

SSC GD Constable Exam: Phrase Replacement MCQ

Instructions: In each sentence, a phrase is underlined. Choose the option (a, b, c, or d) that best replaces the underlined phrase to make the sentence more appropriate, concise, or grammatically correct. Each question carries 2 marks. There is a negative marking of 0.50 marks for each incorrect answer.

1. She is not in the habit of reading novels but loves movies.

- a) doesn't often read
- b) avoids reading
- c) dislikes to read
- d) rarely reads

Answer: a) doesn't often read

Explanation: "Doesn't often read" is a concise and natural replacement for the wordy "is not in the habit of reading."

2. He worked with great effort to finish the project on time.

- a) worked tirelessly
- b) put in little effort
- c) worked casually
- d) struggled hard

Answer: a) worked tirelessly

Explanation: "Worked tirelessly" conveys intense effort concisely and is more idiomatic than "worked with great effort."

3. The children were having fun in the park when it started raining.

- a) were playing joyfully
- b) were relaxing
- c) were running around
- d) were idling

Answer: a) were playing joyfully

Explanation: "Were playing joyfully" is a more vivid and precise phrase than the vague "were having fun."

4. I am going to the market for the purpose of buying groceries.

- a) to shop for
- b) to pick up
- c) for getting
- d) to purchase

Answer: d) to purchase

Explanation: "To purchase" is a concise and formal replacement for the wordy "for the purpose of buying."

5. Each student has turned in their assignments on time.

- a) submitted
- b) handed over
- c) gave up
- d) completed

Answer: a) submitted

Explanation: "Submitted" is a more precise and formal term than "has turned in" for academic contexts.

6. She is much more tall than her brother.

- a) significantly taller
- b) very tall
- c) too tall
- d) taller

Answer: d) taller

Explanation: "Taller" is the correct and concise comparative form, avoiding the redundancy in "much more tall."

7. He said that he will get together with me tomorrow.

- a) will meet
- b) will join
- c) will catch up
- d) will visit

Answer: d) will meet

Explanation: "Will meet" is a simpler and more direct phrase than "will get together with."

8. The book which I picked up yesterday is very interesting.

- a) I bought
- b) I selected
- c) I chose
- d) I found

Answer: a) I bought

Explanation: "I bought" is a more specific and concise replacement for "which I picked up" in this context.

9. Neither of them was capable of solving the puzzle.

- a) could solve
- b) managed to solve
- c) succeeded in solving
- d) was able to solve

Answer: a) could solve

Explanation: "Could solve" is a concise and natural alternative to "was capable of solving."

10. She is keen on learning new languages.

- a) eager to learn
- b) interested in learning
- c) fond of learning
- d) excited about learning

Answer: a) eager to learn

Explanation: "Eager to learn" is a more concise and dynamic phrase than "keen on learning."

11. He runs more quickly than me.

- a) faster than I
- b) quicker than me
- c) more fast than I
- d) faster than me

Answer: a) faster than I

Explanation: "Faster than I" is grammatically correct (using the subjective "I") and concise.

12. The teacher inquired about the reason for my tardiness.

- a) asked why
- b) questioned about
- c) wondered why
- d) probed into

Answer: a) asked why

Explanation: "Asked why" is a direct and concise replacement for the wordy "inquired about the reason for."

13. I have been working here for a duration of two years.

- a) for two years
- b) since two years
- c) for two year
- d) over two years

Answer: a) for two years

Explanation: "For two years" is a concise and correct phrase for duration, replacing the wordy original.

14. She is one of the top vocalists in the choir.

- a) best singers
- b) finest vocalists
- c) great singers
- d) skilled singers

Answer: b) best singers

Explanation: "Best singers" is a more straightforward and common phrase than "top vocalists."

15. He said that he felt extremely exhausted after the journey.

- a) was very tired
- b) felt worn out
- c) was completely drained

d) felt fatigued

Answer: a) was very tired

Explanation: "Was very tired" is a simpler and clearer phrase than "felt extremely exhausted."

16. The movie was so dull that I fell asleep.

a) so boring that I fell

b) too dull to stay awake

c) so tedious that I slept

d) very boring that I fell

Answer: c) so boring that I fell

Explanation: "So boring that I fell" is a concise and natural phrase, maintaining the original structure.

