

SSC CGL English Questions with Solutions PDF

1. She insisted on him to attend the meeting yesterday.

- a) She insisted
- b) on him
- c) to attend
- d) yesterday

Answer: b) on him

Explanation: The correct structure is "insist on someone **doing** something," so it should be "insisted on him **attending** the meeting."

2. Neither the manager nor the employees was aware of the new policy.

- a) Neither the manager
- b) nor the employees
- c) was aware
- d) of the new policy

Answer: c) was aware

Explanation: With "neither...nor," the verb agrees with the **closest subject**, "employees," which is plural. Correct form: "were aware."

3. If I was in your position, I would have accepted the offer.

- a) If I was
- b) in your position
- c) I would have accepted
- d) the offer

Answer: a) If I was

Explanation: For hypothetical situations in the past, use "**If I were**" instead of "If I was."

4. He is not only talented ____ also hardworking.

- a) or
- b) but
- c) and
- d) as

Answer: b) but

Explanation: The correct correlative conjunction is "not only...**but also**."

5. Had she known about the results, she ____ faster.

- a) reacts
- b) would react
- c) would have reacted
- d) reacted

Answer: c) would have reacted

Explanation: Third conditional is used for past hypothetical situations: "Had + past participle, would have + past participle."

6. The teacher insisted that every student ____ their homework on time.

- a) submits
- b) submit
- c) submitted
- d) submitting

Answer: b) submit

Explanation: After verbs like "insist that," the **subjunctive form** is used, which is base form: "submit."

7. If there ____ more time, I would have finished the project.

- a) is
- b) was
- c) had been
- d) would be

Answer: c) had been

Explanation: This is a third conditional sentence; past hypothetical requires "had been."

8. The company will hire more engineers ____ the expansion plan is approved.

- a) although
- b) until
- c) unless
- d) if

Answer: d) if

Explanation: The correct conditional conjunction here is "if": "will hire...**if** the plan is approved."

9. She was advised to ____ the terms carefully before signing the contract.

- a) read
- b) reads
- c) reading
- d) has read

Answer: a) read

Explanation: After "advised to," the verb is in the **base form**.

10. I wish I ____ more time to complete the assignment.

- a) have
- b) had
- c) will have
- d) having

Answer: b) had

Explanation: Expressing a present unreal wish uses past tense: "I wish I **had** more time."

11. The manager, along with his assistants, ____ attending the conference.

- a) are
- b) were
- c) is
- d) have

Answer: c) is

Explanation: The main subject is "The manager" (singular); phrases like "along with" do **not change the verb**.

12. He entered the room quietly, ____ everyone noticed him.

- a) so
- b) but
- c) although
- d) yet

Answer: d) yet

Explanation: "Yet" is correct to contrast the quiet entrance with the fact everyone noticed him.

13. Hardly had I reached the station ____ the train left.

- a) than
- b) when
- c) that
- d) which

Answer: b) when

Explanation: With "Hardly...", the correct conjunction is **when**: "Hardly had I...**when** the train left."

14. The minister's speech was not only informative ____ inspiring.

- a) but
- b) and
- c) or
- d) as

Answer: a) but

Explanation: Correlative conjunction: "not only...**but** inspiring."

15. She has been working here ____ 2010.

- a) for
- b) since
- c) from
- d) by

Answer: b) since

Explanation: "Since" is used with a specific point in time: "since 2010."

16. It is high time we ____ a decision regarding the new policy.

- a) make
- b) makes
- c) made
- d) making

Answer: c) made

Explanation: After "It is high time," the verb is in the **past tense**: "we made a decision."

17. The proposal, along with the documents, ____ approved yesterday.

- a) are
- b) were
- c) was
- d) be

Answer: c) was

Explanation: Main subject is "proposal" (singular), so singular verb **was** is correct.

18. Scarcely had the meeting begun ____ the fire alarm rang.

- a) than
- b) when
- c) that
- d) as

Answer: b) when

Explanation: Similar to "hardly had...", use "when" for proper conjunction.

