

PREVIOUS YEAR PAPER

SSC CGL 2024 Tier I — 25 September, Shift 2

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General Intelligence and Reasoning

1. Select the number from among the given options that can replace the question mark (?) in the following series. 66, 75, 86, 99, 114, ?

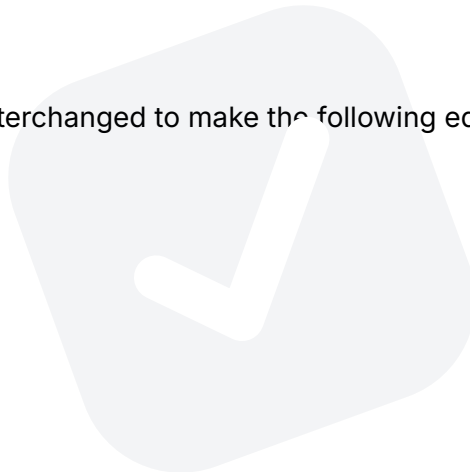
- (a) 131
- (b) 140
- (c) 139
- (d) 135

Answer: (a)

2. Which two signs should be interchanged to make the following equation correct? $139 + 40 \div 5 - 168 \times 3 = 283$

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

Answer: (c)



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



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(b)



(c)

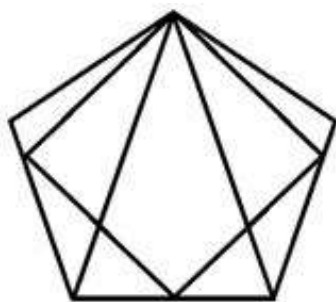


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Answer: (a)

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



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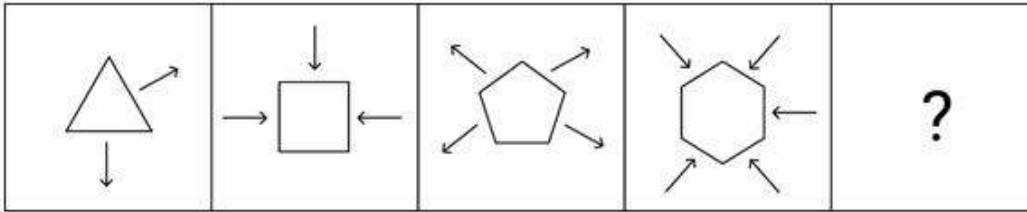
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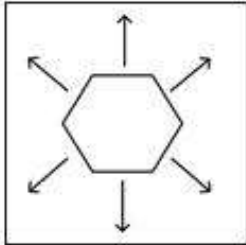
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Answer: (a)

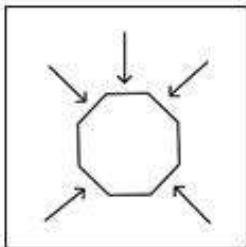
5. Identify the figure from among the given options which when put in place of the question mark (?) will logically complete the series.



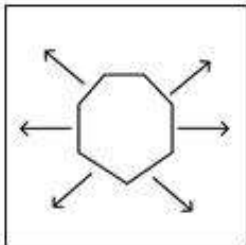
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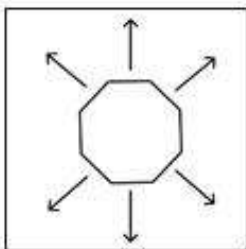
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(c)



(d)



Answer: (c)



6. Select the correct combination of letters that when sequentially filled in the blanks of the given series will make the series logically complete. B_FH_LNP_T_X

- (a) CKSU
- (b) DIQU
- (c) CIQW
- (d) DJRV

Answer: (d)

7. 'Obstinate' is related to 'Stubborn' in the same way as 'Resolute' 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) Wavering
- (b) Thoughtful
- (c) Dithering
- (d) Determined

Answer: (d)

8. The position of how many letters will remain unchanged if all the letters in the word RICKET are arranged in English alphabetical order?

