

SSC CPO Previous Year Question Paper 2018

English (Questions and Answers)

Directions Q. (1 - 5): Read the following passage and answer the questions given after it.

Tutankhamun was an Egyptian pharaoh who was buried in a lavish tomb filled with gold artefacts in the Valley of the Kings. His tomb was discovered in 1922 by an archaeological team led by British Egyptologist Howard Carter. The tomb was mostly intact, an extraordinary find given that most of the tombs in the Valley of the Kings had been looted in ancient times. But while Tutankhamun's tomb was lavish, historical and archaeological evidence indicates that the young pharaoh was sickly and spent his short rule trying to undo a religious revolution that his father had started. Tutankhaten (as he was called at birth) was born around the year 1341 B.C. His father was the pharaoh Akhenaten, a revolutionary pharaoh who tried to focus Egypt's polytheistic religion around the worship of the sun disc, the Aten. In his fervor, Akhenaten ordered the names and images of other Egyptian deities to be destroyed or defaced. Tutankhamun ascended to the throne around 1332 B.C. when he was about 9 years old. Given his young age, he would have relied heavily on his advisers. At some point his name was changed to Tutankhamun, removing the word "aten" — a reminder of his father's religious revolution — from his name. Tutankhamun also condemned his father's actions in a stela (a stone with inscription) found at Karnak, saying that Akhenaten's religious revolution caused the gods to ignore Egypt. Part of the stela reads "the temples and the cities of the gods and goddesses, starting from Elephantine as far as the Delta marshes ... had fallen into decay and their shrines were fallen into ruin, having become mere mounds overgrown with grass ... The gods were ignoring this land..." Archaeological evidence indicates that Tutankhamun suffered from ill-health. A study of his remains published in 2010 found that he suffered from a variety of maladies, including malaria and Kohler disease (a rare bone disorder of the foot). A number of canes have been found in Tutankhamun's tomb, finds that support the idea that the pharaoh had difficulty walking at times. It's not known what killed Tutankhamun. There have been numerous hypotheses put forward over the years. It's been suggested that he died from an infection caused by a broken leg or from injuries suffered in a chariot accident. The boy king died in 1323 B.C. around the age of 18. His death was unexpected, and his tomb appears to have been finished quickly. Microbes found on the wall of the tomb indicate that the paint on the wall wasn't even dry when the tomb was sealed. Howard Carter's team discovered the tomb's entranceway on November 4, 1922, and on November 26 they got inside. While the treasures were incredible, the tomb was unusually small for

a pharaoh's burial, containing only 110 square meters (1,184 square feet) of floor space. The tomb's small size may have been because the pharaoh died young and unexpectedly and there wasn't time to carve out a larger tomb.

Q. (1) What is the main theme of the passage?

1. The tomb of Tutankhamun
2. The life and death of the boy Pharaoh
3. The death of Tutankhamun and his burial
4. The discovery of an incredible treasure

Answer: 2

Q. (2) The discovery of a number of canes in the tomb indicates that Tutankhamun:

1. had difficulty in walking
2. suffered from an infection
3. had fallen from a chariot
4. suffered from Malaria

Answer: 1

Q. (3) Tutankhamun's father was a revolutionary. What was his revolution?

1. He wanted the Egyptians to worship one God Aten
2. Egyptians were asked to have no religion and no God
3. He wanted his people to be polytheistic
4. Images and names of all the Egyptian deities had to be destroyed

Answer: 1

Q. (4) Tutankhamun had a short rule. Most of his time was used in:

1. looking after the well-being of his people
2. erecting stelas at different places
3. trying to undo the religious revolution of his father
4. fighting with his own diseases

Answer: 3

Q. (5) Which statement is not true according to the passage?

1. Tutankhamun's tomb was lavishly filled with Gold artifacts.
2. Howard Carter's team discovered the tomb's entranceway on November 26, 1922.
3. The tomb was unusually small for a pharaoh's burial.
4. The tomb appears to have been finished quickly as the paint wasn't dry when it was sealed.

Answer: 2

Q. (6) Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.

Our new office is equipped _____ all the latest technology.