19. I do not know ____ he will attend the seminar.

- a) if
- b) whether
- c) both a & b
- d) none

Answer: c) both a & b

Explanation: "If" and "whether" can both introduce indirect yes/no questions.

20. The new policy aims to benefit not only employees ____ also stakeholders.

- a) but
- b) and
- c) or
- d) as

Answer: a) but

Explanation: Correct correlative pair: "not only...**but also**."

21. Despite his efforts, he could not finish the task on time, ____ he worked late.

- a) although
- b) because
- c) but
- d) so

Answer: a) although

Explanation: "Although" is used to show contrast: despite working late, he couldn't finish.

22. The teacher asked me ____ my homework before leaving the class.

- a) to complete
- b) complete
- c) completing
- d) completes

Answer: a) to complete

Explanation: After "asked," use "to + verb" for correct infinitive form.

23. She runs faster than any of her classmates, ____ she trains every day.

- a) so
- b) because
- c) although
- d) unless

Answer: b) because

Explanation: The speed is explained by reason, so "because" is correct.

24. It is important that everyone ____ their ID card while entering the office.

- a) carries
- b) carry
- c) carried
- d) carrying

Answer: b) carry

Explanation: Subjunctive mood is used after "It is important that," so base form "carry" is correct.

25. I would have helped him if I ____ about his problem.

- a) know
- b) had known
- c) knew
- d) have known

Answer: b) had known

Explanation: Third conditional: past unreal situation requires "had + past participle."

26. The new regulations are not only confusing ____ also unnecessary.

- a) but
- b) and
- c) or
- d) as

Answer: a) but

Explanation: Correlative conjunction "not only...**but also**" is correct.

27. Hardly had the train started ____ it began raining heavily.

- a) than
- b) when
- c) as

d) that

Answer: b) when

Explanation: After "Hardly had...", the correct conjunction is "when."

28. I wish I ____ the answer to his question yesterday.

a) knew

b) know

c) had known

d) has known

Answer: c) had known

Explanation: Past unreal wish uses past perfect: "I wish I **had known**."

29. Neither of the applicants ____ qualified for the post.

a) were

b) are

c) has

d) have

Answer: c) has

Explanation: "Neither" is singular, so singular verb "has" is correct.

30. The officer demanded that the report ____ immediately.

a) submit

b) submits

c) be submitted

d) submitting

Answer: c) be submitted

Explanation: Subjunctive mood after "demanded that": "be + past participle."

31. The politician, along with his aides, ____ speaking at the conference.

a) are

b) is

c) were

d) have been

Answer: b) is

Explanation: The main subject "politician" is singular; "along with" does not change verb agreement.

32. You should have informed me earlier, ____ I could have arranged things.

a) so

b) because

c) although

d) but

Answer: a) so

Explanation: "So" indicates result: earlier information would result in arrangement.

33. She has been preparing for the exam ____ six months.

a) for

b) since

c) from

d) by

Answer: a) for

Explanation: "For" is used with duration: "for six months."

34. He is as diligent ____ his brother in completing tasks.

a) like

b) as

c) than

d) so

Answer: b) as

Explanation: Correct correlative comparison: "as diligent **as**."

35. It is high time they ____ a proper strategy for the project.

- a) form
- b) formed
- c) forming
- d) forms

Answer: b) formed

Explanation: "It is high time" requires past tense for present/future action.

36. She couldn't attend the seminar, ____ she had prior commitments.

- a) although
- b) because
- c) yet
- d) and

Answer: b) because

Explanation: Reason for missing the seminar is "prior commitments," so "because" is correct.

37. I don't know whether he ____ the invitation or not.

- a) accept
- b) accepts
- c) accepted
- d) will accept

Answer: d) will accept

Explanation: Future possibility is introduced with "whether": "will accept" is correct.

38. The committee recommended that the proposal ____ approved immediately.

- a) is
- b) be
- c) was
- d) being

Answer: b) be

Explanation: Subjunctive mood after "recommended that": "be approved."

39. No sooner had the match started ____ it began to rain.

- a) than
- b) when
- c) as
- d) that

Answer: a) than

Explanation: Idiomatic expression "No sooner...**than**" is correct.

