

SSC CGL Tier-I Cutoff

Category	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
SC	114	98	-	115.35	100.93	75.78	89.09	126.68	126.42	114.97
ST	103	88.50	111.10	104.92	93.75	62.81	77.57	118.16	111.85	106.36
OBC	125	110.00	103.22	135.95	119.23	95.11	114.27	145.94	146.23	130.36
EWS	-	-	-	135.04	109.21	104.64	102.35	143.44	141.82	127.41
UR	137	126.50	131.18	147.78	132.37	114.85	114.27	150.05	152.97	136.83
ESM	92	69.00	137.07	89.29	74.87	-	40.00	100.30	69.92	92.80
OH	97	84.50	40.00	98.43	85.99	47.42	70.70	115.98	113.10	100.87
HH	20	38.00	95.55	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	77.72	64.79	68.79
VH	68	89.50	40.00	110.41	95.76	40.00	40.00	121.59	102.97	72.00
Others-PWD	-	-	70.25	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	77.72	45.74	41.70

SSC CGL Tier-II Cutoff

Category	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
SC	363.26	338.25	354.74	434.68	331.52	384.72	213.27	252	285.45
ST	341.00	311.25	327.05	405.13	309.87	345.12	192.23	241	266.49
OBC	397.00	379.75	403.33	478.82	381.12	440.22	242.79	271	306.27
EWS	-	-	-	466.42	366.47	423.11	228.63	265	300.03
UR	422.00	415.50	535.86	528.38	433.62	478.55	270.36	287	322.77
ESM	-	263.50	252.12	365.98	204.78	-	79.35	223	202.28
OH	333.00	294.00	302.50	392.97	287.10	341.27	187.58	234	258.66
HH	216.00	191.00	165.73	259.91	133.21	203.73	79.35	172	181.89
VH	336.00	311.00	280.98	422.76	317.48	-	158.48	228	219.45
PwD-Other	-	-	122.58	120.00	148.95	128.12	79.35	143	136.73

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TIER-I

– PAPER –

ENGLISH

NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ASKED IN SSC - CGL - ENGLISH (2010 to 2025)

TIER - 1: VOCABULARY		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
1	One Word Substitution	5	5	5	7	7	7	9	6	6	7	6	11	5	7	7
2	Synonyms and Antonyms	10	10	10	6	6	6	6	12	13	12	12	24	15	17	16
3	Idioms Phrases	-	5	5	5	5	5	9	6	5	5	6	12	6	6	5
4	Spelling Test	5	5	5	2	2	2	3	6	6	6	6	10	6	6	9
5	Sentence Completion	3	5	5	5	5	5	9	6	6	6	6	9	4	3	13
6	Cloze Test	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	15	15	15	15	30	15	15	-
7	Sentence Jumbles and Para Jumbles	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	6	6	5	6	8	10	6	9
8	Reading Comprehension	5	-	10	10	10	10	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25

TIER - 1: ENGLISH GRAMMAR		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
1	Active and Passive Voice	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	3	3	12	6	6	10
2	Narration change	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	3	6	-	-	10
3	Spotting Errors	5	5	12	5	5	5	9	6	6	6	6	17	6	5	10
4	Sentence Improvement	5	5	5	10	10	10	10	6	6	6	6	11	2	4	10

VOCABULARY

SECTION

1

SYLLABUS

1.1 - ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

1.2 - SYNONYMS AND ANTONYMS

1.3 - IDIOMS/PHRASES

1.4 - SPELLING TEST

1.5 - SENTENCE COMPLETION

**1.6 - CLOZE TEST
SENTENCE JUMBLES &**

1.7 - PARA JUMBLES

1.8 - READING COMPREHENSION



Unit 1.1: One Word Substitution

Previous Year Exam Questions

Directions: In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

1. **An underhand device resorted to in order to justify misconduct** [2010]
 (1) Subterfuge (2) Manoeuvre
 (3) Stratagem (4) Complicity
2. **Impossible to describe** [2010]
 (1) Miraculous (2) Ineffable
 (3) Stupendous (4) Appalling
3. **One who criticises popular beliefs which he thinks is mistaken or unwise** [2010]
 (1) Philistine (2) Iconoclast
 (3) Imposter (4) Cannibal
4. **Detaining and confining someone** [2010]
 (1) Interruption
 (2) Interrogation
 (3) Interment
 (4) Omterment
5. **Science of the races of mankind** [2010]
 (1) Genealogy (2) Epistemology
 (3) Ethnology (4) Sociology
6. **A post with little work but high salary** [2011: SHIFT-1]
 (1) Director (2) Trustee
 (3) Sinecure (4) Ombudsman
7. **Something that causes death** [2011: SHIFT-1]
 (1) Dangerous (2) Fatal
 (3) Brutal (4) Horrible
8. **A person who writes decoratively** [2011: SHIFT-1]
 (1) Calligrapher (2) Collier
 (3) Choreographer (4) Cartographer
9. **Pertaining to cattle** [2011: SHIFT-1]
 (1) Canine (2) Feline
 (3) Bovine (4) Verminous
10. **To look at someone in an angry or threatening way**
 (1) Glower (2) Gnaw
 (3) Gnash (4) Grind

[2012: SHIFT-1]

