

SBI Clerk Exam - Previous Year Solved Question Paper

General Awareness:

1. Who amongst the following was the legendary classical singer, an exponent of the 'Khayal' form of singing, who passed away in 2011?

- 1) Jagjit Singh
- 2) Arjun Singh
- 3) M.F. Hussain
- 4) Bhupen Hazarika
- 5) **Bhimsen Joshi**

2. Commonwealth Games 2014 will be held at-

- 1) **Glasgow**
- 2) Montreal
- 3) Queensland
- 4) Gold Coast
- 5) Beijing

3. Who amongst the following is an American business magnate, investor and philanthropist, Chairman & CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, who is widely considered the most successful investor of the 20th century?

- 1) Duncan Fletcher
- 2) **Warren Buffett**
- 3) Warren Anderson
- 4) Niera Radia
- 5) None of these

4. On 8th August 2012, a 14-member 'Naresh Chandra Task Force' has submitted to the Government of India its report relating to-

- 1) electoral reforms
- 2) corruption
- 3) black money
- 4) infrastructure sector
- 5) **national security**

5. A network of power lines that evacuates electricity from a generating station and operates in a narrow frequency band is known as-

- 1) Web
- 2) Mesh
- 3) **Grid**
- 4) Interlock
- 5) Knit

6. Which of the following is a large ocean wave that is caused by sudden motion on the ocean floor which could be in the form of an earthquake, volcanic eruption or an underwater landslide?

- 1) El Nino
- 2) **Lunar Eclipse**
- 3) High Tide

- 4) Low Tide
- 5) Tsunami

7. The form 'ITR-1' is a form for using

- 1) Income Tax Challan
- 2) Excise Duty
- 3) Customs duty
- 4) Income Tax Return**
- 5) VAT

8. Which of the following is NOT a viral disease?

- 1) Chicken-pox
- 2) Influenza
- 3) Epilepsy**
- 4) Measles
- 5) Rabies

9. International day of Non-Violence is observed every year on-

- 1) 15th August
- 2) 2nd October**
- 3) 26th January
- 4) 31st January
- 5) None of these

10. A new scheme has been announced in the Budget 2012-13, giving tax exemptions to first-time equity market investors. The scheme is titled as-

- 1) Rajiv Gandhi Equity Savings Scheme**
- 2) Rashtriya Equity Savings Scheme
- 3) National Equity Savings Scheme
- 4) Indira Gandhi Equity Savings Scheme
- 5) Prime Minister's Equity Savings Scheme

11. In addition to India and China, the following nations are also members of BRICS'-

- 1) Bangladesh, Russia and Sri Lanka
- 2) Belgium, Romania and South Africa
- 3) Belgium, Russia and Saudi Arabia
- 4) Brazil, Russia and South Africa**
- 5) Bhutan, Russia and Sri Lanka

12. Which of the following is a voluntary force raised to assist the police in controlling civil disturbances and communal riots?

- 1) Rapid Action Force
- 2) Central Industrial Security Force
- 3) National Security Guard
- 4) Central Reserve Police Force
- 5) Home Guards**

13. Who amongst the following is the recipient of Padma Vibhushan in 2012?

- 1) Jatin Das
- 2) Mario De Miranda**
- 3) Mira Nair
- 4) N. Vitthal
- 5) Limba Ram

14. Who amongst the following is the modern-day spiritual icon and the founder of Art of Living?

- 1) Baba Ram Dev
- 2) Acharya Rajneesh
- 3) Shri Narayan Guru
- 4) Narendra Dev Acharya
- 5) Shri Ravi Shankar**

15. Which of the following is the national flower of India?

- 1) Rose
- 2) Jasmine
- 3) Lily
- 4) Lotus**
- 5) Tulip

16. Which of the following is NOT the name of a space shuttle?

- 1) Enterprise
- 2) Columbia
- 3) Iris**
- 4) Discovery
- 5) Challenger

17. Which of the following is effectively a tax on the carbon dioxide emissions from burning fossil fuels?

- 1) Fuel Surcharge
- 2) Carbon Surcharge
- 3) Carbon tax
- 4) Hazardous emissions tax
- 5) Fuel Tax**

18. The term 'ATM' stands for

- 1) Alternate to Money
- 2) Automated Transaction Machine
- 3) Automated Teller Mechanism
- 4) Automatic Teller Mode**
- 5) Automated Teller Machine

19. Which of the following is a measure of the impact of our activities on the environment and in particular climate change?

