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MOCK TEST 05

QUESTION BOOKLET • ENGLISH

100	100	60	15
QUESTIONS	MARKS	MINUTES	MIN / PART

Sectional timing: 25 questions and 15 minutes per part. The four parts are Reasoning, General Awareness, Quantitative Aptitude and English Comprehension.

Marking: +1 correct | −0.25 wrong | 0 unanswered.

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PART I | GENERAL INTELLIGENCE & REASONING

25 QUESTIONS · 25 MARKS · 15 MINUTES

1. In a row of six trainees, P is third from the left, Q is immediately to the right of P and R is at the extreme right. How many trainees are between Q and R?

(A) One
(B) Two
(C) Three
(D) None

2. If A > B = C < D and D < E, which relation is definitely true?

(A) E > C
(B) A > D
(C) B > E
(D) A = E

3. A committee meets every 9 days. Its first meeting is on a Monday. On which weekday will its fourth meeting occur?

(A) Friday
(B) Saturday
(C) Sunday
(D) Thursday

4. Five books A, B, C, D and E stand in a row. C is at the extreme left, A is immediately left of D, B is immediately right of D, and E is at the extreme right. Which book is in the middle?

(A) A
(B) B
(C) D
(D) C

5. In the code LAMP = 12-1-13-16, what is the code for MINT?

(A) 13-9-14-20
(B) 14-9-13-20
(C) 13-8-14-20
(D) 12-9-14-19

6. A man walks 6 km north, then 8 km east, and finally 6 km south. How far and in which direction is he from the start?

(A) 8 km east
(B) 8 km west
(C) 6 km east
(D) 10 km north-east

7. In a class, 26 students study Hindi, 19 study English and 8 study both. How many study at least one of these languages?

(A) 37
(B) 45
(C) 29
(D) 53

8. Find the missing number: 4, 9, 19, 39, 79, ?

(A) 158
(B) 159
(C) 161
(D) 157

9. If 15 August is a Friday, what weekday is 29 August of the same year?

(A) Friday
(B) Saturday
(C) Thursday
(D) Sunday

10. How many rectangles are present in a 2-row by 3-column grid of equal squares?

(A) 12
(B) 15
(C) 18
(D) 24

11. A cube is painted on all six faces and cut into 27 equal small cubes. How many small cubes have exactly two painted faces?

(A) 12
(B) 8
(C) 6
(D) 18

12. Pointing to a photograph, Mira says, “He is the son of my mother’s only brother.” How is the person related to Mira?

(A) Brother
(B) Cousin
(C) Uncle
(D) Nephew

PART I | GENERAL INTELLIGENCE & REASONING

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13. If the letters of TRIANGLE are alphabetically arranged, which letter is fourth from the left?

(A) G
(B) I
(C) L
(D) N

14. Among the numbers 121, 169, 196 and 221, which one is not a perfect square?

(A) 121
(B) 169
(C) 196
(D) 221

15. If the word MONDAY is written as NPOEBZ by shifting every letter one place forward, how is FRIDAY written?

(A) GSJEBZ
(B) GSJEBX
(C) GQJEBZ
(D) GSJFCZ

16. P is taller than Q but shorter than R. S is shorter than Q. Who is the second tallest?

(A) Q
(B) R
(C) P
(D) S

17. In a group of 42 people, 25 prefer tea and 24 prefer coffee; everyone prefers at least one. How many prefer both?

(A) 5
(B) 7
(C) 9
(D) 11

18. Statements: Some pilots are graduates. All graduates are readers. Which conclusion must follow?

(A) Some pilots are readers
(B) All readers are pilots
(C) All pilots are readers
(D) No pilot is a reader

19. If the 3rd day of a month is Wednesday, what weekday is its 24th day?

(A) Wednesday
(B) Thursday
(C) Tuesday
(D) Friday

20. Choose the letter pair following the same pattern as BD : FH.

(A) KM : OQ
(B) AC : DE
(C) NP : SU
(D) RT : UW

21. Four people have ranks 1 to 4 with no ties. Z ranks immediately below Y, X ranks above Y, and W ranks below Z. Who ranks second?

