

SSC CHSL 2021 Tier-I (Held On : 01 June 2022 Shift 2) English Paper

Question No. 1

Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words.

Zeal; burning enthusiasm; passion

Arid

✓ Ardour

Your first attempt

44% answered correctly

Arcuate

Arena

Question No. 2

Key Points

- **Ardour** means a strong, intense feeling of love or enthusiasm for someone or something. (किसी के लिए या कुछ के लिए प्यार या उत्साह की एक मजबूत, तीव्र भावना)
- So, it is clear that '**Ardour**' can be used as a one-word substitute for '**Zeal; burning enthusiasm; passion**'

Therefore, the correct answer is **option 2**.

Additional Information

- **Arid** means land or a climate having little or no rain; too dry or barren to support vegetation. (भूमि या जलवायु जिसमें बहुत कम या कोई वर्षा न हो; वनस्पति का समर्थन करने के लिए बहुत सूखा या बंजर)
- **Arcuate** means bent or curved like a bow. (धनुष की तरह मुड़ा या मुड़ा हुआ)
- **Arena** means an enclosed area used for public entertainment. (सार्वजनिक मनोरंजन के लिए उपयोग किया जाने वाला एक संलग्न क्षेत्र)

Question No. 3

Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Vishnu and family are looking around into the possibility of moving to Canada.

are looking upto

look into

✓ are looking into

42% answered correctly

✗ are looking around to

Your first attempt

Question No. 4

Key Points

- Remove the preposition '**around**' to correct the sentence.
- Let's look at the meaning of the given phrasal verbs.
 - "**Looking around**" means going through a place in order to see what is there: to explore a place.
 - "**Looking into**" means trying to find out about something.
 - "**Looking upto**" means to respect and admire someone.
- The sentence is talking about a possibility, so "**looking into**" should be used.
- We cannot use two prepositions (around and into) simultaneously in a single sentence. It doesn't make any sense.
- The implied meaning of the sentence is: Vishnu and his family are considering relocating to Canada.

Therefore, the correct answer is **option 3**, which can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Corrected sentence: Vishnu and family are looking into the possibility of moving to Canada.

Question No. 5

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hit the books

To have a very long list

✗ To feel sorry about a mistake

Your first attempt

Become very confused

✓ To study very hard

62% answered correctly

Question No. 6

Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

Devastate

✓ Destroy

Your first attempt

65% answered correctly

Produce

Recite

Suppress

Question No. 7

Key Points

- **Devastate** means to bring to ruin or desolation by violent action. (हिंसक कार्रवाई से बर्बाद या उजाड़ लाने के लिए)
 - **Example** - *The city was devastated by a huge earthquake.*
- Marked option **Destroy** means to end the existence of something by damaging or attacking it. (किसी चीज के अस्तित्व को नुकसान पहुँचाने या उस पर हमला करने से समाप्त करना)
 - **Example** - *The room had been destroyed by fire.*
- It is clear that '**Devastate**' and '**Destroy**' are similar in meaning.

Therefore the correct answer is **option 1**.

Additional Information

- **Produce** means to make something or bring something into existence. (कुछ बनाने या कुछ अस्तित्व में लाने के लिए)
- **Recite** means to repeat aloud or declaim a poem or passage from memory before an audience. (दर्शकों के सामने जोर से दोहराना या किसी कविता या स्मृति से पारित होने की घोषणा करना)
- **Suppress** means to prevent something from being expressed or known. (किसी चीज को व्यक्त या ज्ञात होने से रोकना)

Question No. 8

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

We would have loved to stay _____ like children all our lives.

✓ innocent

Your first attempt

76% answered correctly

shy

fragile

cunning

Question No. 9

Key Points


- Let's look at the meaning of the given words.
 - Innocent** means free from moral wrong; without sin; pure. (मासूम)
 - Shy** means nervous and uncomfortable with other people. (शर्मीला)
 - Fragile** means something easily broken or damaged. (नाजुक)
 - Cunning** means characterized by cleverness and trickery. (चालाक)
- So, as per the meaning of the given words "**innocent**" is the most appropriate option.
- The implied meaning of the sentence is: We wished we could have lived out our entire lives as naive children.

