

# SSC CGL Tier-II ENGLISH : Memory Based Questions

# Direction (1-5): The questions below consist of a set of labeled sentences. Out of the four options given, select the most logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph.

**Q1.** (R) It also questioned why over ₹3,000 crore is lying unused in the Nirbhaya Fund, which was announced in 2013, when it "could have been used for installing CCTVs and streetlights".

(P) A Bench of Justices G.S. Sistani and Jyoti Singh asked the city government, the Delhi Police and other stakeholders to prepare an action plan to make the Capital "crime free for women".

(Q) It also said that a special task force should be formed and police officials be given motorcycles so that they can access dark spots in the city.

(S) "In Mumbai, women can walk freely in the night, why can't it happen in Delhi? We have the best resources and officers in Delhi, where are things going wrong," the Bench asked.

(a) PSRQ

(b) PRSQ

(c) SPRQ

(d) SRPQ

**Q2.** (Q) On the other hand, however, the energy charge rates have been increased for multiple categories. (P) including reduction in fixed charges of various categories, an increase in energy charge rates and other changes, which will be applicable starting 1<sup>st</sup> August.

(S) These include domestic category consuming above 1,200 units, non-domestic categories consuming above 3 kilo Volt-Ampres, industrial consumers, public utilities, Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) and for advertisements and hoardings.

(R) The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) announced a slew of changes in power tariffs, (a) PSRQ

(b) RPQS

(c) SPRQ

(d) RSPQ

**Q3.** (R) In a statement, they said that at a time when all right-thinking Indians are alarmed at the daily barbaric acts of lynching of Muslims and the impunity to the perpetrators being provided by the government,

(Q) and called it an "attempt to criminalize Muslim men in the guise of protecting Muslim women".

(S) Several individuals and civil society groups on Wednesday condemned The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriages) Bill, 2019

(P) the Bill was a complete charade. "You cannot pretend to save Muslim women, while seeking to bring the Muslim community to its knees," the statement said.

(a) PSRQ

(b) RPQS

(c) SPRQ

(d) SQRP



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Q4. (R) "When we talk about Premchand, the very first thing I think of is 'Godan'.

(P) Premchand was the voice of the common man", said Devina Kandwal, an MA student at DU.

(S) Every year on the occasion of Premchand Jayanti, the Hindi literary magazine, Hans, holds its annual symposium.

(Q) Through 'Godan' he depicts the life of a farmer and that is relevant even today.

(a) PSRQ

(b) RPQS

(c) SRQP

(d) SQRP

**Q5.** (Q) the Punjab government said the report should be immediately withdrawn to ensure further detailed investigations in the matter.

(P) Days after the Central Bureau of Investigation filed a closure report giving a clean chit to the accused in the 2015 Bargari sacrilege case,

(S) but had also failed in its duty to identify the culprits and bring them to book, as was expected of the premier agency.

(R) Chief Minister Amarinder Singh said the CBI had not only overlooked certain crucial aspects of the investigation

(a) PQRS

(b) RPQS

(c) PRQS

(d) SQRP

Direction: In these questions, four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase given in bold in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase given in bold.

#### Q6. Eye to eye

(a) In an argument with someone

(b) In agreement with someone

(c) In love with someone

(d) In a dilemma

Direction (7-10): In the following questions, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select No Error.

Q7. Mr. Adeeb was convicted (1)/ of a Maldivian court in a plot to (2)/ assassinate former President Abdulla Yameen. (3)/ No error(4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2

(c) 3

(d) 4

Q8. In fact, the government(1)/ cannot dictate to the CAG what (2)/ should or should not be redacted. (3)/ no error(4)

(a) 1

(b) 2

(c) 3

2

(d) 4

Q9. We hope the policy acts as deterrent (1)/ for employees who have been ignoring their parents (2) and physically challenged siblings. (3) no error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

### Q10. If Meenu had (1)/ taken the measures,(2)/ she will have earned a lot.(3)/ No error(4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

Direction: In the following questions, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

### Q11. Impossible to satisfy

- (a) Inaccessible
- (b) Insatiable
- (c) Indubitable
- (d) Incurable

Direction: In these questions, four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase given in bold in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase given in bold.

