SSC CGL (Held On 13 Dec 2022 Shift 2) English Paper

Question No. 1



Question No. 2



- The most appropriate antonym of the given word 'Intense' is 'Moderate'.
- Intense: having a very strong effect or impact; extreme in degree or strength; deeply felt or experienced. In Hindi, it is called "तीव्र" or "गहरा"
 - Example: The intense pressure of the upcoming exam was causing her a lot of stress.
- Moderate: Average in amount, intensity, quality, or degree; not extreme or excessive. In Hindi: मध्यम.
 - o Example: The weather was moderate and pleasant, with a slight breeze.

Correct Answer: Moderate.

Additional Information

- · Let's look at the meaning of other words:
 - o Thrifty: Practicing thrift or economical management; using money or resources carefully and not wastefully. In Hindi: बचतील.
 - o **Stately**: Impressive and dignified in appearance, manner, or size. In Hindi: आलिशान.
 - 。 Lavish: Sumptuously rich, elaborate, or luxurious; giving or using a large amount of something. In Hindi: उदार.

Question No. 3

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

Usually, Ratheesh hasn't/take part in these types/of events because of/his hectic schedule.

X take part in these types

of events because of
his hectic schedule

V Usually, Ratheesh hasn't

Question No. 4

Key Points

- The given sentence is grammatically incorrect.
- · Here, 'Usually, Ratheesh doesn't' should be used instead of 'Usually, Ratheesh hasn't'.
- The word "hasn't" is a contraction of "has not," which is present perfect tense.
- However, in the sentence, we need to use the **simple present tense** because the sentence is talking about *Ratheesh's usual behavior*. The verb "doesn't" is the contracted form of "does not," which is the correct verb form to use in this sentence.
- . Thus, the correct answer is Option 4.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.		
There was a	e was a accident last night and the inspector on deputy was unable to raise help when she called from the mountains.	
goofy		
gloomy		
✓ serious	Your first attempt 77% answered correctly	
harsh		



- · The most appropriate word for the given blank is 'serious'.
- Given this context, we need a word to fill in the blank that describes the accident as significant, important, or dangerous. Out of the four
 options provided, "serious" is the only one that fits this meaning and makes sense in the sentence.
- · Let's see why other options are incorrect:
 - o Option 1, "goofy," means silly or foolish, and is completely unrelated to the context of the sentence.
 - o Option 2, "gloomy," means dark, depressing, or sad, and does not fit the context of the sentence either.
 - o Option 4, "harsh," means cruel, unkind, or severe, and again does not fit the context of the sentence.
- Thus, the correct answer is Option 3.

Question No. 7



Question No. 8

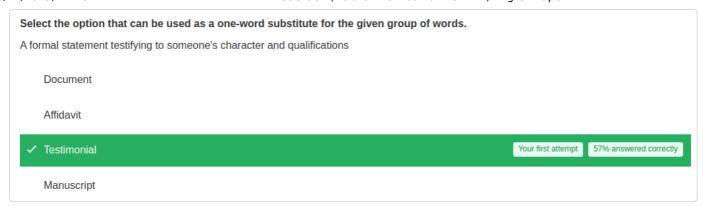


- The most appropriate **synonym** of the given word '**Distant**' is '**Faraway**'.
- "Distant" means far away in space or time, or not closely related or involved with something or someone. In hindi: হুব
 - Example: The distant stars twinkled in the clear night sky.
- "Faraway" is an adjective that means situated at a great distance, remote, or far off. In hindi: दूरस्थ.
 - Example: The small island was faraway from the mainland and difficult to reach.

Correct Answer: Faraway.

Additional Information

- Let's look at the meaning of other words:
 - ॰ Farsighted: Means having a long-term perspective, or the ability to predict future events. In Hindi, it is called दूरदर्शी.
 - ॰ Futuristic: Means relating to or characteristic of the future, or innovative and advanced. In Hindi, it is called भविष्यवाणी संबंधी.
 - o Forward: Means directed or moving ahead, or progressive. In Hindi, it is called आगे की ओर.





