Poonchwale
- (b) Kumar Gandharva
- (c) Kesarbai Kerkar
- (d) Chintaman Raghunath Vyas

Answer: (d)

5. Which of the following features of the Indian Constitution was borrowed from Irish Constitution?

- (a) Directive Principles of State Policy
- (b) Fundamental Rights
- (c) Rule of Law
- (d) Concurrent List

Answer: (a)

6. Which state government honoured Vani Jairam with the MS Subbulakshmi Award for 2019?

- (a) Odissa
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Maharashtra

Answer: (c)

7. Vindhyashakti was the founder of which of the following dynasties?

- (a) Pallava
- (b) Maukhari
- (c) Chalukya
- (d) Vakataka

Answer: (d)

8. Which of the following is a man-made ecosystem?

- (a) Forest
- (b) Aquarium
- (c) Grassland
- (d) Dessert

Answer: (b)

9. Which of the following are the two basic categories of an ecosystem?

- (a) Forest and Rivers
- (b) Forest and Aquatic
- (c) Lakes and Ponds
- (d) Terrestrial and Aquatic

Answer: (d)

11. Who among the following famous Indian women cricketers announced retirement in June 2022?

- (a) Smriti Mandhana
- (b) Mithali Raj
- (c) Anjum Chopra
- (d) Jhulan Goswami

Answer: (b)

12. Which region in India receives less rainfall in summer, but heavy rainfall in winter season due to the retreating north easterly winds?

- (a) Southern coastal region
- (b) Eastern coastal region
- (c) Western coastal region
- (d) Northern coastal region

Answer: (b)

13. Sundari trees are found in which type of forests in India?

- (a) Tropical evergreen forests
- (b) Tropical deciduous forests
- (c) Mangrove forests
- (d) The thorn forests and scrubs

Answer: (c)

14. The Supreme Court of India comprises the Chief Justice and not more than _____ other Judges appointed by the President of India.

- (a) 33
- (b) 38
- (c) 35
- (d) 37

Answer: (a)

15. Who won the paralympic bronze medal in archery for India at Tokyo in 2020?

- (a) Deepika Kumari
- (b) Harvinder Singh
- (c) Atanu Das
- (d) Pravin Jadhav

Answer: (b)

16. The central bank of India or Reserve Bank of India was created before Independence, in the year 1934. The recommendation to create a central bank was made by a commission called:

- (a) Dr. Raja Chelliah Committee
- (b) Kothari Commission
- (c) Hilton Young Commission
- (d) Narasimham Committee

Answer: (c)

17. Ranjana Gauhar was awarded the Padma Shri Award (2003) for her contribution to which of the following Indian dance forms?

- (a) Sattriya
- (b) Manipuri
- (c) Kuchipudi
- (d) Odissi

Answer: (d)

18. Which of the following two quantities have the same dimensions?

- (a) Power and radius of circular motion
- (b) Work and torque
- (c) Power and moment of inertia
- (d) Work and angular displacement

Answer: (b)

19. Which polyatomic ionic compound is a white, crystalline powder used in fire extinguishers and to neutralise acids and bases?

- (a) Sodium Bicarbonate
- (b) Sodium Thiosulphate
- (c) Sodium Bisulphite
- (d) Sodium Chromate

Answer: (a)

20. Which port is developed as a satellite port?

- (a) Mormugao
- (b) New Mangalore
- (c) Jawaharlal Nehru
- (d) Haldia

Answer: (c)

21. The Doctrine of Lapse was an annexation policy devised by which of the following Governor-Generals of India?

- (a) Lord Mayo
- (b) Lord Dalhousie
- (c) Lord Wellesley
- (d) Lord Canning

Answer: (b)

22. Chhath Puja is the main festival of which state?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Karnataka

Answer: (b)

23. For which of the following states was the Constitution (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Orders (Second Amendment) Bill, 2022, introduced in the Parliament?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: (b)

24. Who among the following is the hero of the Sanskrit historical poem, the 'Ramacharita' written by Sandhyakar Nandi?

- (a) Ramapala
- (b) Dharmapala
- (c) Devapala
- (d) Gopala

Answer: (a)

25. In which of the following areas did the Uprising of Khurda in 1817 take place?

- (a) Bengal
- (b) Madras
- (c) United Province
- (d) Odisha

Answer: (d)

Quantitative Aptitude

1. The given table shows the marks obtained by a student in class 9.

Subjects	Marks (out of 100)
Social Science	93
Science	90
Hindi	90
English	95
Mathematics	78

What is the percentage of marks obtained by the student?