11. **One who loves books**
 (1) Bibliophile (2) Bibliophagist
 (3) Bibliophoebe (4) Bibliographer
12. **Speaking without preparation** [2012: SHIFT-1]
 (1) Deliberate (2) Fluent
 (3) Loquacious (4) Extempore
13. **Special trial of the Head of State by Parliament** [2012: SHIFT-1]
 (1) Impingement (2) Infringement
 (3) Impeachment (4) Impediment
14. **Someone able to use both hands with equal skill** [2012: SHIFT-1]
 (1) Ambivalent (2) Amphibious
 (3) Ambiguous (4) Ambidextrous
15. **Cure for all diseases** [2012: SHIFT-1]
 (1) Curable (2) Panacea
 (3) Curative (4) Incurable
16. **Detailed plan of a journey:** [2013: SHIFT-1]
 (1) Travelogue (2) travel kit
 (3) Schedule (4) itinerary
17. **One who cannot be corrected:** [2013: SHIFT-1]
 (1) Incurable (2) Incorrigible
 (3) Hardened (4) Invulnerable
18. **A general pardon granted by the Government to political offenders.** [2013: SHIFT-1]
 (1) Pardon (2) Excuse
 (3) Honesty (4) Amnesty
19. **One who hates women:** [2013: SHIFT-1]
 (1) Misogynist (2) Misogamist
 (3) Ambivert (4) Misanthrope.
20. **A person who consumes human flesh:** [2013: SHIFT-1]
 (1) Cannibal (2) Javage
 (3) Captor (4) Carnivore
21. **A school boy who cuts classes frequently is a:** [2013: SHIFT-1]
 (1) Defeatist (2) Sycophant
 (3) Truant (4) Martlinet
22. **Stealing of ideas or writings of someone else.**
 (1) autism (2) scepticism
 (3) mesmerism (4) plagiarism

- [2014: SHIFT-1]
- 23. Belief in many gods**
 (1) pantheism (2) monotheism
 (3) polytheism (4) atheism
- [2014: SHIFT-1]
- 24. A cluster of flowers on a branch**
 (1) bouquetry (2) inflorescence
 (3) wreath (4) incandescence
- [2014: SHIFT-1]
- 25. A person who believes that only selfishness motivates human actions**
 (1) agnostic (2) cynic
 (3) sceptic (4) misogynist
- [2014: SHIFT-1]
- 26. A highly skilled musician**
 (1) artiste (2) virtuoso
 (3) performer (4) diva
- [2014: SHIFT-1]
- 27. A method of boiling briefly to cook food slightly**
 (1) steam (2) bake
 (3) saute (4) parboil
- [2014: SHIFT-1]
- 28. The group, especially in the arts, regarded as being the most experimental**
 (1) avant-garde (2) iconoclast
 (3) revolutionary (4) nerd
- [2014: SHIFT-1]
- 29. One who helps people by giving them money or other aid**
 (1) benefactor (2) beneficiary
 (3) tycoon (4) patriot
- [2015: SHIFT-1]
- 30. A recurrent Compulsive urge to steal.**
 (1) Pneumonia (2) Insomnia
 (3) Nymphomania (4) Kleptomania
- [2015: SHIFT-1]
- 31. Act of injuring another's reputation by any slanderous communication.**
 (1) Orchestration
 (2) Aberration
 (3) Misrepresentation
 (4) Defamation
- [2015: SHIFT-1]
- 32. A story in which animals or objects speak and give wholesome moral lesson.**
 (1) Fable (2) Parable
 (3) Allegory (4) Legend
- [2015: SHIFT-1]
- 33. Medical Study of skin and its diseases.**
 (1) Dermatology (2) Endocrinology
 (3) Gynaecology (4) Orthopaedics
- [2015: SHIFT-1]
- 34. A process involving too much official formality.**
 (1) Diplomacy (2) Bureaucracy
 (3) Red-tapism (4) Nepotism

- [2015: SHIFT-1]
- 35. A person who enters without any invitation.**
 (1) Burglar (2) Intruder
 (3) Thief (4) Vandal
- [2015: SHIFT-1]
- 36. Not suitable for eating**
 (1) Tasteless (2) Uneatable
 (3) Inedible (4) Spicy
- Directions: In the following questions, Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences and click the button corresponding to it.*
- [27 AUG. 2016: SHIFT-1]
- 37. An exact copy**
 (1) Facsimile (2) Twin
 (3) Mirror (4) Clone
- [27 AUG. 2016: SHIFT-1]
- 38. To give money to agents for sales.**
 (1) Salary (2) Commission
 (3) Fee (4) Incentive
- [27 AUG. 2016: SHIFT-1]
- 39. A person who is working in the same institution.**
 (1) Guide (2) Collector
 (3) Captain (4) Colleague
- [18 SEPT. 2016: SHIFT-2]
- 40. Proposition made as a basis for reasoning without the assumption of its truth**
 (1) Hypertext (2) Hypocrisy
 (3) Hyperbole (4) Hypothesis
- [18 SEPT. 2016: SHIFT-2]
- 41. Indifference to pleasure and pain**
 (1) Perseverance (2) Tolerance
 (3) Stoicism (4) Radicalism
- [18 SEPT. 2016: SHIFT-2]
- 42. No longer a child, but not yet an adult**
 (1) Youngster (2) Adolescent
 (3) Juvenile (4) Yokel
- [11 SEPT. 2016: SHIFT-3]
- 43. Action that is likely to make people very angry**
 (1) Inflationary (2) Inflammable
 (3) Commensurable (4) Inflammatory
- [11 SEPT. 2016: SHIFT-3]
- 44. A humorous drawing dealing with current events or politics.**
 (1) Sketch (2) Illustration
 (3) Cartoon (4) Skit
- [11 SEP. 2016: SHIFT-3]
- 45. Act of mercy killing**
 (1) Suicide (2) Euthanasia
 (3) Immolation (4) Asphyxiation
- [8 AUG. 2017: SHIFT-1]
- 46. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.**
 A funeral poem

- (1) Elegy (2) Pandemonium
(3) Parody (4) Sonnet

[8 AUG. 2017: SHIFT-1]

47. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

One who walks in sleep

- (1) Drover (2) Fastidious
(3) Numismatist (4) Somnambulist

[17 AUG. 2017: SHIFT-2]

48. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the words/sentence.