40. I would rather you ____ honest with me about the issue.

- a) are
- b) were
- c) be
- d) being

Answer: b) were

Explanation: After "would rather," past tense is used for present/future hypothetical situations.

41. She would have passed the exam easily if she ____ more time for preparation.

- a) has
- b) had

- c) will have
- d) having

Answer: b) had

Explanation: Third conditional: past unreal situation requires "had + past participle."

42. The teacher insisted that he ____ his assignment before the deadline.

- a) submits
- b) submit
- c) submitted
- d) submitting

Answer: b) submit

Explanation: Subjunctive mood after "insisted that": base form "submit" is correct.

43. He hardly ever goes to office, ____ he is known for his punctuality.

- a) although
- b) because
- c) but
- d) so

Answer: a) although

Explanation: Contrast is shown; "although" fits.

44. By the time she arrived, the train ____ already left.

- a) has
- b) had
- c) will have
- d) is

Answer: b) had

Explanation: Past perfect tense is used for an action completed before another past action.

45. He gave me the book, ____ I returned it the next day.

- a) but
- b) so
- c) and
- d) because

Answer: c) and

Explanation: "And" connects two actions in sequence.

46. It's essential that every candidate ____ their documents at the time of interview.

- a) brings
- b) bring
- c) brought
- d) bringing

Answer: b) bring

Explanation: Subjunctive mood after "It's essential that": base form "bring" is used.

47. I don't know the reason ____ he left the party early.

- a) why
- b) that
- c) which
- d) what

Answer: a) why

Explanation: "Reason" is followed by "why" to indicate cause.

48. The government has launched several initiatives, ____ education and

health.

- a) like
- b) such as
- c) as
- d) for

Answer: b) such as

Explanation: "Such as" introduces examples correctly.

49. They would have reached the station on time if the traffic ____ heavy.

- a) isn't
- b) was
- c) had been
- d) were

Answer: c) had been

Explanation: Third conditional: past unreal condition uses "had + past participle."

50. If I ____ the manager, I would have asked him about the promotion.

- a) am
- b) were
- c) had been
- d) be

Answer: c) had been

Explanation: Third conditional: hypothetical past event requires past perfect.

51. The book on the table, along with the notebooks, ____ to be returned tomorrow.

- a) need
- b) needs
- c) needing
- d) needed

Answer: b) needs

Explanation: The main subject "book" is singular; "along with" doesn't change verb agreement.

52. I wish I ____ able to attend the seminar last week.

- a) were
- b) am
- c) had been
- d) have been

Answer: c) had been

Explanation: Past unreal wish uses past perfect: "had been."

53. He behaves ____ he knows everything.

- a) as if
- b) although
- c) because
- d) so that

Answer: a) as if

Explanation: "As if" is used for hypothetical comparisons or unreal situations.

54. Hardly had the meeting started ____ the CEO entered the room.

- a) than
- b) when
- c) as
- d) that

Answer: b) when

Explanation: After "Hardly had...", the correct conjunction is "when."

55. She is one of those students who ____ always prepared for exams.

- a) is
- b) are
- c) was
- d) have been

Answer: b) are

Explanation: Relative clause refers to "those students," which is plural, so "are" is correct.

56. I would rather he ____ the truth instead of hiding it.

- a) tell
- b) tells
- c) told
- d) telling

Answer: c) told

Explanation: After "would rather," past tense is used for present/future hypothetical situations.

57. It was a difficult decision, ____ he made it confidently.

- a) so
- b) although
- c) because
- d) and

Answer: b) although

Explanation: Contrast is shown: "although he made it confidently" fits the context.

58. The principal demanded that the students ____ quiet during the ceremony.

- a) remain
- b) remains
- c) remained
- d) remaining

Answer: a) remain

Explanation: Subjunctive mood after "demanded that": base form "remain" is correct.

59. He is accused ____ embezzling funds from the organization.

- a) for
- b) of
- c) with
- d) about

Answer: b) of

Explanation: Correct collocation: "accused of" is standard usage.

60. I am confident that she ____ the challenge successfully.

- a) will meet
- b) meets
- c) met
- d) would meet

Answer: a) will meet

Explanation: Future certainty requires "will + verb": "will meet."

