

SBI Clerk Prelims Memory Based Paper 2025 (On 21st Sept. _1st Shift)

Directions (1-2): In the question below, a part is omitted which is then replaced by a blank. Choose the word from the given options that will fit into the blank most appropriately.

- The health awareness drive _____ citizens across all districts to adopt better hygiene practices.
(a) aimed (b) reached (c) targeted (d) intended (e) motivated
- _____ can authorities implement stricter policies to reduce urban pollution effectively?
(a) What (b) When (c) How (d) Where (e) Whom

Directions (3-7): Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical or idiomatic error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The corresponding letter of that part is the answer. If the given sentence is correct as it is, then choose option 'No error' as your answer response. (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any).

- The committee members (A)/ has submitted (B)/ their final report (C)/ to the chairman yesterday. (D)
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) No error
- He was accustomed (A)/ with working (B)/ long hours (C)/ without any complaints. (D)
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) No error
- Neither the manager (A)/ nor the employees (B)/ were informed (C)/ about the sudden audit. (D)
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) No error
- She has been (A)/ working tirelessly (B)/ on the project (C)/ since past three months. (D)
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) No error
- The director announced (A)/ that the firm will launch (B)/ its new product (C)/ by end of next quarter. (D)
(a) A (b) B (c) C (d) D (e) No error

Directions (8-17): Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

Meera Lal started a small handloom weaving unit in her village nearly three decades ago, driven by a passion to preserve the age-old craft of natural-dye weaving that her grandmother had taught her. At a time when synthetic textiles were flooding the market and tempting many rural artisans to abandon traditional methods, Meera chose to remain committed to hand-spun yarn and vegetable dyes. Each piece of cloth that emerged from her loom was a patient creation, carrying the quiet confidence of someone who understood the language of threads. Over the years, Meera trained dozens of young women from neighbouring villages, sharing not just the technical skills but also the belief that their work mattered. In 2002, her daughters and nieces _____ the enterprise, expanding its reach to craft fairs and urban boutiques while keeping the design vocabulary rooted in tradition. They enriched the range by introducing embroidered borders and natural-block printing, giving each textile an identity unmistakably its own. Buyers who purchased a piece from Meera's unit needed no brochure to explain its value; the quality of the weave itself told the story.

Today, the weaving unit resembles a living archive of an endangered art form. Visitors who step inside are greeted by the rhythmic sound of looms and the sight of vibrant fabrics drying in the sun. Meera's granddaughter, Priya, now works alongside the older weavers, adding her own creative instincts to the family tradition. The enterprise that Meera founded decades ago - and which her family has nurtured across generations - stands as proof that dedication

and skill can sustain art through changing times, keeping alive a heritage where excellence speaks louder than trends.

8. Which of the following best explains why buyers trusted the quality of Meera's textiles?
 - (a) The fabrics came with detailed brochures explaining their heritage.
 - (b) Urban boutiques certified and endorsed every piece produced.
 - (c) The craftsmanship and weave quality itself conveyed the value.
 - (d) Government agencies provided quality certificates to the unit.
 - (e) The textiles were tested in international laboratories before sale.
9. What can be inferred about the transition of the weaving unit in 2002?
 - (a) It was a forced handover due to Meera's declining health.
 - (b) The family expanded the reach while preserving traditional design roots.
 - (c) The unit shifted entirely to machine-based production methods.
 - (d) Outsiders took over the business, rebranding it completely.
 - (e) The daughters discontinued natural dyes to increase profit margins.
10. Which of the following statements is CORRECT according to the passage?
 - (A) Meera trained several young women from neighbouring villages.
 - (B) In 2002, the unit was sold to a private textile company.
 - (C) Embroidered borders and block printing were later additions.
 - (a) Only A (b) Both A and B (c) Both B and C (d) Both A and C (e) Only C
11. According to the passage, Meera Lal _____ (A) started the unit to preserve the natural-dye weaving craft. (B) was trained by her grandmother. (C) received funding from the government to expand the unit.
 - (a) Only A (b) Both A and C (c) Both A and B (d) Only B (e) Only C
12. Which of the following best describes the present state of Meera's weaving unit?
 - (a) A declining enterprise struggling with modern competition.
 - (b) A government-funded craft museum open to tourists.
 - (c) A living archive of an endangered art form.
 - (d) A large-scale textile factory supplying international brands.
 - (e) A training institute for fashion designers.
13. Which factor best explains why visitors are drawn to Meera's unit even today?
 - (a) The attractive prices offered on bulk orders.
 - (b) The rhythmic sounds of looms and vibrant fabrics in the setting.
 - (c) The availability of synthetic textiles alongside traditional ones.
 - (d) The government incentives announced for craft tourism.
 - (e) The presence of modern embroidery machines in the unit.
14. Choose the most suitable phrase to fill the given blank in the passage.
 - (a) handed over (b) lost interest in (c) took charge of (d) walked away from
 - (e) borrowed capital from