In exactly the same words as were used originally

- (1) Verbatim (2) Offbeat
(3) Divergent (4) Contrary

[17 AUG. 2017: SHIFT-2]

49. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the words/sentence.

A person Inclined to question or doubt accepted opinions

- (1) Adherent (2) Sceptic
(3) Zealot (4) Disciple

[23 AUG. 2017: SHIFT-3]

50. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the words/sentence.

A person or thing that is likely to cause harm

- (1) Menace (2) Cordial
(3) Festal (4) Blithe

[23 AUG. 2017: SHIFT-3]

51. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the words/sentence.

Having or involving an extreme or irrational fear of or aversion to something.

- (1) Valiant (2) Stout
(3) Phobic (4) Foolhardy

[6 JUNE 2019: SHIFT-2]

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

Persons living at the same time

- (1) contemporaries (2) colleagues
(3) cosmopolitans (4) compatriots

[6 JUNE 2019: SHIFT-2]

53. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. **Couch potato**

- (1) a person who watches too much television
(2) a person who is simple in nature
(3) a person who remains relaxed and calm
(4) a person who sleeps all day

[6 JUNE 2019: SHIFT-2]

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

Someone who believes that people cannot change the way events will happen

- (1) prophet (2) fatalist
(3) seer (4) fanatic

[13 JUNE 2019: SHIFT-3]

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

The part of a country's government responsible for its legal system

- (1) legislature (2) judiciary
(3) executive (4) police

[19 JUNE 2019: SHIFT-3]

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

easily broken

- (1) pliable (2) fragile
(3) ductile (4) malleable

[19 JUNE 2019: SHIFT-3]

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

one who speaks two languages fluently

- (1) monolingual (2) lexicologist
(3) linguist (4) bilingual

[3 MARCH 2020: SHIFT-1]

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

Something that cannot be heard

- (1) infallible (2) audible
(3) inaudible (4) irrevocable

[3 MARCH 2020: SHIFT-1]

59. Select the word, which means the same as the groups of words given.

A song sung at a burial

- (1) Sonnet (2) Ballad
(3) Hymn (4) Dirge

[9 MARCH 2020: SHIFT-3]

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

A building where grain is kept or stored

- (1) Grandstand (2) Greenery
(3) Grate (4) Granary

[9 MARCH 2020: SHIFT-3]

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

Working very hard and very carefully

- (1) Dilatory (2) Indigent
(3) Diligent (4) Indulgent

[6 MARCH 2020: SHIFT-2]

62. Select the most appropriate one word substitution for the given group of words.

To increase the speed

- (1) Activate (2) Assimilate
(3) Accelerate (4) Exhilarate

[6 MARCH 2020: SHIFT-2]

63. Select the most appropriate one word substitution for the given group of words.

Pertaining to an individual from birth

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| (1) Chronic | (2) Habitual |
| (3) Congenital | (4) Anomaly |

[6 MARCH 2020: SHIFT-2]

64. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

See eye to eye

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| (1) Stare at someone | (2) See clearly |
| (3) Agree with someone | (4) Be suspicious |

Directions: In the following questions, Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words.

[24 AUG. 2021: SHIFT-3]

65. A person employed to drive a private or hired car

- | | |
|-------------|---------------|
| (1) Pilot | (2) Chauffeur |
| (3) Captain | (4) Escort |

[24 AUG. 2021: SHIFT-3]

66. The art of effective or persuasive speaking or writing

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| (1) Rhetoric | (2) Archaic |
| (3) Poetry | (4) Bombastic |

[17 AUG. 2021: SHIFT-2]

67. A sentimental longing for a period in the past

- | | |
|-------------|---------------|
| (1) Craving | (2) Memory |
| (3) Emotion | (4) Nostalgia |

[17 AUG. 2021: SHIFT-2]

68. A large cage, building, or enclosure to keep birds

- | | |
|--------------|------------|
| (1) Zoo | (2) Arena |
| (3) Aquarium | (4) Aviary |

[13 AUG. 2021: SHIFT-1]

69. A herd or flock of animals being driven in a body

- | | |
|------------|-------------|
| (1) Crowd | (2) Cluster |
| (3) Throng | (4) Drove |

[13 AUG. 2021: SHIFT-1]

70. A group of three novels or plays, each complete in itself

- | | |
|--------------|-------------|
| (1) Triplet | (2) Trivet |
| (3) Triumvir | (4) Trilogy |

[12 APRIL 2022: SHIFT-2]

71. A fictional being from another world

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| (1) Stranger | (2) Native |
| (3) Alien | (4) Foreigner |

[12 APRIL 2022: SHIFT-2]

72. Showing great attention to detail and correct behaviour

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| (1) Punctual | (2) Zealous |
| (3) Punctilious | (4) Disciplined |

[18 APRIL 2022: SHIFT-1]

73. One who can read and write

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| (1) Eligible | (2) Literate |
| (3) Illiterate | (4) Illegible |

[18 APRIL 2022: SHIFT-1]