Question No. 10


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

I remember vivid / the last road trip / we had / before the pandemic hit.

the last road trip

 we had

before the pandemic hit

 I remember vivid

60% answered correctly

Question No. 11


Key Points

- Replace the adjective "**vivid**" with the adverb "**vividly**" to correct the sentence.
- Adding **-ly** to an adjective makes an adverb.
- An **adjective** is a word that describes nouns, such as large or beautiful.
- An **adverb** is a word that describes verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs, such as silently or really.
- In the given sentence an adverb should be used because it is describing the verb "remember."
- Vividly** means in a way that produces powerful feelings or strong, clear images in the mind. (एक तरह से जो मन में शक्तिशाली भावनाओं या मजबूत, स्पष्ट छवियों को उत्पन्न करता है)
 - Example** - Margaret remembers vividly the day she received the grim news.
- So, from here we can easily say that using "**vividly**" instead of "vivid" is the correct choice for the given sentence.

Question No. 12

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

The manager / did not / gone to / Bombay yesterday.

 gone to

Your first attempt

89% answered correctly

did not

Bombay yesterday

The manager

Question No. 13

Key Points

- Replace "**gone**" with "**go**" to correct the sentence.
- Gone** is the third form of the verb "**Go**"
- The given sentence is written in **simple past tense** and in negative form.
- The structure should be: **Subject + didnot+ v1+ object**
 - Example** - I didn't want this to happen.
- So, the first form of the verb "**go**" should be used here.

Question No. 14

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

Squalid

Contemporary

Bare

Advanced

✓ Clean

Question No. 15

Key Points

- **Squalid** means a place extremely dirty and unpleasant. (एक जगह बेहद गंदी और अप्रिय)
 - **Example** - *Conditions in the camp were squalid.*
- Marked option **Clean** means free from dirt, marks, or stains. (गंदगी, निशान या दाग से मुक्त)
 - **Example** - *The room was spotlessly clean.*
- It is clear that '**Squalid**' and '**Clean**' are opposite in meaning.

Therefore the correct answer is **option 4**.

Additional Information

- **Contemporary** means belonging to the same period. (इसी काल से संबंधित)
- **Bare** means without covering or clothing; naked. (बिना ढके या कपड़े के)
- **Advanced** means modern and recently developed. (आधुनिक और हाल ही में विकसित)

Question No. 16

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

Vanity

✗ Beauty

Your first attempt

↻ Empty

Humility

✓ Conceit

29% answered correctly

Question No. 17

Key Points

- **Vanity** means excessive pride in or admiration of one's own appearance or achievements. (किसी की अपनी उपस्थिति या उपलब्धियों पर अत्यधिक गर्व या प्रशंसा)
 - **Example** - *It flattered his vanity to think I was in love with him.*
- Marked option **Conceit** means excessive pride in oneself. (अपने आप में अत्यधिक अभिमान)
 - **Example** - *He was puffed up with conceit.*
- It is clear that '**Vanity**' and '**Conceit**' are similar in meaning.

Therefore the correct answer is **option 4**.

Additional Information

- **Beauty** means the quality attributed to whatever pleases or satisfies the senses or mind. (सुंदरता)
- **Empty** means containing nothing; having nothing in it. (जिसमें कुछ भी न हो)
- **Humility** means freedom from pride or arrogance or the quality or state of being humble. (विनम्रता)

Question No. 18

Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

This cat and mouse game are famous with all children in the future.

would have been

↻ is

✓ will be

Your first attempt

59% answered correctly

was

Question No. 19

Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

Profess

Convince

Assume

✗ Predict

✓ Declare

Question No. 20

Key Points

- **Profess** means to claim something. (कुछ दावा करने के लिए)
 - **Example** - They professed to have no knowledge of the event.
- Marked option **Declare** means to announce or express something clearly and publicly. (स्पष्ट रूप से और सार्वजनिक रूप से कुछ घोषित या व्यक्त करना)
 - **Example** - The courts declared the policy unconstitutional.
- It is clear that '**Profess**' and '**Declare**' are similar in meaning.

Therefore the correct answer is **option 4**.