1. by
2. from
3. about
4. with

Answer: 4

Q. (7) Select the wrongly spelt word.

1. gobbel
2. gloomy
3. gloss
4. glutton

Answer: 1

Q. (8) Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

the keeper of a museum

1. compere
2. curator
3. conservator
4. commissioner

Answer: 2

Q. (9) Select the antonym of the given word.

LIVELY

1. bubbly
2. active
3. sharp
4. sluggish

Answer: 4

Q. (10) Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.
If there is no need to substitute it, select No substitution required.

Every year our association is having a meeting to elect the officers.

1. are having a meeting
2. No substitution required
3. having a meeting
4. has a meeting

Answer: 4

Q. (11) Select the antonym of the given word.

ENTHUSIASM

1. fervour
2. nervousness
3. zeal
4. apathy

Answer: 4

Q. (12) Select the wrongly spelt word.

1. Victorious
2. Precious
3. Couragious
4. Curious

Answer: 3

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

large enclosure for keeping the birds in

1. Menagerie
2. Aviary
3. Aquarium
4. Apiary

Answer: 2

Q. (14) Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.

The assistant in the library picked up the books from the tables and put _____ back on the shelves.

1. Its
2. it
3. Them
4. They

Answer: 3

Q. (15) Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

If there is no need to substitute it, select No substitution required.

Everybody wants to be winning a prize in the art competition.

1. want winning

2. No substitution required
3. wants to win
4. wants to have won

Answer: 3

Q. (16) Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No substitution required.

Thirteen miners were trapped inside a coal mine due to flooding from a nearby river yesterday.

1. were trapped into a coal mine
2. trapped inside a coal mine
3. have been trapped inside a coal mine
4. No substitution required

Answer: 4

Directions Q. (17 - 21): Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

What does the word scout mean? During a war a soldier is chosen to go _____(17)_____ of an army in order to _____(18)_____ out where the enemy is. He then _____(19)_____ back to the commander all the _____(20)_____ he has gathered about the _____(21)_____.

Such a soldier is known as a scout.

Q. (17)

1. after
2. before
3. behind
4. ahead

Answer: 4

Q. (18)

1. call
2. find
3. bring
4. carry

Answer: 2

Q. (19)

1. reports
2. carries
3. sends
4. tells

Answer: 1

Q. (20)

1. news
2. messages
3. information
4. communications

Answer: 3

Q. (21)

1. enemy
2. soldiers
3. army
4. commanders

Answer: 1

Directions Q. (22 - 25): Identify the segment in the sentence, which contains the grammatical error.

Q. (22) The old man climbed seven floors with hardly no effort at all.

1. at all
2. climbed
3. hardly no effort
4. The old man

Answer: 3

Q. (23) In this novel I came across some words which meaning I do not know.

1. which meaning
2. In this novel
3. do not know
4. came across

Answer: 1

Q. (24) To my point of view he should not have behaved in such a manner.

1. To my point of view
2. behaved
3. in such a manner
4. should not have

Answer: 1

Q. (25) I thanked him for his advices.

1. him
2. for his
3. I thanked
4. advices

Answer: 4

Directions Q. (26 - 28): Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentences.

Q. (26) Don't take it seriously. He was simply pulling your leg.

1. scolding someone for nothing
2. playing a joke with someone
3. speaking in a harsh tone
4. trying to comfort someone

Answer: 2

Q. (27) A friend is no friend if he leaves you in the lurch.

1. take advantage of someone
2. leave for one's own work
3. make a fool of someone
4. leave someone in a helpless condition

Answer: 4

Q. (28) Many people in our country like to feather their own nest from the money they raise for social work.

1. enrich oneself by dishonest means
2. provide comforts in one's house
3. achieve something and be proud of it
4. make one's family comfortable

Answer: 1

Q. (29) Select the synonym of the given word.

AMPLIFY

1. electrify
2. supply
3. magnify

4. satisfy

Answer: 3

Q. (30) Select the synonym of the given word.

REPLETE

1. restless
2. calm
3. occupied
4. full

Answer: 4

Directions Q. (31 - 35): Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

Dusk sets in at the Varagaliar elephant camp deep within the Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR). It's dinner time for the 25 years old tusker and he's _____(31)_____balls made of steamed ragi flour mixed _____(32)_____some rice, green gram, salt and jaggery. _____(33)_____are half-a-dozen Forest Department _____(34)_____around, including V. Ganesan, the Field Director _____(35)_____ATR.