(A) X
(B) Y
(C) Z
(D) W

22. If * means +, + means ÷, ÷ means − and − means ×, evaluate 12 + 3 * 5 − 2.

(A) 14
(B) 16
(C) 18
(D) 20

23. What is the next term in the letter sequence AZ, CX, EV, GT, ?

(A) IR
(B) HS
(C) IQ
(D) JR

24. A box has red, green and blue tokens. Red tokens are more than green; blue tokens are fewer than green. Which colour has the most tokens?

(A) Red
(B) Green
(C) Blue
(D) Cannot be determined

25. A company uses one of two gates, North or South. All visitors using North must show a pass; visitors without passes may use South. Which statement is logically supported?

(A) Anyone without a pass cannot use North
(B) Every person with a pass uses North
(C) No visitor uses South
(D) Everyone at South has no pass

PART II | GENERAL KNOWLEDGE & AWARENESS

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26. Which Constitutional Amendment lowered the voting age in India from 21 to 18 years?

(A) 42nd
(B) 44th
(C) 61st
(D) 73rd

27. Which is the highest court of appeal in India?

(A) Supreme Court
(B) High Court
(C) District Court
(D) Lok Adalat

28. The Tropic of Cancer passes through how many Indian states?

(A) 6
(B) 7
(C) 8
(D) 9

29. Which part of a plant is primarily responsible for transpiration through stomata?

(A) Leaves
(B) Roots
(C) Flowers
(D) Fruits

30. Who founded the Brahmo Samaj in 1828?

(A) Raja Rammohan Roy
(B) Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar
(C) Dayanand Saraswati
(D) Swami Vivekananda

31. Which metal is liquid at normal room temperature?

(A) Mercury
(B) Iron
(C) Copper
(D) Aluminium

32. The Fundamental Duties were added to the Indian Constitution by which amendment?

(A) 24th
(B) 42nd
(C) 52nd
(D) 86th

33. Which soil type is particularly suitable for cotton cultivation in the Deccan region?

(A) Black soil
(B) Laterite soil
(C) Alluvial soil
(D) Desert soil

34. Which vitamin is mainly synthesized in human skin on exposure to sunlight?

(A) Vitamin A
(B) Vitamin B12
(C) Vitamin C
(D) Vitamin D

35. What does the term repo rate refer to in Indian monetary policy?

(A) Rate at which RBI lends to banks against eligible securities
(B) Rate charged on all savings accounts
(C) Corporate income-tax rate
(D) Rate paid by banks on fixed deposits

36. Which ruler commissioned the construction of the Buland Darwaza at Fatehpur Sikri?

(A) Akbar
(B) Shah Jahan
(C) Babur
(D) Humayun

37. The international unit of electric resistance is:

(A) Ampere
(B) Volt
(C) Ohm
(D) Watt

PART II | GENERAL KNOWLEDGE & AWARENESS

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38. Which Indian classical dance form is traditionally associated with Kerala and elaborate facial make-up?

(A) Kathakali
(B) Kathak
(C) Manipuri
(D) Odissi

39. Who presides over a joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament in India?

(A) Lok Sabha Speaker
(B) Vice President
(C) Prime Minister
(D) Chief Justice

40. Which blood component helps in clot formation?

(A) Platelets
(B) Red blood cells
(C) Plasma alone
(D) Lymphocytes

41. The river Narmada flows primarily in which direction before entering the Arabian Sea?

(A) East
(B) West
(C) North
(D) South

42. Which gas is released during photosynthesis?

(A) Carbon dioxide
(B) Nitrogen
(C) Oxygen
(D) Hydrogen

43. Which Governor-General is associated with the Doctrine of Lapse?

(A) Lord Dalhousie
(B) Lord Curzon
(C) Lord Wellesley
(D) Warren Hastings

44. Which mountain range separates the Indian subcontinent from the Tibetan Plateau?

(A) Aravalli
(B) Himalayas
(C) Vindhya
(D) Satpura

45. What is the pH of a neutral solution at 25°C?

(A) 0
(B) 5
(C) 7
(D) 14

46. Who wrote the novel Anandamath?

(A) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
(B) Premchand
(C) Rabindranath Tagore
(D) Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay

47. Which article of the Constitution provides for the abolition of untouchability?

(A) Article 14
(B) Article 17
(C) Article 19
(D) Article 21

48. Which of the following is a renewable source of energy?

(A) Coal
(B) Petroleum
(C) Solar energy
(D) Natural gas

49. In the human body, which organ filters blood to form urine?

(A) Heart
(B) Liver
(C) Kidney
(D) Pancreas

50. The battle of Plassey took place in which year?

(A) 1757
(B) 1764
(C) 1857
(D) 1799

PART III | QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE

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51. The average of seven consecutive odd integers is 31. What is the largest integer?

(A) 35
(B) 37
(C) 39
(D) 41

52. A jacket marked at ₹2,400 is sold after successive discounts of 10% and 5%. Find its selling price.

(A) ₹2,052
(B) ₹2,040
(C) ₹2,160
(D) ₹2,000

53. A sum earns ₹1,440 as simple interest at 12% per annum in 3 years. Find the principal.

(A) ₹3,600
(B) ₹4,000
(C) ₹4,200
(D) ₹4,800

54. A 180-metre train moving at 54 km/h passes a 120-metre platform. How long does it take?

(A) 16 s
(B) 18 s
(C) 20 s
(D) 24 s

55. A boat takes 3 hours to travel 36 km downstream and 4 hours to travel 24 km upstream. What is the speed of the stream?

(A) 2 km/h
(B) 3 km/h
(C) 4 km/h
(D) 6 km/h

56. The ratio of ages of A and B is 5:7. After 6 years it becomes 3:4. What is A's present age?

(A) 24 years
(B) 30 years
(C) 35 years
(D) 40 years

57. Two sides of a right triangle measure 9 cm and 12 cm and form the right angle. What is its inradius?

(A) 2 cm
(B) 3 cm
(C) 4 cm
(D) 6 cm

58. If $x + 1/x = 5$, find $x^2 + 1/x^2$.

(A) 21
(B) 23
(C) 25
(D) 27

59. A finishes a task in 12 days and B in 18 days. How many days do they need together?

(A) 6.4 days
(B) 7.2 days
(C) 8 days
(D) 9 days

60. A cyclist increases speed by 25% for a fixed distance. By what percentage does the travel time decrease?

(A) 16%
(B) 20%
(C) 25%
(D) 30%

61. A trader mixes 12 kg of rice at ₹48/kg with 8 kg at ₹58/kg. Find the average cost per kg.

(A) ₹50
(B) ₹52
(C) ₹54
(D) ₹56

62. A container is 60% full. After adding 18 litres it becomes 75% full. What is its capacity?

(A) 100 L
(B) 110 L
(C) 120 L
(D) 150 L

PART III | QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE

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63. Three numbers are in the ratio 2:3:5 and their sum is 160. What is the difference between the largest and smallest?

(A) 32
(B) 40
(C) 48
(D) 64

64. An item bought for ₹960 is sold for ₹1,104. Find the profit percentage.

(A) 12%
(B) 15%
(C) 18%
(D) 20%

65. The compound interest on ₹5,000 at 10% per annum for 2 years, compounded annually, is:

(A) ₹1,000
(B) ₹1,025
(C) ₹1,050
(D) ₹1,100

66. The HCF and LCM of two positive integers are 6 and 180 respectively. If one integer is 30, find the other.

(A) 24
(B) 30
(C) 36
(D) 42

67. A box contains 5 red and 3 blue balls. If one ball is selected at random, what is the probability it is blue?

(A) 3/8
(B) 5/8
(C) 3/5
(D) 1/2

68. The population of a town rises by 10% and then falls by 10%. What is the net change?

(A) No change
(B) 1% decrease
(C) 1% increase
(D) 2% decrease

69. If $3x - 2y = 7$ and $x + y = 9$, find x.

(A) 4
(B) 5
(C) 6
(D) 7

70. A circular park has radius 14 m. What is its circumference? (Use $\pi = 22/7$)

(A) 44 m
(B) 66 m
(C) 88 m
(D) 176 m

71. A pipe fills a tank in 10 hours while a drain empties the full tank in 15 hours. With both open, how many hours are needed to fill the tank?