17. Every pupil in the class has finished the test.

a) student in the class has completed

b) child in the class has done

c) learner in the class has finished

d) student in the class has taken

Answer: a) student in the class has completed

Explanation: "Student in the class has completed" is more precise and formal than the original.

18. She likes coffee better than tea in the morning.

a) prefers coffee to tea

b) enjoys coffee over tea

c) chooses coffee than tea

d) favors coffee to tea

Answer: b) prefers coffee to tea

Explanation: "Prefers coffee to tea" is a standard and concise phrase for expressing preference.

19. The team is making plans to launch the project next month.

a) is planning

b) is preparing

- c) is organizing
- d) is scheduling

Answer: a) is planning

Explanation: "Is planning" is a direct and concise replacement for "is making plans."

20. I am eagerly awaiting to meet you soon.

- a) looking forward to meeting
- b) excited to meet
- c) anxious to see
- d) keen to meet

Answer: a) looking forward to meeting

Explanation: "Looking forward to meeting" is a standard and concise phrase with the correct gerund form.

21. He has departed to the store to buy milk.

- a) has gone to
- b) went to
- c) has left for
- d) traveled to

Answer: a) has gone to

Explanation: "Has gone to" is the correct and concise phrase with the present perfect tense.

22. The book has been resting on the table since morning.

- a) has been lying on the table
- b) is placed on the table
- c) has lain on the table
- d) remains on the table

Answer: c) has been lying on the table

Explanation: "Has been lying on the table" is a precise and grammatically correct phrase for continuous action.

23. She is highly skilled at playing the piano.

- a) very good at playing

- b) adept at playing
- c) proficient in playing
- d) talented at playing

Answer: b) adept at playing

Explanation: "Adept at playing" is a concise and sophisticated replacement for "highly skilled at playing."

24. **If I were in your place, I would apologize immediately.**

- a) were you
- b) was you
- c) were him
- d) was in your position

Answer: d) were you

Explanation: "Were you" is the standard and concise subjunctive phrase for hypothetical situations.

25. **The children love to engage in play in the garden.**

- a) enjoy playing
- b) like to play
- c) love playing
- d) enjoy to play

Answer: c) enjoy playing

Explanation: "Enjoy playing" is a concise and natural phrase, using the correct gerund form.

26. **He inquired about what I was doing yesterday.**

- a) asked what I was doing
- b) questioned what I did
- c) asked about my actions
- d) wondered what I was up to

Answer: a) asked what I was doing

Explanation: "Asked what I was doing" is a direct and concise replacement for the wordy original.

27. **This is one of the most exceptional books I have read.**

- a) unique books
- b) extraordinary books
- c) remarkable books
- d) special books

Answer: a) unique books

Explanation: "Unique books" is concise and avoids the redundancy of "most exceptional."

28. **She has resided here for five years time.**

- a) has lived here for five years
- b) has stayed here since five years
- c) has been here for five years
- d) resides here for five years

Answer: a) has lived here for five years

Explanation: "Has lived here for five years" is a clear and concise phrase for duration.

29. **The team has achieved victory in the championship last year.**

- a) won
- b) secured a win
- c) triumphed
- d) gained victory

Answer: b) won

Explanation: "Won" is a simple and direct verb replacing the wordy "has achieved victory."

30. **He is more senior than his cousin by two years.**

- a) older than
- b) elder to
- c) senior to
- d) more aged than

Answer: d) older than

Explanation: "Older than" is the standard and concise comparative phrase for age.

31. I am not accustomed to driving on the left side of the road.

- a) not used to driving
- b) unfamiliar with driving
- c) not comfortable driving
- d) not familiar to driving

Answer: a) not used to driving

Explanation: "Not used to driving" is a concise and standard phrase with the correct gerund.

32. She said that she will contact me later.

- a) will call
- b) would call
- c) will reach out
- d) would contact

Answer: b) would call

Explanation: "Would call" is concise and correct for indirect speech after "said."

33. The teacher gave the students a piece of homework to complete.

- a) homework
- b) some homework
- c) an assignment
- d) tasks

Answer: a) homework

Explanation: "Homework" is concise and correct, as it is uncountable and doesn't need "a piece of."