- (a) 88%
- (b) 90%
- (c) 88.8%
- (d) 89.2%

Answer: (d)

2. An article is sold at a profit of 250%. What is the ratio of its cost price to selling price?

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

Answer: (d)



3. From a circle of radius 7 units, an arc length is cut by a chord of length 7 units. What is the arc length of the smaller portion (in units)?

(a)

$$\frac{7}{6}\pi$$

(b)

$$\frac{7}{4}\pi$$

(c)

$$\frac{8}{3}\pi$$

(d)

$$\frac{7}{3}\pi$$

Answer: (d)

4.

If $\Delta PQR \cong \Delta ABC$, $AB = 6$ cm, $\angle B = 50^\circ$ and $\angle A = 70^\circ$, then which of the following is true?

(a)

$$QR = 6 \text{ cm}, \angle R = 60^\circ$$

(b)

$$QR = 6 \text{ cm}, \angle Q = 60^\circ$$

(c)

$$QP = 6 \text{ cm}, \angle P = 60^\circ$$

(d)

$$QP = 6 \text{ cm}, \angle R = 60^\circ$$

Answer: (d)

5. A shopkeeper mixes two types of rice costing ₹250/5 kg and ₹280/5 kg in the ratio 7 : 8. Find the net cost of the resultant mixture (per kg).

(a) ₹53.20

(b) ₹32.50

(c) ₹52.30

(d) ₹25.30

Answer: (a)

6.

Simplify the following expression.

$$\frac{(x - y)^3 + (y - z)^3 + (z - x)^3}{(x - y)(y - z)(z - x)}$$

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

Answer: (a)

7. There are two pipes used to fill a tank and when operated together, they can fill the tank in 20 minutes. If one pipe can fill the tank two and a half times as quickly as the other, then the faster pipe alone can fill the tank in:

- (a) 34 min
- (b) 30 min
- (c) 32 min
- (d) 28 min

Answer: (d)

8. If

$$\sin 31^\circ = \alpha,$$

then the value of

$$\cot 59^\circ$$

is:

- (a) $\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{1 - \alpha^2}}$
- (b) $\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2}}$
- (c) $\frac{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2}}{\alpha}$
- (d) $\frac{\sqrt{1 - \alpha^2}}{2\alpha}$

Answer: (a)

9.

If $\frac{1}{1-\sin \theta} + \frac{1}{1+\sin \theta} = 4 \sec \theta$, ($0 < \theta < 90^\circ$), then the value of

($\cot \theta + \operatorname{cosec} \theta$) is:

(a)

$$\sqrt{6}$$

(b)

$$\sqrt{5}$$

(c)

$$\sqrt{2}$$

(d)

$$\sqrt{3}$$

Answer: (d)

10. At a cafe, Rama bought drinks for her 7 friends at ₹240. Some of them wanted coffee, while others wanted black tea. A regular cup of coffee cost ₹40 and a regular cup of black tea cost ₹ 30. How many cups of tea did she purchase?

(a) 5

(b) 6

(c) 3

(d) 4

Answer: (d)

11.

If $p(\sqrt{3} + \cot 30^\circ) = \tan^3 60^\circ - 2\sin 60^\circ$, then the value of p is:

(a)

$$\sqrt{3}$$

(b)

$$1$$

(c)

$$-1$$

(d)

$$2\sqrt{3}$$

Answer: (b)

12. In an election between R and S, R gets 110% of the votes of S and beats S by 770 votes. If there were no invalid votes, then the total number of votes polled is:

- (a) 16170
- (b) 17160
- (c) 17610
- (d) 16710

Answer: (a)

13. A and B are centres of two circles with radii 2 cm and 1 cm respectively, where $AB = 5$ cm. C is the centre of another circle of radius r cm, which touches each of the above two circles externally. If $\angle ACB = 90^\circ$, then the value of r is:

- (a) 2 cm
- (b) 4 cm
- (c) 3 cm
- (d) 5 cm

Answer: (a)