74. Drawings or writing on a wall in a public place

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| (1) Portrait | (2) Collage |
| (3) Caricature | (4) Graffiti |

[13 DEC. 2022: SHIFT-3]

75. Making of a false document with a false signature

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| (1) Ruse | (2) Forgery |
| (3) Insincerity | (4) Deception |

[13 DEC. 2022: SHIFT-3]

76. A list or collection of books or Informative graphics

- | | |
|-------------|---------------|
| (1) Bale | (2) Hamlet |
| (3) Gallery | (4) Catalogue |

[5 DEC. 2022: SHIFT-2]

77. The act of washing oneself

- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| (1) Ablutions | (2) Solutions |
| (3) Steaming | (4) Bathing |

[8 DEC. 2022: SHIFT-1]

78. Fail to notice; ignore; condone (an offence etc.)

- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| (1) Overlong | (2) Overlie |
| (3) Overly | (4) Overlook |

[8 DEC. 2022: SHIFT-1]

79. A room where dead bodies are kept until burial

- | | |
|----------------|------------|
| (1) Sanatorium | (2) Museum |
| (3) Mortuary | (4) Safari |

[8 DEC. 2022: SHIFT-1]

80. The action of damaging the good reputation of someone

- | | |
|----------------|------------------|
| (1) Delegate | (2) Degeneration |
| (3) Defamation | (4) Defection |

[21 APRIL 2022: SHIFT-3]

81. A four-footed animal

- | | |
|-------------|---------------|
| (1) Reptile | (2) Quadruped |
| (3) Biped | (4) Mammal |

[14 JULY 2023: SHIFT-4]

82. A person who does not believe that God or Gods exist.

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| (1) Irreverent | (2) Atheist |
| (3) Profane | (4) Blasphemous |

[14 JULY 2023: SHIFT-4]

83. A book or set of books giving information about all areas of knowledge

- | | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| (1) Encyclopaedia | (2) Dictionary |
| (3) Volume | (4) Anthology |

[19 JULY 2023: SHIFT-2]

84. Child bereaved of one or both the parents

- | | |
|---------------|--------------|
| (1) Destitute | (2) Orphan |
| (3) Lout | (4) Desolate |

[19 JULY 2023: SHIFT-2]

85. Having a consistency that does not easily yield to pressure

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| (1) Substantial | (2) Firm |
| (3) Ramrod | (4) Close |

[24 JULY 2023: SHIFT-3]

86. Causing or wanting to cause harm or evil to someone

- | | |
|-------------|----------------|
| (1) Chaotic | (2) Malevolent |
| (3) Insipid | (4) Rancour |

[18 SEP. 2024: SHIFT -3]

87. Much more than usual or expected

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| (1) Mordancy | (2) Ordinate |
| (3) Subordinate | (4) Exceeding |

[18 SEP. 2024: SHIFT -3]
88. A short stay that you make while on a longer journey

- (1) Saga (2) Stopover
 (3) Refugee (4) Tent

[18 SEP. 2024: SHIFT -3]

89. Having unlimited power

- (1) Omnipotent (2) Omnipresence
 (3) Omniscient (4) Omnivorous

[23 SEP. 2024: SHIFT-1]

90. Speaking disrespectfully about sacred or religious things.

- (1) Blasphemy (2) Mystic
 (3) Atheist (4) Theist

[23 SEP. 2024: SHIFT-1]

91. Identify the error in the following sentence.

Ourselves should not boast of one's knowledge.

- (1) one's (2) boast
 (3) Ourselves (4) knowledge

[26 SEP. 2024: SHIFT-2]

92. Loud enough to be heard.

- (1) Audible (2) Audit
 (3) Audacious (4) Audacity

[26 SEP. 2024: SHIFT-2]

93. Money collected from people for a cause.

- (1) Collection (2) Deposit
 (3) Fund (4) Savings

[12 SEP 2025: SHIFT-1]

94. Choose the correct one-word substitute for: 'An official reprimand or strong criticism'.

- (1) Accusation (2) Denunciation
 (3) Censure (4) Indictment

[13 SEP 2025: SHIFT-1]

95. Choose the correct one-word substitute for: 'A political system based on the rule of the wealthy'.

- (1) Oligarchy (2) Aristocracy
 (3) Plutocracy (4) Meritocracy

[14 SEP 2025: SHIFT-1]

96. Choose the correct one-word substitute for: 'A person who eats excessively or greedily'.

- (1) Glutton (2) Gourmet
 (3) Epicure (4) Sybarite

[15 SEP 2025: SHIFT-1]
97. Choose the correct one-word substitution for: 'An act of intentionally setting fire to property'.

- (1) Burglary (2) Vandalism
 (3) Arson (4) Sabotage

[15 SEP 2025: SHIFT-1]

98. Choose the correct one-word substitute for: 'Fear of public speaking.'

- (1) Glossophobia (2) Sociophobia
 (3) Anthophobia (4) Ergophobia

[15 SEP 2025: SHIFT-1]

99. Choose the correct one-word substitution for: 'A general pardon granted by a government'.

- (1) Amnesty (2) Reprieve
 (3) Clemency (4) Parole

[15 SEP 2025: SHIFT-1]

100. Choose the correct one-word substitute for: 'A secret or disguised way of writing'.

- (1) Cipher (2) Epistle
 (3) Diatribe (4) Manuscript

Answer Key									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
(1)	(2)	(2)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(2)	(1)	(3)	(1)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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(3)	(1)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(1)	(3)	(1)	(1)	(1)

EXPLANATION

1. Correct Answer is (1):

Subterfuge. "Subterfuge" refers to a deceitful plan or action used to achieve a goal, especially to justify misconduct.