- 1) Carbon Trajectory
- 2) Carbon Trail
- 3) Carbon Track
- 4) Carbon Footprint
- 5) Carbon Imprint**

20. Which of the following is a statutory quasi-judicial authority mandated by the Parliament to preserve the freedom of press and maintain and improve the standard of newspapers?

- 1) Press Trust of India
- 2) Press Information Bureau
- 3) United News of India
- 4) NAM News Network
- 5) **Press Council of India**

English Language:

Directions (Q. 1-10): In the following passage, there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words/ phrases are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word/ phrase in each case.

Once upon a time, Amarasakti ruled the city-state of Mahilaropyam in the south of India. He had three witless sons who became a matter of endless (1) for him. (2) that his sons had no interest in learning, the king summoned his ministers and said, "You know I am not happy with my sons. According to men of learning, an unborn son is better than a son who is a (3). A son who is stupid will bring dishonour to his father. How can I make my sons fit to be my (4)? I turn to you for advice". One of the ministers (5) the name of Vishnu Sharman, a great scholar enjoying the (6) of hundreds of his disciples. "He is the most (7) person to tutor your children. Entrust them to his care and very soon you will see the change". The king summoned Vishnu Sharman and pleaded with him "Oh, venerable scholar, take pity on me and please train my sons. Turn them into great scholars and I will be (8) to you all my life". Vishnu Sharman said, "Oh, king, count six months from today. If I do not make your children great scholars, you can ask me to change my (9)". The king immediately called his sons and handed them over to the care of the learned man. Sharman took them to his monastery where he (10) teaching them. Keeping his word, he finished the task the king entrusted to him in six months. Thus, the king, now, had scholars for sons.

1. 1) ache
- 2) **worry**
- 3) joy
- 4) pity
- 5) hazard

2. 1) fact
- 2) belief
- 3) since
- 4) **realising**
- 5) being

3. 1) stupid
- 2) brilliant
- 3) **fool**
- 4) uneducated
- 5) scholar

4. 1) self
- 2) places

3) successors

- 4) level
- 5) siblings

5. 1) suggested

- 2) requested
- 3) called
- 4) pointed
- 5) said

6. 1) teachings

- 2) attendance
- 3) glamour
- 4) rights

5) respect

7. 1) competent

- 2) right
- 3) easy
- 4) actual
- 5) skill

8. 1) happy

- 2) oblige
- 3) beside

4) indebted

- 5) disciple

9. 1) importance

2) name

- 3) clothes
- 4) location
- 5) life

10. 1) embark

- 2) mustered
- 3) begun
- 4) decided
- 5) started**

Directions (Q. 11-20): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words/ phrases have been printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions. A long time ago, on a big tree in the lap of a mountain, lived a bird named Sindhuka. It was a rather special bird because its droppings turned into gold as soon as they hit the ground.

One day, a hunter came to the tree in search of prey and he saw Sindhuka's droppings hit the ground and turn into gold. The hunter was struck with wonder. He thought, "I have been hunting birds and small animals since I was a boy, but in all my 80 years, I have never seen such a miraculous creature". He decided that he had to

catch the bird somehow. He climbed the tree and skillfully set a trap for the bird. The bird, quite unaware of the danger it was in, stayed on the tree and sang merrily. But it was soon caught in the hunter's trap. The hunter immediately seized it and shoved it into a cage.

The hunter took the bird home joyfully. But as he had time to think over his good fortune later, he suddenly realised, "If the king comes to know of this wonder, he will certainly take away the bird from me and he might even punish me for keeping such a rare treasure all to myself. So it would be safer and more honourable if I were to go to the king and present the unique bird to him".

The next day, the hunter took the bird to the king and presented it to him in court with great reverence. The king was delighted to receive such an unusual and rare gift. He told his courtiers to keep the bird safe and feed it with the best bird food available. The king's prime minister, though, was reluctant to accept the bird. He said "O Rajah, how can you believe the word of a foolish hunter and accept this bird? Has anyone in our kingdom ever seen a bird dropping gold? The hunter must be either crazy or telling lies. I think it is best that you release the bird from the cage". After a little thought, the king felt that his prime minister's words were correct. So he ordered the bird to be released. But as soon as the door of the cage was thrown open, the bird flew out, perched itself on a nearby doorway and defecated. To everyone's surprise, the dropping immediately turned into gold. The king mourned his loss.