14. If the successive discount by 10%, 15%, then the single equivalent rate of discount is:

- (a) 24.2%
- (b) 43.4%
- (c) 23.5%
- (d) 32.3%

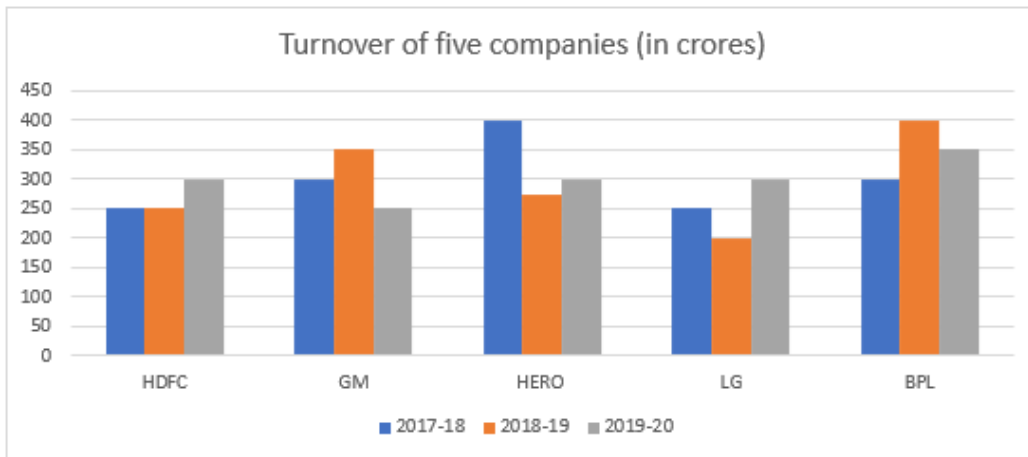
Answer: (c)

15. Simplify the following expression. $[(70 - 20 \div 2 + 5) + (20 - 10) \div 10] + 600 \div 25$ of $(2 \times 3) \times (2$ of $3) + 2$ of 5 .

- (a) 100
- (b) 99
- (c) 90
- (d) 110

Answer: (a)

16. The given bar graph shows the turnover of five companies (in crores).



What is the difference between the average sales turnover of all the companies put together between the years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020?

- (a) ₹5 crore
- (b) ₹2 crore
- (c) ₹3.5 crore
- (d) ₹6.5 crore

Answer: (a)

17. If $321y72$ is a multiple of 6, where y is a digit, what is the least value of y ?

- (a) 0
- (b) 7
- (c) 2
- (d) 3

Answer: (a)

18. If $A:B = 6 : 8$ and $B:C = 5 : 10$, then $A:B:C$ is:

- (a) 1:2:4
- (b) 3:4:8
- (c) 4:3:2
- (d) 1:3:4

Answer: (b)

19.

The following table shows the sale (in lakh rupees) of six commodities in a provision store from August 2012 to October 2012.

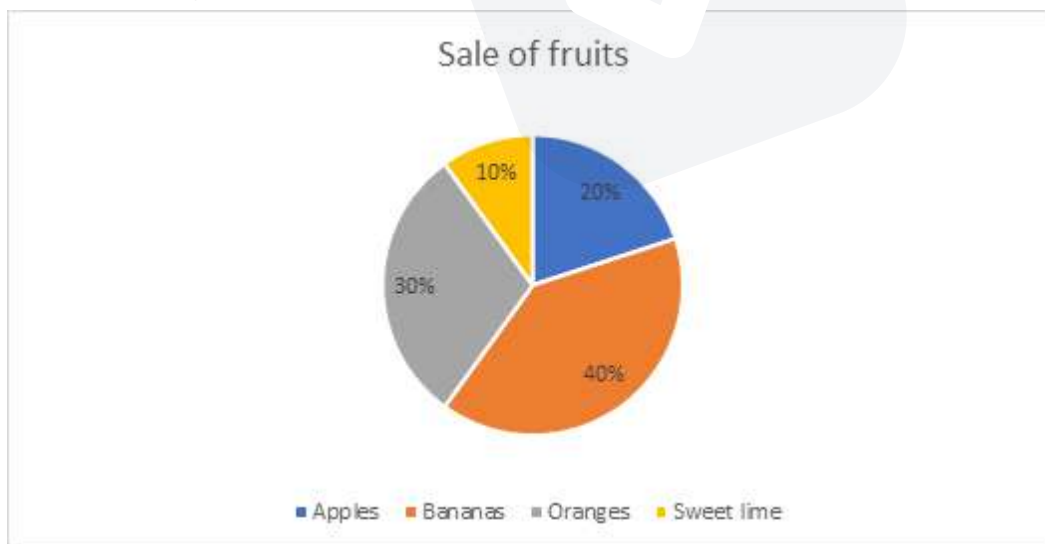
Month/Commodity	Dry Fruits	Tea	Pulses	Sugar	Flour	Rice
August	27	24	45	48	55	42
September	32	15	34	42	33	23
October	25	30	42	47	49	27

The total combined sale of dry fruits, sugar and rice for the period from August 2012 to October 2012 is what percentage (rounded off to the nearest whole number) of the total combined sale of tea, pulses and flour?