15. Choose the word with the same meaning as 'preserve' used in the passage.
 (a) destroy (b) maintain (c) transfer (d) invent (e) modify
16. Choose the word with the opposite meaning as 'tempting' used in the passage.
 (a) alluring (b) appealing (c) repelling (d) attracting (e) inviting
17. Choose the word with the same meaning as 'nurtured' used in the passage.
 (a) neglected (b) disrupted (c) fostered (d) abandoned (e) ignored
18. In the question below, two columns are given, each containing three phrases/sentences. Choose the option that will connect the phrases to form meaningful and correct sentences. Column

Column I	Column II
A. The ancient map on the wall	D. echoed across the empty hall
B. The child's joyful scream	E. and wrapped it around her wrist
C. She removed the bandage from the kit	F. guided them through the forest

- (a) A-F, B-D, C-E (b) A-D, B-F, C-E (c) A-F, C-E (d) A-E, B-D, C-F (e) A-D, C-F

Directions (19-24): In the following question, a passage is given with few blanks. Choose the most suitable option for the respective blank to make it grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.

From a young age, Arjun _____ (A) an interest in astronomy during summer holidays spent stargazing with his grandfather on the rooftop. His grandfather patiently explained the names of constellations and the stories behind them. Observing the moon through a small telescope _____ (B) Arjun a sense of wonder and curiosity. Over time, _____ (C) the stars became more than a pastime; it became his way of understanding the universe. As he grew older, Arjun noticed people _____ (D) the night sky with artificial light, making it harder to observe stars from cities. This troubled him greatly. He _____ (E) that individual awareness was not enough if the broader environment continued to suffer. With the _____ (F) of raising awareness about light pollution, Arjun organised community campaigns, contacted local authorities, and wrote articles for science journals. His efforts slowly inspired policy discussions around responsible urban lighting and the importance of preserving dark-sky zones for future generations.

19. Which of the following is most suitable to fill the **blank (A)**?
 (a) developed (b) ignored (c) abandoned (d) concealed (e) resisted
20. Which of the following is most suitable to fill the **blank (B)**?
 (a) gave (b) offered (c) lent (d) refused (e) denied
21. Which of the following is most suitable to fill the **blank (C)**?
 (a) watching (b) avoiding (c) ignoring (d) studying (e) neglecting
22. Which of the following is most suitable to fill the **blank (D)**?
 (a) brightening (b) preserving (c) polluting (d) protecting (e) observing
23. Which of the following is most suitable to fill the **blank (E)**?
 (a) assumed (b) realised (c) imagined (d) doubted (e) decided
24. Which of the following is most suitable to fill the **blank (F)**?
 (a) dream (b) intention (c) hesitation (d) plan (e) thought



Directions (25-27): For the following question, a sentence is provided with a few highlighted words that may be incorrectly positioned. Choose the correct sequence to rearrange these words, ensuring the sentence is both grammatically and contextually correct.

25. The **startled** (A) of the **sudden** (B) thunder **noise** (C) him.
 (a) ACB (b) BAC (c) CAB (d) CBA (e) No rearrangement required
26. She was trying to **escape** (A) and couldn't **hide** (B) **anywhere** (C).
 (a) ACB (b) BAC (c) CAB (d) CBA (e) No rearrangement required
27. The **refreshed** (A) breeze **morning** (B) the **cool** (C) air.
 (a) ACB (b) BAC (c) CAB (d) CBA (e) No rearrangement required
28. The question below contains a bolded word, followed by three sentences. Identify the sentence(s) where the meaning of the given word is used accurately.

SURGE

(A) There was a sudden **surge** in online transactions during the festive season.

(B) The surgeon decided to **surge** the patient's fever using medication.

(C) The crowd **surged** forward as the gates of the stadium opened.

- (a) Only A (b) Both B and C (c) Only C (d) Only A and C (e) All A, B, C

Directions (29-30): The following question gives a sentence which has been divided into five parts which may not be in their correct order of narrative. The sentence is then followed by five options, one of which gives the sequence of the rearranged parts to make the sentence meaningful. Choose the option which gives the correct sequence of the parts. If the sentence is already arranged in the correct sequence, mark option 'No rearrangement required' as the answer.

29. (A) of the ancient city (B) the archaeologist spoke (C) at the conference (D) about the buried ruins (E) discovered last winter
 (a) CBEAD (b) BCDAE (c) BDAEC (d) DCEBA
 (e) No rearrangement required
30. (A) behind the misty mountains (B) the lone traveller stood (C) watching the sun (D) as it descended slowly (E) into the horizon
 (a) CBEAD (b) BCDAE (c) BCEAD (d) BCEDA
 (e) No rearrangement required

ANSWER KEYS SBICLK PRE PAPER- (3)

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ANS.	A	C	B	B	D	E	C	D	B	B										