11. Which of the following can possibly be the most appropriate title for the story?

- 1) The Skilled Hunter
- 2) The King's Prime Minister
- 3) The King's Defeat
- 4) The Bird With The Gold Dropping**
- 5) The Trials And Tribulations Of The Foolish Bird Sindhuka

12. Which of the following emotions made the hunter gift the bird to the king?

- 1) Respect
- 2) Joy
- 3) Pride
- 4) Fear**
- 5) Awe

13. Which of the following is TRUE according to the story?

- 1) Birds like Sindhuka were very common in the area near the mountain.
- 2) Sindhuka remained caged for the rest of its life.
- 3) Sindhuka was unaware of the trap laid by the hunter.**
- 4) The king, when told to not accept the bird, did not listen to his prime minister.
- 5) All are true.

14. Why was the king's prime minister reluctant to accept the bird?

- 1) He believed that the bird would die if caged.
- 2) He knew about the hunter's habit of lying.
- 3) He believed that the bird would bring bad luck to the king.
- 4) His sources had informed him that the hunter was crazy.
- 5) None of these.**

15. How did the hunter find Sindhuka?

- 1) He had read stories about the bird and had set traps at various locations in the city.
- 2) He followed the bird's droppings.
- 3) He was on the lookout for a prey when he chanced upon it.**
- 4) People from the city had informed him about the bird's whereabouts.
- 5) He was attracted by the bird's calls.

Directions (Q.16-18): Choose the word/ group of words which is most similar in meaning to the word/ group of words printed in bold as used in the passage.

16. RATHER

- 1) regular
- 2) quite**
- 3) instead
- 4) but
- 5) known

17. RELEASE

- 1) free**
- 2) vacate
- 3) vent
- 4) let expire
- 5) make public

18. REVERENCE

- 1) respect**
- 2) detail
- 3) astonishment
- 4) hope
- 5) remembrance

Directions (Q. 19-20): Choose the word which is most OPPOSITE in meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

19. RELUCTANT

- 1) true
- 2) clever
- 3) averse
- 4) hesitant
- 5) keen**

20. SKILFULLY

- 1) angrily
- 2) haphazardly**
- 3) highly
- 4) cheaply
- 5) deftly

Quantitative Aptitude:

Directions (Q. 1-5): What approximate value should come in place of question mark (?) in the following questions?(Note: You are not expected to calculate the exact value)

1. $11.304 (6.839 - 4.331) = ?$

- 1) **30**
- 2) 45
- 3) 16
- 4) 52
- 5) 12

2. $61 \div 24.879 \div (14.059 \div 6) = ?$

- 1) 110
- 2) **190**
- 3) 220
- 4) 348
- 5) 98

3. $(3.805)^2 \div 14.018 \div 5991 = ?$

- 1) 165
- 2) 305
- 3) 278
- 4) 128
- 5) **200**

4. $230 \div 2.017 \div 58.794 = ?$

- 1) 80
- 2) 102
- 3) **68**
- 4) 96
- 5) 77

5. $3451 \div 9.895 \div 3.0126 = ?$

- 1) **1050**
- 2) 1235
- 3) 990
- 4) 1360
- 5) 1248

6. A train running at the speed of 108 kmph, crosses a 365-metre long platform in 21 secs. What is the length of the train?

- 1) 260 metres
- 2) 275 metres
- 3) **265 metres**
- 4) 285 metres
- 5) None of these

7. In order to pass in an examination, a student is required to get 280 marks out of the aggregate marks. Hema got 264 marks and was declared failed by 2 per cent. What is the minimum passing percentage of the examination?

- 1) 33
- 2) 35**
- 3) 40
- 4) 44
- 5) None of these

8. The cost of 8 fans and 14 ovens is Rs.36520. What is the cost of 12 fans and 21 ovens (in Rs.)?

- 1) Rs.56,800
- 2) Rs.54780**
- 3) Rs.57950
- 4) Cannot be determined
- 5) None of these

9. The radius of a circular garden is 7 metres more than the length of a rectangle whose perimeter is 364 metres and breadth is 84 metres. What will be cost of fencing the garden (only at the circumference), if the cost of fencing is Rs.8 per metre?

