

SSC CGL Previous Year Question Paper 2018

English (Questions & Answers)

Q. (1) Direction: Select the correct active form of the given sentence.

We will all be greatly benefitted by this scheme.

1. This scheme is going to greatly benefit us all.
2. This scheme would greatly benefit we all.
3. This scheme has greatly benefitted us all.
4. This scheme will greatly benefit us all.

Answer: 4

Q. (2) Direction: Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Due to the increased number of layoffs in the industry, the sword of Damocles is always hanging over the employees.

1. strict rules and regulations
2. an ill omen of death
3. the threat of physical harm
4. a constant threat

Answer: 4

Q. (3) Direction: Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.

- A. The brain is active too during sleep, sending messages for the heart to beat regularly.
- B. However, the body utilizes the sleeping time effectively.
- C. We spend about one-third of our time sleeping.
- D. It produces energy and releases hormones for repair and growth during the night.

1. ABDC
2. CABD

3. CBDA
4. BADC

Answer: 3

Q. (4) Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

“A fictitious name used by an author”

1. Alibi
2. Pseudonym
3. Anonymous
4. Homonym

Answer: 2

Directions Q. (5 - 9): Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

Leaving his car with the valet, he ____ (5) ____ the hotel and joined the large crowd milling ____ (6) _____. He found a badge waiting for him ____ (7) ____ the receptionist's table and took his ____ (8) ____ in the rear of the hall. When the place was ____ (9) ____ the moderator welcomed the crowd.

Q. (5)

1. Entered
2. Admitted
3. Accessed
4. invaded

Answer: 1 (Leaving his car with the valet, he entered the hotel)

Q. (6)

1. About
2. Aside

3. Into
4. Out

Answer: 1 (Leaving his car with the valet, he entered the hotel and joined the large crowd milling about.)

Q. (7)

1. Over
2. By
3. In
4. At

Answer: 4 (He found a badge waiting for him at the receptionist's table)

Q. (8)

1. Lounge
2. Couch
3. Stand
4. Seat

Answer: 4 (He found a badge waiting for him at the receptionist's table and took his seat in the rear of the hall.)

Q. (9)

1. Empty
2. Filled
3. Completed
4. Stuffed

Answer: 2 (When the place was filled the moderator welcomed the crowd.)

Directions Q. (10 - 11): Identify the segment which contains the grammatical error in the sentence given below.

Q. (10) Ten kilometres are a long distance to cover on foot for a child.

1. to cover on foot
2. a long distance
3. Ten kilometres are
4. for a child

Answer: 3

Q. (11) We had to decline several orders in case that the production was held up due to labour strike.

1. the production was held up
2. due to labour strike
3. We had to decline
4. in case that

Answer: 4

Q. (12) Select the antonym of the given word.

TENDER

1. soft
2. warm
3. gentle
4. rough

Answer: 4 (rough)

Q.(13) Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

“A person without a settled home or regular work who wanders from place to place and lives by begging.”

1. truant
2. vagrant
3. itinerant

4. migrant

Answer: 2 (vagrant)

Q. (14) Select the wrongly spelt word.

1. exemplify
2. exempt
3. example
4. exhale

Answer: 1 (exemplify)

Q. (15) Select the synonym of the given word.

GARRULOUS

1. guttural
2. throaty
3. concise
4. talkative

Answer: talkative

Q. (16) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

get out of hand

1. give up something
2. get out of control
3. to complete a task
4. get upset

Answer: 2 (get out of control)

Q. (17) Select the antonym of the given word.

ESCALATE

1. reduce
2. enlarge
3. raise
4. heighten

Answer: 1 (reduce)

Q. (18) Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.

The sailors had never encountered such a rough sea.

1. Such a rough sea had never been encountered by the sailors.
2. Such a rough sea is never encountered by the sailors.
3. Such a rough sea has never been encountered by the sailors.
4. Such a rough sea was never encountered by the sailors.

Answer: 1

Q. (19) Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

She got a lucrative job of a translator because she was _____ in French.

1. Deficient
2. Sufficient
3. Proficient
4. Efficient

Answer: 3 (She got a lucrative job of a translator because she was proficient in French.)

Q. (20) Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

The committee reached _____ decision regarding the appointment of the chairman.

1. a compatible
2. a unanimous
3. an agreeable
4. an exemplary

Answer: 2 (The committee reached a unanimous decision regarding the appointment of the chairman.)

Q. (21) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The invigilator did not know that the two boys were exchanging notes under his nose.

1. written in small letters
2. rolled into small pellets
3. wrapped in handkerchiefs
4. right in front of him

Answer: 4

Directions Q. (22 - 25): In the following passage some words are missing. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

An Italian mayor has been cleaning the streets along with his councillors after their town ____**(22)**____ with no manual workers, it's reported. In fact, ____**(23)**____ was sweeping the piazza in front of the ____**(24)**____ church in preparation for market day, ____**(25)**____ the deputy mayor's father and a town councillor armed with a high-pressure hose.

Q. (22)

1. has left
2. leaves
3. was left
4. was leaving

Answer: 3

Q. (23)

1. He
2. She
3. They
4. It

Answer: 1

Q. (24)

1. Local
2. Next
3. Neighbour
4. near

Answer: 1

Q. (25)

1. Also
2. Along
3. as well
4. alongside

Answer: 4