Q. (31)

1. feeding
2. feeds
3. fed
4. feed

Answer: 3

Q. (32)

1. by
2. of
3. with
4. from

Answer: 3

Q. (33)

1. Here
2. There
3. Everywhere
4. Nowhere

Answer: 2

Q. (34)

1. employee
2. officials
3. person
4. ministers

Answer: 2

Q. (35)

1. on
2. between
3. among
4. of

Answer: 4

Q. (36) Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.

- A. Once the formalities are done, you can start using your account and save time and money.
- B. Opening a bank account can seem intimidating.
- C. Getting your account opened is just a matter of providing certain details and funding your account.
- D. Fortunately, most banks follow a standardized process.

- 1. CBDA
- 2. ADBC
- 3. BDCA
- 4. BADC

Answer: 3

Q. (37) Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.

- A. A man on a bike had to ride on the pavement.
- B. When he tried to plunge onto the road, a car hit him.
- C. As the bus inched through the evening life, the traffic grew.
- D. There was no space on the road any more.

- 1. CDAB
- 2. CBAD
- 3. ADBC
- 4. DBCA

Answer: 1

Q. (38) Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

Colours, they say have the power to calm, pacify and relax; they can energise, activate and_____.

- 1. involve
- 2. invigorate
- 3. enrage
- 4. Interest

Answer: 2

Q. (39) Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

In ancient Greece, women were not allowed to _____ in the Olympic Games.

1. comply
2. collide
3. compete
4. cope

Answer: 3

Q. (40) Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.

DEFICIT

1. Surplus
2. Adhere
3. Remove
4. Credit

Answer: 1

Q. (41) Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

ATTRIBUTE

1. Quality
2. Praise
3. Respect
4. Speech

Answer: 1

Q. (42) Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

FUSE (Verb)

1. Correct
2. Break
3. Unused
4. Combine

Answer: 4

Q. (43) Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

An instrument for measuring the atmospheric pressure

1. altometer
2. barometer
3. ammeter
4. thermometer

Answer: 2

Q. (44) Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

If no substitution is required, select No improvement.

Scarcely had he gone out than a client came to meet him.

1. he had go out when
2. he had gone out than
3. No improvement
4. had he gone out when

Answer: 4

Q. (45) Select the correct active form of the given sentence.

Dinesh was looked after by his grandmother when his parents went abroad.

1. Dinesh's grandmother looks after him when his parents went abroad.
2. Dinesh's grandmother was looking after him when his parents went abroad.

3. Dinesh's grandmother looked after him when his parents went abroad.
4. Dinesh looked after his grandmother when his parents went abroad.

Answer: 3

Q. (46) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The dog played in the pond to his heart's content.

1. avoiding getting too wet
2. till he was completely sick
3. as much as he wanted to
4. only upto his legs

Answer: 3

Q. (47) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence. "These glasses suit you to a T," said Ria to Vandana.

1. look very good on your face
2. need to be worn with a suit
3. make you look weird
4. are not suitable for your work

Answer: 1

Q. (48) Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

If no substitution is required, select No improvement.

An old misunderstanding exists among the two families, so they are not friendly any more.

1. will exist among the two families
2. exists between the two families
3. has exist within the two families
4. No improvement

Answer: 2

Q. (49) Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

The part of a country's government responsible for its legal system

1. Judiciary
2. Legislature
3. Executive
4. Police

Answer: 1

Q. (50) Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.

Ananya plucks fresh flowers from the garden every day.

1. Fresh flowers have been plucked by Ananya from the garden every day.
2. Fresh flowers were plucked by Ananya from the garden every day.
3. Fresh garden is plucked by Ananya from the flowers every day.
4. Fresh flowers are plucked by Ananya from the garden every day.

Answer: 4