



SSC CHSL Tier-I 2022-23 Memory Based (English Language) (Based on 09 March 2023 Exams)

Q1. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.

- (a) Aggravate
- (b) Foreign
- (c) Committee
- (d) Enormuous

Q2. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the given sentence.

Many refer to the period _____ 1830 to 1857 as a period of the Delhi renaissance.

- (a) From
- (b) Between
- (c) For
- (d) Since

Q3. Identify the segment in the given sentence which contains the grammatical error.

Vishal is smarter enough to get selected for this post.

- (a) Vishal is
- (b) No error
- (c) smarter enough
- (d) to get selected

Q4. Select the option that will improve the segment in bold of the given sentence. In case no improvement is needed, select 'No improvement.'

Rajesh is **more senior** to me.

- (a) Most senior to
- (b) Senior to
- (c) Senior than
- (d) No improvement

Q5. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

A persistent neurotic impulse to steal

- (a) Clinomania
- (b) Opiomania
- (c) Kleptomania
- (d) Pteridomania

Q6. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

The study of heavenly bodies

- (a) Astrology
- (b) Taxonomy
- (c) Astronomy
- (d) Economy

Q7. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.

- (a) Reigend
- (b) Almighty
- (c) Separate
- (d) Momentary

Q8. Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom.

A slap on the wrist

- (a) A mild punishment
- (b) To beat severely
- (c) To wound someone unintentionally
- (d) An advantage

Q9. Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom.

Body and Soul

- (a) Highly risky
- (b) Very nervous
- (c) In every way
- (d) Half heartedly

Q10. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

Quandary

- (a) Dilemma
- (b) Rusticate
- (c) Dismiss
- (d) Dissolve

Q11. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

Knowing that he would not be able to buy any food on his journey he took enough supplies with him.

- (a) Knowing that he would not be able
- (b) to buy any food on his journey he took
- (c) took enough supplies with him.
- (d) No error

Q12. Select the option that will improve the segment in bold of the given sentence. In case no improvement is needed, select 'No improvement.'

The five first chapters form a preface for the rest of the novel.

- (a) The chapters first five
- (b) The first five chapters
- (c) Five first the chapters
- (d) No improvement

Q13. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.

Normalize

- (a) Manage
- (b) Adjust
- (c) Align
- (d) Disorder

Q14. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

Agony

- (a) Feedback
- (b) Misery
- (c) Failure
- (d) Feeling

Q15. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank in the given sentence.

When strangers are kind, it makes you feel good and _____ your well-being.

- (a) Boosts
- (b) Improve
- (c) Rejoiced
- (d) Reflects

Directions (16-20): 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.

The first thing to do when learning a language is to forget _____ (1) fluency. It's easy to get disheartened if your goal is something that'll take years to achieve. Setting achievable, _____ (2) goals is crucial to successful language learning. You wouldn't go out on your first jog with the aim of running a marathon: so, when starting a new language, think about tangible, short-term goals that will give you a sense of _____ (3). Right at the beginning of your journey, this might be learning to read a new alphabet or a certain number of characters, or learning some basic phrases to introduce yourself. As you make _____ (4) and start to hit your goals, you can formulate new ones – maybe you'd like to be able to have a short, simple conversation with a native speaker, or read a news article.

As you work _____ (5) your goals, you'll also get better at analyzing your own language needs at every stage and identifying exactly what you need to learn next.

Q16. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 1.

- (a) For
- (b) At
- (c) Beyond
- (d) About

Q17. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 2.

- (a) Measurable
- (b) Educational
- (c) Immediate
- (d) Quicker

Q18. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 3.

- (a) Belongingness
- (b) Urgency
- (c) Achievement
- (d) Humor

Q19. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 4.

- (a) Friends
- (b) Progress
- (c) Investment
- (d) Decision

Q20. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 5.

- (a) Off
- (b) Up
- (c) Out
- (d) Over

Q21. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.

Meticulous

- (a) Heedless
- (b) Diligent
- (c) Methodical
- (d) Exacting

Q22. Select the most logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph.

- P. To be successful be independent not dependent on any family member or friends.
 - Q. If we all are independent, we can plan and execute everything, we can do whatever we want to.
 - R. Self - belief and self - reliance is an essential characteristic of a successful person.
 - S. There are many requirements and challenges in life, our parents can't fulfil all of them nor our friends will do that for us.
- (a) PSQR
(b) RSPQ
(c) QPSR
(d) PQSR

Q23. Select the most logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph.

- P. People find happiness in different things.
 - Q. For some people money is happiness while for others spending time with family and friends is happiness.
 - R. Each and every person in the world strives to be happy.
 - S. Every year, March 20 is celebrated as International Happiness Day.
- (a) SRQP
(b) RSPQ
(c) QPSR
(d) PRSQ

Q24. Choose the most appropriate option to change the voice (active or passive) form of the given sentence.