- (a) One
- (b) None
- (c) Three
- (d) Two

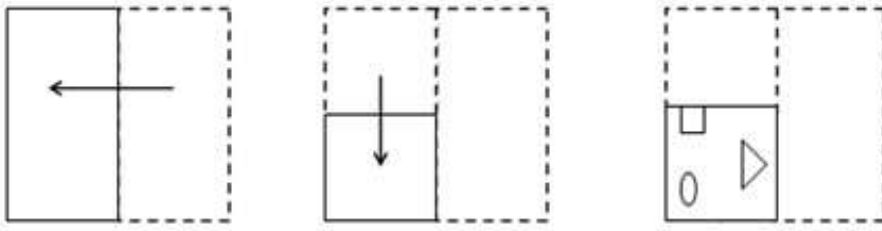
Answer: (d)

9. 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 numbers into their constituent digits. E.g. 13 – Operations on 13 such as adding/subtracting/multiplying to 13 can be performed. Breaking down 13 into 1 and 3 and then performing mathematical operations on 1 and 3 is not allowed.) 8 – 33 – 66 – 81; 11 – 36 – 72 – 87

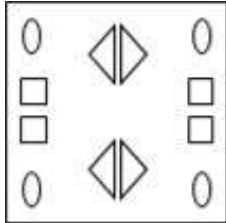
- (a) 21 – 46 – 82 – 107
- (b) 18 – 43 – 86 – 100
- (c) 15 – 40 – 80 – 95
- (d) 6 – 31 – 62 – 97

Answer: (c)

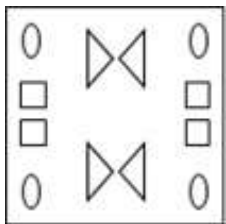
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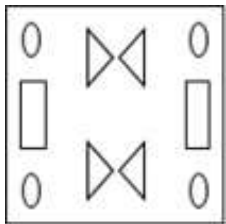
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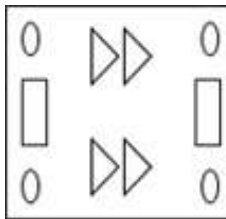
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(c)



(d)



Answer: (c)

11. 18 is related to 90 following a certain logic. Following the same logic, 31 is related to 155. To which of the following is 52 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) 265

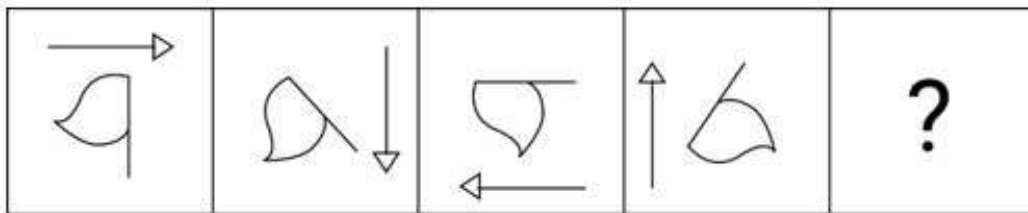
(b) 260

(c) 248

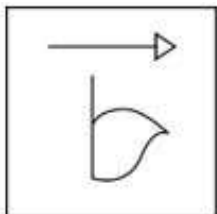
(d) 256

Answer: (b)

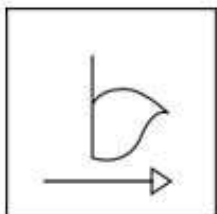
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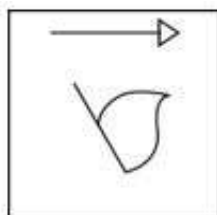
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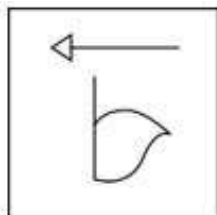
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(d)



Answer: (a)



13. 17 is related to 102 following a certain logic. Following the same logic, 29 is related to 174. To which of the following is 39 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) 228
- (b) 234
- (c) 230
- (d) 238

Answer: (b)

14. All the alphabets in the word 'CARDBOARD' are arranged in the alphabetical order. How many alphabets are there in the English alphabetical series between the alphabet which is fourth from the left end and the one which is second from the right end in the newly formed cluster of nine letters?

