

PREVIOUS YEAR PAPER

SSC CGL 2024 Tier I — 17 September, Shift 1

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General Intelligence and Reasoning

1. Select the option that represents the letters that, when sequentially placed from left to right in the blanks below, will complete the letter series. _ D R G _ Z D R _ B Z D _ G B Z _ R G B

- (a) ZBGRB
- (b) ZBGRD
- (c) BBGRD
- (d) ZBDRD

Answer: (b)

2. In this question, 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 cars are birds. Some birds are plants. All plants are leaves. Conclusions: I. Some birds are cars. II. Some plants are birds. III. Some leaves are plants

- (a) Only conclusions II and III follow.
- (b) All the conclusions follow.
- (c) Only conclusions I and III follow.
- (d) None of the conclusions follows.

Answer: (b)

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

2	1	5	2	4	5	6	4	?
	5		4		6		7	
3	0	0	1	1	2	2	5	

(a)

1		5
	2	
4		5

(b)

7		6
	9	
5		4

(c)

4		7
	5	
6		2

(d)

6		4
	2	
7		5

Answer: (b)

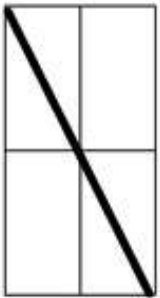


4. In a certain code language, 'FLBS' is coded as '156' and 'MXT' is coded as '228'. How will 'VDZN' be coded in the same language?

- (a) 220
- (b) 160
- (c) 264
- (d) 180

Answer: (c)

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



- (a) 6
- (b) 2
- (c) 4
- (d) 7

Answer: (a)

6. Three of the following four options are alike in a certain way and thus form a group. Which is the one that does NOT belong to that group? (NOTE: Operations should be performed on the whole numbers, without breaking down the number into its constituent digits. E.g. 13 – Operations on 13 such as adding/subtracting/multiplying etc. to its whole number can be performed. Breaking down 13 into 1 and 3 and then performing mathematical operations on 1 and 3 is not allowed.)

- (a) $26 - 95 - 21$
- (b) $22 - 67 - 22$
- (c) $20 - 15 - 51$
- (d) $16 - 45 - 21$

Answer: (b)

7. Select the correct mirror image of the given figure when the mirror is placed at MN.



(a)

q 7 m 4 e q l

(b)

q 7 m 4 e q l

(c)

J p e 4 m f p

(d)

J p e 4 m f p

Answer: (a)

8. Select the term from among the given options that can replace the question mark (?) in the following series. PJ 16, SM 25, VP 36, YS 49, ?

(a) DW 64

(b) CW 81

(c) BV 64

(d) CV 36

Answer: (c)

9. In a certain code language, 'BIRTHDAY' is written as 'ADHTRIBY' and 'CONGRESS' is written as 'SERGNOCS'. How will 'DIVISION' be written in that language?

(a) NDOISIVI

(b) DNOISIVI

(c) OISIVIDN

(d) NOISIVID

Answer: (c)

10. The position of how many letters will remain unchanged if each of the letter in the word 'CERTAIN' is arranged in English alphabetical order?

(a) One

(b) Zero

(c) Four

(d) Two

Answer: (b)

11. G is the brother of F. E is the father of K.. C is the daughter of A. F is the mother of E. C is the sister of E. How is G related to A?

- (a) Brother's wife
- (b) Sister's husband
- (c) Husband's sister
- (d) Wife's brother

Answer: (d)

12. 30 is related to 41 following certain logic. Following the same logic, 14 is related to 21. To which of the following numbers is 54 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) 69
- (b) 63
- (c) 53
- (d) 59

Answer: (a)

13. Which letter-cluster will replace the question mark (?) to complete the given series? BKUZ, ENWB, ?, KTAF, NWCH

- (a) HRYE
- (b) HQYD
- (c) HRYD
- (d) HRZD

Answer: (b)

14. Read the given statements and conclusions carefully. Assuming that the information given in the statements is true, even if it appears to be at variance with commonly known facts, decide which of the given conclusions logically follow(s) from the statements. Statements: Some balls are toys. All circles are balls. All balls are pits. Conclusions:

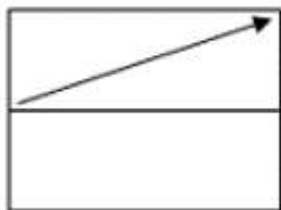
(I) Some circles are toys.