- (a) 94%
- (b) 98%
- (c) 96%
- (d) 95%

Answer: (c)

20. The pie chart below shows the per cent sale of different fruits in a day for a shop. If the total number of fruits sold by a fruit seller in a day is 120, what is the combined central angle in the pie chart for oranges and apples?



- (a) 90 °
- (b) 180 °
- (c) 220 °
- (d) 160 °

Answer: (b)

21. The solution of the following equations is: $5x + 4y - 8z = 1$ $7x - 9y + z = -1$ $2x + 3y - 4z = 1$

- (a) $x = 1, y = 1, z = -1$
- (b) $x = 1, y = 1, z = 1$
- (c) $x = -1, y = 1, z = 1$
- (d) $x = 1, y = -1, z = 1$

Answer: (b)

22. A boat can travel 78 km upstream and back in a total of 32 hours. It can travel 15 km upstream and 52 km downstream in a total of 9 hours. How much distance will the boat cover in 12 hours in still water?

- (a) 92 km
- (b) 104 km
- (c) 96 km
- (d) 100 km

Answer: (c)

23. Pranav borrows a sum of ₹6,23,305 at the rate of 10% per annum simple interest. At the end of the first year, he repays ₹16,390 towards return of principal amount borrowed. If Pranav clears all pending dues at the end of the second year, including interest payment that accrued during the first year, how much does he pay (in ₹) at the end of the second year?

- (a) 7,25,903
- (b) 7,29,937
- (c) 7,29,025
- (d) 7,38,700

Answer: (b)

24. One-quarter of a circular pizza of radius 21 cm was removed from the whole pizza. What is the perimeter (in cm) of the remaining pizza? (Use

$$\pi = \frac{22}{7}$$

- (a) 99
- (b) 128
- (c) 141
- (d) 131

Answer: (c)

25.

What is the height (in m) of a conical water tank having radius of 70 m and volume of $46,200 \text{ m}^3$? (Take $\pi = \frac{22}{7}$)

- (a) 27
- (b) 54
- (c) 18
- (d) 9

Answer: (d)

English Comprehension

1. In the following sentence, four words have been underlined, out of which one word is MISSPELT. Select the option with the MISSPELT word. In spite of the dilemma that preveiled during the discussion sessions, the committee remained committed to finding an amicable solution to the issue.

- (a) dilemma
- (b) preveiled
- (c) amicable
- (d) committee

Answer: (b)

3. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. A bad patch

- (a) A path that is untravelled
- (b) A dangerous road to walk on
- (c) A person who takes a difficult path
- (d) A period of time when a person faces lots of troubles

Answer: (d)

4. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given. A written statement made under oath

- (a) Statement
- (b) Testimony
- (c) Affirmation
- (d) Affidavit

Answer: (d)

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

- (a) Rivalry
- (b) Callous
- (c) Compassion
- (d) Compromise

Answer: (c)

6. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.

- (a) Reinforcement
- (b) Motivational
- (c) Opportunity
- (d) Atributes

Answer: (d)

7. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

The team always anticipate a bowling friendly pitch on their easy victory in the T20 matches.

- (a) pitch over their easy victory
- (b) pitch to their easy victory
- (c) pitch for their easy victory
- (d) pitch of their easy victory

Answer: (c)

8. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice. The team will announce the winner tomorrow.

- (a) The winner will be announced by the team tomorrow.
- (b) The winner will announce tomorrow by the team.
- (c) Tomorrow will be announced the winner by the team.
- (d) The team will announce tomorrow the winner.

Answer: (a)

9. The following sentence has been divided into four segments. Identify the segment that contains an error. Mr. Surya / have no interior / motive in offering / you support.

- (a) you support.
- (b) Mr. Surya
- (c) have no interior
- (d) motive in offering

Answer: (c)

10. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error. By the end of / this month, he / will been working / for five years.