- (a) 14
- (b) 16
- (c) 12
- (d) 10

Answer: (a)

15. 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 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) $36 - 88 - 80$
- (b) $68 - 54 - 94$
- (c) $34 - 56 - 62$
- (d) $23 - 56 - 51$

Answer: (b)

16. 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 from the statements. Statements: All papers are pencils. All pencils are erasers. All erasers are pens. Conclusions:

- I. All pens are papers.
- II. Some papers are erasers.
- III. Some pens are pencils.

- (a) All the conclusions follow
- (b) Only conclusions I and III follow
- (c) Only conclusions II and III follow
- (d) Only conclusions I and II follow

Answer: (c)

17. In a certain code language, 'CLERK' is written as 'BKEQJ' and 'OFFICE' is written as 'OEEIBE'. How will 'POST' be written in that language?

- (a) RSOO
- (b) OORS
- (c) OROS
- (d) OSOR

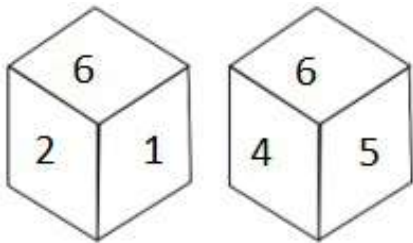
Answer: (b)

18. 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 one 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) QST
- (b) TWW
- (c) IKL
- (d) ACD

Answer: (b)

19. Two different positions of the same dice are given below. Which is the number on the face opposite the face containing 5?



- (a) 6
- (b) 1
- (c) 3
- (d) 2

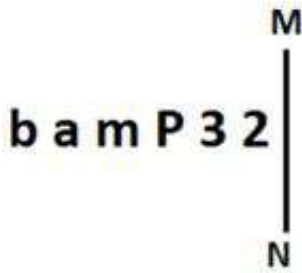
Answer: (b)

20. 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 mother of B'. Based on the above, how is T related to P if ' $P - M + R \div T \times S$ '?

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

Answer: (b)

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



(a)

Σ Ε 9 m ε b

(b)

Σ P 3 m ε d

(c)

Σ Ε 9 m ε d

(d)

2 Ε 9 m ε d

Answer: (c)

22. Which two numbers (not digits) should be interchanged to make the given equation correct? $15 + 5 \times 8 - 72 \div 4 + 16 \times 3 = 101$

(a) 15 and 16

(b) 5 and 4

(c) 8 and 4

(d) 5 and 3

Answer: (d)

23. Select the option that is related to the fifth term in the same way as the second term is related to the first term and the fourth term is related to the third term. EYES : FTFZ :: MIND : OENJ :: REST : ?

(a) STRE

(b) STSF

(c) TUF S

(d) TUSF

Answer: (d)

24. In the following series, only one letter-cluster is incorrect. Select the incorrect lettercluster. ZXU SQN LKI ECZ XVS

(a) LKI

(b) ECZ

(c) XVS

(d) SQN

Answer: (a)

25. In a certain code language, 'DRAPE' is coded as '65432' and 'TAPED' is coded as '24596'. What is the code for 'R' in that language?

- (a) 9
- (b) 6
- (c) 2
- (d) 3

Answer: (d)

General Awareness

1. Which of the following states is one of those states that have no Panchayati Raj Institution at all?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Nagaland
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Punjab

Answer: (b)

2. In which month is the Inter Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) located around 20°N-25°N latitude (over the Gangetic plain)?