(II) All pits are toys.

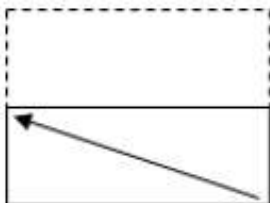
- (a) Only conclusion (II) follows.
- (b) Neither conclusion (I) nor (II) follow.
- (c) Only conclusion (I) follows.
- (d) Both conclusions (I) and (II) follow.

Answer: (b)

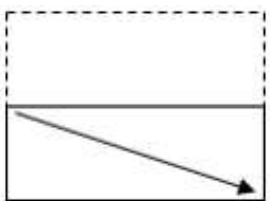
15. A transparent sheet with a pattern is given below. Select the option that depicts the pattern that would appear when the given transparent sheet is folded at the middle horizontal line.



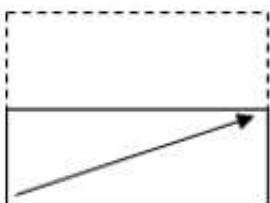
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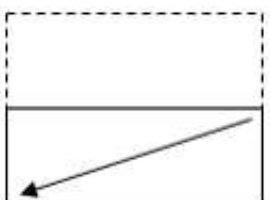
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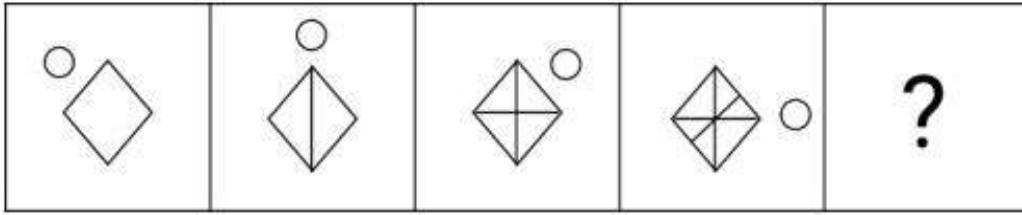
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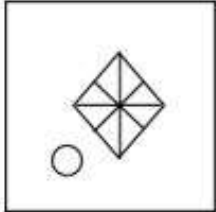
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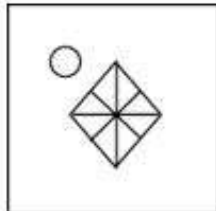
16. Select the figure from among the given options that can replace the question mark (?) and logically complete the series.



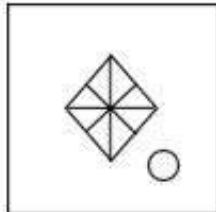
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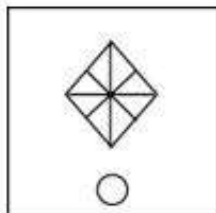
(b)



(c)



(d)



Answer: (c)

17. Four letter-clusters have been given, out of which three are alike in some manner and one is different. Select the one 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) KNQ
- (b) SVY
- (c) ILN
- (d) BEH

Answer: (c)

18. What will come in the place of the question mark (?) in the following equation, if '+' and '-' are interchanged and 'x' and '÷' are interchanged? $101 \div 48 - 13013 \times 13 + 12 = ?$

- (a) 5834
- (b) 5836
- (c) 5837
- (d) 5835

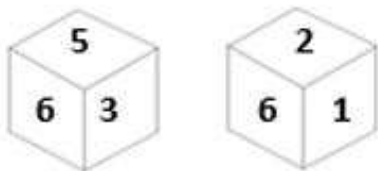
Answer: (c)

19. Select the number from among the given options that can replace the question mark (?) in the following series. 96,77,60,47,36, ?