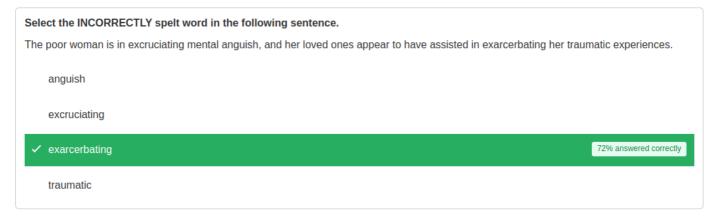
- · The most appropriate word for the given group of words is 'Testimonial'.
- · A testimonial is a formal statement or a written or spoken statement that describes someone's character, abilities, or achievements.
- It is usually given by someone who knows the person well, such as a colleague, teacher, or supervisor, and is often used to support job
 applications, academic admissions, or legal proceedings. In Hindi: प्रशंसापत्र.
 - Example: Mary asked her former boss to write a **testimonial** for her job application, describing her excellent work ethic and leadership skills.

Correct Answer: Testimonial.

눩 Additional Information

- · Let's look at the meaning of other words:
 - · Document: a written, printed, or electronic record that provides information or evidence about something or someone.
 - o Affidavit: a written statement made under oath, which is used as evidence in court.
 - o Manuscript: a handwritten or typed document, especially one that contains the original text of a book, article, or piece of literature.

Question No. 11



Question No. 12

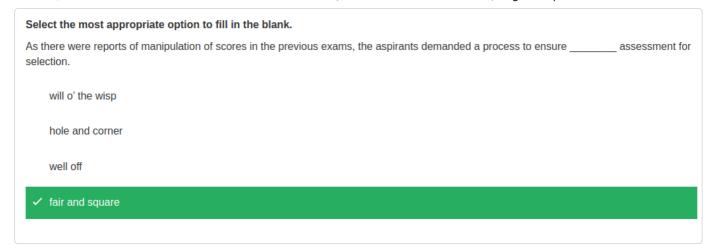


- Among the given options the incorrectly spelt word is 'exarcerbating'.
- · Its correct spelling is 'Exacerbating'.
- Exacerbating: बिगाड़ना, making a problem, situation, or feeling worse or more severe.
 - Example: His constant criticism and negativity were exacerbating the already tense situation at work.

Correct Answer: Exacerbating.

房 Additional Information

- · Let's look at the meaning of other words:
 - ॰ **Anguish**: दुःख, extreme pain or suffering, usually mental or emotional.
 - Excruciating: अत्यंत वेदनादायक, intensely painful or agonizing.
 - o **Traumatic**: आघातपूर्ण, relating to or causing severe physical or emotional distress or injury.





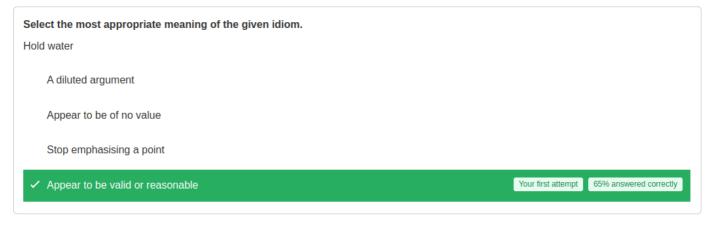
- · The most appropriate option for the given blank is 'fair and square'.
- "Fair and square" is an idiom that means something is done in an honest and straightforward manner, without any cheating or deception (ईमानदार और निष्पक्ष तरीके से).
 - For example, "The judge awarded the prize to the contestant who had played fair and square throughout the competition."

<u>Correct Answer:</u> As there were reports of manipulation of scores in the previous exams, the aspirants demanded a process to ensure **fair and square** assessment for selection.

눩 Additional Information

- · Let's look at the meaning of other words:
 - "Will o' the wisp" is an idiom that refers to something that is elusive or impossible to catch, like a flickering light that disappears
 when you approach it (कुछ ऐसा जिसे पाना या प्राप्त करना असंभव हो).
 - "Hole and corner" is an idiom that refers to something that is done secretly or in a hidden manner (something that is done in a hidden manner.).
 - "Well off" is an idiom that refers to someone who is wealthy or prosperous (कोई व्यक्ति जो धनवान या समृद्ध हो).