- (a) June
- (b) July
- (c) May
- (d) August

Answer: (b)

3. Which of the following is an example of capital receipts?

- (a) Grants-in-aid from other governments
- (b) Interest on government bonds
- (c) Revenue from the sale of government assets
- (d) Taxes on income

Answer: (c)

4. Jaipal Singh Munda is associated with which of the following sports?

- (a) Hockey
- (b) Kabaddi
- (c) Cricket
- (d) Badminton

Answer: (a)

5. In January 2023, Koneru Humpy won India's first-ever silver medal at the _____ held in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

- (a) World Correspondence Chess Championship
- (b) FIDE World Chess Championship
- (c) World Rapid Chess Championship
- (d) World Blitz Chess Championship

Answer: (d)

6. Bihu festival is the main festival of which state?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Assam
- (d) Rajasthan

Answer: (c)

7. The New Moore Island is in geographic proximity to:

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) Myanmar
- (c) Pakistan
- (d) Sri Lanka

Answer: (a)

8. During the period of 1947 to 1990, how many five-year plans were completed?

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

Answer: (a)

9. Who among the following sent Megasthenes to the court of Chandragupta Maurya?

- (a) Alexander III
- (b) Seleucus I Nicator
- (c) Antiochus I Soter
- (d) Antiochus III

Answer: (b)

10. Which of the following is NOT a member of the Aves (birds) class?

- (a) Psittacula
- (b) Struthio
- (c) Neophron
- (d) Pteropus

Answer: (d)

11. When you take Lead nitrate powder in a boiling tube and heat it, you will observe the emission of brown fumes that are of _____.

- (a) Nitrogen dioxide
- (b) Nitric oxide
- (c) Nitrous oxide
- (d) Dinitrogen trioxide

Answer: (a)

12. Which of the following playback singers is the recipient of the Karnataka Ratna Award 2005?

- (a) Ravindra Jain
- (b) Pandit Jasraj
- (c) Sistla Janaki
- (d) Bhimsen Joshi

Answer: (d)

13. 'Drain of Wealth', a critique of the colonial exploitation, was given by which of the following nationalist leaders?

- (a) Chakravarti Rajagopalachari
- (b) Rajendra Prasad
- (c) Dadabhai Naoroji
- (d) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

Answer: (c)

14. Who founded the Theosophical Society in New York in 1875?

- (a) Ramabai Ranade and GK Devadhar
- (b) Baba Dayal Das and Madan Lal
- (c) Madame HP Blavatsky and Colonel Olcott
- (d) Naoroji Furdunji and Satyendra Nath Bose

Answer: (c)

15. Mirabai Chanu secured a silver medal at which Commonwealth Games?

- (a) 2014
- (b) 2018
- (c) 2010
- (d) 2022

Answer: (a)

17. Who has written the book Sangeet Bal Prakash?

- (a) Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande
- (b) Vishnu Digambar Paluskar
- (c) Bhimsen Joshi
- (d) Pandit Narayan Rao

Answer: (b)

18. What is the name of the inflammatory condition that causes cracks, crusting and scaling at the corners of the mouth due to vitamin B2 deficiency?

- (a) Cheilosis
- (b) Psoriasis
- (c) Atopic dermatitis
- (d) Urticaria

Answer: (a)

19. Which of the following rivers originates from the Himalayas?

- (a) Ganga
- (b) Narmada
- (c) Tapi
- (d) Godavari

Answer: (a)

20. Which of the following Delhi sultans introduced two coins, namely silver tanka and copper jital?

- (a) Bahlul Lodi
- (b) Qutbuddin Aibak
- (c) Iltutmish
- (d) Ghiyasuddin Balban

Answer: (c)

21. In Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awaas Yojana, the cost of unit assistance is shared between Central and State Governments in the ratio _____ for the North-Eastern and the Himalayan states.

- (a) 60 : 40
- (b) 90 : 10
- (c) 45 : 55
- (d) 50 : 50

Answer: (b)

22. As per article 158, the Governor shall NOT be a member of either House of Parliament or of a House of the Legislature of any State specified in _____ Schedule.