- (a) 32
- (b) 30
- (c) 29
- (d) 28

Answer: (c)

20. A dice has numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8 on its sides. Two different positions of the same dice are shown below. Select the number that will be on the face opposite to the one having 6.



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

Answer: (c)

21. 189 is related to 21 following a certain logic. Following the same logic, 234 is related to 26. To which of the following is 468 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) 58
- (b) 48
- (c) 52
- (d) 54

Answer: (c)

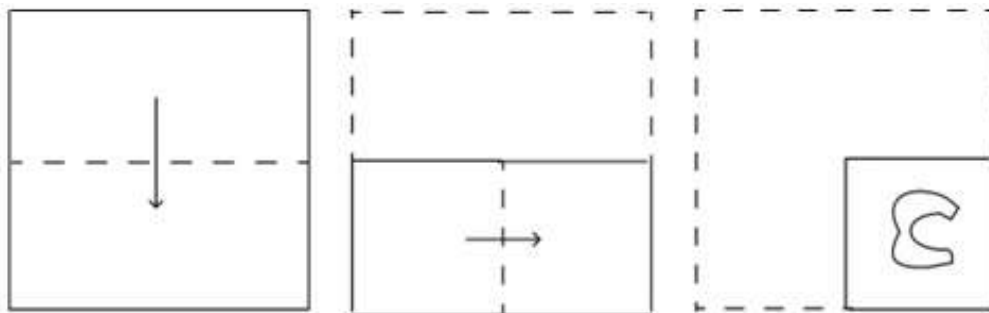
22. What will come in the place of '?' in the following equation, if '÷' and '-' are interchanged and 'x' and '+' are interchanged? $4 + 9 \times 48 - 6 \div 7 = ?$

- (a) 41
- (b) 37
- (c) 27
- (d) 30

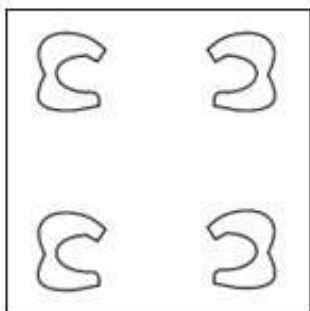
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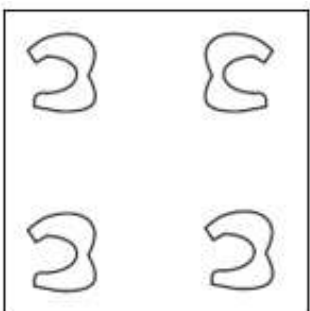
23. A paper is folded and cut as shown below. How will it appear when unfolded?



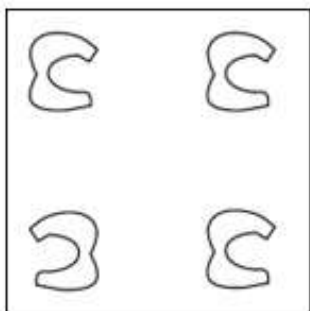
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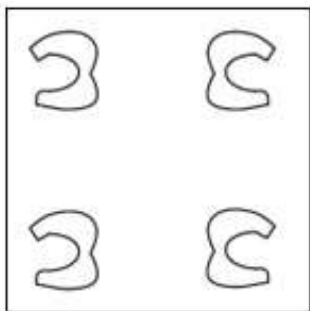
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(c)



(d)



Answer: (d)



24. 'Magnify' is related to 'Expand' in the same way as 'Curtail' is related to '_____':

- (a) Restrict
- (b) Measure
- (c) Big
- (d) Small

Answer: (a)