- (a) will been working
- (b) By the end of
- (c) this month, he
- (d) for five years

Answer: (a)

11. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. Kamal is not willing to purchase a house on the 12th floor of a sea-side apartment, as she is fearful of heights. She is suffering from _____.

- (a) heliophobia
- (b) sociophobia
- (c) claustrophobia
- (d) acrophobia

Answer: (d)

12. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the underlined word in the given sentence. An elephant is a large mammal.

- (a) Bumper
- (b) Gigantic
- (c) Tiny
- (d) Heroic

Answer: (c)

13. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Epitome

- (a) Expansion
- (b) Precise
- (c) Exhort
- (d) Lucid

Answer: (a)

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

Cannot be corrected

- (a) Incorrigible
- (b) Illegible
- (c) Incredible
- (d) Ineligible

Answer: (a)

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

- A. Smoking in
- B. Your youth stunts
- C. The body and
- D. Clouds the brain

- (a) DCBA
- (b) DBCA
- (c) ABCD
- (d) CABD

Answer: (c)

16. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice. Don't let Dylan fool you!

- (a) Do not ever be fooled by Dylan.
- (b) Do not be fool by Dylan.
- (c) Do not be fooled by Dylan.
- (d) Do not have been fooled by Dylan.

Answer: (c)

17. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select 'No substitution'. Satya is always great to his friends who helped him when he was in trouble.

- (a) grateful
- (b) no substitution
- (c) thanked
- (d) greatful

Answer: (a)

19. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. The homophone for the word 'there' is _____.

- (a) those
- (b) their
- (c) that
- (d) clear

Answer: (b)

20. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. Turned a deaf ear to

- (a) Rebuked
- (b) Disregarded
- (c) By any means
- (d) At intervals

Answer: (b)

Passage — for questions 21–25

In the following passage, some words have been omitted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank. Sleeping, dreaming and waking are three important (1)_____ for ordinary humans. But for those who have (2)_____ transcendental knowledge, all three are almost same and there is not much difference among these three. 'The world and life is a myth and it keeps on changing' (3)_____ Adi Shankaracharya, the greatest 'Advaita' preacher. Ramana Maharshi observed no difference between dreaming and waking states. What he said is that it is from one unreal world to another (4)_____ world. There is no difference between the images one sees when waking up and the images he/she sees during dreams. According to this great sage of the modern century, the first one is daydream and the second one is a night dream. The usual philosophers say that mind and body are the two elements and mind is the source of all diverse thoughts. In the waking up state, the mind is active with all tensions and dissatisfactions, so happiness is missing: during sleep as the mind is absent and so is the physical world, the real happiness (5)_____. It is said that deep sleep, where there is no feeling of body, mind and the world, is the natural state of human beings.

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

- (a) angles
- (b) methods
- (c) problems
- (d) aspects

Answer: (d)

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

- (a) deep
- (b) depth
- (c) superficial
- (d) large

Answer: (a)

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

- (a) saying
- (b) was said
- (c) says
- (d) tells by

Answer: (c)

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

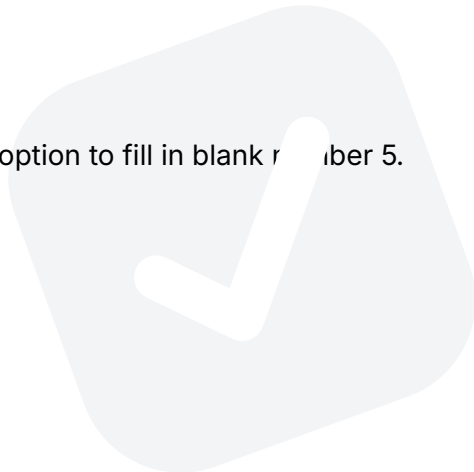
- (a) reality
- (b) unreal
- (c) confused
- (d) unimaginary

Answer: (b)

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

- (a) gained
- (b) is gained
- (c) was gained
- (d) gains

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

General Awareness

1	(c)	2	(b)	3	(b)	4	(d)	5	(a)	6	(c)	7	(d)	8	(b)
9	(d)	11	(b)	12	(b)	13	(c)	14	(a)	15	(b)	16	(c)	17	(d)
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Quantitative Aptitude

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

English Comprehension

1	(b)	3	(d)	4	(d)	5	(c)	6	(d)	7	(c)	8	(a)	9	(c)
10	(a)	11	(d)	12	(c)	13	(a)	14	(a)	15	(c)	16	(c)	17	(a)
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