- (a) Seventh
- (b) Third
- (c) Fifth
- (d) First

Answer: (d)

23. Name the straight chain alkane having chemical formula $C_{29}H_{60}$, which is used as a research chemical and in making biodegradable detergents.

- (a) Nonane
- (b) Nonadecane
- (c) Dodecane
- (d) Icosane

Answer: (a)

24. According to the Tea Board of India's report (2021-22), which group of states in India is the largest tea producer?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand
- (b) West Bengal and Assam
- (c) Andhra Pradesh and Kerala
- (d) Tamil Nadu and Kerala

Answer: (b)

25. If a 12-year-old is found to be working in a factory manufacturing carpets, which of the following Articles of the Constitution of India will be violated?

- (a) Article 26
- (b) Article 25
- (c) Article 23
- (d) Article 24

Answer: (d)

Quantitative Aptitude

1. In the 8th class, consisting of 30 students, a Mathematics test was taken. 10 students had an average score of 90. The other students had an average score of 75. What is the average score of the whole class?

- (a) 78
- (b) 74
- (c) 80
- (d) 76

Answer: (c)

2. The relation between K_1 and K_2 for which the system of linear equations $K_1x + 3y = 8$ and $4x + K_2y = 16$ represents coincident lines, is:

- (a) $K_2 = 3K_1$
- (b) $K_1 + K_2 = 0$
- (c) $K_2 = K_1$
- (d) $K_2 + 3K_1 = 0$

Answer: (a)

3. Two pipes X and Y can fill a tank in 14 hours and 21 hours, respectively. Both pipes are opened simultaneously to fill the tank. In how many hours will the empty tank be filled?

(a)

$$6\frac{2}{5} \text{ hours}$$

(b)

$$7\frac{2}{5} \text{ hours}$$

(c)

$$8\frac{2}{5} \text{ hours}$$

(d)

$$5\frac{2}{5} \text{ hours}$$

Answer: (c)

4. In a quadrilateral ABCD, $AB = BC$, $AD = DC$. $\angle ABD = 68^\circ$, $\angle ADB = (2y-7)^\circ$, $\angle BDC = 33^\circ$, $\angle DBC = (3x+2)^\circ$. Then the value of $2x+3y$ is:

(a) 104

(b) 108

(c) 118

(d) 144

Answer: (a)

5. Find the value of $\tan 72^\circ - \tan 27^\circ - \tan \quad \tan \quad$:

(a) -1

(b) 0

(c) 1

(d) -2

Answer: (c)

6.

Study the given table and answer the question that follows.

The given table shows the number of students enrolled in different academic faculties of an institution during 2016 – 2019.

Year	Science	Commerce	Humanities
2016	550	457	699
2017	584	554	574
2018	625	332	743
2019	676	444	1223

From 2016 to 2019, what is the difference between the total number of students enrolled in science and that of students enrolled in humanities?

- (a) 930
- (b) 804
- (c) 870
- (d) 912

Answer: (b)

7. A policeman noticed a thief at some distance. The policeman started running to catch the thief and the thief also started running at the same time. The speed of both policeman and the thief was 12 km per hour and 10 km per hour, respectively. It took 30 minutes for the policeman to catch the thief. Find the initial distance (in metres) between them.

- (a) 1000
- (b) 600
- (c) 100
- (d) 500

Answer: (a)

8.

A circular arc whose radius is 14 cm, makes an angle of 45° at the centre. Find the perimeter (in cm) of the sector. (Use $\pi = \frac{22}{7}$)

- (a) 38
- (b) 39
- (c) 34
- (d) 28

Answer: (b)

9. Consider the following table for total exports of goods of 5 companies over 5 years (in lakhs).

Companies Year	R	S	T	U	V
2012	60	40	15	45	25
2013	30	60	70	15	90
2014	51	25	55	100	110
2015	45	51	20	70	65
2016	24	35	60	55	125

