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# SSC ENGLISH TOPIC-WISE

## Previous Year Solved Paper (2022-2023)

### Synonyms

- Select the most appropriate synonym to substitute the bracketed word in the given sentence.  
In the twentieth century, many (radical) intellectuals embraced the mass media. (SSC MTS 2022)  
(a) sabbatical (b) egotistical  
(c) sceptical (d) fanatical
- Select the appropriate synonym for the underlined word.  
Make sure that you always challenge yourself. (SSC MTS 2022)  
(a) Carry (b) Approve  
(c) Question (d) Place
- Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
Flout (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)  
(a) Rude (b) Poke (c) Rash (d) Defy
- Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
Faithful (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)  
(a) Wavering (b) Devoted  
(c) Untrustworthy (d) Fickle
- Read the given sentence carefully and fill in the blank by selecting the correct synonym of the word given in the brackets. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
The authority refused to pay any heed to the \_\_\_\_\_ demands made by the workers. (Trivial)  
(a) majestic (b) conceited  
(c) insignificant (d) idiotic
- Select the most appropriate synonym of the underlined word in the following sentence.  
The artist skilfully captured the intricate contours of the mountain range. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) Complex (b) Systematic  
(c) Fantastic (d) Reasonable
- Select the most appropriate synonym of the bracketed word in the following sentence to fill in the blank.  
The Government is planning to irrigate the \_\_\_\_ desert land by using water from the nearby river. (parched) (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) and (b) rustic  
(c) lush (d) only
- Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
Lavish (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) Unique (b) Stylish  
(c) Meagre (d) Luxurious
- Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
Jubilant (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) Overjoyed (b) Terrified  
(c) Journeyed (d) Stunted
- Select the most appropriate synonym of the bracketed word in the following sentence to fill in the blank.  
The athlete's perseverance and mental toughness \_\_\_\_\_ (facilitate) her to overcome adversity and achieve her goals. (SSC MTS 2023)  
(a) restricted (b) enabled  
(c) limited (d) hindered
- Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
Repulsive (SSC MTS 2023)  
(a) Attractive (b) Reliable  
(c) Disgusting (d) Uniform
- Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
Resentment (SSC CHSL 2023, Shift-I)  
(a) Calmness (b) Happiness  
(c) Anger (d) Relaxation
- Select the most appropriate synonym for the underlined word in the following sentence. (SSC CHSL 2023, Shift-I)  
The politician's pompous rhetoric during the campaign failed to garner much support from the public.  
(a) Conciliatory  
(b) Benign  
(c) Supercilious  
(d) Diplomatic
- Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
Humble (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)  
(a) Beautiful (b) Keen  
(c) Amusing (d) Modest
- Select the most appropriate synonyms of the given word.  
Haphazard (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
(a) Random (b) Sociable  
(c) Aggressive (d) Confident
- You are preparing a speech for the upcoming function, Select a synonym for the highlighted word to make it better.  
Despite the advancement in technology many rural areas in developing countries still lack access to basic necessities. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
(a) Desist (b) Disguise  
(c) Avenue (d) Apathy

17. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
Justifiable (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
(a) Indefensible (b) Neutral  
(c) Maintainable (c) Reasonable
18. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
Dreadful (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
(a) Feeble (b) Terrible  
(c) Auspicious (d) Propitious
19. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
Site (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
(a) Lap (b) Location  
(c) Globe (d) Pull
20. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
Abandon (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
(a) Perish (b) Desert  
(c) Prolong (d) Retain
21. Select the most appropriate synonym of the underlined word. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-I)  
From the outset of the pandemic, the United Nations system mobilised early and comprehensively. It led on the global health response, provided life-saving humanitarian assistance to the most vulnerable, established instruments for rapid responses to the socio-economic impact and laid out a broad policy agenda for action on all fronts.  
(a) arrogant (b) poor  
(c) adaptable (d) at risk
22. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-I)  
Immerse  
(a) Emerge (b) Involve  
(c) Distant (d) Uncover
23. Select the most appropriate synonym of the word given in brackets to fill in the blank. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)  
The doctor has \_\_\_\_\_ (advised) medicine for the treatment of the disease  
(a) prevented (b) proscribed  
(c) presented (d) prescribed
24. Identify the pair of synonyms from the underlined words in the given sentence. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)  
It was a fairly . foul day , as omens could be seen in abundance from the threshold of his border town ever since the dawn struck.  
(a) fairly, abundance (b) foul, omens  
(c) day, border (d) threshold, drawn
2. Select the appropriate antonym for the underlined word.  
The arms and legs lay in a careless way. (SSC MTS 2022)  
(a) Vigilant (b) Unsafe  
(c) Forgetful (d) Neglectful
3. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the underlined word. (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)  
The young girl is very audacious in every activity.  
(a) Ferocious (b) Timid  
(c) Bold (d) Bright
4. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Sanitise (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)  
(a) Pollute (b) Sacrifice  
(c) Devote (d) Purify
5. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Absolve (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) Resolve (b) Pardon  
(c) Condemn (d) Gratify
6. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) Opaque Intelligible (b) Transient  
(c) Volatile (d) Conventional
7. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Reluctantly (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) Smartly (b) Unwillingly  
(c) Zealously (d) Fairly
8. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Collapse (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) Collaborate (b) Flourish  
(c) Flounder (d) Slip
9. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Compatible (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) Energetic (b) Inconsistent  
(c) Immaculate (d) Helpful
10. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Ruthless (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) Resolute (b) Hostile  
(c) A fluent (d) Lenient
11. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. General (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) Mixture (b) Specific  
(c) Common (d) Composite
12. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Feud (SSC MTS 2023)  
(a) Gross (b) Peril  
(c) Harmony (d) Vigour
13. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Meagre (SSC CHSL 2023, Shift-I)  
(a) Regional  
(b) Racial  
(c) Stupid  
(d) Generous

### Antonyms

1. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.  
Viscous (SSC MTS 2022)  
(a) Grim (b) Brutal  
(c) Watery (d) Thick

14. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the underlined word. (SSC CHSL 2023, Shift-I)  
Wealthier countries are obligated to fulfil a commitment made in the Paris Agreement to provide \$100 billion a year in international climate finance.  
(a) feeble (b) drape  
(c) breach (d) hale
15. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Fundamental (SSC CHSL 2023, Shift-I)  
(a) Impact (b) Neutral  
(c) Least (d) Link
16. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Sharp (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)  
(a) Blunt (b) Kindled  
(c) Magnetic (d) Handy
17. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the word 'moving' in the given sentence and choose the correct option. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
The old grandfather clock chimed loudly, marking the passage of time with its steady tick - tock.  
(a) Steady (b) Marking  
(c) Chimed (d) Passage
18. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Catastrophic (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
(a) Calamity (b) Fortuitous  
(c) Fiasco (d) Sabotage
19. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM for the highlighted word. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
The negligent attitude of the cops was criticised.  
(a) attentive (b) reluctant  
(c) amplify (d) bored
20. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. Damp (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
(a) Misty (b) Arid  
(c) Tropical (d) Soaked
21. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-I)  
Meticulous  
(a) Untidy (b) Heedful  
(c) Careful (d) Careless
22. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-I)  
Hinder  
(a) Aid (b) Force  
(c) Domesticate (d) Monitor
23. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-I)  
Nervous  
(a) Courageous  
(b) Casual  
(c) Shaky  
(d) Hesitant
24. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the underlined word. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-I)  
It was evident from his gestures that he was feeling guilty.  
(a) Correct (b) Hidden  
(c) Profuse (d) Visible
25. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the underlined word. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)  
The reputed officer was removed from his post as he was having a clandestine affair.  
(a) Surreptitious (b) Overt  
(c) Amorous (d) Casual
26. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the underlined word. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)  
The placid conversation between the two cricketers on a TV show aroused much controversy.  
(a) Sardonic (b) Inappropriate  
(c) Informal (d) Angry

**Fill in the Blanks & Cloze Test**

1. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
Police used \_\_\_\_\_ evidence to convict a victim who was innocent. (SSC MTS 2022)  
(a) stunted (b) fabricated  
(c) hateful (d) authentic
2. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
Wheat is widely \_\_\_\_\_ but the output is not large. (SSC MTS 2022)  
(a) gross (b) grilled  
(c) grown (d) groan
3. A sentence has been given with a blank to be filled with an appropriate option. Choose the correct alternative.  
The person driving the car \_\_\_\_\_ control over the wheels and knocked her down. (SSC MTS 2022)  
(a) lose (b) lost  
(c) losing (d) loose
4. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate choice.  
His intent was to become sole lord and to \_\_\_\_\_ his tiny principality. (SSC MTS 2022)  
(a) subsidize (b) aggrandize  
(c) jeopardize (d) methodize
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- DIRECTIONS Qs. (5-9):** In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each number. (SSC MTS 2022)
- Salvador Dali (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a prominent Spanish surrealist painter (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in Figueres, Catalonia, on 11 May 1904. Dali's father was strict in the education of his children unlike (3) \_\_\_\_\_ mother. Dali had a brother named Salvador (4) \_\_\_\_\_ was born nine months before him and died of gastroenteritis. When he was five. Dali was taken to his brother's grave and was told that he was his brother's (5) \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank no. 1.  
(a) was (b) were  
(c) has (d) is



6. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank no. 2.  
(a) rooted (b) bought  
(c) brought (d) born
7. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank no. 3.  
(a) their (b) him  
(c) her (d) his
8. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank no. 4.  
(a) whose (b) who  
(c) whom (d) that
9. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank no. 5.  
(a) ordination (b) detonation  
(c) reincarnation (d) stagnation
10. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blanks.  
Fingernails and toenails helped our \_\_\_\_\_ to climb trees, peel fruits and use simple tools. While their colour and condition offer clues about your \_\_\_\_\_ health. Nail polish turns them into fashion accessories.  
(a) ancestors; overall (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)  
(b) predecessor; universal  
(c) forefather; all in all  
(d) general; altogether
11. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blanks.  
Reptiles \_\_\_\_\_ from amphibians. For a long period of 160 million years in earth's history, reptiles were the dominant form of life on the planet and \_\_\_\_\_ in an enormous variety of shapes and sizes.  
(SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)  
(a) developed; continued (b) came; exhausted  
(c) evolved; existed (d) involved; lived
12. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
Quarrels result in \_\_\_\_\_ confrontations and bring all conversations to a complete standstill.  
(SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)  
(a) cold (b) hot  
(c) heated (d) disputed
13. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 3.  
(a) progress (b) practice  
(c) process (d) product
14. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 1.  
(a) spotted (b) spot  
(c) spotting (d) spots
15. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 4.  
(a) that (b) those  
(c) this (d) these
16. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 2.  
(a) sanction (b) confirm  
(c) consent (d) settle
17. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
Robin watched as the smoke \_\_\_\_\_ steadily from the chimney. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
(a) left (b) rose  
(c) went (d) hung
18. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
By this time tomorrow, I \_\_\_\_\_ the work assigned to me. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
(a) will do (b) will have done  
(c) will be done (d) will have did
19. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
You use an \_\_\_\_\_ to steer a boat. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
(a) are (b) oar  
(c) or (d) ore
20. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
The girl was \_\_\_\_\_ as she was drenched in the rain. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
(a) bolt (b) tight  
(c) cold (d) gold

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 21-24):** In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

(SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)

The ongoing fight for social justice and equality continues to be a significant global 1. \_\_\_\_\_. Movements advocating for racial, gender and LGBTQ+ equality, as well as addressing systemic discrimination and injustice, have 2. \_\_\_\_\_ momentum in recent years. People are increasingly recognising the importance of dismantling structures that 3. \_\_\_\_\_ inequality and fostering inclusivity in all aspects of society. Calls for justice, representation and equal opportunities have sparked conversations and initiatives aimed at creating a more equitable world. It is crucial to 4. \_\_\_\_\_ in meaningful dialogue, challenge biases and actively promote diversity and to build a society where everyone has equal rights and opportunities.

21. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 1.  
(a) drift (b) focus  
(c) dispersion (d) divergence
22. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 2.  
(a) provided (b) gained  
(c) scattered (d) invoked
23. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 3.  
(a) refract (b) cease  
(c) perpetuate (d) terminate

**DIRECTIONS Qs. (13-16):** In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

(SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)

Astronomers have discovered 62 new moons orbiting the ringed planet Saturn. Though some of the moons had been (1) \_\_\_\_\_ as early as 2019, it takes more than sighting an object close to a planet to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ it is a moon and not an asteroid making a brief close passage to that planet. Performing a painstaking (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of matching objects detected on different nights over the course of 24 months, the team tracked 63 objects that they ended up confirming as moons. One of (4) \_\_\_\_\_ satellites was revealed back in 2021, with the remaining 62 moons gradually announced over the past few weeks.

13. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 3.  
(a) progress (b) practice  
(c) process (d) product

24. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 4.  
(a) evolve (b) engage  
(c) manifest (d) coincide
25. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
To avoid \_\_\_\_\_ on the roads, proper signs and signals should be put up. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) congestion (b) sleeping  
(c) stuffing (d) chuffing
26. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
Hitler's concentration camps \_\_\_\_\_ the bodies of the dead captives subsequently. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) conspired (b) exaggerated  
(c) resounded (d) mutilated
27. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
The fire damaged the utensils so much that it was impossible to \_\_\_\_\_ them. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) retreat (b) retrieve  
(c) retract (d) retrace
28. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
Panna in Madhya Pradesh is the diamond mining capital of India, and fortune-seekers have been \_\_\_\_\_ the territory for years in pursuit of the precious stones. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) neglecting (b) scouring  
(c) ignoring (d) abandoning
29. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
There was utter \_\_\_\_\_ after the explosion. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) pacifism (b) belting  
(c) mayhem (d) force
30. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
I could sense the \_\_\_\_\_ between husband and wife. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) jangling (b) raucous  
(c) disharmony (d) tunelessness
31. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
Asanas, or yoga postures, primarily serve as a lubrication practice for the body's joints, muscles, ligaments, and other parts, \_\_\_\_\_ circulation and flexibility. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) boosting (b) abating  
(c) retrenching (d) dwindling
32. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
The amount of sleep you require changes greatly throughout your life, \_\_\_\_\_ on your age, activity level, overall health, and lifestyle patterns. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) correlating (b) suspecting  
(c) depending (d) distrusting
33. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.  
Hardik Pandya hit four \_\_\_\_\_ fours and scored 72 runs in the match. (SSC MTS 2023)  
(a) continuous (b) consecutive  
(c) ongoing (d) constant
34. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
The hiring manager has already offered you the job; now, \_\_\_\_\_ to accept or decline the offer.  
(a) a penny for your thoughts (SSC MTS 2023)  
(b) the ball is in your court  
(c) pull your leg  
(d) get your act together
35. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
Oberon doesn't like the way Demetrius \_\_\_\_\_ to Helena. (Credit: A Midsummer Night's Dream) (SSC MTS 2023)  
(a) talked (b) talks  
(c) talking (d) to talk
- DIRECTIONS Qs. (36-40):** In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank. (SSC MTS 2023)
- That evening we sat in the courtyard of the hotel once more, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the sun sink below the western isles. I told Alexi what had happened that day. I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ I could glimpse the grey stone wall of Lismore House (3) \_\_\_\_\_ its island hilltop, the red light of the setting sun glinting from the windows, and from there the wasted frame of Jonathan Blake gazing out across the sea, on nothing, his boy waiting for him to die. But it was my (4) \_\_\_\_\_, simply the image on my mind, like the image burned on to your eyes when you have (5) \_\_\_\_\_ too long at the sun, the passing footprint of a creature long gone.
36. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 1.  
(a) watching (b) wallowing  
(c) risking (d) practising
37. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 2.  
(a) fancied (b) groped  
(c) imbibed (d) translated
38. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 3.  
(a) off (b) on  
(c) aside (d) for
39. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 4.  
(a) dribble (b) straw  
(c) fantasy (d) habitat
40. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 5.  
(a) resumed (b) rusted  
(c) blocked (d) stared
41. Choose the appropriate option to make the following sentence grammatically correct. (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)  
Neither of the biscuits you gave me \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate chips.  
(a) contains (b) are contained  
(c) contain (d) is contain
42. Select the correct spelling from the given options to fill in the blank. (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)  
He was \_\_\_\_\_ going abroad for his further studies.  
(a) contemplating (b) cuntemplaing  
(c) cuntemplating (d) contemplaing

43. Select the most appropriate tense form to fill in the blank.  
Mohnish and Ravi \_\_\_\_\_ to Canada next month.

- (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)
- (a) are moving (b) has moving  
(c) is moving (d) has move

44. Select the most appropriate homonym to fill in the blanks of the given sentences. (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)

A. I use a \_\_\_\_\_ to weigh my ingredients while cooking.

B. The mountaineer is going to \_\_\_\_\_ the rocky hills.

- (a) climb (b) scale  
(c) horn (d) crawl

45. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

(SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)

Stanley \_\_\_\_\_ to play the violin now, with an amateur instructor.

- (a) had learnt (b) will learn  
(c) is learning (d) was learning

**Directions Qs. (46-49):** In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

(SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)

Girls have been the 1. \_\_\_\_\_ of many crimes in India for years. The most fearful crime was female foeticide, in which girls were killed in the 2. \_\_\_\_\_ of the mother after sex determination through ultrasound. 'Save the Girl Child' 3. \_\_\_\_\_ has been launched by the government to end gender-selective abortions of female fetuses as well as other crimes 4. \_\_\_\_\_ the girl child.

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

- (a) scapegoats (b) victims  
(c) victors (d) sites

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

- (a) liver (b) intestine  
(c) kidney (d) womb

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

- (a) campaign (b) enterprise  
(c) campfire (d) undertaking

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

- (a) across (b) through  
(c) against (d) for

**Direction (Question no. 50 - 54):** In the following passage some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option for each blank.

(SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)

The Amazon rainforest is an awe-inspiring natural wonder that (1) \_\_\_\_\_ across several South American countries, including Brazil, Peru, Colombia, and Ecuador. Covering an (2) \_\_\_\_\_ area of 5.5 million square kilometers, it is the largest tropical rainforest on Earth. The Amazon jungle is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ for its remarkable biodiversity, harbouring an astonishing array of plant and animal species that are still being discovered and studied. The dense vegetation of the jungle creates a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and complex ecosystem, supporting countless species and

providing crucial ecosystem services such as carbon sequestration and climate regulation. It is also home to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ communities that have thrived within its rich confines for centuries, preserving their traditions and deep connection to the land.

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

- (a) reaches (b) lengths  
(c) amounts (d) spans

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

- (a) gauged (b) rated  
(c) estimated (d) evaluated

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

- (a) great (b) acclaimed  
(c) renowned (d) pre - eminent

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

- (a) vigour (b) spirited  
(c) vibrant (d) lavish

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

- (a) late (b) ancient  
(c) indigenous (d) organic

55. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

(SSC CGL 2023, Tier-I)

The young one of a lion is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) chick (b) colt  
(c) cub (d) calf

56. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

(SSC CGL 2023, Tier-I)

Eshwar Chandra Vidyasagar fought hard against \_\_\_\_\_ practices which affected Indian society of his time.

- (a) All evil (b) many evil  
(c) most evil (d) more evil

**DIRECTIONS Qs. (57-61):** In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

(SSC CGL 2023, Tier-I)

Fountains are used today to decorate city parks and squares; to honour individuals or events; for recreation (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for entertainment. A splash pad or spray pool allows city residents to enter, get wet and cool off in summer. The musical fountain (2) \_\_\_\_\_ moving jets of water, coloured lights and recorded music, controlled by a computer, for dramatic effects. Fountains can (3) \_\_\_\_\_ also be musical instruments played (4) \_\_\_\_\_ obstruction of one or more of their water jets. Drinking fountains provide fresh (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in public buildings, parks and public spaces.

57. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 1.

- (a) nor (b) because  
(c) and (d) yet

58. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 2.

- (a) combines (b) combined  
(c) be combined (d) combine

59. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 3.  
 (a) themselves (b) himself  
 (c) itself (d) herself
60. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 4.  
 (a) with (b) on  
 (c) by (d) off
61. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 5.  
 (a) positive thought (b) drinking water  
 (c) flow of money (d) melodious music
62. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
 Many students do not \_\_\_\_\_ attention in botany class. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)  
 (a) exhibit (b) drive  
 (c) pay (d) trace
63. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
 Tia wanted a dog that was \_\_\_\_\_ than Larry's dog. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)  
 (a) smarty and strong (b) smartest and strongest  
 (c) smarter and stronger (d) smart and strong
64. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
 The management wants to \_\_\_\_\_ restrictions at the workplace. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)  
 (a) break (b) impose  
 (c) settle (d) encourage
65. Select the correct homonym from the given options to fill in the blank. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)  
 The wind \_\_\_\_\_ so powerfully that the door closed.  
 (a) below (b) blew  
 (c) blues (d) blue

**DIRECTIONS Qs. (66 - 69):** *In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.*

(SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)

The effects of plastic bags on the environment are really (1) \_\_\_\_\_ devastating because there is no disposal method that will really help eliminate the problem. The biggest problem with them is that once they have been (2) \_\_\_\_\_, they end up in the trash, which then ends up in the landfill or is burned. The indefinite period of time that it takes for the average plastic bag to break (3) \_\_\_\_\_ can be literally hundreds of years. Throughout the world, plastic bags are responsible for suffocation and deaths of woodland animals as well as (4) \_\_\_\_\_ soil nutrients. The land litter that is made up of plastic bags has the potential to kill over and over again. It has been estimated that one bag has the potential to inadvertently kill one animal per every three months due to unintentional digestion or inhalation. There are always alternatives to plastic bags and the search for more alternatives continues.

66. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank number 1.  
 (a) vaguely (b) randomly  
 (c) quite (d) seldom

67. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.  
 (a) disinfected (b) soiled  
 (c) moulded (d) recycled
68. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.  
 (a) through (b) out  
 (c) down (d) even
69. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.  
 (a) accumulating  
 (b) inhibiting  
 (c) demanding  
 (d) converting

### Spotting Errors

1. Find the part of the given sentence that has an error in it. If there is no error, choose 'No error'. (SSC MTS 2022)  
 Restoring soil health would help to mitigate the effects of climate change.  
 (a) help to mitigate the  
 (b) effects of climate change.  
 (c) Restoring soil health would  
 (d) No error
2. Find the part of the given sentence that has an error in it. If there is no error, choose 'No error'. (SSC MTS 2022)  
 Adding aloe vera gel will prevent the hand sanitizer from drying out your skin.  
 (a) No error  
 (b) drying out your skin  
 (c) will prevent the hand sanitizer of  
 (d) Adding aloe vera gel
3. Find the part of the given sentence that has an error in it. If there is no error, choose 'No error'. (SSC MTS 2022)  
 In my opinion, you should go for higher studies in London.  
 (a) No error  
 (b) In my opinion,  
 (c) you should go for  
 (d) higher studies in London
4. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error. (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)  
 The police could not / hold on to the people / for long as they / gathered in large numbers  
 (a) for long as they  
 (b) hold on to the people  
 (c) The police could not  
 (d) gathered in large numbers
5. Parts of the following sentence have been given as options. Select the option that contains an error. (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)  
 The students were able to get better from college early so they went to the movies.  
 (a) to get better from  
 (b) went to the movies  
 (c) The students were able  
 (d) college early so they

6. Parts of the following sentence have been given as options. Select the option that contains an error.  
Everyone should respect those parents, teachers, and elders. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
(a) and elders. (b) respect those  
(c) Everyone should (d) parents, teachers
7. Parts of the following sentence have been given as options. Select the option that contains an error. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
This is the book whom I wanted to buy.  
(a) This is (b) the book  
(c) whom I (d) wanted to buy
8. The following sentence has been divided into four parts. One of them contains an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
They were / married happily / before she / quit her job.  
A B C D  
(a) D (b) A  
(c) B (d) C
9. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them may contain an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
They want to live in first floor of this building.  
(a) of this building (b) live in first floor  
(c) No error (d) They want to
10. The given sentence has an error. Choose the option that corrects the error (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
Throw a rounder stone to create ripples in the water.  
(a) Throw the roundest stone to create ripples in the water.  
(b) Throw a more rounder stone to create ripples in the water.  
(c) Throw a more round stone to create ripples in the water.  
(d) Throw a round stone to create ripples in the water.
11. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.  
We / has seen / that movie / before. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
(a) We (b) that movie  
(c) before (d) has seen
12. Parts of the following sentence have been given as options. Select the option that contains an error. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
The speaker's emphasiss is on the present-day problems that are being faced by ordinary men of India.  
(a) The speaker's emphasiss is  
(b) that are being faced  
(c) on the present-day problems  
(d) by ordinary men of India
13. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.  
Communicating what/you felt/wasn't always/easy in Rita. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) Communicating what (b) you felt  
(c) wasn't always (d) easy in Rita
14. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them may contain an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer.  
Thirty miles/are/a long way to walk. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) No error (b) Thirty miles  
(c) a long way to walk (d) are
15. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.  
Ramya, Soumya's sister, / always tells / Kiran that / she will helped him. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) always tells (b) kiran that  
(c) Ramya, Soumya's sister, (d) she will helped him
16. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them may contain an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer.  
(1) Ravi walked / (2) up to a Principal's cabin / (3) but could not meet him. / (4) No error (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) 4 (b) 3  
(c) 1 (d) 2
17. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains an error.  
Naira promise me/ to show me how to / fish for salmon, / but he never had the time. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) Naira promise me (b) to show me how to  
(c) but he never had the time (d) fish for salmon
18. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.  
Nothing hinders the cat / from reaching its master / whenever it listening / to his voice. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) from reaching its master  
(b) Nothing hinders the cat  
(c) whenever it listening  
(d) to his voice
19. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.  
You can have accused / me of being lazy, / but I will not finish / the project right now. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) the project right now (b) me of being lazy,  
(c) You can have accused (d) but I will not finish
20. One of the following parts of the given sentence may contain an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer.  
Jaya takes classes for two months to pass the National Eligibility test. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) To pass the National Eligibility test  
(b) No error  
(c) For two months  
(d) Takes classes

21. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them may contain an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No Error' as your answer.  
Stella usually manages / the waste materials and / disposed them meticulously. (SSC Sten. 2022)
- (a) Stella usually manages  
(b) disposed them meticulously  
(c) No error  
(d) the waste materials and
22. Parts of the following sentence have been given as options. Select the option that contains an error.  
All these things happen/ because she do not / pay heed to my words. (SSC MTS 2023)
- (a) pay heed to my words  
(b) All these things happen  
(c) No error  
(d) because she do not
23. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.  
Throughout my career as a journalist, / I covered many important stories and / interviewed numerous individuals, which allow me / to share important information and insights with my readers. (SSC MTS 2023)
- (a) to share important information and insights with my readers  
(b) I covered many important stories and  
(c) Throughout my career as a journalist,  
(d) interviewed numerous individuals, which allow me
24. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.  
Harish says / that his sister / loves to play / harmonium. (SSC MTS 2023)
- (a) harmonium (b) loves to play  
(c) Harish says (d) that his sister
25. The given sentence contains an error. Select the option that correctly rectifies the error.  
The boy told his mother that he saw the most tall giraffe at the zoo. (SSC MTS 2023)
- (a) The boy told his mother that he saw the tallest giraffe at the zoo.  
(b) The boy told his mother that he saw the most taller giraffe at the zoo.  
(c) The boy told his mother that he saw the most tallest giraffe at the zoo.  
(d) The boy told his mother that he saw the more taller giraffe at the zoo.
26. Parts of the following sentence have been given as options. Select the option that contains an error.  
(SSC CHSL 2023, Shift-I)  
You need to acknowledge the itinary and accommodation details of your journey as per the given calendar.
- (a) calender (b) accommodation  
(c) acknowledge (d) itinary
27. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.  
Babbal is/a oldest member/in our/ Black Ice Club. (SSC CHSL 2023, Shift-I)
- (a) in our (b) Black Ice Club  
(c) Babbal is (d) a oldest member
28. Parts of the given sentence have been underlined. One of the parts may contain an error. Select the option that rectifies the error. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer. (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)  
Those players who chose not to play in the league were banned from playing in an World Cup.
- (a) No error (b) play in a league  
(c) play in league (d) the World Cup
29. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them may contain an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer. (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)  
Sincere students / like you and he should study / regularly to pass the examination.
- (a) Sincere students  
(b) like you and he should study  
(c) regularly to pass the examination.  
(d) No error
30. There is an error in the given sentence. From the options given, identify the sentence that corrects the error to make it a grammatically accurate sentence.  
This lesser known heritage building is so beautiful as the Red Fort. (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)
- (a) This lesser known heritage building is very much beautiful as the Red Fort.  
(b) This lesser known heritage building is much beautiful as the Red Fort.  
(c) This heritage building is an beautiful as the Red Fort.  
(d) This less known heritage building is much beautiful than the Red Fort.
31. Parts of the given sentence have been underlined. One of the parts may contain an error. Select the option that rectifies the error. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer.  
It was the home minister of the country who took the decision to change a laws pertaining to migration of people from one state to another. (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)
- (a) No error (b) the laws pertaining  
(c) the migration (d) an home minister
32. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains an error.  
(SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)  
The committee requested / the Chief Investigator / to personally / look after the matter.
- (a) the Chief Investigator  
(b) The committee requested  
(c) to personally  
(d) look after the matter

33. Parts of the given sentence have been underlined. One of them contains an error. The underlined parts are given as options with some changes. Select the option that correctly rectifies the error. (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)

The film received critical acclaim for being a more innovative movie of the year.

- (a) Film receives (b) In the year  
(c) Acclaim at (d) An innovative

34. Parts of the following sentence have been given as options. Select the option that contains an error.

(SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)

The dancers swayed dainty on the stage last night.

- (a) last night (b) on the stage  
(c) The dancers (d) swayed dainty

35. Parts of the following sentence have been given as options. One of them may contain an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer.

(SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)

We feed the horse oats for a week because it had eaten all the hay.

- (a) No error (b) it had eaten all the hay  
(c) We feed the horse oats (d) for a week because

36. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.

They will not attend / the event/ as they're going / away at end of April.

(SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)

- (a) away at end of April (b) as they're going  
(c) the event (d) They will not attend

37. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.

(SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)

She will have participate / in the dance competition / by the time her father / returns from the tour.

- (a) In the dance competition  
(b) She will have participate  
(c) by the time her father  
(d) returns from the tour

38. Parts of the following sentence have been underlined and given as options. Select the option that contains an error.

(SSC CGL 2023, Tier-I)

I had gone to Siliguri before I go to Raiganj.

- (a) gone (b) go  
(c) had (d) before

39. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.

We should sorted out / the problem ourselves / rather than depending / on the third party.

(SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)

- (a) rather than depending (b) the problem ourselves  
(c) We should sorted out (d) on the third party
40. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them may contain an error.

(SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)

Select the part that contains the error from the given options.

If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer.

Dan needed help / to get the / tight coat of him.

