

Directions (1-2): Choose among the following that best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Q1. Persist

- (a) abandon
- (b) cease
- (c) remain
- (d) ruin

S1. Ans.(c)

Sol. Persist: continue to exist; be prolonged.

Q2. Cogent

- (a) suspicious
- (b) muddled
- (c) vague
- (d) plausible

S2. Ans.(d)

Sol. Cogent: (of an argument or case) clear, logical, and convincing.

Plausible: (of an argument or statement) seeming reasonable or probable.

Directions (3-5): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the word opposite in meaning to the word given.

Q3. Turbulent

- (a) unsettled
- (b) moderate
- (c) stormy
- (d) anarchic

S3. Ans.(b)

Sol. Turbulent: characterized by conflict, disorder, or confusion; not stable or calm.

Q4. Alluring

- (a) obnoxious
- (b) appealing
- (c) enticing
- (d) charming

S4. Ans.(a)

Sol. Alluring: powerfully and mysteriously attractive or fascinating; seductive.

Obnoxious: extremely unpleasant.



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Q5. Empathy

- (a) rapport
- (b) harmony
- (c) affinity
- (d) atrocity

S5. Ans.(d)

Sol. Empathy: the ability to understand and share the feelings of another.

Atrocity: an extremely wicked or cruel act.

Directions (6-7): Four alternatives are given for the Idioms/Phrase printed in bold. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of Idiom/Phrase.

Q6. Pie in the sky

- (a) a successful journey
- (b) an empty wish
- (c) feeling of excitement
- (d) talkative

S6. Ans.(b)

Q7. At one's wit's end

- (a) involved in a dispute
- (b) excessive desires
- (c) in a state of distress
- (d) in poverty

S7. Ans.(c)

Q8. In the dark

- (a) greedily
- (b) covertly
- (c) mannerly
- (d) strongly

S8. Ans.(b)

Q9. In the following question, four words are given out of which one word is incorrectly spelt. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

- (a) problematic
- (b) cryptic
- (c) hypothesis
- (d) 2ethargic

S9. Ans.(d)

Q10. In the following question, four words are given out of which one word is incorrectly spelt. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

- (a) bucolic
- (b) mechaenic
- (c) patriotic
- (d) gigantic

S10. Ans.(b)

Directions (11-15): In the following questions, a sentence has been given with a blank to be filled from the given options. Choose the one word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

Q11. In an effort to bring the problem under control, the Indian Government has recently _____ for prevention of pollution of the Ganges.

- (a) disciplining a way out
- (b) deferred an act
- (c) dominate the action
- (d) drawn up an action plan

S11. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'Drawn up an action plan' fits in the context.

Q12. _____ can arise out of Off-market Trades or Market Trades.

- (a) Registrations
- (b) Alterations
- (c) Trepidation
- (d) Transfers

S12. Ans.(d)

Sol. Option D makes the sentence meaningful.

Q13. By 2009, less than half of the passenger car production by the largest six Japanese producers _____ in Japan.

- (a) was undertaken
- (b) had been operated
- (c) were pursued
- (d) was extracted

S13. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'was undertaken; singular verb will be used for the word 'production'.

Q14. There are always problems to overcome at the _____ of a new policy, but those should be dealt with in a few months.

- (a) inception
- (b) exhume
- (c) eschew
- (d) escapade

S14. Ans.(a)

Sol. Inception: the establishment or starting point of an institution or activity.

Q15. Through his _____, he deceived us all.

- (a) simmer
- (b) selvage
- (c) canard
- (d) laggard

S15. Ans.(c)

Sol. Canard: a false report or piece of information that is intended to deceive people.

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Directions (16-17): In the following questions, four alternatives are given for the bold or given idiom/phrase. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the bold or given idiom/phrase.

Q16. His parents **cut him off without a shilling**.

- (a) disinherited him
- (b) snubbed him
- (c) gave him only a shilling
- (d) sent him away with a shilling

S16. Ans.(a)

Q17. The carefully worked-out plan **fell through** because of an unexpected event.

- (a) came out successfully
- (b) had a sporadic victory
- (c) worked thoroughly
- (d) failed

S17. Ans.(d)

Q18. In the following question, four words are given out of which one word is incorrectly spelt. Find the incorrectly spelt word.

