

## SSC CGL 2020 Tier-I (Held On : 24 August 2021 Shift 2) English Paper

## Question No. 1

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Twiddling one's thumbs

Feeling angry

Feeling sad

✓ Feeling bored

Your first attempt

54% answered correctly

Feeling hungry

## Question No. 2

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

A person who presents a radio/television programme

Comedian

Actor

Choreographer

✓ Anchor

## Question No. 3

Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.

Delight

✓ Sorrow

Your first attempt

94% answered correctly

Joy

Glee

Pleasure

## Question No. 4

Direction: Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

Crowds of tourists \_\_\_\_\_ across the square all day long.

✓ flowed

Your first attempt

39% answered correctly

prodded

rectified

maintained

## Question No. 5

### Additional Information

- Let us see the meanings of the given words:

Word	Meaning
Prodded	to push or press somebody/something with your finger or a pointed object
Rectified	to correct something that is wrong
Maintained	to make something continue at the same level, standard, etc.

### Question No. 6

**Direction:** Select the option that will improve the underlined part of the given sentence. In case no improvement is needed select 'No improvement required'.

Bats huddle together to get warm of each other's bodies.

✓ warmth from

53% answered correctly

warm off

No improvement required

✗ warming from

Your first attempt

### Question No. 7

**Direction:** Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

It was \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone present that the patient would not survive if immediate help was not received.

hidden

unseen

✓ apparent

Your first attempt

70% answered correctly

unnoticed

### Question No. 8

### Key Points

- Let us discuss the meanings of the given options:
  - Hidden:** not easy to find. (खोजना आसान नहीं।)
  - Unseen:** that cannot be seen. (जो दिखाई न पड़े, बिना दिखे; अनदेखा।)
  - Apparent:** clear; easy to see. (स्पष्ट; प्रकट, प्रत्यक्ष।)
  - Unnoticed:** not noticed or seen. (जिस पर (किसी का) ध्यान न जाए या जो दिखाई न पड़े; अलक्षित, अनदेखा।)
- Here, the sentence is talking about clarity.
- Therefore, the correct answer is '**apparent.**'
- Correct sentence:** *It was **apparent** to everyone present that the patient would not survive if immediate help was not received.*

### Additional Information

- Let us see the synonyms of the given words:

Word	Synonym
Hidden	Concealed
Unseen	Unnoticed

### Question No. 9

Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

Cadence

Freshness

Habit

Pleasure

✓ Rhythm

Your first attempt

35% answered correctly

### Question No. 10

### Key Points

- Cadence** is a **noun** which means **the regular rise and fall of the voice**. (आवाज का नियमित उत्थान और पतन)
- The meaning of the given options are as follows -
  - Freshness** - new or different (नया या अलग)
  - Habit** - something that you do often and regularly, sometimes without knowing that you are doing it (कुछ ऐसा जो आप अक्सर और नियमित रूप से करते हैं, कभी-कभी यह जाने बिना कि आप इसे कर रहे हैं)
  - Pleasure** - enjoyment, happiness, or satisfaction, or something that gives this (आनंद, खुशी, या संतुष्टि, या ऐसा कुछ जो इसे देता है)
  - Rhythm** - a strong pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that is used in music, poetry, and dancing (संगीत, कविता और नृत्य में उपयोग की जाने वाली ध्वनियों, शब्दों या संगीत नोटों का एक मजबूत पैटर्न)
- From the above meanings it is evident that **Rhythm** is the correct synonym for the word **Cadence**.

### Question No. 11

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

An examination of a dead body to determine the cause of death

Suicide

✓ Post-mortem

Your first attempt

98% answered correctly

Homicide

Analysis

### Question No. 12

### Key Points

- The word '**Post-mortem**' means 'a medical examination of a dead body to find out how the person died'
  - For eg.-** The **postmortem** on the presidential campaign is under way.
- Thus use the word '**diagnosis**' is the most appropriate '**one word**' for the given expression.
- Hence, **option 2** is the correct answer