Question No. 15



Key Points

- The most appropriate meaning of the given idiom 'Hold water' is 'Appear to be valid or reasonable'.
- The idiom 'hold water' means to be valid, reasonable, or sound. It is often used to refer to an argument, theory, or explanation that appears to be valid or plausible. If an idea or argument does not 'hold water', it means it is not logical or credible.
 - Example: The explanation provided by the accused did not hold water, so the judge dismissed it and proceeded with the trial.

Correct Answer: Appear to be valid or reasonable.

눩 Additional Information

- · Let's see the origin of this idiom:
 - The origin of idiom "hold water" is believed to have come from the ancient practice of carrying water in containers. In order for the
 container to be useful, it had to "hold water" without leaking or spilling.
 - Therefore, if an argument or theory "holds water," it is seen as being able to stand up to scrutiny and not fall apart, much like a
 container that holds water without leaking.

Question No. 17

Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the underlined word.

The concert sounded was in **cacophony** with every instrument playing in synchronisation.

✓ harmony

bedlam

alimony

X sound

Question No. 18

Key Points

- The most appropriate antonym of the underlined word 'cacophony' is 'harmony'.
- Cacophony: a harsh, discordant mixture of sounds. (कर्कश शब्दों का मेल)
 - Example: The loud and unpleasant sounds of the construction site created a cacophony that could be heard from several blocks away.
- Harmony (हार्मोनी) a pleasing combination of elements in a whole, often involving musical sounds or voices.
 - Example: The sound of the orchestra was so beautiful that it created a sense of harmony in my mind.

Correct Answer: Harmony.

Additional Information

- · Let's look at the meaning of other words:
 - o **alimony** (নাफ़रेश) a periodic payment made by one ex-spouse to the other for their maintenance after divorce, it refers to the financial support provided by one spouse to the other after a legal separation or divorce.
 - o **bedlam** (अशांति) a state of uproar and confusion; a chaotic and noisy environment or situation, it means a scene of uproar and confusion.
 - o sound- (ঘ্রেনি) Vibrations that travel through the air or another medium and can be heard when they reach a person's or animal's ear.



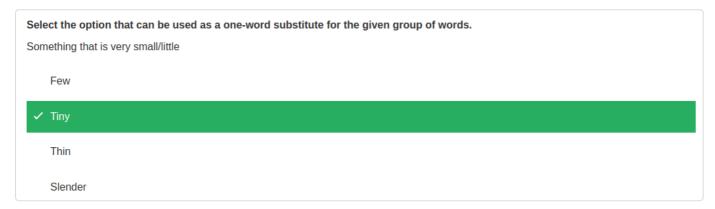


- . The most appropriate antonym of the given word 'Repulsive' is 'Pleasant'.
- Repulsive: causing intense disgust or aversion; very unpleasant. (Hindi: घृणित)
 - Example: The smell from the garbage was so repulsive that I had to hold my breath.
- Pleasant: giving a sense of happy satisfaction or enjoyment; nice. (Hindi: सुखद)
 - Example: The view of the sunset over the ocean was so pleasant that I couldn't help but smile.

Correct Answer: Pleasant.

- · Let's look at the meaning of other words:
 - o Steadfast: resolutely or dutifully firm and unwavering. (Hindi: दुढ़)
 - Superfluous: unnecessary, especially through being more than enough. (Hindi: अतिरिक्त)
 - o Hopeless: feeling or causing despair about something; impossible to solve or achieve. (Hindi: निराशाजनक)

Question No. 21



Question No. 22



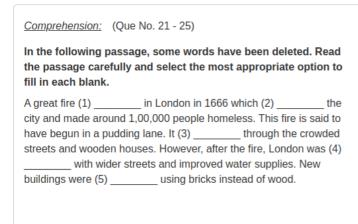
- The most appropriate word for the given group of words is 'Tiny'.
- Tiny: very small; minute. (Hindi: बहुत छोटा)
 - Example: The ant was so **tiny** that I could barely see it on the ground.

Correct Answer: Tiny.