- (a) Gimcrack
- (b) Imbrue
- (c) Inculpete
- (d) Lenity

S18. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'Inculcate' is the correct spelling.

Q19. In the following question, four words are given out of which one word is incorrectly spelt. Find the incorrectly spelt word.

- (a) Fractous
- (b) Hauteur
- (c) Expatiate
- (d) Psychotic

S19. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'Fractious' is the correct spelling.

Q20. In the following question, four words are given out of which one word is incorrectly spelt. Find the incorrectly spelt word.

- (a) Moratorium
- (b) Temperize
- (c) Agrarian
- (d) Genre

S20. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Temporize' is the correct spelling.

Directions (21-24): In these questions some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and indicate it corresponding to the appropriate letter. If there is no error, indicate corresponding to the last option.

Q21. I always glance at my desk (A)/ to make sure I have everything (B)/ before I leave the office at night. (C)/ No Error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

S21. Ans.(a)

Sol. Replace 'glance at' with 'glance over'.

Glance **over** something (**a wide surface**): to examine something very quickly.

Q22. The Royal Commission on Legal Services took a more (A)/ fundamental view with regard of financial (B)/ conditions, which has not been accepted. (C)/ No Error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

S22. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'with regard of' with 'with regard to'.

As 'with regard **to** a matter' is the correct prepositional phrase.

Q23. In the event, the anticipated collapse of the first (A)/ genetic engineering company amid a pile (B)/ of bad debts did not come by. (C)/ No Error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

S23. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'come by' with 'come about'.

Come **about**: happen; take place.

Come **by**: manage to acquire or obtain (something).

Hence 'come about' fits in the context appropriately.

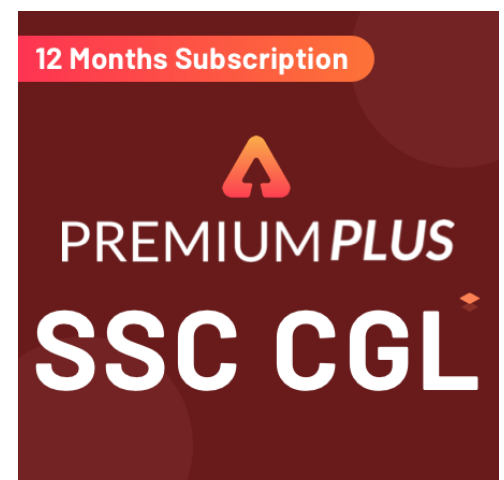
Q24. The town was fairly larger with (A)/ a dozen or so business buildings (B)/ on each side of the street. (C)/ No Error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

S24. Ans.(a)

Sol. Either replace 'larger' with 'large'.

'Fairly' takes positive degree of adjectives with it.



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Direction (25-26): Improve the bracketed part of the sentence

Q25. Some writers have suggested that this will replace browsing, but they miss the point (by the mile).

- (a) by the miles
- (b) by a mile
- (c) by mile
- (d) No Improvement

S25. Ans.(b)

Sol. By a mile (idiom): by a large amount; by a lot.

Q26. Making the drug affordable to those with extreme form of drug resistance will be highly commendable and a desperately needed model (to being followed).

- (a) for a follow
- (b) to be followed
- (c) to have been followed
- (d) No Improvement

S26. Ans.(b)

Direction (27-28): In the following questions, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice.

Q27. He was taken to the hospital by his friends.

- (a) His friends had taken him to the hospital.
- (b) His friends have taken him to the hospital.
- (c) His friends take him to the hospital.
- (d) His friends took him to the hospital.

S27. Ans.(d)

Q28. I have written this essay.

- (a) This essay had been written by me.
- (b) This essay is written by me.
- (c) This essay has been written by me.
- (d) This essay was written by me.

S28. Ans.(c)

Q29. In the question below, four words are given. In each group, one word is contently spelt. Find the correctly to spelt word.

- (a) possesses
- (b) posseses
- (c) posesses
- (d) poseses

S29. Ans.(a)

Q30. In the question below, four words are given. In each group, one word is contently spelt. Find the correctly to spelt word.

- (a) murmuring
- (b) murmuring
- (c) murmuring
- (d) murmaring

S30. Ans.(a)

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