His friends will have brought the gift.

- (a) The gift would have been brought by his friends.
- (b) The gift has been brought by his friends.
- (c) The gift had been brought by his friends.
- (d) The gift will have been brought by his friends.

Q25. In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct or Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one

which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect or Direct speech.

Radha said to Mamta, "I have been waiting here for a long time."

- (a) Radha told Mamta that she has been waiting there for a long time.
- (b) Radha told Mamta that she was being waiting here for a long time.
- (c) Radha told Mamta that she had been waiting there for a long time.
- (d) Radha told Mamta that she must be waiting there for a long time.

Solutions

S1. Ans.(d)

Sol. The correct spelling is 'Enormous' which means 'very large in size, quantity, or extent'.

Remaining words are spelt correctly and their meanings are as follows:

- **Foreign-** of, from, in, or characteristic of a country or language other than one's own.
- **Aggravate-** make (a problem, injury, or offence) worse or more serious.
- **Committee-** a group of people appointed for a specific function by a larger group and typically consisting of members of that group.

S2. Ans.(a)

Sol. The word that should be filled in the blank is 'From'.

- When defining two or more end parameters, "Between" is linked with "And"; "From" linked with "To".
- For example - From May 1997 to May 2000, the city's population swelled by 400,000 people.

S3. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'Smarter' with 'Smart' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

- The word that comes before 'Enough' should always be in the positive form.

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'More senior to' with 'Senior to' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

- Adjectives like 'Junior, Senior, Inferior, Superior, Posterior, Prior and Anterior' are used as the adjectives of comparative degree.
- It is, therefore, comparative and superlative degree is not formed here.
- The preposition 'To' is used after them not 'Than'.

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. Clinomania- excessive desire to stay in bed.

Opiomania- craving for opium.

Kleptomania- irrational predilection for stealing.

Pteridomania- passion for ferns.

Hence, option (c) is the correct choice.

S6. Ans.(c)

Sol. Astronomy- the discipline of science involving the study of heavenly objects.

Meanings of other words are as follows:

Astrology- the study of the movements and positions of the sun, moon, planets, and stars in the belief that they affect the character and lives of people.

Taxonomy- the study of the general principles of scientific classification.

Economy- the process or system by which goods and services are produced, sold, and bought in a country or region.

Hence, option (c) is the correct choice.

S7. Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct spelling is 'Reigned' (past form of **reign**) which means 'be the best or most important in a particular area or domain.'

Remaining words are spelt correctly and their meanings are as follows:

- **Almighty-** having complete power; omnipotent.
- **Separate-** forming or viewed as a unit apart or by itself.
- **Momentary-** lasting for a very short time; brief.

S8. Ans.(a)

Sol. A slap on the wrist- a mild reprimand or punishment.

Used in a sentence- The fine they gave her is just more or less a slap on the wrist.

S9. Ans.(c)

Sol. Body and Soul- with all one's effort and ability; completely.

Used in a sentence- She threw herself body and soul into her work.

S10. Ans.(a)

Sol. Quandary- a state of uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation.

Dilemma- a difficult situation or problem.

- **Rusticate** - to suspend from school or college.
- **Dismiss** - to discharge; to end the employment or service of.
- **Dissolve** - to end an official organization or a legal arrangement.
- As per the meanings of all the options 'suspended' is the only option that fits perfectly in the blank.

S11. Ans.(d)

Sol. The given sentence is grammatically and contextually correct.

- 'Present participle' can be used to replace as/ since/ though/ because/ if + subject + verb in a sentence.
- Given sentence can also be written as given below without changing the meaning or context of the sentence.

As he knew that he would not be able to buy any food on his journey he took enough supplies with him.

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'The five first chapters' with 'The first five chapters' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Adjective of number also known as numeral adjective. It shows how many persons or things are meant or in what order a person or things stands. Numeral adjectives are categorized into three types.

(i) Definite numeral adjectives - one, sixth, fifth, double, two, fifty-five, second, triple, seven, eleven, seventy fifth, quadruple, fifteen, first, one third, five seventh, twenty, third, ninth, first, etc.

(ii) Indefinite numeral adjectives- some, few, many, all, no, several, any, most, more, too, much, none, too many, certain, etc.

(iii) Distributive numeral adjectives - each, every, neither, either, etc.

The proper sequence is - ordinal + cardinal + multiplicative.

S13. Ans.(d)

Sol. Normalize- bring or return to a normal or standard condition or state.

Disorder- disrupt the systematic functioning or neat arrangement of.

While options (a), (b) & (c) are synonyms of 'Normalize'.

Hence, option (d) is the correct choice.

S14. Ans.(b)

Sol. Agony- extreme physical or mental suffering.

Misery- a state or feeling of great physical or mental distress or discomfort.