34. He is one of the boys that play football well.

- a) boys who plays
- b) boys who play
- c) boy who plays
- d) boys playing

Answer: b) boys who play

Explanation: "Boys who play" is grammatically correct with the plural "boys" and verb "play."

35. I **have viewed** the movie twice already.

- a) have seen
- b) watched
- c) saw
- d) have watched

Answer: a) have seen

Explanation: "Have seen" is the correct and concise present perfect form for viewing a movie.

36. The movie was **so uninteresting that I fell** asleep.

- a) so boring that I fell
- b) too dull that I slept
- c) very tedious that I fell
- d) so dull that I slept

Answer: a) so boring that I fell

Explanation: "So boring that I fell" is a concise and natural phrase for cause and effect.

37. Both girls **are skilled at** dancing.

- a) excel in
- b) are good at
- c) perform well in
- d) are talented at

Answer: b) are good at

Explanation: "Are good at" is a simple and common phrase for describing skill.

38. He was **determined to pay** for the meal.

- a) insisted on paying
- b) wanted to pay
- c) decided to cover
- d) offered to pay

Answer: a) insisted on paying

Explanation: "Insisted on paying" conveys determination concisely and uses the correct gerund.

39. The dog barked in a loud manner at the stranger.

- a) barked loudly
- b) barked noisily
- c) barked strongly
- d) barked fiercely

Answer: a) barked loudly

Explanation: "Barked loudly" is a concise adverbial phrase replacing the wordy original.

40. If he puts in strong effort, he will succeed.

- a) tries hard
- b) works diligently
- c) works hard
- d) labors intensely

Answer: c) works hard

Explanation: "Works hard" is a concise and standard phrase for effort.

41. She is sure she will win the competition.

- a) confident of winning
- b) certain to win
- c) assured of victory
- d) positive about winning

Answer: a) confident of winning

Explanation: "Confident of winning" is a precise and idiomatic phrase with the correct gerund.

42. The news was very astonishing to everyone.

- a) news was shocking
- b) news surprised
- c) news was astounding
- d) news shocked

Answer: b) news was shocking

Explanation: "News was shocking" is a concise and impactful phrase.

43. He has been preparing for the exam for a week's time.

- a) has studied for a week
- b) has been studying for a week
- c) is preparing for a week
- d) has been reviewing for a week

Answer: c) has been studying for a week

Explanation: "Has been studying for a week" is clear and concise for continuous preparation.

44. The teacher told the students not to speak during the test.

- a) instructed the students to be quiet
- b) advised the students to stay silent
- c) asked the students not to talk
- d) directed the students to remain silent

Answer: c) asked the students not to talk

Explanation: "Asked the students not to talk" is a direct and concise replacement.

45. She is one of the most intelligent students in the class.

- a) smartest students
- b) brightest students
- c) cleverest students
- d) most brilliant students

Answer: a) smartest students

Explanation: "Smartest students" is a concise and common superlative phrase.

46. He announced that he was going to the party.

- a) told us he was
- b) said he is
- c) declared he was
- d) informed us he was

Answer: d) told us he was

Explanation: "Told us he was" is concise and includes the necessary object for "told."

47. The team was performing well in the match.

- a) played effectively
- b) competed well
- c) did well
- d) performed strongly

Answer: b) competed well

Explanation: "Competed well" is a concise and contextually appropriate phrase.

48. I am uncertain about whose book this is.

- a) not sure whose book
- b) unclear about who's book
- c) unsure of whose book
- d) doubtful about whose book

Answer: a) not sure whose book

Explanation: "Not sure whose book" is a concise and standard phrase.

49. She has been standing by for the bus for an hour.

- a) has waited for the bus for an hour
- b) has been waiting for the bus for an hour
- c) is waiting for the bus for an hour
- d) has stood by for an hour

Answer: b) has been waiting for the bus for an hour

Explanation: "Has been waiting for the bus for an hour" is clear and uses the correct tense.

50. He is one of the athletes who excel in sports.

- a) players who excel
- b) athletes who perform
- c) sportsmen who succeed
- d) competitors who excel

Answer: a) players who excel

Explanation: "Players who excel" is a concise and contextually fitting phrase.