- (a) No error (b) Dan needed help  
(c) to get the (d) tight coat of him

## Sentence Improvement

- Select the most appropriate option to substitute the bracketed segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'no substitution required'.  
The unit twitched like a bird (preening its plumage and becomes motionless). (SSC MTS 2022)  
(a) preening its plumage and became motionless  
(b) No substitution required  
(c) preening its plumage while becoming motionless  
(d) to preen its plumage and becomes motionless
- Improve the underlined part of the sentence. Choose 'No improvement' as an answer if the sentence is grammatically correct. (SSC MTS 2022)  
That movie is so sad; the ending always makes me bawling.  
(a) makes me bawled (b) No improvement  
(c) makes me bawl (d) made me bawl
- Improve the underlined part of the sentence. Choose 'No Improvement' as an answer if the sentence is grammatically correct. (SSC MTS 2022)  
It is the most effective means of mass communication.  
(a) a most effecting  
(b) a most effectives  
(c) the most effectively  
(d) No improvement
- Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.  
An ultralight airplane is very different from a conventional airplane. It is looking like a lawn chair with wings. (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)  
(a) No substitution required  
(b) look like  
(c) looked like  
(d) looks like
- Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.  
Raju did very well in the exam, he must study well. (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)  
(a) he may study well  
(b) he should have studied well  
(c) he must have studied well  
(d) No substitution required

6. Select the option that rectifies the underlined part of the given sentence. In case no correction is needed, select 'No correction required'. **(SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)**  
 Cinema provides the most universal entertainment  
 (a) an universal (b) No correction required  
 (c) a universal (d) more universal
7. Select the option that will improve the underlined part of the following sentence. **(SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)**  
 He is taller and most handsome than his friend.  
 (a) the more (b) very more  
 (c) more (d) the most
8. Select the most appropriate option in the superlative degree that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. **(SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)**  
 This is the challenge task I have ever encountered  
 (a) much challenging (b) more challenging  
 (c) challenging (d) most challenging
9. Select the option that rectifies the underlined part of the given sentence. In case no correction is needed, select 'No correction required'. **(SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)**  
 Ashoka was not only a great warrior but also a very wiser ruler.  
 (a) wise (b) more wise  
 (c) No correction required (d) wisest
10. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.  
 Professor said that I will be late for the lecture.  
 (a) he shall be late for the lecture **(SSC MTS 2023)**  
 (b) he is late for the lecture  
 (c) he would be late for the lecture  
 (d) he may be late for the lecture
11. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.  
 Andrew will playing basketball at the college tournament. **(SSC MTS 2023)**  
 (a) are play the (b) are play  
 (c) is playing (d) is played
12. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the following sentence.  
 Selling, purchasing, and using an illegally copied product is a criminal offence. **(SSC MTS 2023)**  
 (a) an obsolete (b) a pirated  
 (c) an outlawed (d) a crooked
13. Select the option that will improve the underlined part of the given sentence. Adyasha would have been looked gorgeous in ethnic apparel. **(SSC CHSL 2023, Shift-I)**  
 (a) was looked  
 (b) would have looked  
 (c) had looking  
 (d) would be looked
14. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitute required.' I decided to call out to various bookstores in the area to see if any of them had the book I needed. **(SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)**  
 (a) call around  
 (b) No substitution required  
 (c) call off  
 (d) call on
15. Select the option that will improve the given sentence by using the most appropriate Pronoun. **(SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)**  
 Pradeep, whom is a teacher, also works as a content writer.  
 (a) Pradeep, which is a teacher, also works as a content writer.  
 (b) Pradeep, whose is a teacher, also works as a content writer.  
 (c) Pradeep, who is a teacher, also works as a content writer.  
 (d) Pradeep, that is a teacher, also works as a content writer.
16. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'. Her paintings are way better then her sketches. **(SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)**  
 (a) off  
 (b) than  
 (c) more  
 (d) No substitution required
17. Select the option that can substitute the bracketed word segment correctly and complete the following sentence meaningfully. **(SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)**  
 Lots of kids (was visualised) crossing the road when the bus arrived.  
 (a) were seen (b) have been seen  
 (c) are seen (d) was seen
18. Select the option that will improve the underlined part of the given sentence. **(SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)**  
The use of chemicals, insecticides and pesticides began after the Green Revolution.  
 (a) A practice of chemicals, insecticides and pesticides  
 (b) The custom of chemicals, insecticides and pesticides  
 (c) Consumption of chemicals, insecticides and pesticides  
 (d) The usage of chemicals, insecticides and pesticides
19. Select the most appropriate option to replace the underlined word in the given sentence. **(SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)**  
 Hritik is slow than Heer. **(SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)**  
 (a) slowliest (b) much slow  
 (c) slower (d) slowest

**One Word Substitution**

1. Choose the word that can substitute the given group of words. **(SSC MTS 2022)**  
 The young of a frog  
 (a) Kitten (b) Pup  
 (c) Tadpole (d) Antelope



2. Select the most appropriate word for the given group of words. (SSC MTS 2022)  
Tending to associate with others of one's kind  
(a) Pedantic (b) Pungent  
(c) Gregarious (d) Venial
3. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words. (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)  
Giving cause for legal action  
(a) Lawful (b) Actionable  
(c) Legalizing (d) Objectionable
4. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words. (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)  
An official appointed to resolve a dispute  
(a) Confidante (b) Arbitrator  
(c) Soothsayer (d) Advocate
5. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the underlined part of the given sentence. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
There is a place for grains in the backyard of this house.  
(a) dormitory (b) apiary  
(c) granary (d) archive
6. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the underlined phrase in the following sentence. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
She was known for her ability to communicate effectively and express herself clearly in writing and speaking.  
(a) incoherence (b) rambling  
(c) articulation (d) mumbling
7. Select the option that can substitute the underlined word segment with the most appropriate idiom. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
26 January 1950 is a memorable day for the countrymen.  
(a) green thumb (b) out of the blue  
(c) red letter (d) black and white
8. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
I visited my friend for night.  
(a) in (b) from  
(c) with (d) at
9. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the underlined words. Whatever topic I discussed with the sage, it seemed that he knew everything. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) was omniscient (b) was excellent  
(c) was abnormal (d) was a psychologist
10. The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them may contain an error. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
Select the part that contains the error from the given options. If you don't find any error, mark 'No error' as your answer.  
(i) It is raining / (2) when they played / (3) the cricket match last night. / (4) No error  
(a) 4 (b) 1 (c) 2 (d) 3
11. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words. (SSC MTS 2023)  
A cage made for birds.  
OR  
A place for keeping the birds in a confined space.  
(a) Aquarium (b) Apiary  
(c) Aviary (d) Arena
12. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words. (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)  
The inability to obtain adequate sleep  
(a) Pyromania (b) Insomnia  
(c) Andromania (d) Mythomania
13. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given phrase. (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)  
One who believes in fate  
(a) Fatalist (b) Flirt  
(c) Superstitious (d) Fatal
14. Select the most appropriate one - word substitution of the given group of words. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
A notice of the death of a person, often with a biographical sketch, as in a newspaper.  
(a) Obituary (b) Oblivion  
(c) Elegy (d) Advertisement
15. Select the option that can be used as a one - word substitute for the underlined group of words. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
How did you become interest in learning the art of producing beautiful handwriting?  
(a) Lexicography (b) Demography  
(c) Calligraphy (d) Graphology
16. Select the option that can be used as a one - word substitute for the underlined group of words. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
Ms. Scarlet was indifferent to pain and pleasure. she never complained.  
(a) Hypocrite (b) Stoic  
(c) Versatile (d) Amateur
17. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
Fear of water  
(a) Hydrophobia (b) Bibliophobia  
(c) Microphobia (d) Botanophobia
18. Select the word which means the same as the group of words underlined in the given sentence. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
The pandemic deeply affected small business owners, as they have no means of livelihood left.  
(a) Pauper (b) Worker  
(c) Unemployed (d) Mason

19. Select the most appropriate one - word substitution of the given group of words. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
A person engaged in or trained for spaceflight.  
(a) Astute (b) Astronomer  
(c) Astronaut (d) Atrocious
20. Select the option that can be used as a one - word substitute for the given group of words. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
Working or operating quickly and effectively in an organised way  
(a) Efficient (b) Extensive  
(c) Excellent (d) Effusive
21. Select the word which means the same as the group of words underlined in the given sentence.  
(SSC CGL 2023, Tier-I)  
By killing a large number of people, they thought they would get more benefits of the schemes.  
(a) Homicide (b) Suicide  
(c) Genocide (d) Feticide
22. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words.  
A person who kills somebody, especially for political reasons (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-I)  
(a) Hangman (b) Monster  
(c) Criminal (d) Assassin
23. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)  
Photographers who follow celebrities to get their pictures to sell them  
(a) Paparazzi (b) Reporter  
(c) Editor (d) Interviewer
24. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)  
Someone who is reserved and shy.  
(a) Introvert (b) Extrovert  
(c) Chauffeur (d) Talkative
5. The given sentence has an error which has been underlined. The underlined word is given as options with some changes. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
Select the option that rectifies the error.  
She vaccillates a lot while making any decision.  
(a) vacillates (b) vacillates  
(c) vacilates (d) vasillates
6. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word. (SSC MTS 2023)  
(a) Separate (b) Accommodate  
(c) Definitely (d) Embarass
7. Select the sentence that has NO spelling errors. (SSC MTS 2023)  
(a) The doctor presribed some medicine to alleviate my parsistent cough, which has been boathering me for days.  
(b) The doctor precribed some medicine to aleviate my persistent cough, which has been bothering me for days.  
(c) The doctor prescribed some medicine to aleviate my parsistent cough, which has been boathering me for days.  
(d) The doctor prescribed some medicine to alleviate my persistent cough, which has been bothering me for days.
8. Select the option that rectifies the spelling of the underlined word in the given sentence.  
The sergent brought in a lot of changes as soon as he was given charge. (SSC MTS 2023)  
(a) seargeant (b) sergeannt  
(c) sergant (d) sergeant
9. Select the option with the correct spelling that can replace the underlined word in the given sentence. (SSC CHSL 2023, Shift-I)  
Kasturi acts as a liason between patients and staff.  
(a) liaison (b) laision  
(c) liaison (d) liaisan
10. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word. (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)  
(a) Inconspicuous  
(b) Susceptibility  
(c) Superindednt  
(d) Extemporise

### Spelling Test

1. Choose the sentence with no spelling error. (SSC MTS 2022)  
(a) Protest is also a saffety valve.  
(b) Protest is also a safety valvve.  
(c) Protast is also a safety valve.  
(d) Protest is also a safety valve.
2. Choose the incorrectly spelt word. (SSC MTS 2022)  
(a) Tihgt (b) Locker  
(c) Rift (d) Stock
3. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word. (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)  
(a) Subpoena (b) Noticeable  
(c) Caucus (d) Millennium
4. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word. (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)  
(a) Accomodate (b) Affection  
(c) Appearance (d) Accompanied
11. Select the sentence that has the correct use of words and spellings. (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)  
(a) The novel, with its intricate plot and multifaceted characters, captivated readers and left them pondering its deeper themes long after they finished reading.  
(b) The novel, with its intricate plot and multifaceted characters, captivated readers and left them paundering its deeper themes long after they finished reading.  
(c) The novel, with its intricete plot and multifaceted characters, captivated readers and left them pondering its deeper themes long after they finished reading.  
(d) The novel, with its intrcate plot and multifaceted characters, captivated readers and left them pondering its deeper themes long after they finished reading.

12. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.  
(SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)
- (a) Interrogate (b) Alienate  
(c) Deserve (d) Assasinate
13. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word from the underlined words in the following sentence. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
This was a blatent disregard to the advisory by the host against it and in violation of norms of the meeting.
- (a) advisory (b) blatent  
(c) disregard (d) violation
14. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.  
(SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)
- (a) Adjacent (b) Accomplish  
(c) Agregate (d) Allure
15. The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a spelling error.  
(SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)
- He wrote his dairy/ in code / so that nobody / could understand it.
- (a) so that nobody (b) could understand it  
(c) in code (d) He wrote his dairy
16. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.  
(SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)
- (a) Serene (b) Triumph  
(c) Comparision (d) Unveil
17. Select the correct spelling of the incorrectly spelt word.  
(SSC CGL 2023, Tier-I)
- Labradors are gentle, docil dogs.
- (a) Labradaurs (b) gentil  
(c) Labradoors (d) docile
18. Identify and correct the INCORRECTLY spelt word in the given sentence. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-I)  
India needs to do better on rights and freedoms, welfare and justice, growth and development, and in building a more egalitaerian society.
- (a) egalitarian (b) developement  
(c) freedams (d) justise
19. Select the sentence that contains no spelling errors.  
(SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)
- (a) The granduor of the ancient Roman Empire is visible in many monuments in Italy and Greece.  
(b) The grandour of the ancient Roman Empire is visible in many monumants in Italy and Greece.  
(c) The grandeur of the ancient Roman Empire is visible in many monuments in Italy and Greece.  
(d) The granduer of the ancient Roman Empire is visible in many monuments in Italy and Greece.
20. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.  
(SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)
- (a) Greave (b) Groan  
(c) Guarantee (d) Gravely

## Parajumbles

1. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.  
(SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)
- A. It is almost a definition of a gentleman to say he is one who never inflicts pain  
B. He is mainly occupied in merely removing the obstacles which hinder the free and unembarrassed action of those about him, and he concurs with their movements rather than takes the initiative himself.  
C. The true gentleman in like manner carefully avoids whatever may cause a jar or a jolt in the minds of those with whom he is cast; all clashing of opinion, or collision of feeling, all restraint, or suspicion, or gloom, or resentment; his great concern being to make everyone at their ease and at home.  
D. His benefits may be considered as parallel to what are called comforts or conveniences in arrangements of a personal nature: like an easy chair or a good fire, which do their part in dispelling cold and fatigue, though nature provides both means of rest and animal heat without them
- (a) BACD (b) ABCD  
(c) DCBA (d) DBAC
2. Some sentences are given below. While the first and the last sentences (1 and 2) are in the correct order, the sentences in between are jumbled up. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.  
(SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)
1. "Do you still recognise me?" I asked.  
A. The woman looked at me searchingly.  
B. "I am Mrs. S's daughter".  
C. I came closer and stood on the step.  
D. She opened the door a little.  
2. She kept staring at me in silence.  
(a) BDAC (b) BACD (c) BCAD (d) BADC
3. Some sentences are given below. While the first and the last sentences (1 and 2) are in the correct order, the sentences in between are jumbled up. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.  
(SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)
1. Ranga is the accountant's son.  
A. He returned to his village after his studies were over.  
B. He is one rare breed of village folk who loved studies.  
C. On his return the villagers milled around his house to see whether he has changed or not.  
D. He had gone to Bangalore to pursue his studies.  
2. His idea about marriage are now quite different.  
(a) BDAC (b) BCAD (c) BCDA (d) BDCA
4. Parts of a sentence are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the parts in the correct order to form a meaningful sentence.  
(SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)

- The ashrams / used / were / the centres / of / knowledge and learning / as
- (a) The ashrams were used as the centres of knowledge and learning.  
 (b) As The ashrams of knowledge and learning were used the centres.  
 (c) Knowledge and learning were used as the centres of the ashrams.  
 (d) The centres of the ashrams were used as knowledge and learning.
5. Parts of a sentence are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the parts in the correct order to form a meaningful sentence. **(SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)**  
 An elaborate network / is / the plot of / schemes and tricks / of Much Ado About Nothing
- (a) The plot is of schemes and tricks an elaborate network of Much Ado About Nothing.  
 (b) An elaborate network of Much Ado About Nothing is the plot of schemes and tricks.  
 (c) The plot of Much Ado About Nothing is an elaborate network of schemes and tricks.  
 (d) The plot of schemes and tricks is an elaborate network of Much Ado About Nothing
6. Select the option that arranges the given words to form a grammatically correct and meaningful sentence. **(SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)**  
 The students eagerly their awaited results.
- (a) The awaited eagerly results their students.  
 (b) Eagerly awaited the students their results.  
 (c) The students eagerly awaited their results.  
 (d) The students their eagerly awaited results.
7. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph. **(SSC Sten. 2022)**
- A. United nations maintains peace and security in the world.  
 B. It also takes care of developing friendly relations between nations.  
 C. United Nations also strives to implement the principles of equality.  
 D. It also act as a centre through which countries coordinate their actions and activities for global peace.
- (a) BCDA (b) ABCD  
 (c) CDAB (d) DCAB
8. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph. **(SSC Sten. 2022)**
- A. This digital universe is not restricted to technology gadgets such as searching for information on the internet.  
 B. A digital realm is created through metaverse technology.  
 C. The human presence will be marked by the existence of avatars, which will be free to interact with one another in 3-D virtual spaces.  
 D. You may not only glance at things in this, but you can also feel and mark your presence in augmented reality.
- (a) BCDA (b) CDAB  
 (c) BADC (d) ABCD
9. Given below are four jumbled sentences select the option that gives their correct logical sequence
- A. One common mistake that many people have made is this; they have thought that it would be a very good thing if everybody had exactly the same amount of money, no matter whether they worked hard or lived quite idly.  
 B. Now that is a very great mistake, because there simply is not enough money to make everybody rich.  
 C. And they have imagined that if all the money in the country were equally divided everybody would be rich  
 D. They forget that very few people would work at all if it were not for the money their work brings them, and that without work there would be no money **(SSC Sten. 2022)**
- (a) ADBC (b) ABDC  
 (c) ABCD (d) ADCB
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. **(SSC Sten. 2022)**
- A. His original contributions to natural science include the accurate assessment of the elephant gestation period and the disclosure of the Sarus Crane pairing information.  
 B. His Tuzuk-i-Jahangiri contains a record of his observations (memoirs of Jahangir).  
 C. Jahangir, the emperor of the Mughal Empire, was a devoted naturalist.  
 D. Jahangir is known for his in-depth descriptions of several animals and birds, including the monkey and the hawk-cuckoo.
- (a) DACB (b) BDCA  
 (c) CBDA (d) ABCD
11. Parts of a sentence are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the parts in the correct order to form a meaningful sentence. **(SSC CHSL 2023, Shift-I)**
- A. fell before me B. a carcass of an animal  
 C. when suddenly D. my heart skipped a beat
- (a) BACD (b) CDBA  
 (c) ABCD (d) DCBA
12. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph. **(SSC CHSL 2023, Shift-I)**
- A. So then why are not Silicon Valley entrepreneurs clamouring to decode the ancient wisdom?  
 B. The failure rate in finding a new drug is as high as 95%.  
 C. Because these once-thriving cultures are now reduced to an endangered tribe.  
 D. According to industry data, it takes \$2.6 billion and, on average, fourteen years to develop a new drug.
- (a) BADC (b) DCBA  
 (c) DBAC (d) ACDB

13. Parts of a sentence are given below in jumbled order. Select the option that arranges the parts in the correct order to form a meaningful sentence. **(SSC CHSL 2023, Shift-I)**
- A. In accordance with hierarchical status  
 B. Of the services rendered  
 C. Rewards are given  
 D. And are not related to the economic value
- (a) A, B, D, C                      (b) A, D, B, C  
 (c) C, A, D, B                      (d) C, B, A, D
14. Parts of a sentence are given below in jumbled order, except the first part. Arrange the parts in the correct order to form a meaningful sentence. **(SSC CHSL 2023, Shift-I)**
- A. not only in the Anglo-American academia  
 B. on the literature of the Third World.  
 C. however, are a common feature of the literary theory practiced  
 D. but also in the Third-World countries
- (a) ABCD                              (b) ADCB  
 (c) BCAD                              (d) CABD
15. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph. **(SSC CGL 2023, Tier-I)**
- A. Due to tight deadlines for delivery and increased focus on performance outcomes, many employees are unable to enjoy a proper work life.  
 B. Stress could emanate out of various situations such as lifestyle, health or relationship issues, lack of support system at home and competitive focus on acquiring material symbols of success and career advancement.  
 C. In today's fast-moving world, many young professionals are vulnerable to stress.  
 D. To add to this, the current economy has impacted many companies' revenues and profits which, in effect, have put many jobs at risk resulting in the frequency of counselling support and guidance going up significantly.
- (a) DCBA                              (b) ABCD  
 (c) DABC                              (d) CBAD
16. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph. **(SSC CGL 2023, Tier-I)**
- A. It centres on the sinking of the RMS Titanic.  
 B. The film proved immensely popular, holding the all-time box-office gross record for more than a decade after its release.  
 C. Titanic is an American romantic adventure film released in 1997.  
 D. Most of the film's story is then told in flashbacks as the protagonist recounts the Titanic's fateful 1912 voyage.
- (a) ABDC                              (b) CDAB  
 (c) CADB                              (d) BADC
17. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph. **(SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)**
- A. She shot the movie on the widest canvas possible using the same kind of equipment that captured Star Wars landscapes, and applied a muted colour grading to every frame.  
 B. She said last year that she wanted the ensemble film to look like "a faded postcard".  
 C. Polley lends the central conversation a visual gravitas normally reserved for epics.  
 D. Women Talking, adapted by the writer-director Sarah Polley from Miriam Toews's 2018 novel, is vibrant cinema.
- (a) DABC                              (b) DBCA  
 (c) CABD                              (d) DCAB
18. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph. **(SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)**
- A. On the afternoon of that eventful day, I stood on the porch, dumb, expectant and guessed vaguely from my mother's signs and from the hurrying to and fro in the house that something unusual was about to happen, so I went to the door and waited on the steps.  
 B. I did not know what the future held of marvel or surprise for me and anger and bitterness had preyed upon me continually for weeks and a deep languor had succeeded this passionate struggle.  
 C. The most important day I remember in all my life is the one on which my teacher, Anne Mansfield Sullivan, came to me and I am filled with wonder when I consider the immeasurable contrasts between the two lives which it connects and it was the third of March, 1887, three months before I was seven years old.  
 D. The afternoon sun penetrated the mass of honeysuckle that covered the porch, and fell on my upturned face and my fingers lingered almost unconsciously on the familiar leaves and blossoms which had just come forth to greet the sweet southern spring.
- (a) DABC                              (b) CBAD  
 (c) CADB                              (d) CDAB
19. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct logical sequence. **(SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)**
- A. When faced with uncertainty, humans look out for the action of others and become a victim of ineffective rational thinking during compelling, confusing situations.  
 B. According to him, in an emergency, we tend to forget that everybody else observing the event is also likely to be looking out for social evidence.

