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**SSC CGL Tier 2**

**English Paper code: 1-50 parajumbles**

**No. of Questions: 50**

**Max. Marks: 50**

**Time: 30 minutes**

**Negative Marking: 0.25**

**Directions :** In these questions, the 1st and the last sentences of the passage are numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the passage is split into four parts and named P, Q, R and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentences and find out which of the four combinations is correct.

**Q1.** 1. One hot day a crow became very thirsty and was going to die for want of water.

P. The water was so low that the crow could not drink it.

Q. The water reached the neck of the pitcher.

R. He saw a pitcher and at once flew to it with great delight but there was very little water at the bottom of the pitcher.

S. He looked around and saw some pebbles lying nearby so e took the pebbles one by one and dropped them into the pitcher.

6. The crow drank water to his heart's content and flew away.

(a) RPSQ (b) RQSP (c) SPQR (d) QRSP

**Q2.** 1. Brainstorming requires a focus question that is clear and unambiguous.

P. One strategy to implement a brain-storm would be to write down the question.

Q. In fact, participants must be encouraged to suggest any response however strange.

R. It Is Important that no value be attached to the responses at this stage.

S. Participants can then document near the question the responses from the group.

6. The aim would be to allow individual Ideas to spark off each other.

(a) QRPS (b) RQPS (c) PSRQ (d) QPSR

**Q3.** 1. I was in Engineering first semester and we used to have language classes in the first year.

P. When my turn came, I picked up a chit and the topic was Surya (Sun) , I thought for a while and could not come up with proper sentences to speak.

Q. I just turned to him and asked if I could sing a song about Sun(I had learnt a new kannada song on Sun)!

R. We had Kannada class in that semester and the Kannada sir decided to have an activity for us - Pick and Speak!

S. We had to pick up a chit and talk about the topic in kannada for 2 to 3 minutes.

6. The whole class started laughing.

(a) RSPQ (b) RPSQ (c) RSRQ (d) RQSP

**Q4.** 1. There lived some mice in a certain house.

P. The master of the house felt very much disturbed.

Q. There was no cat in the house.

R. So one day he brought a cat to kill them.

S. So the mice moved about quite freely and ate whatever they got in the kitchen.

6. But the cat was a poor hunter.

(a) QPSR (b) QSPR (c) SQRP (d) SRQP

**Q5.** 1. One day as I was eating watermelon, I accidentally swallowed its seeds

P. I cried really very hard and was frightened even when my parents told me nothing like that would happen.

Q. It was only after they gave me a fake medicine, I stopped crying.

R. My sister told me that now its tree will grow inside my stomach.

S. After that I never ate a watermelon, fearing that it might happen again, until I was 9.

6. This is the funniest incident of my childhood

(a) PSQR (b) RSPQ (c) RQPS (d) RPQS

**Q6.** 1. It Is interesting to note that English was offered as a subject in England only In 1828.

P. The course offered was on the English language and not on literature.

Q. Instead It was offered in the newly started University College founded In 1886.

R. It was only In 1831 that English literature was offered at Kings College.

S. Even then It was not offered In prestigious Universities like Oxford.

6. Before that, only classics in Greek and Latin were taught at Oxford.

(a) PSRQ (b)SRQP (c) PRQS (d) SQPR

**Q7.** 1. Valence sat behind driver's seat in her old blue car.

P. The marchers suddenly broke out into a noise like a cheering foot ball crowd.

Q. As she watched, a loud racket began.

R. It went on and on.

S. The men swung their spoons and ladles and spatulas and drummed on cars and canisters.

6. .An endless monotonous 'clang-clang-clang" rose up from all sides.

(a) QPSR (b) QSRP (c) SPRQ (d) RSPQ

**Q8.** 1. Many people like to eat pizza, but not everyone knows how to make it.

P. However, there are ways for making a basic version at home.

Q. Then you must add sauce and cheese.

R . Making the perfect pizza ca ti he complicated.