If the ratio of exports to the imports of companies S and U in the year 2015 is 3 : 2 and 1 : 2, respectively, then, the total imports (in ₹ lakhs) of companies S and U together in the year 2015 is:

- (a) 121
- (b) 174
- (c) 157
- (d) 187

Answer: (b)

10. A man loses 28% by selling an article for ₹144. He sells it for ₹288, what will be his gain/loss percentage?

- (a) Loss, 43%
- (b) Gain, 44%
- (c) Gain, 41%
- (d) Loss, 46%

Answer: (b)

11. If $A:B = 6 : 8$ and $B:C = 5 : 11$, then $A:B:C$ is:

- (a) 14:31:25
- (b) 15:32:44
- (c) 15:20:44
- (d) 11:23:14

Answer: (c)

12. Naman borrows a sum of ₹3,48,020 at the rate of 8% per annum simple interest. At the end of the first year, he repays ₹15,090 towards return of principal amount borrowed. If Naman 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) 3,92,733
- (b) 3,79,386
- (c) 3,88,931
- (d) 3,87,406

Answer: (d)

13.

The given table shows the number of clerical and officer cadre employees recruited by four different banks A, B, C and D from 2011 to 2014.

Year	A		B		C		D	
	Officer	Clerk	Officer	Clerk	Officer	Clerk	Officer	Clerk
2011	260	458	255	460	205	428	265	470
2012	310	569	286	584	230	539	246	554
2013	350	730	321	725	340	740	361	725
2014	400	890	452	845	380	850	482	860

Compute the ratio of the number of officer cadre employees of bank A to the number of officer cadre employees of bank C.

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

Answer: (a)

14. The two circles intersect at two points P and Q. PR and PS are diameters of the two circles. What is $\angle PQR$?

- (a) 45°
- (b) 0°
- (c) 90°
- (d) 60°

Answer: (c)

15. Find the diameter (in cm) of a circle whose circumference is equal to the sum of the circumferences of two circles of radii 12 cm and 16 cm.

- (a) 28
- (b) 32
- (c) 64
- (d) 56

Answer: (d)

16. If m is even, then $(8^m - 1)$ is divisible by:

- (a) 8
- (b) 65
- (c) 42
- (d) 63

Answer: (d)

17.

A cylindrical tank of radius 14 cm is full of water. If 616 litres of water are drawn out, then the water level in the tank is dropped by _____ m. (Take $\pi = \frac{22}{7}$)

- (a) 1
- (b) 10
- (c) 1000
- (d) 100

Answer: (b)

18. During a new-year sale, a shopkeeper offers a discount scheme to his customers, 'Buy 5 Sweaters, Get 2 Sweaters Free'. Find the effective percentage discount given by the shopkeeper.

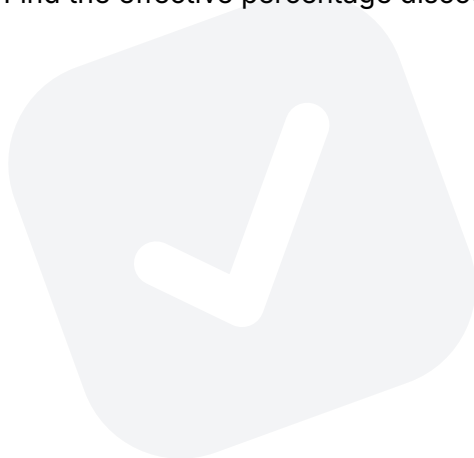
- (a)
 $28\frac{4}{7}\%$
- (b)
 $22\frac{2}{9}\%$
- (c)
25%
- (d)
30%

Answer: (a)

19. The ratio of expenditure to savings of a woman is 4 : 1. If her income and expenditure are increased by 20% and 10%, respectively, then find the percentage change in her savings.

- (a) 50%
- (b) 40%
- (c) 60%
- (d) 30%

Answer: (c)



20.

