

English Assignment on Close Test for SSC Exams

Direction (1 – 5) Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.

Forty-year-old Praveen, though never a gym rat, had always been into sports. "I played table tennis at the State level and squash and badminton too," he says. His sister, on the other hand, would always _____(1) away from sports. "Sunitha would always have some excuse _____(2) her sleeve to get out of playing any kind of sports." Life, however, has a way of _____(3) things over. In Praveen's case, it was a skiing accident back in 2013 that put a stop to his sporting activities. "I tore my knee ligament and had a surgery to take a part of the meniscus out," he says. A domino effect followed the accident: _____(4) in no sports, to eating whatever he craved for, whenever temptation struck, to not caring about his fitness either, he grew to 80 kilograms. At 5'11", he'd lost a lot of muscle and developed "a bit of a beer belly". He soon became father to a baby girl, which brought forth a whole new set of responsibilities. Meanwhile, his previously sports _____(5) sister was now powerlifting.

1. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1
A. take
B. shy
C. look
D. pass
2. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2
A. up
B. for
C. at
D. with
3. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3
A. complicating
B. simplifying
C. flipping
D. running

4. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4
A. competing
B. playing
C. hogging
D. partaking

- 5 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5
A. inclined
B. loving
C. averse
D. eager

Direction (6 - 10) Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.

Karnataka is planning to challenge in the Supreme Court the Centre's notification constituting the Authority. It will be unfortunate if this dispute _____(###Q1###) into another round of litigation. The provisions of the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act 1956, make it clear that it is the Centre's duty _____(###Q2###) a scheme to implement the award of a Tribunal. Parliament has the power to modify the scheme or leave it as it _____(###Q3###), but Karnataka's claim that the scheme requires parliamentary approval before it is implemented is questionable. Further, the Supreme Court approved the draft scheme only after finding it to be "in consonance _____(###Q4###) the dictum and directions in the Award as modified by this Court and also in conformity with Section 6A of the 1956 Act". Now that the CWMA has become functional, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala should approach the issue of sharing the waters of the inter-state river in a spirit of cooperation and help the Authority in implementing the _____(###Q5###).

6. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. (1)
A. takes
B. gets
C. got
D. happen

7. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. (2)

- A. to notify
- B. to mention
- C. to inform
- D. to indicate

8. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. (3)

- A. live
- B. back
- C. before
- D. stands

9. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. (4)

- A. with
- B. of
- C. out
- D. off

10. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. (5)

- A. ruling
- B. verdict
- C. order
- D. command

Direction (11 – 15) Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.

July 4, 2018 marks a historical day for Malta, as the Maltese Parliament has officially passed 3 bills into law, establishing the first regulatory _____ (1) for blockchain, cryptocurrency and DLT (Distributed Ledger Technology). This makes Malta _____ (2) first country in the world to provide an official set of regulations for operators in the blockchain, cryptocurrency, and DLT space. Just last week, the Maltese Parliament voted _____ (3) to approve 3 cryptocurrency and blockchain bills, which were designed to make Malta one of the most desirable locations to set up shop in the blockchain space. As these bills have now been _____ (4) into laws, Malta is sure to become an early pioneer in economic innovation. In turn, this will strengthen the country's

economy with the creation of a new economic _____ (5).

11. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1

- A. organize
- B. regulation
- C. etiquettes
- D. framework

12. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2

- A. the
- B. a
- C. any
- D. some

13. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3

- A. undivided
- B. unanimously
- C. at odds
- D. solid

14. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4

- A. created
- B. make
- C. passed
- D. deemed

15. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5

- A. niche
- B. grim
- C. challenge
- D. crisis

Direction (16 - 20) Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.

Ozone is _____ (1) up of three oxygen atoms—is a powerful chemical. In the upper atmosphere, it protects _____ (2) the sun's harmful ultraviolet radiation. But down below, breathing it harms the _____ (3) and can lead to respiratory diseases. China is finding this out the hard way. An _____ (4) of government data by Unearthed, a Greenpeace-funded news publication, found that Beijing and its neighbouring city Tianjin are

_____ (5) from record levels of ozone (O3).

16. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1

- A. make
- B. made
- C. come
- D. went

17. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2

- A. with
- B. of
- C. by
- D. against

18. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3

- A. lungs
- B. hands
- C. legs
- D. head

19. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4

- A. option
- B. record
- C. interpretation
- D. analysis

20. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5

- A. full
- B. suffering
- C. dying
- D. enjoying

Direction (21 – 25) Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.