S. When you make pizza, begin with the crust.

6. The best part of making pizza at home is that you can customize it.

(a) RSQP (b) SQPR (c) RPSQ (d) PSRQ

**Q9.** 1. It is surprising to note that

P. AIDS and SARS may hog news headlines

Q. that kill the most

R. but it is heart attacks

S. people in India every year.

6. This is something to he noted.

(a) PRQS (b) SQPR (c) RPSQ (d) RQSP

**Q10.** 1. If scientists succeed in making use of the Sun, this new energy will have many different uses.

P. However, there is plenty of free sunshine.

Q. Mirrors can concentrate the Sun's energy to create extremely high temperatures that can melt metals.

R. Many count ties that have deposits of valuable ores do not have the fossil fuels needed to refine them.

S. Iron melts at 2800 degrees Fahrenheit and sunlight has been concentrated by mirrors to produce temperatures several times this high.

6. So instead of importing fuels, these counties may someday use the free fuel of the Sun.

(a) PQSR (b) QSRP (c) PQRS (d) RPQS

**Q11.** 1. There are many benefits of being assertive.

P. When conflicts are managed, relationships with others greatly improve.

Q. No one needs to take you in the wrong way because others have more respect for the ideas of an assertive person.

R. First and foremost, it reduces stress and anxiety caused by misunderstandings.

S. Having established good relationships, one could comfortably say "No" when they mean "No".

6. All this results in better self-esteem and self confidence.

(a) SQPR (b) RPSQ (c) QSPR (d) RSPQ

**Q12.** 1. Right now, I am looking at a shelf full of relics, a collection of has-beens, old-timers, antiques, fossils.

P. If you haven't heard of an e-reader, then please permit the following explanation.

Q. E-readers are replacing the books of old, and I welcome them with open arms.

R. I am actually going through an e-reader.

S. Right now I am looking at a shelf full of books.

6. An e-reader is a device that allows you to read e books.

(a) SRQP (b) QPSR (c) SQPR (d) RSPQ

**Q13.** 1. In China there is no man in the moon.

P. They are exchanged between friends while children receive toy pagodas made of clay.

Q. These cakes are circular to symbolise the full moon.

R. instead, there is a toad in the moon as well as moon rabbits and a goddess.

S. All these appear as decorations on moon cakes, baked to celebrate the moon's birthday in September.

6. The birthday marks the end of the harvest when debts are meant to be settled.

(a) RQPS (b) RPQS (c) RSQP (d) RPSQ

**Q14.** 1. A wood-cutter was cutting a tree on a river bank.

P. He knelt down and prayed.

Q. His axe slipped and fell into the water.

R. God Mercury appeared before him and asked about the matter.

S. He could not get it back as the river was very deep.

6. He dived into the water and came up with an axe of gold

(a) RPQS (b) RPSQ (c) QSRP (d) QSPR

**Q15.** 1. He could not rise.

P. All at once, in the distance, he heard an elephant trumpet.

Q. He tried again with all his might but to no use.

R. The next moment he was on his feet.

S. He stepped into the river.

6. It was colder than usual.

(a) PQSR (b) PRQS (c) QPRS (d) QPSR

**Q16.** 1. Another way for people to economize at an amusement park is to bring their own food.

P. Also, instead of filling up on soft drinks, they should bring a thermos of iced tea.

Q. Instead they should pack a nourishing, well balanced lunch of cold chicken, carrot sticks, and fruit.

R. They will also save on calories.

S. They will avoid having to pay high prices for hamburgers and hot dogs.

6. Every dollar that is not spent at the refreshments and is one that can be spent on another ride.

(a) QSRP (b) SQPR (c) RSPQ (d) PRSQ

**Q17.1.** I support smoking bans.

P. I am so happy a lot of countries are banning smoking in public places.

Q. I'm sure everyone has smelled that unpleasant odor of a cigarette, whether you are a smoker or not.

R. I don't smoke cigarettes but I grew up in a house of cigarette smokers.

S. I am proud to say that tobacco smoking is one habit I did not pick up.

6. The smoke you are inhaling is considered secondhand smoke, which is not good for you.

(a) PRSQ (b) RSPQ (c) SPQR (d) QPSR

**Q18. 1.** The word Victory' generally reminds us of wars and conquerors like Alexander and Napoleon.

P. Thousands of people are killed and hundreds of towns and cities are destroyed.