25. Select the set in which the numbers are related in the same way as are the numbers of the given sets. (429, 514), (688, 773) (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) (407, 512)
- (b) (546, 631)
- (c) (319, 399)
- (d) (396, 491)

Answer: (b)

General Awareness

1. Wood's Dispatch of 1854 primarily dealt with which of the following subject matters?

- (a) Education
- (b) Railways
- (c) Health
- (d) Finance

Answer: (a)

2. If GNP is 16% higher than the last year and the rate of inflation is 9%, production in the economy has grown by:

- (a) 5%
- (b) 7%
- (c) 4%
- (d) 6%

Answer: (b)

3. Which of the following gases get released when dilute sulphuric acid (H_2SO_4) reacts with magnesium (Mg)?

- (a) SO_2
- (b) O_2
- (c) H_2
- (d) SO_3

Answer: (c)

4. Prabha Atre, who received the Padma Vibhushan Award 2022, belongs to which Gharana?

- (a) Agra gharana
- (b) Mewati gharana
- (c) Kirana gharana
- (d) Indore gharana

Answer: (c)

5. An inscription, Takht-i-Bahi recovered from Mardan near Peshawar, indicates the rule of which of the following dynasties in north-western area of present Pakistan?

- (a) Sakas
- (b) Parthians
- (c) Indo-Greek
- (d) Bactrian

Answer: (b)

6. Which of the following is an example of private sector industry in India?

- (a) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- (b) Oil India Limited
- (c) Tata Iron and Steel Company
- (d) Steel Authority of India Limited

Answer: (c)

7. When was pro kabaddi league inaugurated for the first time in India?

- (a) 2007
- (b) 2015
- (c) 2008
- (d) 2014

Answer: (d)

8. Who among the following Indian women boxers was elected as the Chairperson and a voting member of the International Boxing Association in 2022?

- (a) Mary Kom
- (b) Lovlina Borgohain
- (c) Nikhat Zareen
- (d) Pooja Rani

Answer: (b)

9. Identify the Indian classical dancer associated with Kathak.

- (a) Vedantam Satyanarayana Sarma
- (b) Sharodi Saikia
- (c) Rohini Bhate
- (d) Kelucharan Mohapatra

Answer: (c)

10. Who among the following was the successor of Mughal Emperor, Babur?

- (a) Aurangzeb
- (b) Shahjahan
- (c) Jahangir
- (d) Humayun

Answer: (d)

11. British Parliament introduced Indian High Courts Act in which year?

- (a) 1859
- (b) 1860
- (c) 1861
- (d) 1858

Answer: (c)

12. In which of the following years was the Election Commission of India founded?

- (a) 1952
- (b) 1950
- (c) 1955
- (d) 1947

Answer: (b)

13.

Match the following items.

List I

- i. Global System of Trade Preferences
- ii. India-Gulf Cooperation Council Free Trade Agreement
- iii. The India-Republic of Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement
- iv. 7th Trade Policy Review

List II

- a. 2021
- b. 1988
- c. 2004
- d. 2010

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

Answer: (d)

14. Which of the following numbers best describes the number of white pieces used in chess?

- (a) 18
- (b) 16
- (c) 19
- (d) 17

Answer: (b)

15. Which set of diseases are caused by bacteria?

- (a) Dengue, Malaria, Cholera
- (b) Influenza, Dengue, Cholera
- (c) Typhoid, Cholera, Tuberculosis
- (d) Malaria, Common cold, Influenza

Answer: (c)

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

- (a) Anai Mudi hill
- (b) Khasi hill
- (c) Mizo hill
- (d) Shevaroy hill

Answer: (d)

17. Paryushana festival is celebrated by the people of which of the following communities?

- (a) Jain
- (b) Hindu
- (c) Muslim
- (d) Sikh

Answer: (a)

18. Which of the following pairs is INCORRECTLY matched?.

- (a) Starch: Egg yolk
- (b) Maltose: Wheat, cornmeal and barley
- (c) Fructose: Grapes
- (d) Lactose: Milk

