

**SSC Combined Higher Secondary  
Level Exam Question Paper  
Held on 4-12-2011 (First Sitting)**



PART – II

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

**Directions :** In Question Nos. 51 to 55, some parts of the sentence have errors and some are correct. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and blacken the rectangle [■] corresponding to the appropriate letter (A, B, C). If a sentence is free from errors, blacken the rectangle corresponding to (D) in the Answer Sheet.

51. Supposing if / it rains /  
(A) (B)  
what shall we do ? / No error.  
(C) (D)
52. The captain along with his team /  
(A)  
are practising very hard /  
(B)  
for the forthcoming match. / No error.  
(C) (D)
53. It was him / who came running /  
(A) (B)  
into the classroom. / No error.  
(C) (D)
54. The capital of Yemen / is situating /  
(A) (B)  
2190 metres above the sea level. /  
(C)  
No error.  
(D)
55. Ram was / senior to /  
(A) (B)  
Sam in college. / No error.  
(C) (D)

**Directions :** In Question Nos. 56 to 60, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by blackening the appropriate rectangle [■] in the Answer Sheet.

56. For a child, a blow \_\_\_\_ self-esteem is a terrible thing.  
(A) of (B) with  
(C) to (D) on
57. The Greenland ice sheet is \_\_\_\_\_ at the rate of about 12 cubic miles a year.  
(A) smelting (B) condensing  
(C) melting (D) freezing
58. The Principal called \_\_\_\_\_ an explanation from the clerks.  
(A) on (B) out  
(C) for (D) in
59. The \_\_\_\_\_ crowd gave the victorious team a tumultuous welcome.  
(A) jubilant  
(B) troublesome  
(C) noisy  
(D) arrogant
60. It is our duty to get \_\_\_\_\_ the truth.  
(A) to (B) over  
(C) into (D) at

**Directions :** In Question Nos. 61 to 65, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word and mark it in the Answer Sheet.

61. defer  
(A) indifferent (B) defy  
(C) differ (D) postpone
62. cease  
(A) begin (B) stop  
(C) create (D) dull
63. pious  
(A) religious (B) sympathetic  
(C) afraid (D) faithful
64. abandon  
(A) forsake (B) keep  
(C) cherish (D) enlarge
65. cancel  
(A) abolish (B) approve  
(C) allow (D) break

**Directions :** In Question Nos. 66 to 70, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word and mark it in the Answer Sheet.

66. stingy  
(A) clean (B) tight  
(C) generous (D) cheap
67. barren  
(A) fertile (B) rich  
(C) prosperous (D) positive
68. virtue  
(A) vice (B) failure  
(C) fault (D) offence

69. nervous  
(A) flawless (B) immature  
(C) smooth (D) composed

70. confident  
(A) worried (B) pessimistic  
(C) diffident (D) depressed

**Directions :** In Question Nos. 71 to 75, four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/ phrase and mark it in the Answer Sheet.

71. to look down one's nose  
(A) to show anger  
(B) to retaliate  
(C) to insult in the presence of others  
(D) to regard with contempt
72. to shed crocodile tears  
(A) to weep profusely  
(B) to pretend grief  
(C) to grieve seriously  
(D) to mock something
73. by putting two and two together  
(A) to mix several things  
(B) to make an arithmetical calculation  
(C) to keep people in pairs  
(D) to deduce from given facts
74. to go scot-free  
(A) to walk like a native of Scotland  
(B) to get something free  
(C) to escape without punishment  
(D) to save tax
75. at the eleventh hour  
(A) at eleven O'clock  
(B) at the wrong time  
(C) at the last possible moment  
(D) at the initial moment itself

**Directions :** In Question Nos. 76 to 80, a part of the sentence is underlined which may need improvement. Alternatives are given at (A), (B) and (C) below, which may be better option. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (D). Blacken the appropriate rectangle [■] in the Answer Sheet.