Q. But the victory associated with a war comes after so much of destruction.

R. In this category we may include the achievements of scientists and scholars, statesmen and social reformers and the like.

S. However, there is another type of victory which is creative and constructive.

6. The victories of peace are more lasting and useful to humanity than the victories of war.

(a) PRQS (b) SPQR (c) QPSR (d) RPQS

**Q19. 1.** Any discussion on human rights is incomplete without reference to the security and terrorist threats facing the country.

P. The Police as also the armed forces are facing an uphill task in containing these violent activities and maintaining peace and order.

Q. It must be appreciated that there is an imperative need for such special legislations as the normal laws are not adequate to deal with the situation.

R. An important issue which has come up in this context relates to the need for special legislation to cope with the situation.

S. Several parts of the country have been rocked by violence, terrorism, secessionist movement and insurgency.

6. It is necessary to underline that it will be wrong to treat all such violent movements as pure law and order problems.

(a) SPQR (b) PSQR (c) SPRQ (d) PSRQ

**Q20. 1.** As a boy Charles Darwin showed no promise to be a good student.

P. He was a failure at school.

Q. He had greater interest in flowers, birds and stories about them.

R. The narrow old fashioned syllabus of his school was dull to him.

S. So he was a problem for his parents.

6. His father then sent him to study medicine to carry on the family profession.

(a) QSRP (b) SQPR (c) RPQS (d) PRSQ

**Q21. 1.** In order for an area to be considered a desert, it must receive very little rainfall.

P. Antarctica has below freezing-point temperature and the air does not hold moisture at all.

Q. Both central and coastline of Antarctica receive less than ten inches of precipitation.

R. This is evident in the low precipitation statistics of Antarctica.

S. More specifically, it must receive an average of less than ten inches of precipitation.

6. Because Antarctica gets so little precipitation every year, it is considered a desert.

(a) PQRS (b) SRQP (c) PSQR (d) SPRQ

**Q22. 1.** Nobody in their mind would doubt that America has problems.

P. Leave out euphoria, after the Gulf War and that is the highest such figure for six years.

Q. And whatever the gloomy politicians may think, Americans themselves seem to sense that.

R. But these are problems, things that can and will be solved they are not the stuff of national crisis.

S. The latest Time/CNN poll says '62% of Americans thought their nation was doing "fairly well" or "very well"

6. All it needs now is for politicians to catch the new mood of optimism.

(a) QPSR (b) RSQP (c) PQRS (d) SPRQ

**Q23.** 1. Love is one of the earliest of human passions.

P. It is also one of the sweetest.

Q. Love should be directed towards a worthy object.

R. But, like all strong passions it may, if not well regulated and controlled, lead us into misery.

S. Or it will prove in the end a source of bitterness.

6. Love, moreover, looks forward to reciprocation.

(a) RQPS (b) PRQS (c) PQSR (d) QRPS

**Q24.** 1. Success in life depends upon devotion to the chosen occupation.

P. We must choose the occupation which is best suited to our aptitude and qualifications.

Q. In that case, we may have to try a few jobs before getting the right one.

R. But once we find such a job and are at the job, we should stick to it.

S. Possibly, we may not find such an occupation at our first attempt.

6. With our devotion and industry, we can make progress in that job,

(a) PSRQ (b) PRQS (c) PSQR (d) SRQP

**Q25.** 1. Once a shepherd boy used to tend sheep on a hill.

P. He cried out, 'Wolf! Wolf!'

Q. Some men also used to work in a field nearby.

R. The men thought that a wolf was killing the sheep.

S. One day the shepherd boy thought of fun.

6. So they ran to help the boy

(a) SQPR (b) QPSR (c) QSPR (d) RPSQ

**Q26.** 1. If India is hot right now, its thanks to a host of random developments.

P. Nature helped too.

Q. Arguably, it all began with the IT boom, which coupled with the unceasing tide of outsourcing, made India a global buzz.