Answer: (a)

19. In which year was the MPLADS scheme implemented?

- (a) 2013
- (b) 1983
- (c) 2003
- (d) 1993

Answer: (d)

21. According to Census of India 2011, which Union Territory has the highest slum population?

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

Answer: (d)

22. Bhupen Hazarika was one of the most well-known personalities from the state of _____.

- (a) Nagaland
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Assam

Answer: (d)

23. The tropical cyclones in Australia are known as _____.

- (a) hurricanes
- (b) typhoons
- (c) cyclones
- (d) willy-willies

Answer: (d)

24. Calorimeter is a small container made of a thin sheet of _____ with good thermal conductivity.

- (a) cesium
- (b) platinum
- (c) silver
- (d) copper

Answer: (d)

25. In Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, beneficiaries are provided with how much amount every year?

- (a) ₹4,000
- (b) ₹6,000
- (c) ₹5,000
- (d) ₹3,000

Answer: (b)

Quantitative Aptitude

1.

If $\cos 24^\circ = \frac{m}{n}$, then the value of $(\operatorname{cosec} 24^\circ - \cos 66^\circ)$ is:

(a)

$$\frac{n^2}{m\sqrt{n^2 - m^2}}$$

(b)

$$\frac{m^2}{n\sqrt{m^2 - n^2}}$$

(c)

$$\frac{m^2}{n\sqrt{n^2 - m^2}}$$

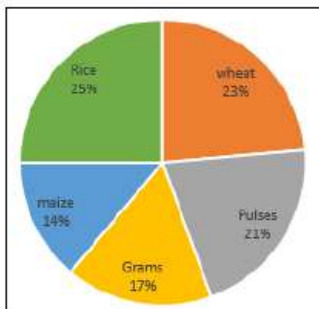
(d)

$$\frac{n^2}{m\sqrt{m^2 - n^2}}$$

Answer: (c)

2.

The given pie chart shows the annual agricultural production (in tonnes) in a region. The total production is 8600 tonnes.



What is the annual production of rice in the region?

(a) 5012 tonnes

(b) 1052 tonnes

(c) 2150 tonnes

(d) 2051 tonnes

Answer: (c)

3. If $A:B = 6 : 8$ and $B:C = 7 : 10$, then $A:B:C$ is:

(a) 14:31:20

(b) 21:23:40

(c) 21:28:40

(d) 23:32:40

Answer: (c)

4. A shopkeeper marked the price 20% more than its cost price. If he allows a discount of 30%, then find his loss percent.

- (a) 20%
- (b) 15%
- (c) 16%
- (d) 25%

Answer: (c)

5. The average of the squares of the first 47 natural numbers is

- (a) 759
- (b) 761
- (c) 762
- (d) 760

Answer: (d)

6.

If $x > 1$ and $x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = 83$, then $x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3}$ is:

- (a) 876
- (b) 884
- (c) 756
- (d) 754

Answer: (c)

8.

What is the difference in area (in cm^2) of $\triangle ABC$ having sides of 10 cm, 20 cm and 20 cm, and a right angled triangle $\triangle PQR$ with hypotenuse of 13 cm and one of the perpendiculars of 12 cm?

Note: $\sqrt{2} = 1.41$, $\sqrt{3} = 1.73$, $\sqrt{7} = 2.65$, $\sqrt{13} = 3.61$, $\sqrt{15} = 3.87$, $\sqrt{21} = 4.58$

- (a) 66.75
- (b) 53.58
- (c) 36.57
- (d) 70.05

Answer: (a)

9. If the simple interest on ₹7,200 in 3 years at the rate of 16% per annum equals the simple interest on ₹9,600 at the rate of $x\%$ per annum in 4 years. The value of x is equal to:

- (a) 9
- (b) 10
- (c) 11
- (d) 8

Answer: (a)

10.

