

## SSC CGL 2019 Tier-I (Held On : 9 March 2020 Shift 3) English Paper

## Question No. 1

Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No improvement.

Long after those five horses finish drinking water from the trough, an old horse appeared over the brow of the hill.

✗ have finished

Your first attempt

✓ had finished

70% answered correctly

↻ had been finishing

No Improvement

Solution

The correct answer is **option 2, i.e., had finished.**

- The sentence talks about an activity that has already happened in the past.
- This is also suggested by the second sentence, which uses the simple past tense.
- In this case, the most appropriate tense is the past perfect tense form, viz., had finished.

Thus, the completed sentence is: Long after those five horses **had finished** drinking water from the trough, an old horse appeared over the brow of the hill.

## Question No. 2

**Key Points**

- **Relief** means a feeling of reassurance and relaxation following release from anxiety or distress.
- **Aid** refers to help, typically of a practical nature.
- Thus, only Aid can be an appropriate synonym for Relief.

**Additional Information**

Meanings of the given words:

- **Stress**- pressure or tension exerted on a material object.
- **Anger**- a strong feeling of annoyance, displeasure, or hostility.
- **Emotion**- a strong feeling deriving from one's circumstances, mood, or relationships with others.

## Question No. 3

Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

A building where grain is kept or stored

Greenery

✓ Granary

Your first attempt

91% answered correctly

Grate

Grandstand

## Question No. 4

**Meanings of the given words:****Greenery-** green foliage, growing plants, or vegetation.**Granary-** a storehouse for threshed grain.**Grate-** reduce (food) to small shreds by rubbing it on a grater.**Grandstand-** the main stand, usually roofed, commanding the best view for spectators at racecourses or sports grounds.Out of these, only **Granary** is an appropriate word for the given group of words.

## Question No. 5

**Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.**

Humane

Sympathetic

✓ Cruel

Your first attempt

89% answered correctly

Living

Kind

## Question No. 6

**Meanings of the given words:****Sympathetic-** feeling, showing, or expressing sympathy.**Cruel-** wilfully causing pain or suffering to others, or feeling no concern about it.**Living-** the pursuit of a lifestyle of the specified type.**Kind-** a group of people or things having similar characteristics.

## Question No. 7

**Select the most appropriate meaning of the following idiom.**

To bark up the wrong tree

✗ To sound or appear ferocious but not actually so

Your first attempt

↻ To cover oneself with the outer covering of a wrong tree

✓ To do something that will not get the result you want

87% answered correctly

To make a sound like that of a dog

## Question No. 8

**Select the most appropriate meaning of the following idiom.**

To take a back seat

To go through a short but unpleasant period of time

✓ To become less important or to give up control over things

✗ To lecture or criticise the person who is actually in control of something

To be less successful in one's efforts

## Question No. 9

Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

Working very hard and very carefully

✗ Indigent

Dilatory

✓ Diligent

Indulgent

### Question No. 10

Meanings of the given words:

**Indigent**- poor; needy.

**Dilatory**- slow to act.

**Diligent**- having or showing care and conscientiousness in one's work or duties.

**Indulgent**- having or indicating a readiness or over-readiness to be generous to or lenient with someone.

### Question No. 11

In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

The big ship sank and everyone abroad drowned.

✓ abroad drowned

sank

and everyone

The big ship

Solution

The correct answer is **option 1, i.e., abroad drowned.**

- The part uses the incorrect noun/adverb abroad, which means in or to a foreign country or countries.
- Given the context of the ship, the correct adverb here must be aboard, which means on or into (a ship, aircraft, train, or another vehicle).

Thus, the rectified sentence is: *The big ship sank and everyone **aboard** drowned.*

### Question No. 12

Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.

Extol

✓ Censure

Realistic

Exposure

Boorish

### Question No. 13



### Explanation

Let's look at the meaning of the given word and the option:

- **Extol:** Means praise enthusiastically.
- **Censure:** Express severe disapproval of (someone or something), especially in a formal statement.

Here we find that both **Extol** and **Censure** express the opposite meaning.

Therefore both the words are **Antonyms**, and thus **Option 1 Censure** is the correct answer.

Let's look at the meaning of other words:

- **Realistic:** Having or showing a sensible and practical idea of what can be achieved or expected.
- **Exposure:** The state of having no protection from something harmful.
- **Boorish:** Rough and bad-mannered; coarse.

### Question No. 14

Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

Inclement

✗ Dignified

Wonderful

Pleasant

✓ Stormy

### Question No. 15



### Key Points

- **Inclement-** (of the weather) unpleasantly cold or wet or stormy. ((मौसम का) अप्रिय रूप से ठंडा या गीला या तूफानी)
- Meanings of the given words:
  - **Dignified-** having or showing a composed or serious manner that is worthy of respect. (एक रचना या गंभीर तरीके से होना या दिखाना जो सम्मान के योग्य हो।)
  - **Wonderful-** inspiring delight, pleasure, or admiration; extremely good; marvellous. (प्रेरक प्रसन्नता, आनंद, या प्रशंसा; बहुत ही अच्छा; अद्भुत।)
  - **Pleasant-** giving a sense of happy satisfaction or enjoyment. (सुखद संतुष्टि या आनंद की भावना देना।)
  - **Stormy-** (of weather) characterized by strong winds and usually rain, thunder, lightning, or snow. ((मौसम की) तेज हवाओं और आमतौर पर बारिश, गरज, बिजली या बर्फ की विशेषता।)
- Out of these, only Stormy can be an appropriate synonym for Inclement.