61. Neither the manager nor the employees ____ willing to compromise on the terms.

- a) is
- b) are
- c) were
- d) be

Answer: a) is

Explanation: When subjects are joined by "neither...nor," the verb agrees with the nearer subject. "Employees" is plural, but formal style often takes singular "is" in such cases.

62.If only I ____ more time to complete the project, I would have done better.

- a) have
- b) had
- c) had had
- d) having

Answer: c) had had

Explanation: Past unreal condition requires past perfect in "if only" clauses.

63.The CEO, along with his advisors, ____ to attend the conference in London.

- a) plans
- b) plan
- c) planning
- d) planned

Answer: a) plans

Explanation: "Along with" does not make the subject plural; main subject "CEO" is singular.

64.It's high time we ____ a solution for the ongoing issues.

- a) find
- b) finds
- c) found
- d) finding

Answer: c) found

Explanation: "It's high time" takes past tense to indicate urgency for present/future action.

65.She had hardly finished her speech ____ the lights went out.

- a) when
- b) than
- c) and
- d) as

Answer: a) when

Explanation: "Hardly...when" is the correct structure for past events.

66.The teacher explained the problem in such a way ____ everyone could understand it.

- a) which
- b) that
- c) who
- d) whom

Answer: b) that

Explanation: "In such a way that" introduces the result clause.

67.I am looking forward to ____ you at the conference next week.

- a) meet
- b) meeting
- c) met
- d) meets

Answer: b) meeting

Explanation: After "looking forward to," a gerund (verb+ing) is used.

68.The project, ____ cost was higher than expected, was completed on time.

- a) which
- b) whose

- c) who
- d) whom

Answer: b) whose

Explanation: "Whose" indicates possession; "whose cost" is correct.

69. Few students, if any, ____ completed the assignment correctly.

- a) has
- b) have
- c) had
- d) having

Answer: b) have

Explanation: "Few students" is plural; verb agrees with plural subject.

70. He suggested that the meeting ____ postponed until next week.

- a) is
- b) be
- c) was
- d) been

Answer: b) be

Explanation: Subjunctive mood after "suggested that": base form "be" is correct.

71. I would not have missed the opportunity ____ it been so expensive.

- a) if
- b) unless
- c) though
- d) because

Answer: a) if

Explanation: Third conditional structure uses "if + past perfect" for past unreal situations.

72. Not only the manager but also the assistants ____ aware of the new guidelines.

- a) is
- b) are
- c) was
- d) be

Answer: b) are

Explanation: "Not only...but also" – verb agrees with the nearer subject "assistants" (plural).

73. He behaves as if he ____ the owner of the company.

- a) is
- b) were
- c) was
- d) will be

Answer: b) were

Explanation: Hypothetical situation: "as if" + past subjunctive.

74. By the time we reached, the ceremony ____ already started.

- a) had
- b) has
- c) will have
- d) was

Answer: a) had

Explanation: Past perfect indicates an action completed before another past action.

75. I insist that he ____ the documents immediately.

- a) submits
- b) submit
- c) submitted
- d) submitting

Answer: b) submit

Explanation: Subjunctive mood after "insist that": base form "submit."

76. He left the office without ____ goodbye to anyone.

- a) say
- b) saying
- c) said
- d) says

Answer: b) saying

Explanation: Preposition "without" is followed by gerund (verb+ing).

77. The committee demanded that the report ____ by Friday.

- a) is submitted
- b) be submitted
- c) submitted
- d) submitting

Answer: b) be submitted

Explanation: Subjunctive mood for formal recommendation/demand.

78. Rarely ____ he seen such dedication in an employee.

- a) has
- b) have
- c) had
- d) having

Answer: a) has

Explanation: Inversion after "rarely" requires auxiliary verb before subject.

79. I would prefer you ____ to the manager directly.

- a) talk
- b) talks
- c) talking
- d) talked

Answer: a) talk

Explanation: After "would prefer" + object, base form is used.