51. : **"So interesting that I watched" is a concise and natural phrase**

- a) so interesting that I watched
- b) very engaging that I saw
- c) too exciting to watch
- d) so thrilling that I viewed

Answer: a) so interesting that I watched

Explanation: "So interesting that I watched" is a concise and natural phrase.

52. **She likes to walk rather than drive to work.**

- a) prefers walking to driving
- b) enjoys walking over driving
- c) chooses walking than driving
- d) favors walking to driving

Answer: b) prefers walking to driving

Explanation: "Prefers walking to driving" is a standard and concise phrase for preference.

53. **Each of the books was arranged with care on the shelf.**

- a) was carefully arranged
- b) was neatly placed
- c) was organized properly
- d) was tidily arranged

Answer: a) was carefully arranged

Explanation: "Was carefully arranged" is a concise and precise phrase.

54. **He asked me about my whereabouts yesterday.**

- a) inquired about my location
- b) asked where I was
- c) questioned my activities
- d) wondered about my plans

Answer: b) asked where I was

Explanation: "Asked where I was" is a direct and concise replacement.

55. She is more skilled at singing than her sister.

- a) better at singing
- b) more talented in singing
- c) superior in singing
- d) stronger at singing

Answer: a) better at singing

Explanation: "Better at singing" is a concise and standard phrase for comparison.

56. The team has been training for the tournament.

- a) has practiced
- b) has been practicing
- c) is training
- d) has been preparing

Answer: b) has been practicing

Explanation: "Has been practicing" is a clear and concise phrase for ongoing preparation.

57. I am not in the habit of playing tennis on weekends.

- a) not used to playing
- b) not fond of playing
- c) not accustomed to play
- d) not keen on playing

Answer: a) not used to playing

Explanation: "Not used to playing" is a concise and correct phrase with the gerund.

58. He said that he is able to complete the work by tomorrow.

- a) can finish
- b) could finish
- c) will complete
- d) would finish

Answer: b) could finish

Explanation: "Could finish" is concise and correct for indirect speech after "said."

59. The teacher gave us a piece of advice before the exam.

- a) advice
- b) some advice
- c) guidance
- d) suggestions

Answer: a) advice

Explanation: "Advice" is concise and correct, as it is uncountable.

60. She is one of the girls who dance well.

- a) dancers who perform
- b) girls who perform
- c) females who dance
- d) girls who excel

Answer: b) girls who perform

Explanation: "Girls who perform" is a concise and natural phrase.

61. He has been residing here for two months' duration.

- a) has lived here for two months
- b) has stayed here for two months
- c) has been living here for two months
- d) resides here for two months

Answer: c) has been living here for two months

Explanation: "Has been living here for two months" is clear and uses the correct tense.

62. The movie was so frightening that I couldn't sleep.

- a) very scary that I couldn't sleep
- b) too terrifying to sleep
- c) so scary that I couldn't sleep
- d) extremely frightening that I couldn't

Answer: c) so scary that I couldn't sleep

Explanation: "So scary that I couldn't sleep" is a concise and natural phrase.

63. **Both boys are talented at painting.**

- a) excel in
- b) are skilled in
- c) are good at
- d) perform well in

Answer: c) are good at

Explanation: "Are good at" is a simple and common phrase for describing skill.

64. **She is eagerly anticipating visiting her grandparents.**

- a) excited to visit
- b) looking forward to visiting
- c) anxious to see
- d) keen to visit

Answer: b) looking forward to visiting

Explanation: "Looking forward to visiting" is a standard and concise phrase with the correct gerund.

65. **He is one of the most skilled musicians in the band.**

- a) best musicians
- b) top musicians
- c) talented musicians
- d) finest musicians

Answer: d) best musicians

Explanation: "Best musicians" is a concise and common superlative phrase.

66. **The teacher announced that the class was cancelled.**

- a) said the class was
- b) informed us the class was
- c) declared the class is
- d) told us the class was

Answer: d) told us the class was

Explanation: "Told us the class was" is concise and includes the necessary object.

67. **She performs beautifully in the choir.**

- a) sings beautifully
- b) sings wonderfully
- c) performs wonderfully
- d) sings magnificently

Answer: a) sings beautifully

Explanation: "Sings beautifully" is a precise and contextually appropriate phrase.