A shopkeeper sold the following items to Arushi earning profit on it. How much total profit (in ₹) did he earn on the basis of the given data?

Item	Cost Price per unit (₹)	Profit on cost (%)
Mobile	20,000	10
Laptop	72,000	20
Mobile covers	300	12

- (a) 34,760
- (b) 16,636
- (c) 16,760
- (d) 16,436

Answer: (d)

11. In a collection of rare coins, there is one gold coin for every four non-gold coins. If 20 more gold coins are added to the collection, the ratio of the number of gold coins to that of non-gold coins will be 2:3. The total number of coins in the collection will now become _____.

- (a) 80
- (b) 48
- (c) 60
- (d) 100

Answer: (a)

12. Find the measure of the central angle of a sector if its area is 16π and the radius is 8.

- (a) 90°
- (b) 75°
- (c) 60°
- (d) 108°

Answer: (a)

13. Simplify:

$$\left[\left(\frac{1}{6} \div \frac{1}{9} \times \frac{2}{3}\right) \times 18 + 5\right]$$

- (a) 27
- (b) 9
- (c) 23
- (d) 15

Answer: (c)

14. Akshara and Siddharth travel from point P to Q, a distance of 72 km at a rate of 8 km/h and 10 km/h, respectively. Siddharth reaches Q first and returns immediately and meets Akshara at R. Find the distance from P to R.

- (a) 65 km
- (b) 64 km
- (c) 63 km
- (d) 66 km

Answer: (b)

15. For what value of k , the system of equations $kx - 15y + 7 = 0$ and $7x - 21y - 19 = 0$ has NO solution?

- (a) 12
- (b) 25
- (c) 5
- (d) 6

Answer: (c)

16. AP and AQ are two tangents drawn to a circle with center O from an external point A. If $\angle PAQ = 40^\circ$, then $\angle POQ$ is:

- (a) 120°
- (b) 140°
- (c) 130°
- (d) 150°

Answer: (b)

17. Pipes A and B can fill a tank in 15 hours and 20 hours, respectively, whereas pipe C can empty the full tank in 40 hours. All three pipes are opened together, but pipe A is closed after 5 hours. After how many hours will the remaining part of the tank be filled?

- (a) $44\frac{4}{9}$
- (b) $39\frac{4}{9}$
- (c) $41\frac{4}{9}$
- (d) $43\frac{4}{9}$

Answer: (b)

18.

The number of three different types of cars, X, Y, and Z, manufactured by a company over three years is given in the below table. Study the table carefully and answer the question that follows.

Cars/Years	2020	2021	2022
X	2560	3201	3551
Y	2250	2802	3020
Z	2750	2550	2600

What is the average number of cars manufactured by the company in the year 2022?

- (a) 3227
- (b) 2851
- (c) 3057
- (d) 2720

Answer: (c)

19.

If a shopkeeper sells sugar at ₹44.8 per kg, he is able to make a 12% profit. Due to water seepage, $\frac{1}{5}$ of the sugar is damaged. What should now be the selling price per kg of the rest of the sugar to have a 5% profit?

- (a) ₹49.5
- (b) ₹51.5
- (c) ₹52.5
- (d) ₹48.5

Answer: (c)

20. Find the least value of k for which a 7-digit number 249k876 is divisible by 6.

- (a) 5
- (b) 0
- (c) 7
- (d) 1

Answer: (b)

21.

If $\sec\theta = \frac{29}{20}$ where $0 < \theta < 90^\circ$, then what is the value of $3\operatorname{cosec}\theta + 3\cot\theta$?

- (a) 7
- (b) 49
- (c) 14
- (d) $7/3$

Answer: (a)

22. In a right angle

Δ

ABC,

$\angle B = 90^\circ$

, if $\tan A = 1$, then $4 \sin A \cos A =$ _____.