Population refers to the number of individuals _____ (###Q1###) a place. It is a figure specific to a particular area or city or country. Population figures are arrived at by _____ (###Q2###) a count or census. At the national level, a census is a massive effort. It is conducted at regular intervals such as once in ten years. People who are part of collecting data for a census are _____ (###Q3###) specific areas where they visit all households to collect all the

required information. The information is related to number of family members, their gender, age, educational qualifications, profession, and other such details. The data obtained from a census helps in arriving at statistics and _____ (###Q4###) like the birth rate, death rate, sex ratio and child sex ratio. The _____ (###Q5###) of population statistics, and inferences made on its basis is known as demography.

21. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. (1)

- A. captivating
- B. settling
- C. inhabiting
- D. evolving

22. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. (2)

- A. conducting
- B. governing
- C. escorting
- D. attending

23. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. (3)

- A. approved
- B. declared
- C. assigned
- D. assured

24. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. (4)

- A. magnitude
- B. parameters
- C. values
- D. ambit

25. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. (5)

- A. interpretation
- B. study
- C. application
- D. glance

Direction (26 - 30) Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.

_____ (###Q1###) the course of the development of different life-forms heredity—which, in plain English, is

unconscious memory generated in the first life-form and _____ (###Q2###) through all the different species—is the sole factor in the _____ (###Q3###) of the parent properties; while adaptation to surrounding conditions and circumstances, natural selection in the struggle _____ (###Q4###) existence, and partner selection in the struggle of the males for _____ (###Q5###) are the principal factors in the differentiation of species.

26. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.(###Q1###)

- A. Into
- B. In
- C. In side
- D. Onto

27. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.(###Q2###)

- A. transmit
- B. transmit ting
- C. to transmit
- D. transmitted

28. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.(###Q3###)

- A. preserve
- B. preservable
- C. preservation
- D. preserving

29. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.(###Q4###)

- A. for
- B. from
- C. form
- D. off

30. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.(###Q5###)

- A. females
- B. femininity
- C. feminine
- D. woman

Direction (31 – 35) In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

The modes of action are _____ (###Q1###) in science and religion. Science relies on experiment, whereas religion is based on experience. Any religious _____ (###Q2###) whether it is Christ's or Ramakrishna's is personal and _____ (###Q3###). Science, on the other hand is marked by objectivity. Theory has to be corroborated by _____ (###Q4###) proof providing material comforts. The frontiers of science do not end in knowledge but are _____ (###Q5###) to the formation of appliances for actual use.

31. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

- A. similar
- B. different
- C. equal
- D. relevant

32. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

- A. experience
- B. thought
- C. festival
- D. activity

33. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

- A. significant
- B. irrelevant
- C. subjective
- D. objective

34. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

- A. intangible
- B. transparent
- C. tangible
- D. unique

35. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

- A. implied
- B. associated
- C. designated
- D. extended

Direction (36 - 40) Read the following passage and fill in each

blank with words chosen from options given.

The _____ (1) of lectures could be enhanced by introducing the lecture with a brief review of the work _____ (2), it should also be indicated how the day's lecture _____ (3) into the course pattern. A lecture should _____ (4) be presented in one unbroken discourse. Unless exceptionally interesting, a long lecture strains the _____ (5) of concentrated listening, causing intermittent wandering of attention and loss of continuity in thought.

36. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1

- A. condition
- B. effectiveness
- C. efficiency
- D. interest

37. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2

- A. ascending
- B. preceding
- C. reciting
- D. succeeding

38. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3

- A. adds
- B. fits
- C. gets
- D. lets

39. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4

- A. continuously
- B. often
- C. randomly
- D. seldom

40. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5

- A. authority
- B. capacity
- C. comfortability
- D. reasonability

Direction (41 - 50) Read the following passage and fill in each

blank with words chosen from options given.

Until 1991, you _____ (1) find Croatia on the world map if you _____ (2). That's because the country didn't exist. It was a part of Yugoslavia, a communist state that was founded in the _____ (3) of World War II. Today, you'd _____ (4) find Croatia on the world map because you'll need that information in coming days. Some 23-odd guys _____ (5) the country took the team to the final of the world's biggest football _____ (6) sports tournament and are re-writing _____ (7) one tackle, one save and one goal at a time. One of these guys is the captain and midfielder Luka Modric, who has _____ (8) led the team to its most _____ (9) campaign. He is older than the country he _____ (10).

41. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1

- A. wouldn't
- B. couldn't
- C. shouldn't
- D. will not

42. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2

- A. knew
- B. wanted
- C. tried
- D. could

43. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3

- A. aftermath
- B. following
- C. post
- D. succession

44. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4

- A. definitely
- B. absolutely
- C. should
- D. better

45. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5

- A. of
- B. from

- C. to
- D. by

46. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.6

- A. equation
- B. establishment
- C. tournament
- D. hierarchy

47. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.7

- A. legacy
- B. tournament
- C. history
- D. score

48. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.8

- A. indirectly
- B. superficially

- C. importantly
- D. beautifully

49. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.9

- A. divine
- B. successful
- C. major
- D. breakthrough

50. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.10

- A. follows
- B. belongs
- C. represents
- D. loves

###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. B.
"shy away" means to avoid something that you dislike, fear, or do not feel confident about. "take away" means a key, fact or idea to be remembered typically one emerging from discussions. "Look away" means to avert one's gaze and "pass away" means to die. Therefore option B goes best with the question.
2. Ans. A.
Up her sleeves is an idiomatic expression, therefore option A is the right answer.
3. Ans. C.
Here author wants to convey that life has twists in it. It is not that straight. 'Flipping' means the same and is right answer as the accident was a twist in the life of Praveen.
4. Ans. D.
Partaking means participation in an activity. Due to the accident Praveen was not able to participate in sports. Hogging means dominating or controlling So the right answer is D.
5. Ans. C.
Praveen's sister did not like sports previously, therefore the best meaning for dislike in the given option is 'averse'. Therefore, option C is right answer.
6. Ans. B.
In this sentence, the main clause is in simple future tense. Therefore, the **If clause** must be in simple present tense. The correct word that will fit the blank here is '**gets**' because the phrasal verb **get into** means to enter an unfavorable state. Hence, option B is the correct answer.
7. Ans. A.
To notify a scheme means to inform (someone) of something, typically in a formal or official manner. Hence, option A is the correct answer.
8. Ans. D.
'Stands' is the correct answer here because '**as it stands**' is an idiom which means as it is now. Hence, option D is the correct answer.
9. Ans. A.
'With' is the correct filler here because '**in consonance with**' is an idiom which

- means to be in agreement with. Hence, option A is the correct answer.
10. Ans. B.
Rule means a law or guidance. **Verdict** means an opinion or judgement. **Order and command** are synonyms. They mean to direct with authority. Here, the sentence talks about implementing the judgement; so, "verdict" is the perfect word for this blank. Hence, option B is the correct answer.
11. Ans. D.
The given passage is about establishing some laws for blockchain. With reference to the word regulatory, framework is the best word to fit in here as other options does not go with the adjective regulatory. Hence, option D is the correct answer.
12. Ans. A.
Out of the given options, only the definite article 'the' can follow the word 'first'. Hence, option A is the correct answer.
13. Ans. B.
With reference to the word voted, unanimously is the best word to fit in here as a law can't be passed on a divided voting. Secondly the tone of the passage is positive, hence, a strong positive word should be placed in the blank. Undivided can't fit here as it is an adjective and an adverb is required here. So, option B is the correct answer.
14. Ans. C.
With reference to the word 'bills', passed is the best word to fit here as only bills can be passed and can be turned into a law. Hence, option C is the correct answer.
15. Ans. A.
As the tone of the passage is clearly positive, so it is obvious that the blank should have something positive. Out of the given options only niche is a positive word as it means a comfortable or suitable position in life or employment. Hence, option A is correct.
16. Ans. B.
As we all know, ozone consists of three atoms of oxygen and to convey this information only 'made' seems correct

out of the given choices. Also, it goes with the preposition up, hence option B is correct.

17. Ans. D.

As we all know ozone restricts the harmful UV rays and to convey this information only 'against' seems correct out of the given choices as it means 'in opposition to'. Hence option D is the only correct choice.

18. Ans. A.

As the sentence talks about breathing and lungs is the only option that is related to breathing. Hence option A is correct.

19. Ans. D.

With reference to the word found, analysis is the best word to be fit in here as things can be found in the data if one analyzes it. Hence option D is correct.