### Additional Information

- Suicide:** the act or an instance of taking one's own life voluntarily and intentionally (स्वेच्छा से और जानबूझकर अपनी जान लेने की क्रिया या उदाहरण)
- Homicide:** a person who kills another (एक व्यक्ति जो दूसरे को मारता है)
- Analysis:** a careful study of something to learn about its parts, what they do, and how they are related to each other (किसी चीज़ के भागों के बारे में जानने के लिए, वे क्या करते हैं, और वे एक-दूसरे से कैसे संबंधित हैं, इसका सावधानीपूर्वक अध्ययन करना)

#### Question No. 13

Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

ABSTAIN

Propose

Reduce

✓ Refrain

Your first attempt

75% answered correctly

Accept

#### Question No. 14

### Key Points

- Abstain** is a **verb** which means **to not do something, especially something enjoyable that you think might be bad.** (कुछ न करने के लिए, विशेष रूप से कुछ सुखद जो आपको लगता है कि बुरा हो सकता है।)
- The meanings of the given options are as follows -
  - Propose** - to offer or suggest a possible plan or action for other people to consider (अन्य लोगों के लिए विचार करने के लिए एक संभावित योजना या कार्रवाई की पेशकश या सुझाव देना)
  - Reduce** - to become or to make something become smaller in size, amount, degree, importance, etc fairly (आकार, मात्रा, डिग्री, महत्व आदि में कुछ छोटा होना या बनना)
  - Refrain** - to avoid doing or stop yourself from doing something (कुछ करने से बचने या खुद को कुछ करने से रोकने के लिए)
  - Accept** - to agree to take something (कुछ लेने के लिए सहमत होना)
- From the above meanings, it is evident that **Refrain** is the correct synonym for the word **Abstain**.

#### Question No. 15

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

Barbaric

Brutal

✓ Civilised

Your first attempt

93% answered correctly

Inhuman

Cruel

#### Question No. 16

### Key Points

- **Barbaric** is an **adjective** which means **extremely cruel and unpleasant**. (अत्यंत क्रूर और अप्रिय)
- The meaning of the given options are as follows -
  - **Brutal** - cruel, violent, and completely without feelings (क्रूर, हिंसक, और पूरी तरह से भावनाओं के बिना)
  - **Civilised** - A civilized society or country has a well developed system of government, culture, and way of life and that treats the people who live there fairly (एक सभ्य समाज या देश में सरकार, संस्कृति और जीवन शैली की एक अच्छी तरह से विकसित प्रणाली होती है और जो वहां रहने वाले लोगों के साथ उचित व्यवहार करती है)
  - **Inhuman** - extremely cruel. (अत्यंत क्रूर)
  - **Cruel** - extremely unkind and unpleasant and causing pain to people or animals intentionally (बेहद निर्दयी और अप्रिय और जानबूझकर लोगों या जानवरों को दर्द पहुंचाना)
- From the above meanings it is evident that **Civilised** is the correct antonym for the word **Barbaric**.

### Question No. 17

Select the **INCORRECTLY** spelt word.

Playful

 Plagiarise

Your first attempt

 Playright

26% answered correctly

Plough

### Question No. 18


### Key Points

- Let us explore the meaning of the given options
  - **Playful** - funny and not serious (मजाकिया और गंभीर नहीं)
  - **Plagiarise** - to use another person's ideas or work and pretend that it is your own. (किसी अन्य व्यक्ति के विचारों या कार्य का उपयोग करना और यह दिखावा करना कि यह आपका अपना है।)
  - **Playwright** - a person who writes plays (एक व्यक्ति जो नाटक लिखता है)
  - **Plough** - a large farming tool with blades that digs the soil in fields so that seeds can be planted (ब्लेड के साथ एक बड़ा कृषि उपकरण जो खेतों में मिट्टी खोदता है ताकि बीज लगाए जा सकें)
- Hence, the correct answer is **option 3**.

### Question No. 19


**Direction:** The following sentence has been divided into parts. One of them contains an error. Select the part that contains the error from the given options.

After entering the town, / go straight and then / take a sharpest turn / towards your left / to reach the mall.

 take a sharpest turn

Your first attempt

75% answered correctly

 to reach the mall

towards your left

After entering the town

### Question No. 20

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Out of the blue

✓ Completely unexpectedly

Your first attempt

92% answered correctly

Beat someone black and blue

Loves to wear only blue colour clothes

Completely honestly

