SSC CHSL (Held On 10 March 2023 Shift 3) English Paper

Question No. 1

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Ace in the hole

To create noisy disturbances so that competitors are unable to work.

A major advantage that one keeps hidden until an ideal time.

To attempt to do the impossible.

To suffer an injury on the lower body.

Question No. 2

Choose the word that means the same as the given word.

Calibrate

Gauze

Assail

✓ Gauge

Affront

Question No. 3

Key Points

- "Calibrate" and "Gauge" are synonymous because they both involve the process of measuring or determining the value, capacity, or extent of something.
- Here's a breakdown of the meanings of all the options:
 - Gauze: Gauze refers to a thin, transparent fabric or material, typically used for medical purposes, such as dressing wounds or covering surgical instruments. In Hindi: पर्दी
 - o **Assail:** Assail means to attack violently, either physically or verbally, often with the intention to harm or criticize someone or something. In Hindi: आक्रमण करना
 - Gauge: Gauge means to measure or determine the dimensions, quantity, capacity, or extent of something, often using a specific
 instrument or method. It involves assessing or evaluating the measurements to determine accuracy or suitability. In Hindi: माप
 - o **Affront:** Affront means to insult, offend, or disrespect someone intentionally, typically through words or actions that are seen as disrespectful or demeaning. In Hindi: अपमान
- Out of these options, "Gauge" is the word that is synonymous with "Calibrate" because both words involve the process of measuring or determining the value, capacity, or extent of something. They share the common theme of assessing and evaluating measurements to establish accuracy or suitability.

Parts of the following sentence are given as options. Identify the part that contains a grammatical error. If there is no error, select 'No error'.

He has been / told many a times to / mind his manners.

No error

He has been

✓ told many a times to

mind his manners.

Question No. 5



- The correct phrase is "many times" without the indefinite article "a".
- The phrase "many a" is used to emphasize singularity or uniqueness, as in "many a man" or "many a time."
- However, when discussing repetition or frequency, the correct phrase is simply "many times."

Question No. 6

Fill in the blank with an appropriate option.

In humans, lack of sleep leads to _____ memory and reduced cognitive abilities.

attended

impaired

thankless

witnessed

Question No. 7

Key Points

- The appropriate word to fill in the blank is "impaired."
- The word "impaired" fits the blank because it means weakened, damaged, or diminished.
- In the context of the sentence, it indicates that lack of sleep leads to "impaired" memory and reduced cognitive abilities in humans.
- When individuals do not get enough sleep, their ability to remember and process information can be negatively affected, resulting in impaired memory and reduced cognitive functioning.

Therefore, the correct answer is: In humans, lack of sleep leads to *impaired* memory and reduced cognitive abilities.

Additional Information

Now, let's provide the meanings of all the options along with their Hindi meanings:

- Attended: Past tense of the verb "attend," which means to be present at or go to an event, meeting, or function. (उपस्थित होना)
- Impaired: Weakened, damaged, or diminished. (हानित, कमजोर)
- Thankless: Lacking appreciation or gratitude. (अवज्ञाकारी)
- Witnessed: Past tense of the verb "witness," which means to see or observe an event, situation, or occurrence. (गवाही देना)

Find the part of the given sentence that has an error in it. If there is no error, choose 'No error'.

I just don't like the themes of todays music.

No error

X I just don't

like the themes of

✓ todays music.

Question No. 9



- The correct form should be "today's music" with an apostrophe (') before the letter "s".
- The apostrophe in "today's" indicates possession, showing that the music belongs to or is associated with today. Without the apostrophe, "todays" is an incorrect form of the word.
- In English, we use an apostrophe and an "s" to indicate possession or ownership when referring to something that belongs to a specific
 person or time.
- In this case, "today's" indicates that the music belongs to or represents the current day.

The corrected sentence would be: I just don't like the themes of today's music.

Question No. 10

Select the most appropriate one-word substitution for the given group of words.

A man who is womanish in his habits

✓ Effeminate

Indictment

Hooch

Infidel

Question No. 11

The correct answer is: Effeminate.



- The word "effeminate" (党可) is the correct option as it accurately represents a man who exhibits characteristics, behaviors, or traits that are traditionally associated with women.
- · Such a man may have habits, mannerisms, or interests that are considered stereotypically feminine.

Therefore, the correct answer is: Effeminate.

Additional Information

- The other options and their meanings are as follows:
 - o **Indictment:** Indictment refers to the formal accusation or charge brought against someone for a serious crime or offense. In Hindi: अभियोग
 - ॰ Hooch: Hooch is a colloquial term used to refer to illicitly distilled or homemade alcohol, often of low quality. In Hindi: मादक द्रव्य
 - o Infidel: Infidel refers to a person who does not believe in a particular religion or religious faith. In Hindi: কাদিস

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Over and above

X Above all

To sum up the conversation

In addition to

Question No. 13

Highest rank

Fill in the blank with an appropriate option.

In this engineering design project you will learn how to build an infinity mirror, with built-in lights that make the mirror look like a deep _____ with no end.



Question No. 14

퀅 Additional Information

Now, let's provide the meanings of all the options along with their Hindi meanings:

- Tunnel: An underground passage or hollow through a hill, beneath a city, or under a building, typically with a roadway or railway track inside. (स्रंग)
- Lodge: A small house or cottage, typically located in a rural or remote area. It can also refer to a local branch of a society or organization. (छोटा घर)
- Funeral: A ceremony or service held shortly after a person's death, typically including the burial or cremation of the body. (अंतिम संस्कार)
- **Signal:** A gesture, action, or sound used to convey information or indicate a command or warning. It can also refer to a device or system that sends out electrical or radio waves to communicate information. (संकेत)

Question No. 15

Choose the word that can substitute the given group of words.

