

SSC CGL Previous Year Question Paper 2017

English (Questions and Answers)

Q. (1) In the following question, four words are given out of which one word is correctly spelt. Select the correctly spelt word.

1. Litegants
2. Litigents
3. Litigants
4. Litegents

Answer: 3

Q. (2) In the following question, four words are given out of which one word is correctly spelt. Select the correctly spelt word.

1. Stoically
2. Stoicaly
3. Stoecally
4. Stoecaly

Answer: 1

Q. (3) The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. Out of the four options given, select the most logical order of sentences to form a coherent paragraph.

The space in front of the large

X-hut was empty, but

Y-placed several stools

Z-before it were

1. XYZ
2. XZY

3. ZYX
4. ZXY

Answer: 2

Q. (4) The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. Out of the four options given, select the most logical order of sentences to form a coherent paragraph.

From our common experience

X-of the relation of the

Y-mental he starts out

Z-physical and the

1. XYZ
2. XZY
3. ZYX
4. ZXY

Answer: 2

Q. (5) In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice.

The maid vacuums and dusts the house every day.

1. Every day the house is vacuumed and dusted by the maid.
2. Every day the house were vacuumed and dusted by the maid.
3. Dusting and Vacuuming of the house every day is being done by the maid.
4. Dusting and Vacuuming of the house every day was being done by the maid.

Answer: 1

Q. (6) In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech.

The spectators said, "Bravo! Good hit, Jay!"

1. The spectators applauded Jay for his good hit.
2. The spectators applauded Jay saying, bravo, good hit Jay.
3. The spectators applaud Jay for his good hit.
4. The spectators applaud Jay saying, bravo, good hit Jay.

Answer: 2

Directions Q. (7 - 11): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

And then, a few glorious minutes _____(7)_____, it was time to reluctantly head ashore. _____(8)_____ time, the strokes were more fluid, the movements more relaxed. I turned back one last time _____(9)_____ hello to a clown fish, the reason why I came to the Andamans. As I watched, it played hide-and-seek _____(9)_____ a sea anemone, before frisking away. Suddenly, I realised a kinship with the blue waters _____(10)_____ the Bay of Bengal.

Q. (7)

1. late
2. later
3. lately
4. latest

Answer: 2

Q. (8)

1. These
2. Those
3. At
4. This

Answer: 4

Q. (9)

1. to say
2. said
3. saying
4. says

Answer: 1

Q. (10)

1. to
2. for
3. from
4. with

Answer: 4

Q. (11)

1. for
2. from
3. to
4. of

Answer: 4

Q. (12) In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which will improve the bracketed part of the sentence. In case no improvement is needed, select "no improvement".

Read in order (become) wise.

1. to have to be
2. to have become
3. to become
4. no improvement

Answer: 3 (Read in order to become wise.)

Q. (13) In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the words/sentence.

Showing strong feeling

1. Meek
2. Vehement
3. Apathetic
4. Impotent

Answer: 4

Q. (14) In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the words/sentence.

sheath for the blade of a sword

1. Scabbard
2. Denude
3. Divulge
4. Expose

Answer: 1

Q. (15) In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the word similar in meaning to the word given.

Fallacy

1. Conformity
2. Surety
3. Bias
4. Evidence

Answer: 3

Q. (16) In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the word similar in meaning to the word given.

To reproach

1. To commend
2. To laud
3. To exonerate
4. To admonish

Answer: 4

Q. (17) In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the word opposite in meaning to the word given.

Veneration

1. Adoration
2. Contempt
3. Reverence
4. Admiration

Answer: 2

Q. (18) In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the word opposite in meaning to the word given.

Impugnable

1. Dicey
2. Debatable
3. Indubious
4. Hazy

Answer: 3

Q. (19) In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

To hit the nail on the head

1. To take out frustration by beating a person
2. To make a wrong decision
3. To find exactly the right answer
4. To unwittingly fall into a trap

Answer: 4

Q. (20) In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

On thin ice

1. To keep failing after repeated efforts
2. To endure a harsh winter
3. To keep one's cool even in a tough situation
4. In a precarious or risky situation

Answer: 4

Q. (21) In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which will improve the bracketed part of the sentence. In case no improvement is needed, select "no improvement".

All (was surprising) to find that he was not with them.

1. was surprised
2. were surprised
3. is surprised
4. no improvement

Answer: 1

Q. (22) In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

She was so (1)/ near to (2)/ achieving her goal (3)/ No Error (4)

1. 1
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4

Answer: 2

Q. (23) In the following question, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

He watched as fights (1)/ broke out (2)/ along the city (3)/No Error (4)

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

Answer: 3

Q. (24) In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

Everyone was pleased to learn that the actor would _____ his role as the captivating pirate.

1. reprise
2. rescue
3. save
4. free

Answer: 1

Q. (25) In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

The diamond necklace was _____ too extravagant for a simple dinner party.

1. distance
2. long
3. very much
4. far

Answer: 4