- 1) Rs.5456
- 2) Rs.6144
- 3) Rs.5296
- 4) Rs.5280**
- 5) None of these

10. If $43x + 43y = 4816$, what is the average of x and y ?

- 1) 56
- 2) 112**
- 3) 62
- 4) 124
- 5) None of these

11. The average age of a man and his son is 28 years. The ratio of their ages is 3 : 1. What is the man's age?

- 1) 30 years
- 2) 38 years
- 3) 44 years
- 4) 42 years**
- 5) None of these

12. A car manufacturing plant manufactures 96 dozen cars in eight days. How many dozen cars will the plant manufacture in 17 days?

- 1) 210
- 2) 224
- 3) 204**
- 4) 209
- 5) None of these

13. A and B together can complete a piece of work in 16 days. B alone can complete the same work in 24 days.

In how many days can A alone complete the same work?

- 1) 34 days
- 2) 50 days
- 3) 48 days**
- 4) 42 days
- 5) None of these

14. Find the average of the following set of scores:142, 93, 102, 206, 115, 98.

- 1) 122
- 2) 106
- 3) 138
- 4) 117
- 5) None of these**

15. The average of four consecutive odd numbers P, Q, R and S respectively (in increasing order) is 104. What is the sum of P and S?

- 1) 204
- 2) 208**
- 3) 206
- 4) 212
- 5) None of these

Directions (Q.16-18): Study the given information carefully and answer the given questions. A is mother of B. B is sister of C. D is son of C. E is brother of D. F is mother of E. G is granddaughter of A. H has only two children- B and C.

16. How is F related to H?

- 1) Son-in-law
- 2) Daughter-in-law**
- 3) Father-in-law
- 4) Granddaughter
- 5) Cannot be determined

17. How is C related to E?

- 1) Father**
- 2) Son
- 3) Mother
- 4) Cousin brother
- 5) Cannot be determined

18. Who is mother of G?

- 1) G
- 2) B
- 3) F**
- 4) Either B or F
- 5) Either C or F

Directions (Q. 19-21): The following questions are based on the five three-letter words given below: FAN HOP GET CUB MID (NOTE: The words formed after performing the given operations may or may not be meaningful English words.)

19. If the positions of the first and the second letters of all the words are interchanged, how many words will form meaningful English words?

- 1) None
- 2) Three
- 3) One
- 4) Two
- 5) More than three

20. If all the letters in each of the words are arranged alphabetically (within the word), how many words will remain unchanged?

- 1) Two
- 2) Three
- 3) One
- 4) None
- 5) More than three

21. If the first letter of all the words is changed to the next letter of the English alphabetical series, how many words will have more than one vowel? (Same or different vowel)

- 1) None
- 2) Three
- 3) Two
- 4) More than three
- 5) One

22. Which of the following will come next in the following series? a z a b y a b c x a b c d w a b c d

- 1) f
- 2) u
- 3) a
- 4) v
- 5) e

23. In a certain code language, 'TONIC' is coded as 'CINOT' and 'SCALE' is coded as 'ACELS'. In the same code language, 'PLANK' will be coded as-

- 1) KNALP
- 2) AKNLP
- 3) AKLNP
- 4) AKPNL
- 5) Cannot be determined

24. Which of the following will come in place of question mark (?) in the following series based on the English alphabetical order? YS RM LH ? CA

- 1) DG
- 2) FD
- 3) GD

- 4) DF
- 5) GC

25. How many such pairs of letters are there in the word NEUTRAL, each of which has as many letters between them in the word (in both forward and backward directions) as they have between them in the English alphabetical series?

- 1) Two
- 2) Three**
- 3) None
- 4) One
- 5) More than three

Directions (Q. 26-30): Study the given information carefully and answer the given questions. Eight people- A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H - are sitting around a circular table facing the centre, not necessarily in the same order. Three people are sitting between A and D. B is sitting second to the right of A. C is on the immediate right of F. D is not an immediate neighbour of either F or E. H is not an immediate neighbour of B.