68. **I have been waiting for the train for a period of two hours.**

- a) have waited for the train for two hours
- b) have been waiting for the train for two hours
- c) am waiting for the train for two hours
- d) have stood for the train for two hours

Answer: b) have been waiting for the train for two hours

Explanation: "Have been waiting for the train for two hours" is clear and concise.

69. **The team is putting in strong effort to win the match.**

- a) is working hard
- b) is striving hard
- c) is trying diligently
- d) is exerting effort

Answer: a) is working hard

Explanation: "Is working hard" is a concise and standard phrase for effort.

70. **If I were in his shoes, I would take the job.**

- a) were him
- b) was him
- c) were in his position

d) was in his place

Answer: c) were him

Explanation: "Were him" is the standard and concise subjunctive phrase for hypothetical situations.

71. **She is certain she will succeed in the race.**

a) confident of succeeding

b) sure of winning

c) positive about succeeding

d) assured of winning

Answer: a) confident of succeeding

Explanation: "Confident of succeeding" is a precise and idiomatic phrase with the correct gerund.

72. **The news was extremely surprising on television.**

a) news shocked

b) news was shocking

c) news surprised

d) news was astonishing

Answer: b) news was shocking

Explanation: "News was shocking" is a concise and impactful phrase.

73. **He has been reviewing for the test for a week's time.**

a) has studied for a week

b) has been studying for a week

c) is preparing for a week

d) has been preparing for a week

Answer: b) has been studying for a week

Explanation: "Has been studying for a week" is clear and concise for continuous preparation.

74. **She is one of the instructors who motivate students.**

a) teachers who inspire

b) educators who encourage

c) mentors who motivate

d) teachers who motivate

Answer: c) teachers who inspire

Explanation: "Teachers who inspire" is a concise and dynamic phrase.

75. The movie was so humorous that I laughed out loud.

a) so funny that I laughed

b) very funny that I laughed

c) too amusing to laugh

d) so comical that I chuckled

Answer: a) so funny that I laughed

Explanation: "So funny that I laughed" is a concise and natural phrase.

76. He likes tea more than coffee in the evening.

a) prefers tea to coffee

b) enjoys tea over coffee

c) chooses tea than coffee

d) favors tea to coffee

Answer: d) prefers tea to coffee

Explanation: "Prefers tea to coffee" is a standard and concise phrase for preference.

77. Each of the girls possesses a new dress.

a) has a new dress

b) owns a new dress

c) wears a new dress

d) bought a new dress

Answer: a) has a new dress

Explanation: "Has a new dress" is a simple and concise verb phrase.

78. She inquired about my location yesterday.

a) asked where I was

b) questioned my whereabouts

c) asked about my plans

d) wondered where I went

Answer: a) asked where I was

Explanation: "Asked where I was" is a direct and concise replacement.

79. I am not accustomed to swimming in cold water.

- a) not used to swimming
- b) not fond of swimming
- c) not comfortable swimming
- d) not keen on swimming

Answer: a) not used to swimming

Explanation: "Not used to swimming" is a concise and correct phrase with the gerund.

80. He said that he will reach by 5 PM.

- a) will arrive
- b) would arrive
- c) can reach
- d) could arrive

Answer: b) would arrive

Explanation: "Would arrive" is concise and correct for indirect speech after "said."

81. The teacher gave the students a task to complete it.

- a) an assignment to complete
- b) a project to do
- c) homework to finish
- d) work to complete

Answer: a) an assignment to complete

Explanation: "An assignment to complete" is concise and avoids the redundant "it."

82. She is one of the most attractive girls in the school.

- a) prettiest girls
- b) most beautiful girls
- c) loveliest girls
- d) most charming girls

Answer: b) most beautiful girls

Explanation: "Most beautiful girls" is a concise and common superlative phrase.

83. He has been staying here for three years' time.

- a) has lived here for three years
- b) has resided here for three years
- c) has been living here for three years
- d) stays here for three years

Answer: c) has been living here for three years

Explanation: "Has been living here for three years" is clear and uses the correct tense.