Additional Information

- **Convince** means to cause someone to believe something or to do something. (किसी को कुछ विश्वास करने या कुछ करने के लिए प्रेरित करना)
- **Assume** means to accept something to be true without question or proof. (बिना किसी प्रश्न या प्रमाण के किसी बात को सत्य मान लेना)
- **Predict** means to say that an event or action will happen in the future. (यह कहना कि भविष्य में कोई घटना या कार्य होगा)

Question No. 21

Select the most appropriate **ANTONYM** of the word given in **bold** in the following sentence.

I broke away from their **solicitous** grip.

worried

✓ heedless

knowledgeable

interesting

Question No. 22

Key Points

- **Solicitous** means showing care and helpful attention to someone. (किसी की देखभाल और मददगार ध्यान दिखाना)
 - **Example** - *He made a solicitous enquiry after her health.*
- Marked option **Heedless** means showing a reckless lack of care or attention. (देखभाल या ध्यान की लापरवाह कमी दिखा रहा है)
 - **Example** - *Heedless of the hurricane warnings, they took the small boat out into open water.*
- It is clear that '**Solicitous**' and '**Heedless**' are opposite in meaning.

Therefore the correct answer is **option 2**.

Additional Information

- **Worried** means anxious or troubled about actual or potential problems. (वास्तविक या संभावित समस्याओं के बारे में चिंतित या परेशान)
- **Knowledgeable** means intelligent and well informed. (बुद्धिमान और अच्छी तरह से सूचित)
- **Interesting** means engaging or exciting and holding the attention or curiosity. (आकर्षक या रोमांचक और ध्यान या जिज्ञासा को पकड़ना)

Question No. 23

In the following question, a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with the correct idiom or phrase

The coach felt **extremely nervous** on seeing the team performing poorly in the first quarter.

✓ Heart skipped a beat

68% answered correctly

Like a cakewalk

↻ Crying Wolf

✗ Raining cats and dogs

Your first attempt

Question No. 24

Key Points

- The idiom "**Heart skipped a beat**" is used to say that someone is suddenly very surprised, excited, or nervous about something. (कोई अचानक किसी बात को लेकर बहुत हैरान, उत्साहित या घबराया हुआ है)
 - **Example** - *The shocking news made her heart skip a beat.*
- So, it is clear that the given idiom "**Heart skipped a beat**" means "**extremely nervous**"

Hence, the correct answer is **option 1**.

Additional Information

- "**Like a cakewalk**" means that something is very easy to do or achieve. (यह करना या हासिल करना बहुत आसान है)
- "**Crying Wolf**" means not be believed because of previous false warnings. (पिछली झूठी चेतावनियों के कारण विश्वास नहीं किया गया)
- "**Raining cats and dogs**" means to rain very heavily. (बहुत भारी बारिश होना)

Question No. 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.

Claims have been made that vaccines are responsible for certain (1)_____ health conditions, particularly autism, speech disorders, and inflammatory bowel disease. Some of those claims focused on thimerosal, a mercury-containing compound used as a preservative in vaccines. Some people believed that autism (2)_____ a form of mercury poisoning, caused specifically by thimerosal in childhood vaccines. Those claims have been discredited. Still, misinformation and fear generated by false claims about associations (3)_____ autism and vaccines had a significant impact on individuals' perceptions about vaccine safety. (4)_____, most individuals in countries where vaccination is widespread have never personally experienced the vaccine-preventable disease. Thus, the focus of concern for some people shifted from the negative effects of the vaccine-preventable disease to the possible negative effects of the vaccines (5)_____.

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

✗ contemptuous

✓ adverse

affirm

disperse

Solution

The correct answer is: **adverse**

Key Points

- Let's look at the meaning of the given words.
 - Contemptuous** means feeling or expressing deep hatred or disapproval. (महसूस करना, या गहरी घृणा या अस्वीकृति व्यक्त करना)

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 - Adverse** means having a negative or harmful effect on something. (किसी चीज पर नकारात्मक या हानिकारक प्रभाव पड़ना)
 - Affirm** means to state something as true. (किसी बात को सच बताना)
 - Disperse** means to distribute or spread over a wide area. (एक विस्तृत क्षेत्र में वितरित या फैला हुआ)
- The implied meaning of the sentence is: Certain unfavorable health issues have been linked to immunizations, according to certain claims.
- So, as per the meaning of the given words "**adverse**" is the most appropriate option.

Therefore, the correct answer is **option 2**.