- C. Robert B. Cialdini explains this reaction with a psychological phenomenon called 'pluralistic ignorance'.  
 D. Since we all prefer to appear poised and unflustered among others, we are likely to search for answers placidly, with brief, camouflaged glances at those around us.  
 (a) ACBD (b) BCDA  
 (c) ABCD (d) ABDC
20. Identify the option that arranges the given parts in the correct order to form a meaningful paragraph.  
 (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)  
 A. Then a nurse and a doctor came  
 B. After the terrible accident  
 C. A car took Raman to the hospital  
 D. The two men carried him to a bed and put him in it carefully  
 (a) DCBA (b) ABCD  
 (c) BCDA (d) ACDB
21. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.  
 (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)  
 A. The temperature of the world has increased, resulting in global warming.  
 B. The melting of the ice caps will increase the sea level, thereby drowning many islands and coastal regions.  
 C. The increased amount of carbon emission is considered as the reason behind globalwarming.  
 D. The increase in the global temperature is melting the polar ice caps.  
 (a) ABCD (b) ACBD  
 (c) ACDB (d) BADC
22. Sentences of a paragraph are given below in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.  
 (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)  
 A. Road accidents have become very common in India.  
 B. Condition of roads in India is pathetic.  
 C. Increasing number of vehicles leave little space on roads.  
 D. Roads are narrow and remain congested most of the time.  
 (a) ACBD (b) BDCA  
 (c) BCDA (d) CDBA
2. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.  
 Get down to brass tacks (SSC MTS 2022)  
 (a) To become serious about something  
 (b) Get fired from the job  
 (c) Compromise, cooperation between people  
 (d) To be ready
3. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.  
 The officer asked his subordinates to keep him posted of the workplace developments. (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)  
 (a) maintain secrecy  
 (b) send letters by post  
 (c) keep sharing the latest information  
 (d) not disturb him in matters
4. Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence. (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)  
 There is no point developing bad blood with your neighbours.  
 (a) Enmity (b) Business relations  
 (c) Friendship (d) Family relations
5. Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.  
 Despite their differences, the two politicians decided to \_\_\_\_\_ and work together for the greater good.  
 (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
 (a) bury the hatchet (b) bark up the wrong tree  
 (c) blow off steam (d) burn the midnight oil
6. Select the sentence which gives the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
 Bite the bullet  
 (a) Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of water.  
 (b) Despite the pain, Sarah decided to go ahead with the surgery.  
 (c) The chef prepared a delicious meal for the guests.  
 (d) The children played in the park on a sunny day.
7. Select the most appropriate phrasal verb to fill in the blank.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ that thought. It will be a great idea someday.  
 (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
 (a) Hold on (b) Hold to  
 (c) Hold against (d) Hold onto
8. Select the most appropriate idiom to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.  
 I was undecided for a long time to select the right course of study after my senior secondary exam.  
 (SSC Sten. 2022)  
 (a) beating around the bush  
 (b) sitting on the fence  
 (c) knocking around  
 (d) on fool's errand
9. Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.  
 "I don't feel like hanging out today. I'm feeling a bit unwell."  
 (SSC Sten. 2022)  
 (a) under the coat (b) under the weather  
 (c) over the moon (d) near the horizon

### Idioms/Phrases

1. In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.  
 A blind spot (SSC MTS 2022)  
 (a) A person who is blind  
 (b) A person with no emotional feelings  
 (c) A situation where no progress is made  
 (d) An area in your range of vision that you cannot see properly

10. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.  
Qualifying for JEE Advanced has given Abhikriti a shot in the arm. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) A trivial annoyance (b) A dose of medication  
(c) Put in trouble (d) A boost or stimulant
11. Choose the most suitable idiom for the given situation.  
They don't talk to him anymore as he brought disgrace to the family by robbing the bank. They have ousted him and consider him as insult to the family name. He is \_\_\_\_\_. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) a crying wolf (b) a black sheep  
(c) a dark horse (d) a fish out of water
12. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.  
To be in hot water (SSC Sten. 2022)  
(a) To get into a difficult situation in which you are in danger of being choked to death  
(b) To get into a difficult situation in which you are in danger of being drowned  
(c) To get into a difficult situation in which you are in danger of being burnt  
(d) To get into a difficult situation in which you are in danger of being criticised or punished
13. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.  
Sell like hot cakes (SSC MTS 2023)  
(a) Quick sell out (b) Selling cakes  
(c) Being ignored (d) Eating hot cake
14. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.  
Let sleeping dogs lie (SSC MTS 2023)  
(a) To let somebody sleep  
(b) To fall sick intentionally  
(c) Leave an existing situation as it is  
(d) To care for the pet
15. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.  
Call the shots (SSC MTS 2023)  
(a) To be a follower that makes less important decision  
(b) To be in a position to make decisions that influences a situation  
(c) To be in a powerless position that follows orders  
(d) To be in a neutral position
16. Select the most appropriate Idiom that best explains the given sentence. (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)  
Rajat irritated the street dog so much that it was about to bite him.  
(a) If you can't beat 'em, join' em.  
(b) If it ain't broke, don't fix it.  
(c) If you want something done right, you have to do it yourself.  
(d) If you play with fire, you'll get burned.
17. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words/phrase. (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)  
A phrase or words written in memory of a person who has died  
(a) Epigram (b) Tombstone  
(c) Epitaph (d) Calligraphy
18. Select the most appropriate idiom that best explains the given sentence. (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)  
I was unable to solve the geometry question myself. So, I have asked my teacher to help me out.  
(a) Two wrongs don't make a right.  
(b) You can't always get what you want.  
(c) When the going gets tough, the tough gets going.  
(d) Two heads are better than one.
19. Select the sentence that gives the most appropriate meaning of the idiom 'In hot water'. (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)  
(a) The company faced challenges due to the economic downturn but managed to overcome them.  
(b) The chef added spices to the dish to enhance its flavour and make it more delicious.  
(c) After accidentally breaking the valuable vase, Sarah found herself in trouble with her parents.  
(d) The children enjoyed playing in the pool on a hot summer day.
20. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.  
Bend over backwards (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
(a) Working hard to try to impress.  
(b) Working slowly and lazily  
(c) Going backward  
(d) Using wrongful means
21. Select the most appropriate idiomatic expression that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
Both Nitin and Uday are of the same interests.  
(a) under the weather  
(b) birds of the same feather  
(c) blowing smoke without fire  
(d) different kettles of fish
22. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
I hate to get off on the wrong foot.  
(a) To start something with positive factors  
(b) To start something with neutral factors  
(c) To start a relationship or activity badly  
(d) To start something with an injury on the wrong foot
23. Select the most appropriate phrasal verb to fill in the blank.  
Arunima \_\_\_\_\_ a lot during her vacation time. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)  
(a) gets on (b) gets after  
(c) gets about (d) gets along

24. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.  
The best of both worlds (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)
- Good things come after bad things
  - An ideal situation
  - Better to show than tell
  - Make people comfortable
25. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.  
Students often burn the midnight oil to qualify for competitive examinations. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)
- put the things on fire at night.
  - want to be at a place full of light
  - work until late at night
  - sleep well
26. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.  
More people in Turkey are on the breadline now than thirty years ago. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)
- Be very poor
  - Are well expensive
  - Be very expensive
  - Earn a lot of money
27. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)
- Left out in the cold
- To serve stale and cold food
  - To leave in hurry
  - To bear extreme weather condition
  - To be ignored
28. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.  
We dodged a bullet when we didn't fall for the agents' words. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)
- To give something a try
  - To narrowly avoid situation
  - To be out of your comfort zone
  - To start performing better
29. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.  
An arm and a leg (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)
- To ask for too much
  - A large amount of money
  - Everything is ready
  - To be lost and bewildered
30. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. (SSC Sub-Inspector 2023)
- A leopard can't change his spots
- Someone who is cherished above all others.
  - A visual presentation is far more descriptive than words
  - Something good that isn't recognised at first
  - You cannot change who you are
31. Select the most appropriate idiom to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.  
The peasants worked the whole day in the fields and stopped working in the evening and went to their homes. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-I)
- put ice on it
  - called it a day
  - ran around in circles
  - gave it a whirl
32. Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-I)
- Brian remained silent during the board meeting, though Rahul was unaware that he had an ace up his sheath the entire time.
- an ace up his teeth
  - an ace up his sleeve
  - an ace up his head
  - an ace up his fortune
33. Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)
- The team members seem to be running around in circles.
- To be extremely successful
  - Hardly any time to breathe
  - To be very active but with few results
  - Very dynamic and hardworking
34. Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)
- It was a Catch 22 situation for the manager.
- Worthy successor to the throne
  - A difficult situation in which the solution to a problem is impossible
  - Hailed as the ultimate champion
  - A positive outcome in a tough situation

### Speeches/Voices

1. Select the correct direct narration of the given sentence.  
Madhav applauded her, saying that she had done well. (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)
- Madhav say, "Bravo! You have done well".
  - Madhav said, "Bravo! You have done well".
  - Madhav said, "Bravo! You been done well".
  - Madhav say, "Bravo! You have be done well".
2. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice. (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)
- Simran was plucking the flowers.
- The flowers are plucked by Simran.
  - The flowers will be plucked by Simran.
  - The flowers have been plucked by Simran.
  - The flowers were being plucked by Simran.
3. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech. (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)
- The lawyer told the father of the accused, "There is a rumour that he has some connection in that crime."
- The lawyer told the father of the accused that there had been a rumour that he had some connection in that crime.
  - The lawyer told the father of the accused that there was a rumour that he was having some connection in that crime.
  - The lawyer told the father of the accused that there was a rumour that he had some connection in that crime.
  - The lawyer told the father of the accused that there was a rumour that he has had some connection in that crime.



4. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice. (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)  
I gifted a soft toy to my daughter.
- A soft toy is gifted to my daughter by me.
  - To my daughter was gifted a soft toy by me.
  - A soft toy was gifted to my daughter by me.
  - A soft toy was being gifted to my daughter by me.
5. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct speech. (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)  
My son exclaimed with joy that it was an attractive site.
- My son said, "It is an attractive site."
  - My son said, "What an attractive site it is!"
  - My son said, "What an attractive site it was!"
  - My son said, "It was an attractive site."
6. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice. (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)  
The seller shall dispatch the parcel soon to Chennai.
- The parcel will be dispatched soon to Chennai by the seller.
  - The parcel may be dispatched by the seller to Chennai soon.
  - The parcel might be dispatched by the seller to Chennai soon.
  - The parcel can be dispatched by the seller to Chennai soon.
7. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
Access denied.
- Let the access be denied.
  - Access is being denied.
  - Let it be known that access will be denied.
  - Access has been denied.
8. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
The award was presented to her by the director.
- The director presented the award to her.
  - She presented the award to the director.
  - The award presented to her by the director.
  - She was presenting the award to the director.
9. Select the option that expresses the following sentence in active voice. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
By whom were you taught English grammar and composition?
- Who taught you English grammar and composition?
  - Who had taught you English grammar and composition?
  - Whom taught you English grammar and composition?
  - Who has taught you English grammar and composition?
10. Select the most appropriate option in direct speech. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)
- The principal say me, "You are in-charge of the admission cell."
  - The principal said me, You are in-charge of the admission cell.
  - The principal said to I, "You are in-charge of the admission cell."
  - The principal said to me, "You are in-charge of the admission cell."
11. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
He said, "Two and two make four."
- He says that two and two make four.
  - He said that two and two make four.
  - He says that two and two made four.
  - He said that two and two made four"
12. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)  
He said, "I bought this book for my brother."
- He said that he has bought this book for his brother.
  - He said that he buy this book for his brother
  - He said that he had bought that book for his brother
  - He said that he bought this book for his brother.
13. Select the option that expresses the following sentence in reported (or indirect) speech. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
The postmaster said to her, "You can purchase only two stamps at a time."
- The postmaster told her that she can purchase only two stamps at a time.
  - The postmaster asked her that she could purchase only two stamps at a time.
  - The postmaster instructed her that she should purchase only two stamps at a time.
  - The postmaster told her that she could purchase only two stamps at a time.
14. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
It is said that this is the oldest temple in the region.
- This is said to be the oldest temple in the region.
  - This is told to be the oldest temple.
  - This temple is said in the region to be.
  - This oldest temple is said to be in the region.
15. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech. She said, "I am going to the library to return the book". (SSC Sten. 2022)
- She said that she was going to the library to return the book.
  - She said that she had gone to the library to return the book.
  - She said that she is going to the library to return the book.
  - She said that she will go to the library to return the book.
16. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
"We must be vigilant. Our teacher never accepts the assignment if any one of us is late in submission", Ramesh said to his friend.
- Ramesh told his friend that they must be vigilant as their teacher never accepted the assignment if any one of them was late in submission.

- (b) Ramesh said his friend that they must be vigilant as our teacher never accepted the assignment if any one of them was late in submission.
- (c) Ramesh said to his friend that they must be vigilant as their teacher never accepted the assignment if any one of them was late in submission.
- (d) Ramesh told his friend that we must be vigilant as their teacher never accepted the assignment if any one of them was late in submission.
17. Select the option that expresses the following sentence in active voice. The pizza was ordered by Nikita at 5 p.m. **(SSC Sten. 2022)**
- (a) Nikita has being ordered the pizza at 5 p.m.
- (b) Nikita has been ordered the pizza at 5 p.m.
- (c) Nikita had ordered the pizza at 5 p.m.
- (d) Nikita ordered the pizza at 5 p.m.
18. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice. **(SSC Sten. 2022)**  
A new laptop was bought by me yesterday.
- (a) I bought a new laptop yesterday.
- (b) I was bought a new laptop yesterday.
- (c) I have buy a new laptop yesterday.
- (d) I have been buying a laptop yesterday.
19. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice. **(SSC Sten. 2022)**  
The government is implementing new policies to reduce pollution in the city.
- (a) New policies are being implemented by the government to reduce pollution in the city.
- (b) The government implemented new policies to reduce pollution in the city.
- (c) The implementation of new policies to reduce pollution in the city is by the government.
- (d) The government will implement new policies to reduce pollution in the city.
20. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech. **(SSC Sten. 2022)**  
"I have been to Hyderabad", Vishnu told me.
- (a) Vishnu told me that he has being to Hyderabad.
- (b) Vishnu told me that he had been to Hyderabad.
- (c) Vishnu told me that he have be to Hyderabad.
- (d) Vishnu tell me that he has been to Hyderabad.
21. Select the option that expresses the following sentence in direct speech. **(SSC Sten. 2022)**  
Lata told me to give her a glass of water.
- (a) Lata said, "Give her a glass of water."
- (b) Lata said to me, "Give me a glass of water."
- (c) Lata said, "can you give her a glass of water."
- (d) Lata asked me, "Give me a glass of water."
22. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice. **(SSC Sten. 2022)**  
The monkey was not chased up the tree by the lion.
- (a) Up the tree the monkey was not chased by the lion.
- (b) The monkey was not chasing up the tree to the lion.
- (c) The lion did not chase the monkey up the tree.
- (d) The lion was not chasing the monkey up the tree.
23. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in reported speech. **(SSC Sten. 2022)**  
Shyla said to me, "What a skulful tailor she is!"
- (a) Shyla said that she was a very skilful tailor.
- (b) Shyla exclaimed to me if she was a very skilful tailor.
- (c) Shyla exclaimed that she was a very skilful tailor.
- (d) Shyla exclaimed that she is a very skilful tailor.
24. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice. **(SSC Sten. 2022)**  
They are constructing a new building in the city centre.
- (a) A new building is being constructed by them in the city centre.
- (b) They will construct a new building in the city centre.
- (c) The construction of a new building in the city centre by them is ongoing
- (d) They constructed a new building in the city centre.
25. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice. **(SSC Sten. 2022)**  
A window will have been opened by her.
- (a) She will open a window.
- (b) She will be opened a window.
- (c) She will have opened a window.
- (d) She will have been opened a window.
26. Select the option that expresses the following sentence in active voice. **(SSC Sten. 2022)**  
A delicious meal was prepared by the chef.
- (a) The chef had prepared a delicious meal.
- (b) The chef has been preparing a delicious meal.
- (c) The chef has prepared a delicious meal.
- (d) The chef prepared a delicious meal.
27. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct speech. **(SSC Sten. 2022)**  
Parvathy explained that she was playing the violin.
- (a) "I playing the violin," Parvathy explained.
- (b) "I am playing the violin," Parvathy explained.
- (c) "I playing the violin," Parvathy explain.
- (d) "I played the violin," Parvathy explaining.
28. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct speech. **(SSC Sten. 2022)**  
Minal said that they were boarding the train then.
- (a) Minal said, "We have been boarding the train now."
- (b) Minal said, "We are boarding the train now."
- (c) Minal asked, "Are we boarding the train now?"
- (d) Minal told, "We would be boarding the train by then."

29. Select the option that expresses the following sentence in indirect speech. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
Rahul says, "I go to the gym daily."  
(a) Rahul said that he goes to the gym every day.  
(b) Rahul explained that I go to the gym daily.  
(c) Rahul says that he goes to the gym daily.  
(d) Rahul told that he went to the gym daily.
30. Select the option that expresses the following sentence in active voice. (SSC Sten. 2022)  
A batch of cookies was baked for the party by her.  
(a) She baked a batch of cookies for the party.  
(b) For the party she has baked a batch of cookies.  
(c) She has been baking a batch of cookies for the party.  
(d) A batch of cookies for the party she baked.
31. Select the option that correctly expresses the following sentence in passive voice. (SSC CHSL 2023, Shift-I)  
The child will recite the poem.  
(a) By child poem will be recited.  
(b) The poem will be recited by the child.  
(c) The poem is recited by the child.  
(d) The poem will recite by the child
32. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in positive degree of comparison. (SSC CHSL 2023, Shift-I)  
She is the dullest child in the class.  
(a) She is very duller in the class.  
(b) Dullest child in the class is she.  
(c) No other child in the class is as dull as she.  
(d) In the class of all she is dull.
33. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice. (SSC CHSL 2023, Shift-I)  
French is taught to us by Miss Glenn.  
(a) Miss Glenn taught us French  
(b) Miss Glenn teach us French  
(c) Miss Glenn teaches us French  
(d) Miss Glenn is teaching us French
34. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice. (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)  
He is eating an apple.  
(a) He has been eating an apple.  
(b) A apple is being eaten by him.  
(c) An apple was eaten by him.  
(d) He was eating an apple.
35. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice. (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)  
The team won the tournament after weeks of hard work and commitment.  
(a) The tournament has been won by the team after weeks of hard work and commitment.  
(b) The tournament was winning by the team after weeks of hard work and commitment.  
(c) The tournament was being won by the team after weeks of hard work and commitment.  
(d) The tournament was won by the team after weeks of hard work and commitment.
36. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech. (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)  
Rakesh said, "Wow! What a beautiful house".  
(a) Rakesh told that it had been a beautiful house  
(b) Rakesh exclaimed with sorrow that it was a beautiful house.  
(c) Rakesh exclaimed with surprise that it was must be beautiful house.  
(d) Rakesh exclaimed that it was a beautiful house.
37. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in reported speech. (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)  
The captain said to the soldiers, "Follow the enemy."  
(a) The captain said his soldiers to follow the enemy.  
(b) The captain commanded his soldiers to follow the enemy.  
(c) The captain charged his soldiers to followed the enemy.  
(d) The captain requested his soldiers to follow the enemy.
38. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice. (SSC CHSL 2023, Tier-II)  
The rescue team could have completed the task if there had been uninterrupted power supply.  
(a) The task could have been completed by the rescue team if there had been uninterrupted power supply.  
(b) The task could be completed by the rescue team if there was uninterrupted power supply.  
(c) The task could have to be completed by the rescue team if there was uninterrupted power supply.  
(d) The task can have completed by the rescue team if there was uninterrupted power supply.
39. Identify how you will (Voice) ask everyone if the sweets will be delivered by Jack today in active voice. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-I)  
(a) Are the sweets to be delivered by Jack today?  
(b) Will Jack deliver the sweets today?  
(c) Will Jack be delivering the sweets today?  
(d) Jack will deliver the sweets today.
40. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-I)  
Has the custard not been cooked by her?  
(a) Does she not cook the custard?  
(b) Has she cooked the custard?  
(c) Have she cooked the custard?  
(d) Has she not cooked the custard?
41. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)  
The mistress appointed him monitor.  
(a) Monitor had been appointed as mistress.  
(b) He had been appointed as monitor.  
(c) He was appointed monitor by the mistress.  
(d) He appointed mistress as monitor.

42. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in active voice. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)  
The canons are being fired continuously by them.  
(a) They fired canons continuously.  
(b) They are firing the canons continuously.  
(c) They have fired the canons continuously.  
(d) The canons fire continuously.
43. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in passive voice. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)  
Marvel Comics created Superman.  
(a) Superman was created by Marvel Comics.  
(b) Superman was created.  
(c) Superman is created by Marvel Comics.  
(d) Marvel Comics is creating Superman.
44. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in indirect speech. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)  
"So help me heaven!", the man cried, "I shall never lie again."  
(a) The man cries out to heaven to help him not to lie again ever.  
(b) The man called upon heaven to witness his resolve that he would never lie again.  
(c) The man requested heaven to help him and see that he lie again.  
(d) The man called heaven and ordered to help him and see to it that she never lies again.
45. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in direct speech. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)  
Hira inquired how I was doing being all alone in my house.  
(a) Hira said to me, "Are you doing fine being all alone in your house."  
(b) Hira said to me, "How are you doing being all alone in my house."  
(c) Hira said to me, "How are you doing being all alone in your house?"  
(d) Hira said to me, "How you are doing being all alone in your house?"
46. Select the option that expresses the given sentence in reported speech. (SSC CGL 2023, Tier-II)  
Joey said to the girl, "How are you doing?"  
(a) Joey asked the girl if she was doing fine.  
(b) Joey asked the girl how was she doing.  
(c) Joey asked the girl that how was she doing.  
(d) Joey asked the girl how she was doing.

