



Staff Selection Commission

Combined Graduate Level (Tier - I) Examination

(Sample Test Paper)

1. Aspirin has relieved minor suffering for ____.

- (A) thousands of years
- (B) the thousand years
- (C) thousands of the years
- (D) a thousand of year

2. That the sloth ____ slowly is a fact.

- (A) which moves
- (B) it moves
- (C) moving
- (D) moves

3. The sun is a gaseous sphere, _____ a solid body like the earth.

- (A) not only
- (B) only
- (C) not
- (D) nor

4. In the winter, many animals hibernate, but others ____ stay active.

- (A) the elk
- (B) are like the elk
- (C) such as the elk
- (D) yet the elk

5. When ____ a body cell, it takes over the cell and manufactures more viruses.

- (A) infection by a virus
- (B) infects a virus
- (C) does a virus infected
- (D) a virus infects

6. Galileo's experiments with falling bodies, Pasteur's work with disease germs ____ on

heredity are significant events in the history of science.

- (A) and Mendel's research is
- (B) and Mendel's research
- (C) and Mendel did research
- (D) and the research of Mendel

7. Many craters on the earth's sur-face were probably formed by very large meteorites_____:

- (A) smashing into the ground and exploding
- (B) which smashed into the ground and an explosion
- (C) when smashed into the ground was as explosion
- (D) they smashed into the ground and exploded

8. The accomplishments of modern science would be impossible_____highly specialized instru-ments.

- (A) without
- (B) except
- (C) but there are
- (D) among

9. The earth might look like a sphere, but careful measurements

- (A) show is not
- (B) show that it is not
- (C) that show it is not
- (D) show it that is not

10. Nebraska is a state whose name comes from an Indian word _____'river in the flatness'.

- (A) means
- (B) the meaning of
- (C) meaning
- (D) is meant

Direction 11: Replace the word/phrase given in bold with the most similar word.

11. The new tax law is explicit; that type of certificate is tax-exempt.

- (A) definite
- (B) deficient
- (c) harsh
- (d) imprecise

12. Zinnia seeds will begin to germi-nate in seven to ten days.

- (A) grow
- (B) rot
- (C) sink
- (O) bloom

13. The union's grievance committee met with the school board to protest the teacher's firing.

- (A) personnel
- (B) scholarship

- (C) investment
- (D) complaint

14. Argon, an inert gas, constitutes nearly one percent of the atmosphere.

- (A) inflammable
- (B) colourless
- (C) inactive
- (D) odourless

15. Most high school students look up to the star player on the football team.

- (A) envy
- (B) respect
- (C) trust
- (D) pursue

16. Quito's 9,350 foot elevation makes it the third loftiest capital in the world.

- (A) mildest
- (B) highest
- (C) largest
- (D) flattest

17. The concurrence of the heads of state was totally unexpected.

- (A) rejection
- (B) proposal
- (C) agreement
- (D) objection

18. The police confiscated the stolen goods.

- (A) reported
- (B) located
- (C) released
- (D) seized

19. A conscientious teacher spends hours preparing for classes and correcting students' papers.

- (A) creative
- (B) leading
- (C) skillful
- (D) careful

20. The French detective novelist Georges Simenon is one of the most prolific writers of the twentieth century.

- (A) instructive
- (B) productive
- (C) famous
- (D) pessimistic

<p>:- Answers: 1.a, 2. d, 3. c, 4. c, 5. d, 6. b, 7. a, 8. a, 9. b, 10. c, 11.a, 12. a, 13. d, 14.a, 15. b, 16. b, 17. c, 18. d, 19.d, 20. b</p>