Book giving information about everything

Dictionary

Encyclopedia

Phonebook

1 Honebook

Thesis



- The word "encyclopedia" is the correct option as it refers to a book or set of books that provides comprehensive information about various subjects or topics.
- An encyclopedia covers a wide range of knowledge and typically includes detailed entries, articles, and explanations on various subjects, including history, science, arts, and more.

Therefore, the correct answer is: Encyclopedia.

눩 Additional Information

- · The other options and their meanings are as follows:
 - o **Dictionary:** A dictionary is a reference book that provides definitions, meanings, and often pronunciations of words in a specific language. In Hindi: গুৰুবকাণ
 - o **Phonebook:** A phonebook is a directory that lists names, addresses, and contact information, specifically for telephone numbers. It is used to find and store contact details of individuals or businesses. In Hindi: फोनबुक
 - **Thesis:** A thesis refers to a long essay or written work that presents and supports a particular claim or argument, typically as a requirement for an academic degree. In Hindi: अभिप्रेत

Question No. 17

| Select the word that is closest in meaning to the word given below. Whimsical | |
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| Weak | |
| Respectful | |
| X Humiliated | |
| ✓ Funny | |

Question No. 18

Key Points

- "Whimsical" and "Funny" are synonymous because they both convey a sense of amusement, playfulness, or lightheartedness.
- $\bullet\,$ Here's a breakdown of the meanings of all the options:
 - Weak: Weak means lacking physical or mental strength, being feeble, or not strong. It refers to a lack of power or vitality. In Hindi: কদজাব
 - o **Respectful:** Respectful means showing or feeling admiration, deference, or esteem towards someone or something. It involves treating others with politeness and consideration. In Hindi: सम्मानजनक
 - Humiliated: Humiliated means feeling or experiencing extreme embarrassment, shame, or degradation. It occurs when someone's dignity or self-respect is compromised or attacked. In Hindi: अपमानित
 - Funny: Funny means causing laughter, amusement, or humor. It relates to something that is humorous, entertaining, or comical, evoking positive emotions and laughter. In Hindi: मजाकिया
- Out of these options, "Funny" is the word that is synonymous with "Whimsical" because both words convey a sense of amusement and
 playfulness. They describe something that is humorous, entertaining, or comical, evoking laughter and a lighthearted mood. While
 "Whimsical" can also imply a touch of quirkiness or unpredictability, the overall sense of amusement aligns with the concept of being
 "Funny."

Question No. 19

Choose the word that means the same as the given word.

Instigate

Deterrence

Settle

Raise

Complaisance

Question No. 20



- "Instigate" and "Raise" are synonymous because they both involve initiating or provoking an action or event. Here's a breakdown of the meanings of all the options:
 - o **Deterrence:** Deterrence refers to the act of discouraging or preventing someone from taking a particular action through fear or the establishment of consequences. In Hindi: भय देना
 - Settle: Settle means to resolve or reach an agreement about a dispute, conflict, or problem. It involves bringing a matter to a
 conclusion or finding a solution. In Hindi: समाधान करना
 - o **Raise:** Raise means to elevate, increase, or lift something to a higher position or level. In the context of "Instigate," it refers to provoking or initiating an action, often by encouraging or stirring up others. In Hindi: ত্তানা
 - Complaisance: Complaisance means willingness to please or accommodate others, often by being agreeable or yielding. It relates to showing a cooperative or obliging attitude. In Hindi: मनोरंजनशीलता

Question No. 21

Choose the word that is opposite in meaning to the given word.

Inept

Wanting

Competent

Barred

Callow

Question No. 22

🔑 <u>Key Points</u>

- "Inept" and "Competent" are opposite to each other because they represent contrasting levels of skill, ability, or proficiency.
- "Inept" is an adjective that describes someone or something as lacking skill, ability, or competence. It suggests a lack of proficiency, effectiveness, or suitability in performing a task or fulfilling a role. In Hindi: अयोग्य
- Competent: Competent means having the necessary skill, ability, or knowledge to perform a task or fulfill a role effectively. It refers to being capable, proficient, or skilled in a particular area. In Hindi: योग्य
- As we can see, the meanings of both the words are opposite to one another.

Therefore, the correct answer is: Competent.

房 Additional Information

- Wanting: Wanting means lacking or deficient in some aspect, often referring to something that is insufficient, inadequate, or not meeting the desired standard. In Hindi: अभावपूर्ण
- Barred: Barred means being obstructed, excluded, or prevented from accessing or participating in something. It involves being prohibited or restricted from entry or involvement. In Hindi: निषेधित
- Callow: Callow means immature, inexperienced, or lacking in sophistication or understanding due to youth or inexperience. It refers to being naive or undeveloped. In Hindi: अनाड़ी

Question No. 23

Choose the word that can substitute the given group of words.

A lover of oneself, of one's advancement

Philistine

Mercenary

Cynic

✓ Egoist



- The word "egoist" is the correct option as it represents a person who is excessively self-centered or self-focused.
- · An egoist is someone who loves and prioritizes oneself and is primarily concerned with personal advancement and well-being.

Therefore, the correct answer is: **Egoist**.

Additional Information

- The meanings of the rest of the options are given below:
 - o **Philistine:** Philistine refers to a person who is indifferent or hostile to artistic, intellectual, or cultural values and pursuits. In Hindi: ग्रामीण
 - **Mercenary:** Mercenary describes a person who is motivated primarily by personal gain or profit, often willing to do anything for money or material rewards. In Hindi: प्रवासी सैनिक
 - Cynic: Cynic refers to a person who distrusts or doubts the motives and sincerity of others, often having a pessimistic or negative outlook on life. In Hindi: नास्तिक