If $\cot^2 \theta - 2 \cos^2 \theta = 0$, ($0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$), then the value of θ is:

- (a) 45°
- (b) 30°
- (c) 90°
- (d) 60°

Answer: (a)

21.

The value of $(x + y)^2 + (x - y)^2$ is equal to:

- (a)
 $4xy$
- (b)
 $(2x + 2y)^2$
- (c)
 $2(x + y)^2$
- (d)
 $2(x^2 + y^2)$

Answer: (d)

22.

If $x = p \sec A \cos B$, $y = q \sec A \sin B$ and $z = r \tan A$, what is the value of the following expression? $\frac{x^2}{p^2} + \frac{y^2}{q^2} - \frac{z^2}{r^2}$

- (a)
 $p^2 + q^2 - r^2$
- (b)
 0
- (c)
 $p^2 - q^2 + r^2$
- (d)
 1

Answer: (d)

23. Simplify: $[25 - 48 \div 6 + 12 \times 2] + 78 - [5 + 3 \text{ of } (25 - 2 \times 10)]$

- (a) 89
- (b) 90
- (c) 98
- (d) 99

Answer: (d)

24. Find the value of 'k' for which the system of equations $4x+6y=7$ and $6x+(k+4)y-21=0$ has a unique solution.

- (a) $k \neq 5$
- (b) $k \neq 7$
- (c) $k = 5$
- (d) $k = 7$

Answer: (a)

25. Study the given table answer the question that follows. The following table shows the income of a person (in thousand rupees) per annum over the given years.

Year	School Salary	Coaching	Home tuition
2018	132	42	12
2019	148	55	18
2020	166	68	24
2021	178	74	28
2022	196	88	35

What is the average income from school as a salary per year earned by the person over the given years?

- (a) ₹1,58,000
- (b) ₹1,74,000
- (c) ₹1,48,000
- (d) ₹1,64,000

Answer: (d)

English Comprehension

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

- (a) She is very particular about pronunciation in her classes.
- (b) The movie was very successful in the urban areas, but not among rural audiences.
- (c) There wedding was during the summer, which is why we didn't attend it.
- (d) There were no intermittent showers in the city, as was predicted during the whether forecast.

Answer: (b)

2. Parts of a sentence are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the parts in the correct order to form a meaningful sentence. P- for a Q- exercise daily R- one must S- good body

- (a) PRSQ
- (b) PQRS
- (c) PRQS
- (d) RQPS

Answer: (d)

3. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. The ship launched out on a journey by water or sea of discovery.

- (a) voyage
- (b) verso
- (c) rendezvous
- (d) vespers

Answer: (a)

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

- (a) Nasty
- (b) Significant
- (c) Sound
- (d) Constant

Answer: (b)

5. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. Ashoka was the greatest than all the Maur Empr ors .

- (a) to other Mauryan Emperors
- (b) of the Mauryan Emperors
- (c) to all another Mauryan Emperors
- (d) all Mauryan Emperors

Answer: (b)

6. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words. One who eats human flesh.

- (a) Scavengers
- (b) Omnivores
- (c) Cannibal
- (d) Herbivores

Answer: (c)

7. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error. He and his friends / does not / want to / attend the meeting.

- (a) attend the meeting
- (b) want to
- (c) does not
- (d) He and his friends

Answer: (c)

8. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Bombastic

- (a) Elevated
- (b) Simple
- (c) Wicked
- (d) Pastoral

Answer: (b)

9. Select the option that expresses the following sentence in passive voice. He had cleaned the bathroom.

- (a) The bathroom had been cleaned by him.
- (b) The bathroom has been cleaned by him.
- (c) The bathroom has cleaned by him.
- (d) The bathroom had cleaned by him.

Answer: (a)

10. The following sentence has been divided into four segments. Identify the segment in which the article has been used INCORRECTLY. In the recent past, the IT industry has emerged / as a major contributor to an industry revenue / as well as employment / opportunity provider in the country.