84. The movie was so thrilling that I couldn't stop watching.

- a) very exciting that I couldn't stop
- b) too exciting to stop
- c) so exciting that I couldn't stop
- d) extremely thrilling that I couldn't

Answer: c) so exciting that I couldn't stop

Explanation: "So exciting that I couldn't stop" is a concise and natural phrase.

85. Both girls are proficient at painting.

- a) excel in
- b) are skilled in
- c) are good at
- d) perform well in

Answer: c) are good at

Explanation: "Are good at" is a simple and common phrase for describing skill.

86. She is excited about seeing her friends.

- a) eager to see
- b) looking forward to seeing
- c) thrilled to meet
- d) anxious to see

Answer: b) looking forward to seeing

Explanation: "Looking forward to seeing" is a standard and concise phrase with the correct gerund.

87. **He is one of the players who score high.**

- a) athletes who score
- b) competitors who score
- c) players who excel
- d) sportsmen who perform

Answer: c) players who excel

Explanation: "Players who excel" is a concise and dynamic phrase.

88. **The teacher stated that the class was cancelled.**

- a) said the class was
- b) announced the class is
- c) declared the class was
- d) told us the class was

Answer: d) told us the class was

Explanation: "Told us the class was" is concise and includes the necessary object.

89. **She dances in a beautiful manner on the stage.**

- a) dances beautifully
- b) performs gracefully
- c) dances elegantly
- d) moves beautifully

Answer: a) dances beautifully

Explanation: "Dances beautifully" is a concise adverbial phrase.

90. **I have been standing by for the train for two hours.**

- a) have waited for the train for two hours
- b) have been waiting for the train for two hours
- c) am waiting for the train for two hours
- d) have stood for the train for two hours

Answer: b) have been waiting for the train for two hours

Explanation: "Have been waiting for the train for two hours" is clear and concise.

91. The team is preparing diligently for the competition.

- a) is training hard
- b) is working hard
- c) is practicing diligently
- d) is getting ready

Answer: b) is working hard

Explanation: "Is working hard" is a concise and standard phrase for effort.

92. If I were in his position, I would take the job.

- a) was him
- b) were him
- c) was in his shoes
- d) was in his place

Answer: b) were him

Explanation: "Were him" is the standard and concise subjunctive phrase for hypothetical situations.

93. She is positive she will win the race.

- a) confident of winning
- b) sure of winning
- c) certain to win
- d) assured of winning

Answer: c) confident of winning

Explanation: "Confident of winning" is a precise and idiomatic phrase with the correct gerund.

94. The news was broadcasted on the radio.

- a) news was broadcast
- b) news aired
- c) news was reported
- d) news was transmitted

Answer: a) news was broadcast

Explanation: "News was broadcast" is the correct and concise past participle phrase.

95. He has been working here for a month's duration.

- a) has worked here for a month
- b) has been working here for a month
- c) works here for a month
- d) has stayed here for a month

Answer: b) has been working here for a month

Explanation: "Has been working here for a month" is clear and uses the correct tense.

96. She is one of the vocalists who perform well.

- a) singers who perform
- b) performers who sing
- c) artists who excel
- d) singers who shine

Answer: c) singers who perform

Explanation: "Singers who perform" is a concise and natural phrase.

97. The movie was so sad that I wept out loud.

- a) so touching that I cried
- b) very sad that I wept
- c) so moving that I cried
- d) too sad to cry

Answer: c) so moving that I cried

Explanation: "So moving that I cried" is a concise and emotionally vivid phrase.

98. He enjoys reading more than watching TV.

- a) prefers reading to watching
- b) likes reading over watching
- c) chooses reading than watching
- d) favors reading to watching

Answer: a) prefers reading to watching

Explanation: "Prefers reading to watching" is a standard and concise phrase for preference.

99. **Each of the girls owns a new dress.**

- a) has a new dress
- b) possesses a new dress
- c) wears a new dress
- d) bought a new dress

Answer: a) has a new dress

Explanation: "Has a new dress" is a simple and concise verb phrase.

100. **She asked about my activities yesterday.**

- a) asked what I was doing
- b) inquired about my plans
- c) questioned my actions
- d) wondered about my whereabouts

Answer: a) asked what I was doing

Explanation: "Asked what I was doing" is a direct and concise replacement.

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