Meanings of all other words are as follows:

- **Feedback-** information about reactions to a product, a person's performance of a task, etc. which is used as a basis for improvement.
- **Failure-** lack of success.
- **Feeling-** an emotional state or reaction.

Hence, option (b) is the correct choice.

S15. Ans.(a)

Sol. The word that should be filled in the blank is 'Boosts'.

Boost - help or encourage (something) to increase or improve.

Meanings of other words are as follows:

- **Improve-** make or become better.
- **Rejoice-** feel or show great joy or delight.
- **Reflect-** (of a surface or body) throw back (heat, light, or sound) without absorbing it.

S16. Ans.(d)

Sol. The word that should be filled in the blank is 'About'.

- **About** – on the subject of; concerning.
- **For**- with the object or purpose of.
- **At**- expressing location or arrival in a particular place or position.
- **Beyond**- at or to the further side of.
- For, at, beyond are contextually wrong prepositions since they make no sense with the verb forget in the sentence.

S17. Ans.(a)

Sol. The word that should be filled in the blank is 'Measurable'.

- **Measurable-** able to be measured.
- **Educational-** relating to the provision of education.
- **Immediate-** occurring or done at once; instant.
- **Quicker-** moving fast or doing something in a short time.
- As per the meaning of all the options 'measurable' is the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

S18. Ans.(c)

Sol. The word that should be filled in the blank is 'Achievement'.

- **Achievement-** a thing done successfully with effort, skill, or courage.
- **Belongingness-** the state or feeling of belonging to a particular group.
- **Urgency-** importance requiring swift action.
- **Humor-** the quality of being amusing or comic, especially as expressed in literature or speech.
- As per the meaning of all the options 'achievement' is the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

S19. Ans.(b)

Sol. The word that should be filled in the blank is 'Progress'.

- **Progress-** development towards an improved or more advanced condition.
- **Friends-** a person with whom one has a bond of mutual affection, typically one exclusive of sexual or family relations.
- **Investment-** an asset or item accrued with the goal of generating income or recognition.
- **Decision-** a conclusion or resolution reached after consideration.
- As per the meaning of all the options 'progress' is the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

S20. Ans.(c)

Sol. The word that should be filled in the blank is 'Out'.

- **Work out** – It is a phrase which means, "Plan or devise something in detail".
- **Work over** – It is a phrase which means, "Beat someone severely".
- **Work off** – It is a phrase which means, "Reduce or get rid of a feeling through work or activity".
- **Work up** – It is a phrase which means, "Raise; to excite; to stir up".

S21. Ans.(a)

Sol. Meticulous- showing great attention to detail; very careful and precise.

- **Heedless-** showing a reckless lack of care or attention.

While options (b), (c) and (d) represent the synonyms of 'Meticulous'.

Hence, option (a) is the correct choice.

S22. Ans.(a)

Sol. Reading all four sentences we can conclude that sentence P is the most appropriate option to start the paragraph.

- Sentence S comes after sentence P because it elaborates the challenges in achieving success.
- Sentence Q follows sentence S because it explains the perks of achieving success.
- So, the proper sequence is – PSQR.

S23. Ans.(b)

Sol. Reading all four sentences we can conclude that sentence R is the most appropriate option to start the paragraph.

- Sentence S comes after sentence R because it elaborates context of the paragraph 'happiness' and the day dedicated to it.
- Sentence P follows sentence S because it adds on to the context and builds up to sentence Q.
- So, the proper sequence is – RSPQ.

S24. Ans.(d)

Sol. The given sentence is of 'Active voice'.

- The sentence is said to be in active voice when 'Subject' is active & does something.
- Now we have to convert it into passive voice.

- **Passive voice** – If the sentence is in passive form, the subject remains inactive. It does nothing, but allows something to be done.
- In the passive form, the object of the verb in Active voice becomes the subject of the verb in the Passive voice. 'By' is introduced as now the subject receives the action by the object.
- Structure in active voice- Subject + will+ have +v3+ object.
- Structure in passive voice - Object+ will+ have+ been +V3+ by + subject.
- The sentence thus formed is - The gift will have been brought by his friends.

S25. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct answer is option c.

- The given sentence is 'Direct Speech'.
- Direct Speech - Reporting the message of the speaker in the exact words as spoken by him.
- The given sentence is an 'Assertive Sentence.'
- Sentences that make a statement are called assertive sentences. These sentences may be positive, negative, false, or true statements.
- While changing it into an indirect form, we consider following rules.
- The given sentence is in present perfect continuous tense.
- 'Here' changes to 'There'.
- Reported Verb- 'Said to' changes to 'Told.'
- Conjunction- In the Assertive sentence conjunction 'That' is used.
- Tense- Present Perfect Continuous changes to Past Perfect Continuous tense.
- The sentence thus formed is - Radha told Mamta that she had been waiting there for a long time.