#### Q12. Cut corners

- (a) To fall in a trap
- (b) To skip certain steps
- (c) To cut gemstones
- (d) To steal money

### Direction (13-16): Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to fill the space provided out of the four alternatives.

Critics said it would be a waste of money, but they were (13)\_\_\_\_\_ wrong. Above all, the basic incomes improved the community spirit and were emancipatory. Those who (14)\_\_\_\_\_ trust people wish to retain (15)\_\_\_\_ LIVE BATCH policies despite decades of evidence that they are woefully Δ inefficient, ineffective, inequitable and open to (16) ULTIMATE extensive corruption. The tendency of elites to want to have common people grateful to their (17)\_\_\_\_\_ benevolence has **Complete Package** blocked sensible economic reform. **CRACK SSC CGL** Q13. Critics said it would be a waste of money, but they were (13)\_\_\_\_\_ wrong TIER-I (a) proven (b) prove to be

- (c) proved
- (d) none of these



#### Q14. Those who (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_ trust people wish to retain

- (a) did not
- (b) have not
- (c) do not
- (d) does not

#### Q15. retain (15)\_\_\_\_\_ policies despite decades of evidence

- (a) paternal
- (b) paternalistic
- (c) parent
- (d) patron

### Q16. inequitable and open to (16)\_\_\_\_\_ extensive corruption

- (a) ridiculously
- (b) ridiculous
- (c) ridicule
- (d) none of these

### Q17. Select the Synonym of Impoverished

- (a) enriched
- (b) stretched
- (c) depleted
- (d) created

Directions (18-22): In the following question, a sentence / a part of the sentence is bold. Below are given alternatives to the bold part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is required, choose "No Improvement" option.

Q18. For many tourists keeping a tourist guide during tours help to satisfy their hunger for knowledge.

- (a) help to satisfy his hunger
- (b) helps satisfy their hunger
- (c) help to satisfy hunger
- (d) No improvement

**Q19**. The whole idea of constructing and **to decorate the puja pandals is** a part of skill and creativity.

- (a) of decorating the puja pandals is
- (b) to decorate the puja pandals are
- (c) of decorating the puja pandals are
- (d) No improvement

### **Q20.** I just can't **cope up with** your erratic behavior.

- (a) cope up by
- (b) cope up of
- (c) cope with
- (d) No improvement

**Q21.**The entire blame for crime cannot **be led at the doors** of the State.

- (a) be laid at doors
- (b) been laid at the doors
- (c) be laid at the doors
- (d) No improvement

Q22. Adversities bring in the best and worst in different human beings.

- (a) bring out the best and the worst
- (b) bring about the best and worst
- (c) bring out best and worst
- (d) No improvement

Direction: In these questions, four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase given in bold in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase given in bold.

# Q23. Put best foot forward

- (a) try to make a good impression
- (b) try to injure oneself
- (c) try to make a fuss about something
- (d) try to buy something expensive

# Directions (24-28): Read the following passage carefully and choose the most appropriate answer to the question out of the four alternatives.

Translation is of immense importance today. With rapid commercialization, the narrow barriers between nations are fast disappearing. In the past, there used to be practically no communication amongst nations. The modern world, however, is no longer divided into water-tight compartments. We are heading towards one world, thanks to development in the fields of communication among nations today. Translation forges bonds of unity amongst people who speak different languages. Even if we do not know a particular language or the literature of a particular nation, we can know its richness and the depth of its ideas through translation. Translation also helps in understanding the rich cultural heritage of a nation. Thus a multi-lingual person has a multi-focal view of the world. Translation also serves as a mode of cultural exchange in a multi-lingual country. It plays a pivotal role in the evolution of a pluralistic national identity. The achievement of translation is both the globalisation of culture and the promotion of intra and inter-cultural bonding. One may appreciate and enjoy through translation the plays of Shakespeare even if one does not know the English language. One may also know the rich world of Homer, Virgil,

Dante, Milton, Dickens, Hardy, Leo Tolstoy, Zola and Munshi Prem Chand through translation. Translation responds to our intellectual, cultural and spiritual needs. It is necessary for information and for the exchange of ideas. Translation, which has hitherto been neglected and marginalized, has assumed importance with rapid globalization. It is now considered an art which requires mastery and perfection. A good translator is able to do away with superficiality and has a clear understanding of the text to be translated. He should have mastery over the subtle nuances of the language from which he is translating. Translating a passage of one language into another literally is not only impossible but would also result in incorrect grammar and syntax.