R. And, as the saying goes, today's business travellers are tomorrow's leisure travellers.

S. That put in the global consciousness and led to a surge in business travellers.

6. The SARS outbreak in 2002-03 bypassed India and the tsunami affected countries like Thailand more than it impacted India.

(a) QSRP (b) RPQS (c) QPRS (d) RSQP

**Q27.** 1. India's uniqueness lies in its unity in diversity.

P. So the problems of India should not be viewed in isolation.

Q. Because of this factor, there are problems here and there at times.

R. India is a multi religious, multicultural and multilingual country.

S. But even small countries with monolithic society have more problems.

6. And India is poised for success in all fields.

(a) PSRQ (b) QSPR (c) SRQP (d) RQSP

**Q28.** 1. Most of our meat comes from two great grain producing countries, the United States and Argentina.

P. In the two countries, great herds of hogs and cattle are fattened for the market.

Q. The Netherlands is famous for butter and cheese and other daily products,

R. The cool, damp climate of the Netherlands grows fine grass for dairy cattle.

S. Usually countries do not grow animals for meat unless they produce enough grain to feed them.

6. But a few countries, like Denmark, buy grain to feed their hogs and cattle.

(a) RSQP (b) SRPQ (c) PRSQ (d) PQRS

**Q29.** 1. Judo champ, Tamura doesn't look or act tough.



P. At 4 feet 9,Tamura is the shortest woman in the light-weight class (106 pounds).  
 Q. Fans know her affectionately as “Yawara-chan” after a spunky cartoon character.  
 R. She wears a lucky pink ribbon and at 20, still grins like a carefree teen and gushes about ice-cream.

S. No wonder the Japanese go wild when she tosses opponents, many of whom tower over her.

6. Tamura has become a national idol in Japan.

(a) PQRS (b) SRPQ (c) SRQP (d) QPRS

**Q30.** 1. Venice is a strange and beautiful city in the north of Italy.

P. There are about four hundred old stone bridges joining the islands of Venice.

Q. In this city there are no motor-cars, no horses and no buses.

R. These small islands are near one another.

S. It is not one island but a hundred and seventeen islands. This is because Venice has no streets.

(a) PQRS (b) RSPQ (c) SRPQ (d) PSQR

**Q31.** 1. Louis Washkan sky was a 56 year old South African.

P. He had a damaged heart.

Q. A team of doctors led by Dr. C. Barnard was formed.

R. He could not be cured.

S. So the doctors decided to give him a new heart.

6. The team conducted the operation.

(a) QSRP (b) RPSQ (c) SQPR (d) PRSQ

**Q32.** 1. There are two reasons why players gain confidence in football.

P. When a player knows about his opponent, then he knows what to expect and will not be surprised.

Q. The second reason is that the players acquire knowledge and skills which directly affects their ability to play the game.

R. One reason is that they have a knowledge of the competition.

S. Usually, this means that they see the competitions strengths and flaws.

6. A player is more confident to make a tackle in a game after he has practiced the same tasks in practice over and over again.

(a) SRQP (b) RQSP (c) RPSQ (d) RSPQ

**Q33.** 1. Yet, things are not that bad.

P. Some of the successful people started out with more handicaps than us.

Q. It is time we stopped feeling sorry for and got over our doubts and fears to face the world.

R. If we look around ourselves, we find people who had less than us but went on to make their fortunes.

S. Perhaps we can replicate what they did for themselves. .

6. Fortune, after all, favours the brave, not the complainers.

(a)RQSP (b) SPRQ (c) RPSQ (d) SQRP

**Q34.** 1. About two feet above the cooking surface, most wood stoves have two warming closets.

P. There are metal boxes about six inches deep with a door on each, and they are used to keep fond warm until it is ready to be served.