26. What is E's position with respect to G?

- 1) Third to the left
- 2) Second to the right
- 3) Third to the right
- 4) Second to the left**
- 5) Fifth to the right

27. Four of the following five are alike in a certain way based on their seating positions in the above arrangement and so form a group. Which of the following does not belong to the group?

- 1) GE
- 2) DC**
- 3) AF
- 4) AB
- 5) CE

28. Who is sitting third to the right of the one who is sitting on the immediate right of H?

- 1) A
- 2) B
- 3) E**
- 4) C
- 5) G

29. Which of the following is true regarding the given arrangement?

- 1) E is second to the left of C.
- 2) B is an immediate neighbour of G.**
- 3) H is an immediate neighbour of A.
- 4) D is not an immediate neighbour of H.
- 5) None is true.

30. How many people are sitting between H and A when counted from the right side of H?

- 1) Three

- 2) None
- 3) More than three
- 4) One
- 5) **Two**

Computer Knowledge:

1. ROM stands for-

- 1) Random Only Memory
- 2) Readable Only Memory
- 3) Real Online Memory
- 4) Random Other Memory
- 5) **Read Only Memory**

2. Another name for a logic chip is-

- 1) PROM
- 2) memory
- 3) **microprocessor**
- 4) ROM
- 5) None of these

3. The number system based on "0" and "1" only is known as-

- 1) **Binary System**
- 2) Barter System
- 3) Number System
- 4) Hexadecimal System
- 5) Special System

4. The capacity of 3.5 -inch floppy disk is-

- 1) 1.40 MB
- 2) 1.44 GB
- 3) 1.40 GB
- 4) 1.45 MB
- 5) **1.44 MB**

5. Which of the following is not an integral part of a computer-

- 1) CPU
- 2) Mouse
- 3) Monitor
- 4) **UPS**
- 5) None of these

6. Which of the following is not a part of the CPU?

- 1) **Primary storage**
- 2) Registers
- 3) Control unit
- 4) ALU
- 5) None of these

7. The device that reconciles differences between computers and phones is the-

- 1) LAN
- 2) wand reader
- 3) TCP/IF
- 4) scanner
- 5) **modem**

8. A combination of hardware and software that allows communication and electronic transfer of information between computers is a-

- 1) **Network**
- 2) Backup system
- 3) Server
- 4) Peripheral
- 5) Modem

9. Which of the following represents the fastest data transmission speed?

- 1) bandwidth
- 2) bps
- 3) **gbps**
- 4) kbps
- 5) mbps

10. What is the major feature of the World Wide Web that makes it simple to learn and use?

- 1) **Database interface**
- 2) Graphical text interface
- 3) Graphical user interface
- 4) Point-to-Point Protocol
- 5) None of these

11. Which of the following is an input device that, when moved by the user on a flat surface, causes a pointer on the screen to move accordingly?

- 1) wand reader
- 2) **mouse**
- 3) keyboard
- 4) bar-code-reader
- 5) scanner

12. A bar code reader is an example of a(n)-

- 1) processing device
- 2) storage device
- 3) **input device**
- 4) output device
- 5) printer

13. If you regularly send letters to people, what type of program would you use to create the letters?

- 1) Hardware
- 2) System software
- 3) Utility software

4) Application software

5) None of these

14. A computer gets--- with the help of mouse or keyboard-

1) insert

2) instructions

3) guidance

4) input

5) None of these

15. Dot-matrix is a type of-

1) tape

2) printer

3) disk

4) bus

5) None of these

16. Which of the following represents one billion characters?

1) Byte

2) Gigabyte

3) Kilobyte

4) Megabyte

5) Terabyte

17. Which of the following menu types is also called a drop down menu?

1) Fly-down

2) Pop-down

3) Pop-up

4) Pull-up

5) Pull-Down

18. What is an onscreen picture that represents objects, such as a program or file?

1) Spool

2) NOS

3) Page

4) Pointer

5) Icon

19. Which of the following is not necessary to be considered computer-literate?

1) The ability to write the instructions that direct a computer

2) An awareness of the computer's importance, versatility, and pervasiveness in society

3) Knowledge of what computers are and how they work

4) The ability to interact with computers using simple applications

5) None of these

20. An area of the microprocessor chip used to temporarily store instructions and data that the processor is likely to use frequently is termed a(n)-

1) ALU

- 2) Bus
- 3) Cache**
- 4) CPU
- 5) Flash

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