80. She speaks English so fluently ____ she lived in London for five years.

- a) because
- b) that
- c) although
- d) as

Answer: b) that

Explanation: "So...that" structure shows result: fluency is result of living in London.

81. Hardly ____ the meeting started when the fire alarm went off.

- a) did
- b) had
- c) has
- d) was

Answer: b) had

Explanation: "Hardly...when" requires past perfect for the first action.

82. The manager, along with his team, ____ attending the conference in Delhi.

- a) is
- b) are

- c) was
- d) were

Answer: a) is

Explanation: "Along with" does not change the singular subject "manager."

83. She acts ____ she knows everything.

- a) as if
- b) like
- c) such that
- d) although

Answer: a) as if

Explanation: "As if" is correct for hypothetical or unreal situations.

84. If he ____ earlier, he would not have missed the train.

- a) leaves
- b) had left
- c) left
- d) has left

Answer: b) had left

Explanation: Third conditional requires past perfect for unreal past condition.

85. I wish I ____ more time to complete the assignment.

- a) have
- b) had
- c) had had
- d) has

Answer: b) had

Explanation: "I wish" + past tense expresses a present unreal desire.

86. She is capable of doing the task by herself, ____ her colleagues.

- a) unlike
- b) unlike to
- c) unlike of
- d) unlike than

Answer: a) unlike

Explanation: "Unlike" is used to contrast two entities without prepositions.

87. It's necessary that everyone ____ on time for the meeting.

- a) is
- b) be
- c) was
- d) been

Answer: b) be

Explanation: Subjunctive mood after "necessary that" uses base form.

88. The book, ____ was written by a famous author, is available online.

- a) who
- b) which
- c) whom
- d) whose

Answer: b) which

Explanation: "Which" refers to the book (inanimate object).

89. Neither the students nor the teacher ____ willing to accept the new rule.

- a) is
- b) are
- c) were
- d) be

Answer: a) is

Explanation: With "neither...nor," verb agrees with nearer subject (singular "teacher").

90. He would have succeeded ____ he worked harder.

- a) if
- b) unless
- c) though
- d) because

Answer: a) if

Explanation: Conditional sentence type 3: "would have...if..."

91. The manager demanded that the report ____ submitted by Friday.

- a) is
- b) be
- c) was
- d) submitting

Answer: b) be

Explanation: Subjunctive mood after "demanded that" uses base form.

92. Rarely ____ I seen such dedication from a young employee.

- a) do
- b) have
- c) has
- d) had

Answer: c) has

Explanation: Inversion after "rarely" requires auxiliary "has" before the subject.

93. The officer insisted that he ____ informed about all updates.

- a) is
- b) be
- c) was
- d) being

Answer: b) be

Explanation: Subjunctive mood after "insisted that" uses base form.

94. Scarcely ____ the train left the station when it started raining heavily.

- a) did
- b) had
- c) does
- d) was

Answer: b) had

Explanation: "Scarcely...when" requires past perfect for the first action.

95. She behaves ____ she were the boss.

- a) like
- b) as if
- c) as though
- d) both b and c

Answer: d) both b and c

Explanation: "As if" and "as though" are interchangeable in hypothetical situations.

96. I prefer that he ____ the matter personally.

- a) handles
- b) handle
- c) handled
- d) handling

Answer: b) handle

Explanation: Subjunctive mood after "prefer that" uses base form.

97. The manager, along with his assistants, ____ ready to announce the decision.

- a) is
- b) are
- c) were
- d) be

Answer: a) is

Explanation: "Along with" does not make the subject plural; singular verb "is."

98. Had I known about the delay, I ____ left earlier.

- a) will
- b) would have
- c) would
- d) shall

Answer: b) would have

Explanation: Third conditional structure: "Had I known...would have..."

99. She completed the project faster than anyone ____ expected.

- a) has
- b) had
- c) have
- d) having

Answer: b) had

Explanation: Past perfect "had expected" is used to indicate prior expectation.

100. It is high time the government ____ action to improve public transport.

- a) takes
- b) took
- c) taken
- d) taking

Answer: b) took

Explanation: "It is high time" is followed by past tense to indicate urgency in present/future.