Q. These stoves also have a damper that seals off the rigid side of the fire box and greatly cuts the circulation of heat.

R. It does not put out the fire, but it cools the rest of the stove so that it can be left unattended.

S. When the damper is dosed, the coals will remain hot for several hours.

6. It has to be left open when the stove is in use.

(a) QSPR (b) QRSP (c) PQRS (d) QPSR

**Q35.** 1. Derozio was a very bright student who often stood first in English and other subjects and got gold medals.

P. Derazio was a brilliant teacher.

Q. Students had great respect for this young teacher.

R. He became a teacher of Hindu college (now Presidency University) in the year 1826.

S. He was 17 years old then and some of his students were even older than him.

6. Some students of senior classes also came to attend his lectures.

(a) QPSR (b) SRQP (c) RSPQ (d) PQRS

**Q36.** 1. Three painters competed for a prize.

P. Ram painted a curtain.

Q. A butterfly came and sat on the bunch of flowers was painted by Shyam.

R. And an ox tried to eat from the basket of apples was painted by Sohan.

S. And the judge himself tried to lift the curtain.

6. So Ram got the prize.

(a) PSQR (b) PQRS (c) PSRQ (d) QRPS

**Q37.** 1. The student came late to the school

P. He went home weeping.

Q. The watchman didn't allow him inside the school

R. The boy was waiting outside for sometime.

S. He then decided to go home

6. It was a bad day for him

(a) QSPR (b) QSRP (c) QRSP (d) QPSR

**Q38.** 1. One of his greatest successes to improve the water supply

P. The lepers could obtain it for filling a vessel at a mountain stream.

Q. They carried it to the village their sore covered shoulders.

R. Water was scarce.

S. They had to go some distance to wash their clothes.

6. That was one reason which remained dirty as often

(a) RPQS (b) PQRS (c) QPRS (d) RQPS

**Q39.** 1. It is the responsibility of parents to teach the young moral values in life.

P. Many children take advantage of their parents' busy schedule.

Q. This results in children's ignorance of social values.

R. The reason behind it is that parents are quite busy now a days.

S. Nowadays parents spend very meager time with children.

6. As such, the society is going away from the value system.

(a) SRPQ (b) PQRS (c) SQRQ (d) SPQR

**Q40.** 1. Many people catch a cold in the springtime and/ or fall.

P. The answer is easy.

Q. There are literally hundreds of kinds cold viruses out there.

R. You never know which one you will get.

S. It makes us wonder... if scientists can send a man to the moon, why can't they find a cure for the common cold.

6. So there isn't a cure for each one.

(a) SPQR (b) PSQR (c) SQRQ (d) QRSP

**Q41.** 1. Sleep is the only natural elixir that repairs the body.

P. The incessant ringing of mobile phones, the clamour of multiple TV sets, late night parties and the internet are all par for the course in average urban households.

Q. At work, the manic race against time means we are working longer hours.

R. At home, our lives are no less hectic.

S. But in today's fast-paced world, sleep is the one aspect that is compromised the most.

6. Sleep and upward mobility make for incompatible bed fellows.

(a) PRQS (b) SQRQ (c) PQRS (d) SRQP

**Q42.** 1. When she got to her house, there was nothing to retrieve.

P. All valuables were smashed or stolen

Q. The curtains were burned; books were pipped to shreds

R. Her medals and trophies had been flung everywhere

S. The house had been completely ransacked

6. Miranda stood in the centre of her bedroom looking at a ruined copy of the Koran forcing back her tears

(a) PQRS

(b) PRQS

(c) SPRQ

(d) RSQP

**Q43.** 1. The man who does his duty without any selfish desire for fruit may be called a sanyasi as well as yogi.

P. The man who has achieved much evenness of temper will be serene, because his mere thoughts are changed with the strength of action.