2. Correct Answer is (2):

Ineffable. "Ineffable" means something so great or extreme that it cannot be expressed in words.

3. Correct Answer is (2):

Iconoclast. "Iconoclast" refers to a person who challenges or criticizes widely accepted beliefs or institutions.

4. Correct Answer is (3):

Interment. "Interment" means the act of burying or confining a body, often used metaphorically for detaining someone.

5. Correct Answer is (3):

Ethnology. "Ethnology" is the study of human races, their cultures, and societies.

6. Correct Answer is (3):-

Sinecure: A sinecure is a position requiring little or no work but providing financial benefits or status. The other options do not fit:

- (1) Director: A leadership role with significant responsibilities.
- (2) Trustee: An individual managing assets or duties, often involving active work.
- (4) Ombudsman: An official investigating complaints, which requires effort.

7. Correct Answer is (2):- Fatal: "Fatal" directly means "causing death" (e.g., a fatal injury). The alternatives are incorrect:

- (1) Dangerous: Poses risk but not necessarily death.
- (3) Brutal: Involving violence or cruelty, not exclusively death.
- (4) Horrible: Causing horror or shock, not specific to death.

8. Correct Answer is (1):-

- (1) Calligrapher: A calligrapher practices calligraphy, the art of decorative handwriting. The other terms are unrelated:
- (2) Collier: A coal miner or coal ship.
- (3) Choreographer: A person who designs dance sequences.
- (4) Cartographer: A mapmaker.

9. Correct Answer is (3):- Bovine: "Bovine" refers to cattle (derived from Latin *bos*, meaning "ox"). The other options describe different animals:

- (1) Canine: Pertaining to dogs.
- (2) Feline: Pertaining to cats.
- (4) Verminous: Pertaining to disease-spreading pests (e.g., rats).

10. Correct Answer is (1):- Glower: To "glower" means to stare with anger or hostility. The alternatives are incorrect:

- (2) Gnaw: To bite or chew persistently.
- (3) Gnash: To grind teeth together (e.g., in frustration).
- (4) Grind: To crush or rub harshly (not a visual action).

11. Correct Answer is (1) Bibliophile: A bibliophile is a person who has a deep love and appreciation for books.

(2) Bibliophagist: This would imply someone who eats books, which is not a valid term.

(3) Bibliophoebe: This is not a recognized word and does not exist in the context of people who love books.

(4) Bibliographer: A bibliographer is someone who compiles or lists books and their details, not necessarily someone who loves them.

12. Correct Answer is (4) Extempore: "Extempore" refers to speaking or performing without preparation, especially in public speaking or a performance.

(1) Deliberate: "Deliberate" means something done with careful thought and intention, not spontaneous or without preparation.

(2) Fluent: "Fluent" refers to the ability to speak or write smoothly and effortlessly but does not imply speaking without preparation.

(3) Loquacious: "Loquacious" means very talkative, but it doesn't imply speaking without preparation.

13. Correct Answer is (3): Impeachment: Impeachment refers to the formal process where a government official, especially the head of state, is charged with misconduct.

(1) Impingement: "Impingement" refers to an act of interfering or having an effect on something, but not in a legal or trial context.

(2) Infringement: "Infringement" refers to the violation of laws or rights, but it does not specifically refer to a trial of the Head of State.

(4) Impediment: "Impediment" means something that obstructs or hinders progress, and is unrelated to a trial or legal process.

14. Correct Answer is (4)

Ambidextrous: "Ambidextrous" refers to someone who can use both hands with equal skill.

(1) Ambivalent: "Ambivalent" refers to having mixed feelings or being

uncertain about something, unrelated to the use of hands.

(2) Amphibious: "Amphibious" refers to something that can live both on land and in water, unrelated to skill with hands.

(3) Ambiguous: "Ambiguous" means something that is unclear or has multiple interpretations, which does not relate to the use of hands.

15. Correct Answer is (2) Panacea: "Panacea" refers to a solution or remedy for all problems, especially all diseases.

(1) Curable: "Curable" refers to something that can be cured, but not necessarily all diseases.

(3) Curative: "Curative" means having the ability to cure diseases, but it does not refer to a universal remedy for all diseases.

(4) Incurable: "Incurable" refers to diseases or conditions that cannot be cured, which is the opposite of the intended meaning.

16. Correct Answer is (4): itinerary

- An itinerary is a detailed journey plan (e.g., route, schedule).
- *Reject:* Travelogue (travel memoir), Schedule (general plan), Travel kit (luggage).

17. Correct Answer is (2): Incurable

- Incurable describes someone who cannot be corrected or reformed.
- *Reject:* Incurable (disease), Hardened (unfeeling), Invulnerable (unharmable).

18. Correct Answer is (4): Amnesty

- Amnesty is a government pardon for political offenses.
- *Reject:* Pardon (forgiveness), Excuse (justification), Honesty (truthfulness).

19. Correct Answer is (1): Misogynist

- A misogynist hates women.
- *Reject:* Misogamist (marriage-hater), Ambivert (balanced personality), Misanthrope (people-hater).

20. Correct Answer is (1): Cannibal

- A cannibal consumes human flesh.
- *Reject:* Savage (violent person), Captor (one who captures), Carnivore (meat-eater).

21. Correct Answer is (3): Truant

- A truant is someone who skips school/classes.
- *Reject:* Defeatist (pessimist), Sycophant (flatterer), Martinet (strict disciplinarian).