### Q24. According to the author, what does translation do?

- (a) Translation divides the world into compartments.
- (b) Translation brings people speaking different languages, together.
- (c) Translation gives rise to animosity among people.
- (d) Translation is a means to succeed in the practical world.

#### Q25. How does translation help us?

- (a) It creates a babel of tongues.
- (b) It denies us access to other cultures.
- (c) It provides an insight into the cultural heritage of a nation/ people.
- (d) It helps us to understand the ideas of the other languages.

#### Q26. Globalisation has \_\_\_\_

- (a) Neglected the importance of translation.
- (b) Made us aware of the importance of translation.
- (c) Allowed us to enjoy the works of great writers.
- (d) Given translation its rightful place.

#### Q27. What should be the approach of a good translator?

- (a) Have mastery over his language.
- (b) Have good knowledge of the other literature.
- (c) Do away with the nuances and not express the main ideas.
- (d) Do away with the unwanted things and express only the main ideas.

### Q28. Select the Synonym of Philanthropist

- (a) Survivor
- (b) Traitor
- (c) Benefactor
- (d) Hacker

# Directions (29-33): Read the following passage carefully and choose the most appropriate answer to the question out of the four alternatives.

At low tide, he walked over the sands to the headland and round the corner to the little bay facing the open sea. It was inaccessible by boat, because seams of rock jutted out and currents swirled round them treacherously. But you could walk there if you choose one of the lowest ebb tides that receded a very long way. You could not linger on the expedition, for once the tide was on the turn, it came in rapidly. For this reason very few people cared to explore the little bay and the cave at the back of it. But the unknown always drew this man like a magnet. He found the bay fresh and unlittered, as it was completely covered

by the sea at high tide. The cave looked mysteriously dark, cool and inviting, and he penetrated to the farthest corner where he discovered a wide crack, rather like a chimney. He peered up and thought he could see a patch of daylight.

# Q29. According to the writer, the bay could not be reached by boat because

- (a) it had numerous number of rocks.
- (b) there were too many ebbs.
- (c) it was facing the open sea.
- (d) there were seams of rock and treacherously swirling currents.





### Q30. One could visit the bay

- (a) at any time one chose
- (b) when there was low tide
- (c) on certain occasions
- (d) during the evenings

### Q31. It was not possible to "linger on the expedition" because

- (a) the tide turned slowly.
- (b) the tide turned at once.
- (c) the water rose rapidly.
- (d) once the tide was on the turn, it came in rapidly.

### Q32. While passing through the cave, the writer discovered a

- (a) large opening
- (b) chimney-shaped rock
- (c) cool and secluded corner
- (d) wide crack, rather like a chimney

### Q33. He found the bay "fresh and unlittered" because

- (a) the sea water had receded.
- (b) he was the first visitor there.
- (c) it was completely covered by the sea at high tide.
- (d) it was not frequented by people.

Directions (34-38): In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech.

# Q34. The DMRC officials said, "Smoking, eating and drinking is not permitted inside the Delhi metro"

(a)The DMRC officials told Smoking, eating and drinking is not permitted inside the Delhi metro.

(b)The DMRC officials announced Smoking, eating and drinking was not permitted inside the Delhi metro.(c)The DMRC officials announced Smoking, eating and drinking is not permitted inside the Delhi metro.(d)The DMRC officials requested not to Smoking, eating and drinking is not permitted inside the Delhi metro.