76. The cheapest electronic good are manufactured in China.  
(A) electronical good  
(B) electrical good  
(C) electronic goods  
(D) No improvement
77. I have been living in Delhi from 1989.  
(A) ever since  
(B) since  
(C) in  
(D) No improvement
78. He is a descendant from the Mughal royalty.  
(A) of  
(B) in  
(C) for  
(D) No improvement
79. Mary would not go to the market unless I go with her.  
(A) shall go  
(B) went  
(C) would go  
(D) No improvement
80. Flowers embellishment the beauty of our surroundings.  
(A) replenish  
(B) enhance  
(C) destroys  
(D) No improvement

**Directions :** In Question Nos. 81 to 85, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

81. Murder of a man  
(A) Regicide  
(B) Fratricide  
(C) Homicide  
(D) Genocide
82. Use of force or threats to get someone to agree to something  
(A) Coercion  
(B) Conviction  
(C) Confession  
(D) Cajolement
83. Animal that feeds on plants  
(A) Carnivorous  
(B) Herbivorous  
(C) Insectivorous  
(D) Graminivorous
84. A number of stars grouped together  
(A) Orbit  
(B) Constellation  
(C) Solar system  
(D) Comet
85. Lasting only for a very short while  
(A) Transparent  
(B) Temporal  
(C) Temporary  
(D) Temperate

**Directions :** In Question Nos. 86 to 90, group of four words are given. In each group one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word and mark it in the Answer Sheet.

86. (A) livelihood (B) livlyhood  
(C) livlihood (D) livelyhud
87. (A) foyere (B) foayer  
(C) foyer (D) fouyer
88. (A) lassivous (B) lacivoius  
(C) lascivious (D) lasivious
89. (A) enemyty (B) enemity  
(C) enmity (D) enmety
90. (A) irelevant (B) irrelavent  
(C) irelevent (D) irrelevant

**Directions :** (Question Nos. 91 to 100) In the following passage some of the words have been left out. First read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Mark your answer in the Answer Sheet.

It was a sudden decision. Three of us all 91 in the hostel, decided to travel by train to 92 and witness the Republic Day Parade. The station was heavily 93 and there was a long queue before the ticket counter. 94 pretended sickness and persuaded the man nearest to the 95 to buy three more tickets – one for him and 96 for his sisters. No problem, therefore,

in buying tickets. 97 train was already at the platform and there was 98 mad rush among the passengers to get on the coaches. Hari would not be worried by 99. He asked 100 to jump over the bumper between two coaches to get on to the other side.

91. (A) roommates (B) strangers  
(C) classmates (D) friends
92. (A) Calcutta (B) Hyderabad  
(C) Chennai (D) Delhi
93. (A) guarded (B) thronged  
(C) crowded (D) filled
94. (A) She (B) Hari  
(C) They (D) You
95. (A) door (B) window  
(C) counter (D) enhance
96. (A) three (B) four  
(C) one (D) two
97. (A) The (B) A  
(C) An (D) No
98. (A) a (B) an  
(C) the (D) not
99. (A) things (B) everything  
(C) anything (D) something
100. (A) them (B) us  
(C) we (D) they

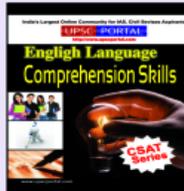


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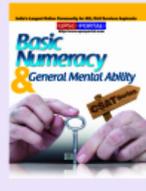
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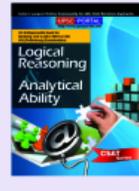
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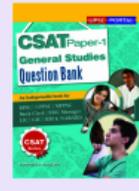
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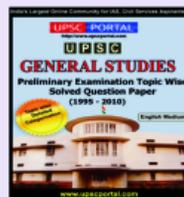
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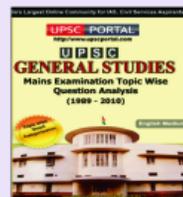


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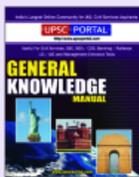


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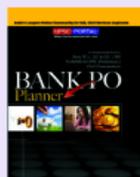


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