20. Ans. B.

As the passage talks about the harmful effects of Ozone and it has a negative tone. Hence the blank here needs a negative word which has a similar sense and only suffering fits here out of the given options. Hence option B is correct.

21. Ans. C.

Captivating means capable of attracting and holding interest; charming.

Settling means resolve or reach an agreement about.

Inhabiting means (of a person, animal, or group) live in or occupy (a place or environment).

Evolving means develop gradually.

The blank must be filled by a verb which tells the individuals occupying a place and hence refers to population.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

22. Ans. A.

Escorting means accompany (someone or something).

Attending means deal with.

Conducting means to organize and carry out.

Conducting best fits here as count or census is conducted, any other option doesn't make a sense here We can get the hint from sentences next to it.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

23. Ans. C.

Assigned means allocate (a job or duty).

Assured means make sure of something.

Approved means officially agree to or accept as satisfactory.

Here the sentence talks about the job that is given to people to conduct the census to specific area, for which the word 'assigned' suits the best in the blank making a contextually meaningful sentence.

Hence option C is the most correct choice.

24. Ans. B.

Ambit means the scope, extent, or bounds of something.

Magnitude means the great size or extent of something.

Parameters means a numerical or other measurable factor forming one of a set that defines a system or sets the conditions of its operation.

Here a word must fill the blank which is similar to 'statistics'.

Hence option B is the correct answer choice.

25. Ans. B.

Interpretation means the action of explaining the meaning of something.

Glance means a brief or hurried look.

Application means the action of putting something into operation.

'Study' best fits here as it refers to a detailed investigation and analysis of a subject or situation. Here the subject is population statistics and inferences. Hence option B is the most appropriate choice among others.

26. Ans. B.

Option C with the word 'In side', holds no meaning when talked about the way of development. The preposition 'onto' is usually used verbs to express movement or the direction of a substance towards something. Into refers to 'in the direction of something'. None of these words fits in the context of the blank.

The option B with the word 'In' refers to a path of development that 'indicates a belief, opinion and therefore fits contextually in the blank.

Hence, option B is the answer.

27. Ans. D.

Here in this sentence heredity refers to the unconscious memory that is generated. In order to keep with the tone

of the past tense in the sentence, to agree with word like 'generated', the correct word to choose from the options would be 'transmitted', with the addition of the past participle form of the word 'transmit'. Hence, option D is the answer.
28. Ans. C.

The word 'preserve' in option A does not agree with the tense of the sentence. The other forms of the verb 'preserve', like 'preservable' in the adjective form of the word preserve and 'preserving' which is in the present continuous tense too does not fit. Hence, option C with the noun 'preservation', which indicates to the action to preserve agrees with the sentence. Further, it also refers to the continuity which the unconscious memory guarantees.

29. Ans. A.

The words like 'from', 'form' and 'off' does not seem to agree with the context of the sentence. The preposition 'for' here is used to show a reason or cause, which is 'survival'. Hence, option A is the answer.

30. Ans. A.

The words like 'femininity', 'feminine', refers to the cultural construct to which the 'woman' as a section of the society must confirm. The use of the word 'males' here refers to the biological factor, which indicates the sex of a person, so very naturally the accurate option will be the word 'female' indicating the sex of a woman. Hence, option A is the correct answer.

31. Ans. B.

Similar- having a resemblance in appearance, character, or quantity, without being identical.

Different- not the same as another or each other; unlike in nature, form, or quality.

Equal- being the same in quantity, size, degree, or value.

Relevant- closely connected or appropriate to what is being done or considered.

The passage states the opposite views of science and religion. Thus, different is the answer.

32. Ans. A.

Experience- practical contact with and observation of facts or events.

Thought- an idea or opinion produced by thinking, or occurring suddenly in the mind.

Festival- A festival is an event ordinarily celebrated by a community and centering on some characteristic aspect of that community and its religion or traditions.

Activity- the condition in which things are happening or being done.

The sentence tells us about Christ's and Ramakrishna's experiences. Thus, experience is the answer.

33. Ans. C.

Significant- sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention; noteworthy.

Irrelevant- not connected with or relevant to something.

Subjective- based on or influenced by personal feelings, tastes, or opinions.

Objective- (of a person or their judgement) not influenced by personal feelings or opinions in considering and representing facts.

The sentence tells us that the experience was worthwhile. Thus, subjective is the answer.