22. Correct Answer is (4): plagiarism

- Plagiarism is stealing others' ideas/writings.
- *Reject:* Autism (developmental disorder), Scepticism (doubt), Mesmerism (hypnotism).

23. Correct Answer is (3):-

Polytheism is the belief in or worship of many gods.

24. Correct Answer is (2):-

Inflorescence is the term for a cluster or arrangement of flowers on a branch or stem.

25. Correct Answer is (2):-

A cynic believes that people are primarily motivated by selfishness.

26. Correct Answer is (2):-

A virtuoso is a person highly skilled in music or another artistic pursuit.

27. Correct Answer is (4):-

To parboil means to boil food briefly, typically to soften or partially cook it.

28. Correct Answer is (1):-

The avant-garde refers to a group or movement known for being innovative and experimental, especially in art.

29. Correct Answer is (1):-

A benefactor is a person who gives financial or other forms of help to others.

30. Correct Answer is (4):-

- Kleptomania specifically denotes an *irresistible urge to steal*, often without motive.

(1) Pneumonia: Lung inflammation (medical condition, unrelated to stealing).

(2) Insomnia: Chronic inability to sleep (sleep disorder).

(3) Nymphomania: Excessive sexual desire (obsession, but not theft-related).

31. Correct Answer is (4):- Defamation

- **Defamation covers all slander/libel that damages reputation.**

(1) Orchestration: Coordinating elements (e.g., music/events); no malicious intent.

(2) Aberration: Deviation from normality (e.g., unusual behavior).

(3) Misrepresentation: Distorting facts (not necessarily reputation-harming).

32. Correct Answer is (1):-

- **Fables exclusively use anthropomorphized animals/objects to teach morals.**

(2) Parable: Short moral story using human characters (e.g., biblical tales).

(3) Allegory: Symbolic narrative with hidden meanings (not limited to animals).

(4) Legend: Traditional story about historical figures/events (no talking objects).

33. Correct Answer is (1):-

- **Dermatology is solely concerned with skin, hair, nails, and their diseases.**

(2) Endocrinology: Study of hormones and glands (e.g., thyroid).

(3) Gynaecology: Medical practice focused on women's reproductive health.

(4) Orthopaedics: Branch dealing with musculoskeletal system (bones/joints).

34. Correct Answer is (3):-

- **Red-tapism explicitly describes excessive paperwork/formalities causing delays**

(1) Diplomacy: Art of negotiation between nations (implies tact, not delay).

(2) Bureaucracy: Administrative system (neutral term; not inherently negative).

(4) Nepotism: Favoritism toward relatives (unrelated to formalities).

35. Correct Answer is (2):-

- **Intruder broadly covers *uninvited entry*, regardless of motive**

(1) Burglar: One who breaks in to steal (specific criminal intent).

(3) Thief: General term for stealing property (no emphasis on entry).

(4) Vandal: Person who destroys/damages property.

36. Correct Answer is (3):-

- **Inedible is the *technical term* for substances unsafe/unsuitable for consumption.**

(1) Tasteless: Lacking flavor (may still be safe to eat).

(2) Uneatable: Informal synonym for inedible, but less precise.

(4) Spicy: Pungent flavor (can be edible, e.g., chili peppers).

37. Correct Answer is (1): Facsimile

A "facsimile" refers to an exact copy or reproduction of something, especially a document.

38. Correct Answer is (2): Commission

"Commission" refers to the payment given to agents for sales or services, usually as a percentage of the sales amount.

39. Correct Answer is (4): Colleague

A "colleague" is a person who works in the same organization or institution as you.

40. Correct Answer is (4): Hypothesis

Explanation: A "hypothesis" is a proposition or assumption made for the sake of argument or investigation, often without being proven true.

(1) **Hypertext:** Refers to text displayed on a computer screen with links to other texts, not related to reasoning.

(2) **Hypocrisy:** Refers to pretending to have qualities that one does not

have, unrelated to the concept of reasoning.

- (3) **Hyperbole**: An exaggerated way of speaking or writing, not related to assumptions in reasoning.

41. Correct Answer is (2): Work very hard

Explanation: "Strain every nerve" means to work extremely hard, putting in all your effort and energy to achieve something.

- (1) **Try all tricks**: This means using any possible methods or strategies, which is not the same as "straining every nerve."
- (3) **Beg before others**: This means to plead or ask for something humbly, which does not match the idiom's meaning.
- (4) **Spend a large amount**: Refers to using money, not effort or energy, so it is unrelated.
- (2) **Hypocrisy**: Refers to pretending to have qualities that one does not have, unrelated to the concept of reasoning.
- (3) **Hyperbole**: An exaggerated way of speaking or writing, not related to assumptions in reasoning.

42. Correct Answer is (2): Adolescent

Explanation: "Adolescent" refers to someone who is no longer a child but not yet an adult, fitting the description given.

- (1) **Youngster**: Refers to a young person, but not necessarily in the transitional age group.
- (3) **Juvenile**: Typically refers to someone younger, particularly under the age of majority, and often used for legal contexts.
- (4) **Yokel**: Refers to an unsophisticated country person, unrelated to the age group

43. Correct Answer is (4): Inflammatory

Explanation:

- **Inflammatory** refers to something likely to make people very angry or provoke strong emotions.
- (1) **Inflationary**: Refers to something related to inflation, not anger or provocation.

- (2) **Inflammable**: Means easily set on fire; unrelated to anger.

- (3) **Commensurable**: Means measurable or comparable; doesn't apply to emotions.