## Reading Comprehension

**DIRECTIONS Qs. (1-4):** Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow. (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)

China and India together will account for more than a third of the estimated global population, which is expected to hit 8.045 billion by mid-year, according to the United Nations Population Fund's (UNFPA) 'State of World Population Report' for 2023. But, contrary to public perception, population growth has been slowing in both countries – particularly in China, which recorded a population decline for the first time in six decades last year.

China's population fell in 2022 to 1.411 billion, down some 850,000 people from the previous year, according to China's National Bureau of Statistics (NBS). The birth rate also fell to a record low of 6.77 births per 1,000 people, down from 7.52 a year earlier and the lowest level since the founding of Communist China in 1949. Along with the flagging population data, China also reported one of its worst economic growth numbers in nearly half a century last year, underscoring the steep challenges the country faces as its labor force shrinks and the ranks of the retired swell. India's working-age population stands at more than 900 million, according to 2021 data from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. This number is expected to hit more than 1 billion over the next decade, according to the Indian government. But these numbers could become a liability if policymakers do not create enough jobs, experts warned.

- The main theme of the given passage is:
  - China's worsening economic growth
  - slow population growth in India and China
  - India's working-age population
  - China's declining population
- What is the estimated world population by the middle of this year?
 

(a) 1.256 billion	(b) 900 million
(c) 1.411 billion	(d) 8.045 billion
- Identify whether the given statements are true or false.
  - India's working-age population was 900 million in 2021.
  - In the next ten years, India's working-age population will be more than 1 billion.

(a) A is false and B is true.	(b) A is true and B is false.
(c) Neither A nor B is true.	(d) Both A and B are true.
- 'Along with the flagging population data.' Here, 'flagging' means all of the following EXCEPT:
 

(a) ascending	(b) waning
(c) dwindling	(d) contracting

**DIRECTIONS Qs. (5-8):** Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow. (SSC CHSL 2022, Tier-II)

King Sagara, an ancestor of King Bhagiratha, once conducted an ashwamedha yagna to extend his dominion. When the horse went astray, the king sent his 60,000 sons to find the horse. Unfortunately, in the course of the quest, they ended up disrupting the intense meditation of sage Kapila, at whose abode they found the horse. Kapila burnt them all to ashes, sending them all to the netherworld—an act he instantly regretted when he realised what had happened. After breaking the news to King Sagara, he mentioned that the souls of King Sagara's sons could attain salvation only if the heavenly Ganga could be persuaded to flow over their ashes.

It was Bhagiratha, whose austere penance and devotion pleased Lord Shiva so much so that he persuaded Ganga to descend to the earth. Ganga consented, but the problem arose that the earth would probably be unable to bear the intensity of Ganga's flow and even be shattered in the process. Thus, a solution was devised: Ganga would first land on Shiva's head and the locks of

his hair would minimise the impact. Still, the force of Ganga's landing was such that it split into seven tributaries, three of which flowed east and three of them west. The seventh stream followed King Bhagiratha to the place where his ancestor's ashes lay. The river's waters instantly purified them. This is also the origin of the belief that the Ganga's waters can purify mortal souls of all their sins.

5. Identify the option that arranges the given events in the correct sequence of their occurrence.
- King Sagara's sons were burnt by sage Kapila.
  - King Bhagiratha persuaded Ganga to flow to the earth.
  - King Sagara performed an ashwamedha yagna.
  - The souls of the dead sons would not get salvation until Ganga flowed over their ashes.
  - However, the flow had to be restrained by Shiva by holding it in his locks.
- (a) CAEDB (b) CADBE  
(c) ACEBD (d) ADCBE
6. This story is a:
- true story
  - historical story
  - fable
  - mythological story
7. The above story is mainly about:
- Lord Shiva holding the Ganga in his locks
  - the ashwamedha yagna by King Sagara
  - the coming of the river Ganga to the earth
  - the sage Kapila's anger for King Sagara's sons
8. 'It was Bhagiratha, whose austere penance....' The word 'austere' here means:
- severe (b) rustic
  - bare (d) subdued

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 9-12):** Read the given passage and answer the question that follows. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)

On woody plants known as vines, luscious, smooth-skinned berries called grapes grow in dense clusters. In particular, grapes are grown in France, Italy, Spain, Australia, Chile, Romania, Georgia, South Africa and California, all of which have warm summers and moderate winters. Table grapes are larger and sweeter grapes that are intended for fresh consumption. To create wine, 80% of the grapes are crushed. The fermentation process turns grapes into wine. To make raisins, grapes must also be dried. Grapes ripen in the area of California in August. They are cut from the vines and left on trays to dry for two to three weeks. So, to transform them into raisins, they are further cooked and steeped in particular treatments. According to studies, one acre of grapes can make roughly 15,000 glasses of wine on average. Grapes of the Thompson, Flame, Ruby, Perlette and Tokay varieties are popular.

9. In which region do grapes ripen in August?
- Chile (b) Australia
  - France (d) California

10. Based on your reading of the passage, select the most appropriate word which best describes 'luscious'.
- Smooth (b) Juicy
  - Large (d) Soft
11. What does the fermentation process do?
- Turns grapes into raisins
  - Makes grapes larger
  - Turns grapes into wine
  - Crushes the grapes
12. Select the most appropriate title for the passage.
- Grapes and its uses (b) Wine making
  - Grapes and world (d) Varieties of grapes

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 13-16):** Read the given passage and answer the question that follows. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)

Steel is tough, and it can easily be shaped, cut or made into wire. Special alloys of steel can be made by adding small amounts of other metals such as aluminium, nickel and copper. Alloys give steel unusual hardness, toughness or ability to resist rust. Steel is often called the backbone of modern industry. Almost everything we use is either made of iron or steel or has been made with tools and machinery of these metals. Ships, trains, trucks and autos are made largely of steel. Even the safety pins and the needles you use are made from steel. Oil wells are drilled with steel machinery. Steel pipelines transport oil. Minerals are mined with steel equipment. Farm machines are mostly steel. Large buildings have steel framework.

13. Why is steel often called the backbone of modern industry?
- Steel is tough.
  - Steel is used in almost every tool and machinery.
  - It is easy to make steel alloys.
  - Steel can be added with any material.
14. What is the tone of the passage?
- Critical (b) Ironical
  - Informative (d) Judgemental
15. Identify the structure of the passage.
- Descriptive (b) Cause and effect
  - Sequential (d) Classification
16. Select an appropriate title for the passage from the given options.
- Mineral ores (b) Manufacturing
  - Steel Industry (d) Resources of Steel

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 17-20):** Read the given passage carefully and answer the question that follows. (SSC CGL 2022, Tier-II)

The discovery of a new bird species has sparked excitement among ornithologists and bird enthusiasts worldwide. The bird, named the Sapphire-winged Warbler, discovered in a remote tropical island's rainforests, is a unique bird with vibrant blue feathers and a distinctive melodic song. Birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts have been flocking to the island in hopes of catching a glimpse of this elusive and captivating creature. The discovery of the Sapphire-winged Warbler highlights the importance of preserving and protecting habitats. Amidst the excitement surrounding the

discovery of the Sapphire-winged Warbler, researchers have embarked on a mission to uncover the bird's migratory patterns. Equipped with satellite tracking devices, they aim to trace the remarkable journey of this species across vast distances. By unravelling its migratory routes and stopover locations, scientists hope to gain insight into the challenges the Sapphire-winged Warbler faces during its arduous travels. The local community on the tropical island has embraced the newfound avian resident with great enthusiasm. Efforts are underway to raise awareness about the importance of conservation and to create protected areas that ensure the continued existence of this exquisite species.

17. Based on the given passage, which of the following inferences can be made?
- The Sapphire-winged Warbler is an aggressive and territorial bird species.
  - Conservation efforts are solely focused on protecting the Sapphire-winged Warbler.
  - The discovery of the Sapphire-winged Warbler has sparked global interest in birdwatching.
  - The scientific community has lost interest in studying avian species.
18. Which statement best reflects a fact mentioned in the given passage?
- The Sapphire-winged Warbler is the only bird species on the tropical island.
  - Schools on the island organise annual bird-watching competitions.
  - Researchers are using satellite tracking devices to study the bird's migratory patterns.
  - The Sapphire-winged Warbler is the largest bird species in the avian kingdom.
19. Select the most appropriate title for the given passage.
- The Unique Features of the Sapphire-winged Warbler
  - The Migratory Journey of the Sapphire-winged Warbler
  - Conservation Efforts in Tropical Rainforests
  - The Curious Behaviour of Birds in Remote Islands
20. Identify the most appropriate ANTONYM of the word 'stare' from the passage.
- Vibrancy
  - Excitement
  - Glimpse
  - Arduousness

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 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. (SSC Sten. 2022)

Climate change is a pressing global issue that demands immediate (1) \_\_\_\_\_. The Earth's climate is undergoing (2) \_\_\_\_\_ changes primarily due to human activities, such as burning fossil fuels and deforestation. The consequences of climate change are (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and include rising global temperatures, extreme weather events, and biodiversity loss. To mitigate these effects, it is crucial to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote renewable energy sources, and adopt sustainable (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Additionally, raising awareness and educating the public about the importance of conservation and environmentally friendly practices are essential. Cooperation and international (5) \_\_\_\_\_ are needed to address climate change collectively.

21. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.
- difference
  - delay
  - action
  - apathy
22. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.
- simple
  - honest
  - profound
  - hard
23. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.
- short-sighted
  - clean
  - far-reaching
  - inadequate
24. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.
- solutions
  - results
  - effects
  - consequences
25. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.
- instances
  - efforts
  - direction
  - cases

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 26-30):** In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank. (SSC Sten. 2022)

- KIPS, with its vast (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in School Computer Education, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the computer Series- Cyber Beans. This is the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ comprehensive computer series, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ is free from rote learning. While designing this series, a lot of effort has been put in to give each (5) \_\_\_\_\_ a practical shape.
26. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 1.
- share
  - experience
  - belief
  - membership
27. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 2.
- has designed
  - is designing
  - designed
  - will design
28. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 3.
- more
  - least
  - great
  - most
29. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 4.
- which
  - whose
  - who
  - that
30. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 5.
- views
  - process
  - concept
  - aspect

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 31-35):** In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank. (SSC Sten. 2022)

Exploitation in the marketplace happens in various (1) \_\_\_\_\_. For example, sometimes traders indulge in (2) \_\_\_\_\_ trade practices such as when shopkeepers weigh less than what they should or when traders add charges that were not mentioned before, or when (3) \_\_\_\_\_ goods are sold. Markets do not work in a fair manner when producers are few and powerful whereas consumers purchase in small amounts and are (4) \_\_\_\_\_. This happens especially when large companies are producing these goods. These companies with huge wealth, power and reach can (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the market in various ways.