Additional Information

- Let's look at the meaning of other words:
 - o Few: a small number of people or things; not many. (Hindi: कुछ ही)
 - \circ Thin: having opposite surfaces or sides close together; having little thickness or depth. (Hindi: पतला)
 - 。 Slender: gracefully thin; slim. (Hindi: पतला)

<u>Comprehension:</u> (Que No. 21 - 25)	Question:
In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read	Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 1.
the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.	broke for
A great fire (1) in London in 1666 which (2) the city and made around 1,00,000 people homeless. This fire is said to	broke in
have begun in a pudding lane. It (3) through the crowded streets and wooden houses. However, after the fire, London was (4) with wider streets and improved water supplies. New	✓ broke out
uildings were (5) using bricks instead of wood.	broke at

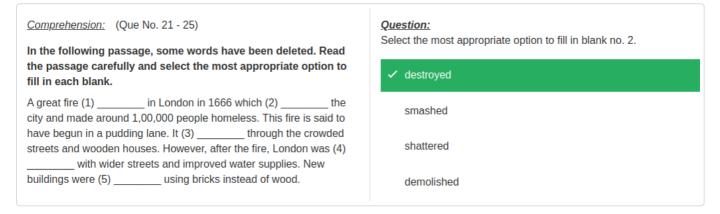


The correct answer is 'broke out'.



- The most appropriate answer for the first blank is 'broke out'.
- The context of the passage suggests that it is referring to a fire
 that started suddenly and spread rapidly through the city of
 London. The phrasal verb "broke out" is commonly used to
 describe the sudden start or outbreak of a fire or other
 destructive event.
- · Let's see why other options can't be the answer:
 - Option 1, "broke for," does not make sense in this context as it does not convey the meaning of a sudden start or outbreak of a fire.
 - Option 2, "broke in," does not fit the context of the sentence as it typically refers to forcibly entering a building or premises.
 - Option 4, "broke at," does not make sense in this context as it does not convey the meaning of a sudden start or outbreak of a fire.
- Therefore, option 3, "broke out," is the most appropriate choice to fill in the blank.

Question No. 25



Comprehension: (Que No. 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.
A great fire (1) in London in 1666 which (2) the city and made around 1,00,000 people homeless. This fire is said to have begun in a pudding lane. It (3) through the crowded streets and wooden houses. However, after the fire, London was (4) with wider streets and improved water supplies. New buildings were (5) using bricks instead of wood.

Key Points

- The most appropriate word for the second blank is 'destroyed'.
- The context of the passage is about a great fire that caused massive damage and made a large number of people homeless. The word "destroyed" means to cause something to completely cease to exist or to be ruined or wiped out.
- · Let's see why other options can't be the answer:
 - Option 2, "smashed," refers to breaking something into small pieces with a violent blow, which does not fit the context of the passage as it is talking about the destruction of buildings due to a fire.
 - Option 3, "shattered," means to break or cause to break into many small pieces, which again does not accurately convey the extent of damage caused by the fire.
 - Option 4, "demolished," means to pull down or destroy
 a building or other structure, which is a close synonym of
 "destroyed." However, in this context, the word
 "destroyed" better conveys the sudden and complete
 devastation caused by the fire.

Question No. 27

Comprehension: (Que No. 21 - 25)	Question: Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 3.
In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.	
A great fire (1) in London in 1666 which (2) the city and made around 1,00,000 people homeless. This fire is said to have begun in a pudding lane. It (3) through the crowded streets and wooden houses. However, after the fire, London was (4) with wider streets and improved water supplies. New	X carried
	✓ swept
buildings were (5) using bricks instead of wood.	pulled

Question No. 28



Question No. 29



Comprehension: (Que No. 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.
A great fire (1) in London in 1666 which (2) the city and made around 1,00,000 people homeless. This fire is said to have begun in a pudding lane. It (3) through the crowded streets and wooden houses. However, after the fire, London was (4) with wider streets and improved water supplies. New buildings were (5) using bricks instead of wood.

The correct answer is 'swept'.

Key Points

- The most appropriate word for the third blank is 'swept'.
- The context of the passage is describing a fire that started in a specific location and quickly spread through the crowded streets and wooden houses. The verb "swept" means to move or pass quickly and forcefully in a particular direction, which accurately conveys the rapid and destructive spread of the fire.
- · Let's see why other options can't be the answer:
 - Option 2, "carried," means to transport or convey something, which does not accurately convey the sudden and violent movement of the fire
 - Option 1, "glided," means to move smoothly and effortlessly, which does not accurately describe the forceful and destructive movement of the fire.
 - Option 4, "pulled," means to exert force on something to move it towards oneself or in a particular direction, which does not accurately convey the sudden and forceful movement of the fire.