44. Correct Answer is (3): Cartoon

- **Cartoon** refers to a humorous drawing, often dealing with current events or politics.

- (1) **Sketch**: A rough drawing, but not necessarily humorous or related to current events.
- (2) **Illustration**: A drawing or image that explains or decorates something, not necessarily humorous.
- (4) **Skit**: A short, funny performance or play, not a drawing.

45. Correct Answer is (2): Euthanasia

- **Euthanasia** is the act of mercifully ending the life of someone suffering from an incurable illness.

- (1) **Suicide**: Refers to the act of taking one's own life, but it's not merciful; it's typically related to personal despair.
- (3) **Immolation**: Refers to self-sacrifice by fire, often for religious reasons, not merciful killing.
- (4) **Asphyxiation**: Refers to suffocating or depriving someone of air, which is not necessarily merciful or intentional for relieving suffering.

46. Correct Answer is (1): Elegy

- **Elegy** is a poem or song written in mourning, typically for someone who has passed away, making it the correct answer for a funeral poem.
- **Pandemonium** means chaos, unrelated to a funeral.
- **Parody** is a humorous imitation, not suitable for a funeral context.
- **Sonnet** is a specific poem form, not necessarily related to funerals.

47. Correct Answer is (4): Somnambulist

- **Somnambulist** refers to a person who walks in their sleep.
- **Drover** is someone who moves livestock.
- **Fastidious** means being very particular.

- **Numismatist** is a coin collector.

48. Correct Answer is :- (1) Verbatim

Verbatim means using exactly the same words as were originally used, which is the correct meaning for this definition.

49. Correct Answer is :- (2) Sceptic

A **sceptic** doubts or questions accepted beliefs.

- (1) **Adherent**: A supporter of a belief, opposite of sceptic.
- (3) **Zealot**: A passionate follower, not someone who questions.
- (4) **Disciple**: A follower who accepts beliefs without question.

50. Correct Answer is (1): Menace

A **menace** is something or someone likely to cause harm.

- (2) **Cordial**: Friendly, opposite of harmful.
- (3) **Festal**: Related to festivals, not harmful.
- (4) **Blithe**: Cheerful, unconcerned, not harmful.

51. Correct Answer is (3): Phobic

"**Phobic**" refers to having an irrational fear of something, fitting the description perfectly.

- (1) **Valiant**: Brave, opposite of fearful.
- (2) **Stout**: Strong or brave, not related to fear.
- (4) **Foolhardy**: Reckless or daring, not about fear.

52. Correct Answer is (1): contemporaries

"**Contemporaries**" refers to people who live at the same time or during the same period.

53. Correct Answer is (1):

(1) a person who watches too much television

A "**couch potato**" refers to a person who spends excessive time watching TV or being inactive, often to an unhealthy degree.

54. Correct Answer is (2): fatalist

A **fatalist** believes that all events are predetermined and cannot be changed, which matches the definition provided.

55. Correct Answer is (2):-

The "judiciary" is the system of courts that interprets and applies the law.

56. Correct Answer is (2):-

Fragile means easily broken or damaged. Pliable means easily bent or flexible. Ductile means able to be drawn out into a thin wire. Malleable means able to be hammered or pressed into shape without breaking or cracking.

57. Correct Answer is (4):-

Bilingual describes a person fluent in two languages. **Monolingual** describes a person fluent in one language. **Lexicologist** is a person who studies lexicology (the study of words, their history, and their meanings). **linguist** is a person who studies language.

58. Correct Answer is (3): inaudible

"Inaudible" means something that cannot be heard, which fits the description perfectly.

- **Infallible:** Means incapable of making mistakes.
- **Audible:** Refers to sound that can be heard, the opposite of inaudible.
- **Irrevocable:** Means something that cannot be undone.

59. Correct Answer is (4): Dirge

A "dirge" is a song sung at a burial or funeral, making it the correct choice.

- **Sonnet:** A type of poem, not related to funerals.
- **Ballad:** A type of song, but not specifically related to funerals.
- **Hymn:** A religious song, but not specifically a funeral song.

60. Correct Answer is (4) Granary

A "granary" is a building used to store grain. The other options are unrelated terms.

61. Correct Answer is (3) Diligent

"Diligent" means working hard and carefully, which matches the given description. "Dilatory" means delaying, "Indigent" means poor, and "Indulgent" means lenient.

62. Correct Answer is (3) Accelerate:

To "accelerate" means to increase speed, which directly corresponds to the phrase "to increase the speed." "Activate" means to make something active, "Assimilate" means to absorb, and "Exhilarate" means to make someone very happy, none of which are related to speed.

63. Correct Answer is (3) Congenital

- Congenital refers to conditions or traits that are present from birth.
- Chronic refers to something that persists over a long period of time, especially a disease.
- Habitual refers to something that is done regularly or out of habit.
- Anomaly refers to something that deviates from what is normal or expected.

64. Correct Answer is (3) Agree with someone

"See eye to eye" means to agree with someone. It doesn't mean to look at someone or to be suspicious.

65. Correct Answer is (2) Chauffeur

A "chauffeur" is a person employed to drive a private car.

66. Correct Answer is (1) Rhetoric

"Rhetoric" refers to the art of effective or persuasive speaking or writing.

67. Correct Answer is (4):-

"Nostalgia" is a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past.

68. Correct Answer is (4):-

A large cage, building, or enclosure for keeping birds. This perfectly matches the description.

69. Correct Answer is (4) Drove

"Drove" is used for a herd or flock of animals being driven together.