(a)

$\frac{1}{2}$

(b)

4

(c)

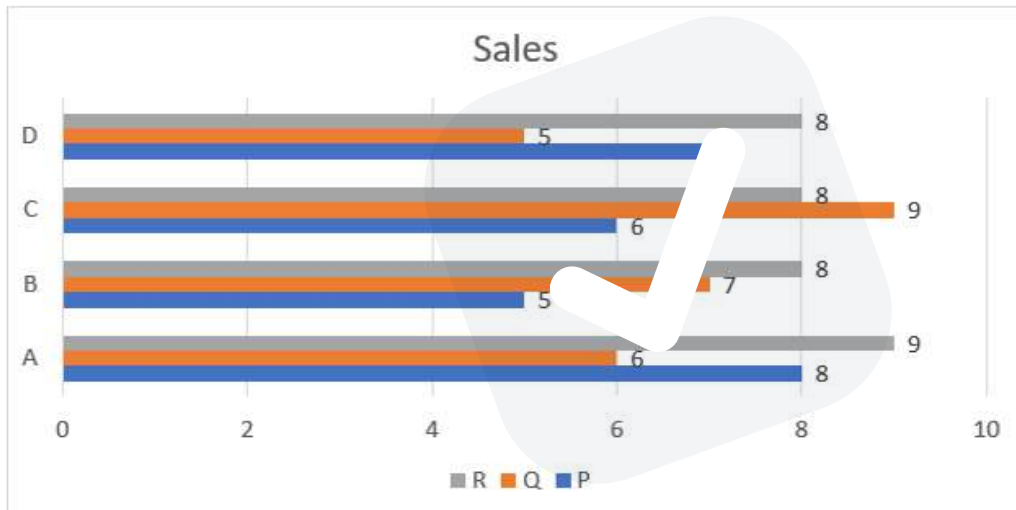
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Answer: (d)

23. Study the given graph and answer the question that follows. The graph shows the sales of three products: P, Q and R by four companies: A, B, C and D.



What percentage is the total production by company C, of the total production by company A?

(a) 110%

(b) 90%

(c) 105%

(d) 100%

Answer: (d)

24. At what angle is the arc length half the perimeter of the circle?

(a) 120°

(b) 270°

(c) 90°

(d) 180°

Answer: (d)

25. In a company, all employees are getting equal wages. If the number of employees is increased by 20% and their wages per head are decreased by 18%, what is the percentage decrease in total wages?

- (a) 1.6%
- (b) 2.4%
- (c) 1.4%
- (d) 1%

Answer: (a)

English Comprehension

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

My cousin works day and night to achieve success in life.

- (a) around the clock
- (b) great dealing
- (c) vale of tears
- (d) a handful

Answer: (a)

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

- (a) Choreography
- (b) Numismatics
- (c) Cartography
- (d) Informatics

Answer: (b)

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

- (a) Relaxation
- (b) Toil
- (c) Dalliance
- (d) Mesh

Answer: (b)

4. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. Ram went to ____ an ice cream.

- (a) buy
- (b) byre
- (c) by
- (d) bye

Answer: (a)

5. The following sentence has been divided into four segments. Identify the segment in which the article has been used INCORRECTLY. UNESCO works to / strengthen an intellectual / and moral solidarity / of humankind.

- (a) strengthen an intellectual
- (b) of humankind.
- (c) and moral solidarity
- (d) UNESCO works to

Answer: (a)

6. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

In those days, we did not expect luxuries; we were thankful if we could keep the wolf from the door.

- (a) Wallow in poverty
- (b) Relish food
- (c) Avoid starvation
- (d) Encourage starvation

Answer: (c)

7. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. It is very hard for her to provide the necessities of her family .

- (a) the necessities to her family
- (b) the necessities from her families
- (c) the necessity of her family
- (d) the necessities by her family

Answer: (a)

8. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. To the general public, William was best known as a crusader for peace and as an admired critic about social, political and ethical subjects.