Q. He would practise yoga, i.e., evenness of temper, and cannot but perform action.

R. The root of the matter is that one should not allow his mind to flit from object of desire to another and from that to a third.

S. But he who abstains from action altogether is only an idler.

6. A yogi is one who is not attached to his objects of sense or to action and whose mind has ceased to roam restlessly.

(a)SRQP

(b) RQPS

(c) QRSP

(d) PRSQ

**Q44.** 1. The simplest way to understand how a jet engine works is to watch air escaping from a balloon.

P. As the air escapes, it creates a back pressure that pushes the balloon forward.

Q. In a jet engine, the effect is almost the same.

R. Air rushes through a tube.

S. A spray of gasoline or kerosene is injected into the stream of air, and a series of continuous explosions takes place.

6. As the exploding gas rushes from the rear of the tube, a back pressure is created that sends the tube forward with great force.

(a) QPSR

(b) PQRS

(c) RSQP

(d) SPQR

**Q45.** 1. Alternative medicine is, by definition, an alternative to modern, western medicine.

P. Rather, they consider their disciplines as supplementary to orthodox medicine.

Q. the problem is that many doctors refuse to recognize alternative medicine.

R. But the term 'alternative' can be misleading.

S. Few practitioners of homeopathy, Ayurveda etc regard their therapies as substitutes for modern medicine.

6. However, the demand for alternative forms of medical therapy is stranger than ever before,

(a) QPSR

(b) SRPQ

(c) RSPQ

(d) PQRS

**Q46.** 1. We think ourselves as separate, and we become selfish.

P. The truth shall make us free,

Q. Then we want more for ourselves not caring if others have less.

R. All quarrels, fights and unhappiness come from this.

S. They will end only when our minds see this truth dearly; for when we see clearly, we cannot help thinking differently and acting differently.

6. In that freedom the struggle of man will cease, and his real life will begin.

(a) QRSP

(b) QPRS

(c) PQRS

(d) RSQP

**Q47.** 1. An observation home is called a formicarium.

P. Then, if a small ant hill is dug up carefully, you will find the hump-backed queen.

Q. You will probably discover that you have some of the strange ant guests too.

R. it can be made of two panes of glass separated by strips of wood around the edges.

S. Put her in a jar with some of her workers, larvae and cocoons.

6. Carefully place them all in the formicarium.



(a)RPQS (b) PQSR (c) PSQR (d) RPSQ

**Q48.** 1. Ramai and Samai were two poor young men.

P. On market day they sold their labour.

Q. The lived near Mahespur.

R. On other days, they remained in the village looking for work.

S. They wanted regular work.

6. The headman gave them two plots.

(a) QPRS (b) RPQS (c) SPQR (d) PQRS

**Q49.** 1. One of the most terrible battles of the American Civil War was fought in July 1863, at Gettysburg.

P. The chief speech on that occasion was given by Edward Everett, a celebrated orator.

Q. Lincoln was asked to make a few remarks.

R. In November of that year a portion of the battlefield was dedicated as a final resting place for men of both armies who died there.

S. Everett's speech lasted 2 hours. Lincoln's for 2 minutes; it was over almost before the crowd realized that it had begun.

6. But the Gettysburg speech is now one of the world's immortal pieces of literature.

(a)SQRP (b) RPQS (c) PQRS (d) QPSR

**Q50.** 1. Albert Edward ha d never liked the new vicar.

P. He wasn't the type of man-they wanted with a classy congregation.

Q. And now he straightened himself a little.

R. He knew his value.

S. He'd said from the beginning that they had made a mistake.

6. He wasn't going to allow himself to be put upon.

(a) PSQR (b) QRPS (c) SPQR (d) SRPQ