70. Correct Answer is (4) Trilogy.

- **Trilogy** refers to a set of three related works (e.g., novels or plays), each complete in itself.

- **Triplet:** A group of three but not specific to novels/plays.
- **Trivet:** A kitchen item, unrelated.
- **Triumvir:** Refers to three people in a political context, not works.

71. Correct Answer is (3):

An "alien" (in this context) refers to a hypothetical or fictional being from outer space. "Stranger" and "foreigner" refer to people from different places on Earth, and "native" is the opposite.

72. Correct Answer is (3): "Punctilious"

means showing great attention to detail or correct behavior.

73. Correct Answer is (2) Literate

A "literate" person is one who can read and write.

74. Correct Answer is (4) "Graffiti"

refers to drawings or writings on a wall in a public place.

75. Correct Answer is (2) Forgery

"Forgery" is the correct term for the act of making a false document or signature.

76. Correct Answer is (4) Catalogue

A "catalogue" is a list or collection of books or informative graphics.

77. Correct Answer is (1) Ablutions

"Ablutions" refers to the act of washing oneself, particularly for religious or hygienic reasons.

78. Correct Answer is (4) Overlook

"Overlook" means to fail to notice or ignore, which is the correct synonym for failing to notice or ignoring something.

79. Correct Answer is (3) Mortuary

A **mortuary** is a room where dead bodies are kept until burial.

80. Correct Answer is (3) Defamation

"Defamation" is the act of damaging someone's reputation, which is the correct one-word substitute.

81. Correct Answer is (2) Quadruped

A "quadruped" is a four-footed animal. "Reptile," "Biped," and "Mammal" are not specific to four-footed animals.

82. Correct Answer is (2) Atheist

An **atheist** is a person who does not believe in the existence of God or gods. The other words do not fit the definition.

83. Correct Answer is (1) Encyclopaedia

An **encyclopaedia** is a book or set of books containing information about all areas of knowledge.

84. Correct Answer is (2) Orphan

An "**Orphan**" refers to a child who has lost one or both parents.

- **Destitute** refers to someone who is extremely poor or lacking basic necessities, not necessarily related to losing parents.
- **Lout** refers to a rude, ill-mannered person, which is unrelated to the context.
- **Desolate** refers to something empty or barren, typically used for places or landscapes, not for a child.

85. Correct Answer is (2) Firm

The phrase "**Having a consistency that does not easily yield to pressure**" describes something that is "**Firm**". "Firm" means strong, solid, or not easily bent or moved, which matches the description.

- **Substantial** refers to something large or significant, not fitting the context.
- **Ramrod** typically refers to a rigid or straight object, not used for this context.
- **Close** means near in distance, which does not fit the description of consistency.

86. Correct Answer is (2):-

"Malevolent" means having or showing a wish to do evil to others. "Chaotic" means in a state of complete confusion and disorder. "Inspid" means lacking flavour, vigor, or interest. "Rancour" (noun)

means bitterness or resentfulness, especially when long-standing.

87. Correct Answer is (4):- "Exceeding"

means extremely great; very large. This perfectly captures the meaning of "much more than usual or expected."

88. Correct Answer is (2):- A "stopover"

is a break in a journey, especially an overnight stay.

89. Correct Answer is (1):- Omnipotent.

"Omnipotent" refers to having unlimited power or authority, typically used in a divine or godly context.

90. Correct Answer is (1):-

Speaking disrespectfully about sacred or religious things is called blasphemy.

91. Correct Answer is (3):-

"Ourselves" is a reflexive pronoun; the subject of the sentence should be the personal pronoun "We."

92. Correct Answer is (1):-Audible

"Audible" means capable of being heard.

93. Correct Answer is (3):-Fund**94. Correct Answer is (3):**

Censure refers to an official expression of disapproval or strong criticism, especially in a formal setting. An accusation is a claim that someone has done something wrong. Denunciation is a public condemnation or criticism, but not always official. An indictment means a formal charge or accusation of a serious crime.

95. Correct Answer is (3):

A plutocracy is a form of government in which the wealthy hold power over decision-making and governance. Aristocracy is the rule of the nobility; meritocracy is power or opportunities based on merit; and oligarchy is a more general term for rule by the wealthy, the military, or those with political influence. Oligarchs may not necessarily be wealthy.

96. Correct Answer is (1):

The term "glutton" in English first appeared in the 14th century, and it originally referred to someone who consumed food excessively or insatiably. Over time, its usage expanded to describe someone who overindulges in any activity.

97. Correct Answer is (3):

Arson refers to the intentional act of setting fire to property, typically for malicious purposes. Sabotage involves deliberately damaging or obstructing something, often for political or strategic reasons. Vandalism refers to the deliberate destruction or damage to property, but not specifically by fire. Burglary involves breaking into a property with the intent to steal, not setting fire.

98. Correct Answer is (1):

Gloss means speech, and phobia means irrational fear. Sociophobia is the fear of social situations, Anthophobia is the fear of flowers, and Ergophobia is the fear of the workplace

99. Correct Answer is (1):

Amnesty: A general pardon granted to a group (often for political offenses) that legally "forgets" the crime.

Clemency: A general term for executive mercy, which can include reducing a sentence or granting an individual pardon, but is less "blanket" than amnesty.

Reprieve: A temporary delay of a sentence.

Parole: A conditional release based on good behavior.

100. Correct Answer is (1):

Cipher: A secret system of writing used to disguise the meaning of a message.

Epistle: A formal, often instructional letter.

Diatribes: A long, angry speech or writing that criticizes someone.

Manuscript: An original text written by hand.