- (a) for peace and as an admired critic by
- (b) about peace and as an admired critic about
- (c) in peace and as an admired critic about
- (d) for peace and as an admired critic on

Answer: (d)

9. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice. He will give a lecture on personality development.

- (a) A lecture on personality development will be given by him.
- (b) A lecture on personality development will be giving by him.
- (c) A lecture on personality development can be given by him.
- (d) A lecture will be given on personality development.

Answer: (a)

10. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph. Note: This is an advertisement of an ice-cream brand.

(A) That's why Silky is deliciously different and exceptionally versatile, natural, thick and durable ice cream.

(B) Beautifully firm, nice, silky rather than thin and watery, it stays in shape and stands on top of fruits or pastries without soaking in.

(C) Silky thick double ice cream has a unique, fresh taste and texture.

- (a) BCA
- (b) BAC
- (c) CBA
- (d) ABC

Answer: (c)

11. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word. Bully

- (a) Oxen
- (b) Coddle
- (c) Plough
- (d) Oppressor

Answer: (d)

12. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Entire

- (a) Ingress
- (b) Incomplete
- (c) Undivided
- (d) Thorough

Answer: (b)

13. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice. His behaviour vexes me sometimes.

- (a) Sometimes he vexes me with his behaviour.
- (b) I am sometimes vexed by his behaviour.
- (c) He is being vexing me with his behaviour
- (d) His behaviour is vexed.

Answer: (b)

14. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word. Thankful

- (a) Affirmation
- (b) Ungrateful
- (c) Obligated
- (d) Obscure

Answer: (c)

15. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words. A person who is inclined to see the worst aspect of things

- (a) Philanthropist
- (b) Pessimist
- (c) Altruist
- (d) Optimist

Answer: (b)

17. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains an error. Dr. Sinha has / brought about a new / book on social / impact of child labour.

- (a) Dr. Sinha has
- (b) book on social
- (c) brought about a new
- (d) impact of child labour

Answer: (c)

18. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.

- (a) Miscalculation
- (b) Efficient
- (c) Mediation
- (d) Contribution

Answer: (b)

19. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select 'No substitution'. No matter how hard work you, your boss will not recognise your efforts.

- (a) no substitution
- (b) hard you work
- (c) hardly you work
- (d) work you do hard

Answer: (b)

20. Select the word OPPOSITE in meaning to the underlined word in the given sentence. Feeling discouraged, she finally finds the motivation for pursuing her goal.

- (a) energetic
- (b) inspired
- (c) disappointed
- (d) admired

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. I have a recurring dream. Actually, I have a few: one is about dismembering a body, I'd rather not get into it, but the (1) _____ pertinent one is about college. It's the end of the semester, and I suddenly (2) _____ that there is a class I forgot to attend, ever, and now I have to sit for the final exam. I wake up panicked, my GPA in peril. How could I have done this? Why do I so (3) _____ dissatisfy myself? Then I remember I haven't been in college in more than a decade. Someone with (4) _____ knowledge of my academic career might point out that this nightmare scenario is not that far removed from my actual collegiate experience, and that at certain times in my life, it did not take the magic of slumber to find me completely unprepared for a final. And, well, (5) _____ of what may or may not be true of my personal scholastic rigour, I suspect the school-stress dream is quite a common one.

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

- (a) more
- (b) better
- (c) best
- (d) strong

Answer: (a)

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

- (a) promise
- (b) realise
- (c) praise
- (d) offer

Answer: (b)

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

- (a) conflictingly
- (b) unpredictability
- (c) consistently
- (d) clumsily

Answer: (c)

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

- (a) bleak
- (b) instigate
- (c) distant
- (d) remote

Answer: (d)

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

- (a) regardless
- (b) notwithstanding
- (c) nevertheless
- (d) inasmuch

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 Intelligence and Reasoning

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

General Awareness

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

Quantitative Aptitude

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

English Comprehension

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