34. Ans. C.

Intangible- unable to be touched; not having physical presence.

Transparent- (of a material or article) allowing light to pass through so that objects behind can be distinctly seen.

Tangible- perceptible by touch.

Unique- being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else.

The sentence tells us that the scientific theory has to be explained by written proofs. Thus, tangible is the answer.

35. Ans. D.

Implied- suggested but not directly expressed; implicit.

Associated- (of a person or thing) connected with something else.

Designated- appoint (someone) to a specified office or post.

Extended- made larger; enlarged.

The line suggests that science is never ending, the more you learn, the more knowledge you gain. Thus, extended is the answer.

36. Ans. B.

Effectiveness is the degree to which something is successful in producing a desired result. Effectiveness and lectures go hand in hand as lecture is an educational talk to an audience, especially one of students in a university and its main aim is to make the understanding of students so that they can get desired results.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

37. Ans. B.

Preceding means to come before (something) in time. By giving the brief review of the lecture of the next day, students will make efforts from their side to do some research and it will help to make their base clear and it'll save their time.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

38. Ans. B.

Fits means put into a suitable state. Lectures should 'fit' into the course pattern as it will make the job easier for both the lecturer and the students.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

39. Ans. D.

Seldom means not often; rarely. In the next sentence, the author mentions how a long lecture can divert the attention of the audience. Therefore, a lecture should be presented in small intervals in order to maintain continuity. The word "seldom" fits best in the context of the sentence.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

40. Ans. B.

Capacity means the maximum amount that something can contain. Everyone have their own capacity in terms of concentrated listening. Long lectures will challenge the capacity which may have negative results.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

41. Ans. B.

If a country didn't exist in the first place, we are not capable of finding it anywhere. When talking about capabilities, we use 'could' when referring to past tense. Hence, the correct answer is B.

42. Ans. C.

The country didn't exist at that time. So, it didn't matter how much we *tried*, we simply couldn't find it. The verb 'try' shows our inability to find or do

something. Verbs such as 'know' and 'want' show that we chose did not to find. "Could" has already been used, so not to be repeated. Hence, the correct answer is C.

43. Ans. A.

Aftermath means the consequences of an event (especially a catastrophic event). Following means immediately following in time or order.

Post means after; especially after a significant event that has long-term ramifications.

Succession means a following of one thing after another in time.

The blank requires a noun that can be used as an attribute of World War II. Aftermath is an attribute that is common to all wars. Hence, the correct answer is A.

44. Ans. D.

"You'd" is the shortened version of "you would". Since an auxiliary verb is already present so, 'should' is the wrong choice. Better is used to put emphasis on the main verb 'find'. Hence, the correct answer is option D.

45. Ans. B.

'Of' is used when we are showing attributes of the subject. 'Guys' is not an attribute. 'To' is used for indication purposes. 'By' is used when we showing the medium of action. We are discussing the origin of the 'guys'. For showing the start or origin we use 'from'. Hence, the correct answer is option B.

46. Ans. C.

For sports events like cricket, football, hockey, we organise tournaments. Hence, option C is the apt filler for the blank.

47. Ans. C.

Legacy means a gift of personal property by will.

Tournament means a sporting competition in which contestants play a series of games to decide the winner.

History means a record or narrative description of past events.

Score means a number or letter indicating quality (especially of a student's performance).

Of all the given words, only 'history' can be changed or 're-written'. Hence, the correct answer is option C.

48. Ans. D.

Indirectly means not in a forthright manner.

Superficially means not thoroughly or deeply.

Importantly means in an important way or to an important degree.

Beautifully means very well; excellently.

The sentence talks about how successful the team captain is in leading the team in the tournament. Hence, the correct answer is option D.

49. Ans. B.

Divine means emanating from God.

Successful means having succeeded or being marked by a favourable outcome.

Major means of greater importance or stature or rank.

Breakthrough means making an important discovery.

The sentence talks about how successful the team is in reaching the finals of the world cup, despite having such a rough history. Hence, the correct answer is option B.

50. Ans. C.

Follows means to travel behind, go after, come after.

Belongs means be owned by; be in the possession of.

Represents means express indirectly by an image, form, or model; be a symbol.

Loves means a strong positive emotion of regard and affection.

Everyone loves their country. But, in a tournament, we *represent* our country. Hence, the correct answer is option C.



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