- (a) as a major contributor to an industry revenue
- (b) In the recent past, the IT industry has emerged
- (c) opportunity provider in the country.
- (d) as well as employment

Answer: (a)

11. Select the option that correctly expresses the given sentence in passive voice. Why didn't she bring her son to my house?

- (a) Why isn't her son brought to my house?
- (b) Why wasn't her son brought to my house?
- (c) Why wasn't her son brought by her to my house?
- (d) Why isn't her son brought by you to my house?

Answer: (c)

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

- (a) Requite
- (b) Clear
- (c) Unburden
- (d) Loathe

Answer: (d)

13. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined part of the following sentence.
My brother always received the lion's share of every meal that we had.

- (a) the major portion
- (b) the pet's share
- (c) the last bite
- (d) a very small part

Answer: (a)

14. Identify the INCORRECTLY spelt word in the following sentence. Parul is known as a righteous and honest lady.

- (a) lady
- (b) honest
- (c) righteous
- (d) known

Answer: (c)

15. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined part in the following sentence. We all have to pull our socks up for the upcoming Board exam, if we want to get outstanding grades.

- (a) revive interest in old matters
- (b) calm down impudent contempt
- (c) act in a proper manner
- (d) work harder than before

Answer: (d)

16. Select the option that can substitute/replace the bracketed word correctly and complete the sentence. I said I (don't) understand.

- (a) done
- (b) am doing
- (c) didn't
- (d) doesn't

Answer: (c)

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

- (a) the Industrial Revolution denotes
- (b) and continued until the middle of the 19th century
- (c) a significant period of social, economic and technological revolution
- (d) that commenced in the latter part of the 18th century

- (a) dcba
- (b) cadb
- (c) abcd
- (d) acdb

Answer: (d)

18. Select the most appropriate synonym of the word in brackets to fill in the blank. He said that he lacks the _____ to stand in a queue. (patience)

- (a) elegance
- (b) acceptance
- (c) endurance
- (d) relevance

Answer: (c)

19. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the word in the brackets to fill in the blank. The pool was too _____ at this end for kids to play. [SHALLOW]

- (a) green
- (b) cold
- (c) blue
- (d) deep

Answer: (d)

20. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Concede

- (a) Avow
- (b) Battle
- (c) Deny
- (d) Surrender

Answer: (c)

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 naturally seek the company of those whose (1) _____ are the same as our own. Fools do not like the (2) _____ of wise men, and wise men avoid fools. Serious-minded people do not find much in common with (3) _____ folk, and vice versa. Sinners feel uncomfortable with (4) _____ and do not seek their company. We can, therefore, as a rule, judge a man's (5) _____ by the company he keeps.

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

- (a) institutes
- (b) organisations
- (c) apathy
- (d) tastes

Answer: (d)

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

- (a) serious
- (b) antagonist
- (c) culture
- (d) company

Answer: (d)

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

- (a) frivolous
- (b) grave
- (c) solemn
- (d) thoughtful

Answer: (a)

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

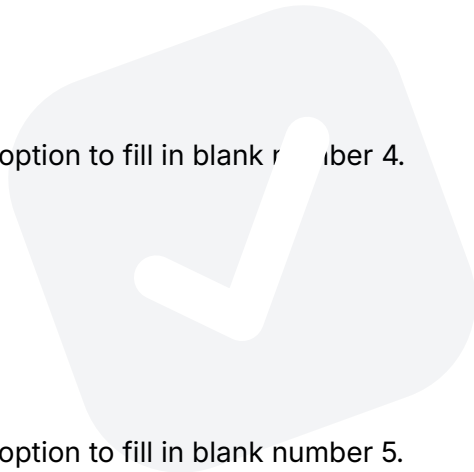
- (a) rowdy
- (b) commoners
- (c) saints
- (d) knave

Answer: (c)

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

- (a) heirloom
- (b) legacy
- (c) futurities
- (d) character

Answer: (d)



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

General Awareness

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

Quantitative Aptitude

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

English Comprehension

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