(A) 15 h
(B) 20 h
(C) 25 h
(D) 30 h

72. The sum of digits of a two-digit number is 11. Its tens digit exceeds its units digit by 3. Find the number.

(A) 47
(B) 65
(C) 74
(D) 83

73. A rectangle has perimeter 70 cm and length 20 cm. Find its area.

(A) 250 cm^2
(B) 300 cm^2
(C) 350 cm^2
(D) 400 cm^2

74. If $\sin\theta = 3/5$ for an acute angle θ, what is $\cos\theta$?

(A) 3/4
(B) 4/5
(C) 5/4
(D) 5/3

75. The mean of five observations is 18. If one observation 12 is replaced by 27, what is the new mean?

(A) 19
(B) 20
(C) 21
(D) 22

PART IV | ENGLISH COMPREHENSION

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76. Identify the part containing the grammatical error: "Neither of the two reports / have been approved / by the audit team / this week."

(A) Neither of the two reports
(B) have been approved
(C) by the audit team
(D) this week

77. Choose the sentence with correct subject–verb agreement.

(A) The list of documents are ready.
(B) Each of the officers have arrived.
(C) The quality of the answers is improving.
(D) Neither Riya nor her sister were present.

78. Fill in the blank: "The committee insisted ___ reviewing every application."

(A) for
(B) on
(C) in
(D) at

79. Change to passive voice: "They are repairing the bridge."

(A) The bridge has repaired.
(B) The bridge is repaired.
(C) The bridge is being repaired.
(D) The bridge was being repaired.

80. Choose the correct indirect speech: Ravi said, "I have completed the assignment."

(A) Ravi said that he had completed the assignment.
(B) Ravi said that I have completed the assignment.
(C) Ravi says that he completed the assignment.
(D) Ravi said that he completes the assignment.

81. One-word substitution: A person who studies the origin and history of words.

(A) Entomologist
(B) Etymologist
(C) Ecologist
(D) Epigraphist

82. In "The auditor made a meticulous record of each receipt," which word is opposite in meaning to "meticulous"?

(A) Thorough
(B) Precise
(C) Careless
(D) Attentive

83. Choose the synonym of "LUCID" in "a lucid explanation".

(A) Confusing
(B) Clear
(C) Lengthy
(D) Hesitant

84. The idiom "to miss the boat" means:

(A) To forget luggage
(B) To lose an opportunity
(C) To travel by road
(D) To change one's opinion

85. Identify the correctly spelt word.

(A) Accomodation
(B) Accommmodation
(C) Accommodation
(D) Acommodation

86. Improve the underlined phrase: "She is senior THAN me in service."

(A) senior from me
(B) senior to me
(C) senior as me
(D) No improvement

87. Choose the appropriate connector: "The road was flooded; ___, the rescue team reached the village."

(A) therefore
(B) nevertheless
(C) similarly
(D) because

PART IV | ENGLISH COMPREHENSION

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88. **Choose the most logical order of sentences: P. The alarm rang. Q. The guard checked the corridor. R. He found a window open. S. He informed the supervisor.**

(A) PQRS
(B) PRQS
(C) QPRS
(D) RSPQ

89. **Choose the word that best completes the sentence: "Her argument was supported by ___ evidence from several independent studies."**

(A) credible
(B) credulous
(C) creditable
(D) credent

90. **Complete the conditional sentence: "If you had left earlier, you ___ the train."**

(A) catch
(B) will catch
(C) would have caught
(D) had caught

91. **Choose the correct phrasal verb: "The meeting was ___ because the chairperson was ill."**

(A) put off
(B) put up
(C) put through
(D) put in

92. **Select the sentence with correct punctuation.**

(A) After the inspection, the officer submitted the report.
(B) After the inspection the officer, submitted the report.
(C) After, the inspection the officer submitted the report.
(D) After the inspection the, officer submitted the report.

