



SSC PHASE VII 2019 EXAM PAPER : Held on 15 October-2019 Shift-1

:: English Language Basic Knowledge ::

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Q1. Select the option that correctly completes the statement. Valentina has been appointed as the Green Ambassador

- (a) till she passed out of school
- (b) till the road widening project was scrapped
- (c) permanently
- (d) for one year

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**Q2. Select the option that correctly answers the question.
Why did the police officer meet Valentina?**

- (a) to offer her 20 saplings for the trees cut down
- (b) to make a video on her life
- (c) to inform her about her becoming the green ambassador.
- (d) to tell her about the importance of the road widening.

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**Q3. Select the option that correctly answers the question.
As a Green Ambassador, which of the following will
Valentina NOT be entitled to?**

- (a) will get a monthly salary
- (b) will receive an honorarium

- (c) will get transport, food and lodging
- (d) will feature in advertisements

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Q4. Select the option that correctly answers the question.
Which of these would be the primary role of a Green Ambassador?

- (a) to promote awareness about the conservation of the environment.
- (b) to supervise tree planting
- (c) to stop trees from being cut down
- (d) to make films about environment

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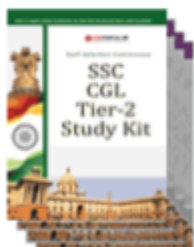
**Q5. Select the option that correctly completes the statement.
Valentina Devi has been appointed as Manipur's Green Ambassador because**

- (a) she loves trees immensely
- (b) she planted two gulmohar trees when she was in class 2.
- (c) the trees she planted were cut down.
- (d) a videographer filmed her crying over the trees

**Q6. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
Mandatory**

- (a) optional
- (b) compulsory
- (c) secondary
- (d) free

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Q7. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

A long sea journey

- (a) trip
- (b) voyage
- (c) excursion
- (d) expedition

Q8. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.
Obese

- (a) fat
- (b) overweight
- (c) thin
- (d) plump

Q9. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined phrase in the given sentence.

In our office it is the Chief Accountant who calls the shots.

- (a) to be in control
- (b) one who keeps the secrets
- (c) to be rational
- (d) to be aggressive

Q10. Select the alternative that is appropriate to fill the blank.

In case it rains, what _____ arrangements have been made?

- (a) alternate
- (b) substitute
- (c) alternative
- (d) optional

Q11. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined phrase in the given sentence.

My blood boils when I hear people abuse children.

- (a) to be very controlled
- (b) to be very concerned
- (c) to be very angry
- (d) to be very sensitive

Q12. Select the option which is correctly spelt.

- (a) dicipline
- (b) discipline
- (c) disciplin
- (d) descipline

Q13. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

A person having the same name as the other.

- (a) sibling
- (b) surname
- (c) namesake
- (d) pseudonym

Q14. Select the option which is correctly spelt.

- (a) contageous
- (b) contegious
- (c) contagious
- (d) countagious

Q15. Select the alternative that is appropriate to fill the blank.

The baby bird was _____ by its mother.

- (a) dissipated
- (b) discarded
- (c) abandoned
- (d) sidelined

Q16. Select the option which is correctly spelt.

- (a) exsessive
- (b) excessive

- (c) excessive
- (d) exsesiv

Q17. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

Robust

- (a) fragile
- (b) healthy
- (c) incapable
- (d) delicate

Q18. Select the option that is the correct indirect form of the given sentence.

My grandmother said to me, "Do you want me to teach you knitting?"

- (a) My grandmother asks me if I wanted her to teach me knitting.
- (b) My grandmother asked me if she wanted me to teach her knitting.
- (c) My grandmother asked me if I want her to teach me knitting.
- (d) My grandmother asked me if I wanted her to teach me knitting.

Q19 Select the option that is the correct passive form of the given sentence.

Our boss appreciates all our efforts.

- (a) All our efforts were appreciated by our boss.
- (b) All our efforts will be appreciated by our boss.
- (c) All our efforts are appreciated by our boss.
- (d) All our efforts are appreciated by us.

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In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

R Perumalswamy was the (1)_____ of five children in his family. When he turned 10, his (2)_____ started to fail. "This changed (3)_____. I used to get (4)_____ headache and by the

time I was 14, I could no longer see the black board in my class.” “I was (5)_____ with cataract. My father worked in a textile mill and we couldn’t afford an eye surgery.”

Q20. Select the correct word for blank no. 1

- (a) second
- (b) three
- (c) all
- (d) one

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Q21. Select the correct word for blank no. 2

- (a) seeing
- (b) visibility
- (c) vision
- (d) Views

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Q22. Select the correct word for blank no. 3

- (a) anything
- (b) all things

- (c) nothing
- (d) everything

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Q23. Select the correct word for blank no. 4

- (a) severe
- (b) piercing
- (c) blasting
- (d) heavy

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Q24. Select the correct word for blank no. 5

- (a) recognised
- (b) diagnosed
- (c) analysed
- (d) pronounced

Q25. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word. Compassion

- (a) concern
- (b) meanness
- (c) sympathy
- (d) Kindness

Answer:-

**1. (d) 2. (a) 3. (a) 4. (a) 5. (a) 6. (b) 7. (b) 8. (c) 9. (a) 10. (c)
11. (c) 12. (b) 13. (c) 14. (c) 15. (c) 16. (c) 17. (b) 18. (d) 19. (c)
20. (a) 21. (c) 22. (d) 23. (a) 24. (b) 25. (b)**



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