#### Q35. My teacher told me that she had not known that I had been ill for so long.

- (a) My teacher said to me, "She did not know that I was ill for so long."
- (b) My teacher informed me, "She did not know that I was ill for so long."
- (c) My teacher said to me, "She had not known that if I were ill for so long."
- (d) My teacher said to me, "She did not knew that I was ill for so long."

# Q36. Mr. Jaitley said, "There is a fundamental difference between investigative adventurism and professional investigation."

(a) Mr. Jaitley said that there was a fundamental difference between investigative adventurism and professional investigation.

(b) Mr. Jaitley said that there is a fundamental difference between investigative adventurism and professional investigation.

(c) Mr. Jaitley said that there had been a fundamental difference between investigative adventurism and professional investigation.

(d) Mr. Jaitley said that there was been a fundamental difference between investigative adventurism and professional investigation.

# Q37. "India is a pluralist country with 180 million Muslims," the intelligence official said.

(a) The intelligence official reaffirmed that India was to be a pluralist country with 180 million Muslims.

- (b) The intelligence official said that India had been a pluralist country with 180 million Muslims.
- (c) The intelligence official said that India was a pluralist country with 180 million Muslims.
- (d) The intelligence official regarded India was a pluralist country with 180 million Muslims.

# Q38. Manoj said, "I must go now."

- (a) Manoj said that he must go then.
- (b) Manoj said that he must go than.
- (c) Manoj said he has to go then.
- (d) Manoj said that he should be going than.

Direction: In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the word opposite in meaning to the word given.

### Q39. Lackadaisical

- (a) excited
- (b) strict
- (c) careless
- (d) rough

Directions (40-45): In the following questions, a sentence has been given in active/passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one that best expresses the same sentence in passive/active voice and mark your answer accordingly.

# Q40. Rajesh could not complete his paper because he had a headache.

- (a) The paper of Rajesh could not be completed by him because he had a headache.
- (b) The paper could not be completed by Rajesh because he had a headache.
- (c) Rajesh's paper could not be completed because he had a headache.
- (d) Rajesh's paper would not be completed because he had a headache.

### Q41. That too many cooks spoil the broth is known to all.

- (a) All knows that the broth is spoilt by too many cooks.
- (b) All knew that too many cooks spoilt the broth.
- (c) All know that the broth is spoilt by too many cooks.
- (d) All know that too many cooks spoil the broth.

# Q42. It is time to water the plants.

- (a) It is time for the plants to be watered.
- (b) It is time the plants be watered.
- (c) The plants should be watered.
- (d) It is time when plants are watered.

# Q43. The judge ordered the murderer to be hanged.

(a) It was ordered by the judge to hang the murderer

(b) The murderer was to be hanged according to the order of the judge.

(c) The order was given by the judge to hang the murderer.

(d) The murderer was ordered by the judge to be hanged.



#### Q44. Someone wrote this letter in the nineteenth century.

- (a) In the nineteenth century someone wrote this letter.
- (b) This letter was written by someone in the nineteenth century.
- (c) This letter had been written by someone in the nineteenth century.
- (d) In the nineteenth century by someone this letter was write.

#### Q45. The ball had been thrown by him.

- (a) He has thrown the ball.
- (b) He threw the ball.
- (c) He had thrown the ball.
- (d) He throws the ball.

# Direction: In the following questions, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

#### Q46. Fear of water is called

- (a) Claustrophobia
- (b) Agoraphobia
- (c) Hydrophobia
- (d) Acrophobia

#### Q47. Once in a blue moon

- (a) Frequently
- (b) Rarely
- (c) Fearfully
- (d) Decently
- Q48. Select the synonym of Stoic
- (a) Uncomplaining
- (b) Victimized
- (c) Destructible
- (d) Energetic

#### Q49. Select the synonym of Serendipity

- (a) Stupidity
- (b) Dandy
- (c) Fluke
- (d) Creditable

Direction: In these questions, four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase given in bold in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase given in bold.

**Q50.** Green fingers

- (a) a now-outdated type of radio
- (b) an obvious lie
- (c) attributed to someone who is a skilled gardener
- (d) someone skilled at the artwork

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