93. **Choose the correct determiner: "There is ___ information available about the revised schedule."**

(A) many
(B) a few
(C) much
(D) several

94. **Choose the grammatically correct inversion.**

(A) Hardly had she entered when the lights went out.
(B) Hardly she had entered when the lights went out.
(C) Hardly had she entered than the lights went out.
(D) Hardly did she entered when the lights went out.

95. **Complete the sentence: "The findings were ___ with those of the earlier survey."**

(A) consisted
(B) consistent
(C) consisting
(D) consist

PART IV | ENGLISH COMPREHENSION

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96. **Passage: A small district library introduced a system in which readers could reserve books online and collect them on weekends. At first, many older members preferred visiting the counter. Volunteers therefore arranged short demonstrations and printed instructions in two languages. After three months, reservations increased, but the library continued to maintain a staffed counter. The change was not meant to replace face-to-face help; it was intended to make access easier for people with different schedules.**
What was the main purpose of the reservation system?

(A) To remove all staff
(B) To make book access easier
(C) To reduce the number of books
(D) To close on weekends

97. **According to the passage, why did volunteers offer demonstrations?**

(A) Some members preferred the counter
(B) Books were no longer available
(C) The website was permanently closed
(D) The library charged a new fee

98. **The phrase "face-to-face help" most nearly means:**

(A) Assistance in person
(B) An automated response
(C) Borrowing by post
(D) A mobile application

99. **What happened after three months?**

(A) Reservations declined
(B) The counter closed
(C) Reservations increased
(D) Volunteers stopped all activities

100. **Which conclusion is best supported by the passage?**

(A) Digital services must replace staff
(B) Different access options can operate together
(C) Older readers dislike books
(D) Weekend collection was cancelled

Practice OMR Answer Sheet · Mock 05

Name: _____ Roll No.: _____ Date: _____

Use a dark pen to fill one circle per question. This is a practice sheet; the actual SSC CPO examination is computer based.

01 A B C D	21 A B C D	41 A B C D	61 A B C D	81 A B C D
02 A B C D	22 A B C D	42 A B C D	62 A B C D	82 A B C D
03 A B C D	23 A B C D	43 A B C D	63 A B C D	83 A B C D
04 A B C D	24 A B C D	44 A B C D	64 A B C D	84 A B C D
05 A B C D	25 A B C D	45 A B C D	65 A B C D	85 A B C D
06 A B C D	26 A B C D	46 A B C D	66 A B C D	86 A B C D
07 A B C D	27 A B C D	47 A B C D	67 A B C D	87 A B C D
08 A B C D	28 A B C D	48 A B C D	68 A B C D	88 A B C D
09 A B C D	29 A B C D	49 A B C D	69 A B C D	89 A B C D
10 A B C D	30 A B C D	50 A B C D	70 A B C D	90 A B C D
11 A B C D	31 A B C D	51 A B C D	71 A B C D	91 A B C D
12 A B C D	32 A B C D	52 A B C D	72 A B C D	92 A B C D
13 A B C D	33 A B C D	53 A B C D	73 A B C D	93 A B C D
14 A B C D	34 A B C D	54 A B C D	74 A B C D	94 A B C D
15 A B C D	35 A B C D	55 A B C D	75 A B C D	95 A B C D
16 A B C D	36 A B C D	56 A B C D	76 A B C D	96 A B C D
17 A B C D	37 A B C D	57 A B C D	77 A B C D	97 A B C D
18 A B C D	38 A B C D	58 A B C D	78 A B C D	98 A B C D
19 A B C D	39 A B C D	59 A B C D	79 A B C D	99 A B C D
20 A B C D	40 A B C D	60 A B C D	80 A B C D	100 A B C D

Correct: _____ Wrong: _____ Unattempted: _____ Score: _____ / 100