

NSO CLASS 10

Total Questions: 50

Time: 1hr.

Section – 1 : Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning.

Section – 2 : Chemical Reactions and Equations, Acids, Bases and Salts, Metals and Non-metals, Carbon and Its Compounds, Periodic Classification of Elements, Life Processes, Control and Coordination, Reproduction in Organisms, Heredity and Evolution, Light-Reflection and Refraction, Human Eye and Colourful World, Electricity, Magnetic Effects of Electric Current, Sources of Energy, Our Environment and Its Management.

Section – 3 : Higher Order Thinking Questions - Syllabus as per Section – 2.

SECTION 01 LOGICAL REASONING

1. In the given question, which pair of numbers is different from the other three.

- (A) 729
- (B) 1000
- (C) 1331
- (D) 1628

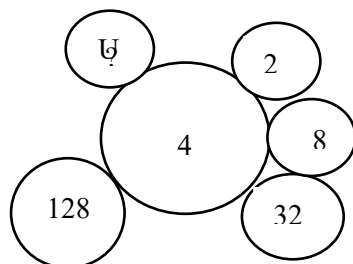
2. How many pairs of letters are there in the word "SACCHARINE" which have as many letters between them in the word as in the alphabet in both directions?

- (A) 2
- (B) 6
- (C) 4
- (D) 3

3. Some boys are sitting in a row. P is sitting fourteenth from the left and Q is seventh from the right. If there are four boys between P and Q , then how many boys are there in the row?

- (A) 19
- (B) 21
- (C) 25
- (D) 28

4. **Directions :** Find the missing number in each of the following figure



- A. 512
- B. 427
- C. 417
- D. 327

Directions (Q. 5 to 6) : Study the alpha-numeric series and answer the questions given below :
EF7298AG43BMDNI6QR39XS8UZLH938T54YW

5. How many digits are there which are immediately preceded by a vowel but not followed by a digit?

- A. 0
- B. 2
- C. 1
- D. 3



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6. How many vowels are immediately followed by an even number?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

Directions (7-10) : Find out which of the following conclusions logically follows.

7. Statements: Some dogs are pets, No lion is a tiger, No tiger is a dog. Conclusions:

I. All tigers are pets is a possibility

II. Some pets are not tigers

(A) Only I follows

(B) Only II follows

(C) Either I or II follows

(D) Both I and II follow

8. Statements: All books are pillows, Some fans are TVs, No TV is a book. Conclusions:

I. Some books are not fans

II. Some TVs are definitely not pillows

(A) Only I follows

(B) Only II follows

(C) Either I or II follows

(D) Neither I nor II follows

9. Statements: Some shirts are jeans, Some jeans is a pajamas, Some jeans are tees.

Conclusions:

I. All jeans being tees is a possibility.

II. At least some pajamas are jeans.

(A) Only I follows

(B) Only II follows

(C) Either I or II follows

(D) Both I and II follow

10. Statements: No drinks are burgers. Some fries are drinks, Some toffees are burgers.

Conclusions:

I. All fries being burgers is a possibility.

II. Some toffees are fries.

(A) Only I follows

(B) Only II follows

(C) Either I or II follows

(D) Neither I nor II follows

SECTION 02 SCIENCE

11. When a person walking in bright sunlight enters a dark room, he is not able to see clearly for a little while.

Identify the correct reason for the above statement:

- a. It is because the eye muscles cannot immediately adjust the focal length of the eye lens.
- b. It is because the retina retains the bright image for some time and becomes momentarily insensitive.
- c. It is because the iris is unable to contract the pupil immediately.
- d. It is because the iris is unable to dilate the pupil immediately.



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12. Which of the statements given below are correct?

- I. Ohm's law is not applicable at very low and very high temperatures.
- II. Ohm's law is applicable to the semiconductor.
- III. Ohm's law is not applicable to electron tubes, discharge tubes and electrolytes.
- IV. If a 24-volt battery is connected to a 6-ohm resistor, the current passing through the resistor is 4 A.

- a. I, II and III
- c. I, III and IV

- b. I, II and IV
- d. I, II, III and IV

13. Choose the correct option and complete the following sentence:

An electric motor consists of_____.

- I. rectangular coil of insulated copper wire
- II. two poles of a magnetic field
- III. split rings
- IV. conducting brushes

- a. I and II
- c. I, II, III and IV

- b. I, II and III
- d. None of these

14. Which of the following equations is not an example of displacement reaction?

- a. $2Al + Fe_2O_3 \rightarrow Al_2O_3 + 2Fe$
- b. $Ca + Cl_2 \rightarrow CaCl_2$
- c. $2KI + Cl_2 \rightarrow 2KCl + I_2$
- d. $2Na + 2H_2O \rightarrow 2NaOH + H_2$

15. Fill in the blank:

Neutral water with pH of about 7 becomes slightly acidic when aerated. This is because _____.

- a. oxygen from the air is dissolved in the water which makes the water acidic
- b. dirt, which gets contaminated with the water during aeration makes the water acidic
- c. ultraviolet radiation dissociates water molecules and makes water acidic
- d. it absorbs carbon dioxide from air

16. Which one of the following elements is alloyed with iron to produce steel which can resist high temperatures and also have high hardness and abrasion resistance?

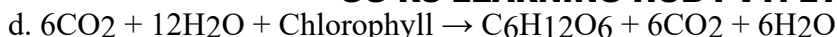
- a. Aluminium
- c. Nickel
- b. Chromium
- d. Tungsten

17. Which of the following equations is the summary of photosynthesis?

- a. $6CO_2 + 12H_2O \rightarrow C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2 + 6H_2O$
- b. $6CO_2 + H_2O + \text{Sunlight} \rightarrow C_6H_{12}O_6 + O_2 + 6H_2O$
- c. $6CO_2 + 12H_2O + \text{Chlorophyll} + \text{Sunlight} \rightarrow C_6H_{12}O_6 + 6O_2 + 6H_2O$



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18. In the following question, an assertion and a reason are given. Choose the correct option:

Assertion (A): A person, who has suffered from smallpox can be recommended for providing nursing care to the victims of smallpox than the person who hadn't suffered from smallpox.

Reason (R): The immune system of the person who had suffered from smallpox remembers the microbes causing smallpox and responds vigorously on the next encounter.

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- b. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- c. A is true, but R is false
- d. Both A and R are false

19. The formation of the ozone hole in the Antarctic region has been a cause of concern. What could be the reason for the formation of this hole?

- a. Presence of prominent tropospheric turbulence and inflow of chlorofluorocarbons.
- b. Absence of polar front and stratospheric clouds and inflow of methane and chlorofluorocarbons.
- c. Presence of prominent polar front and stratospheric clouds and inflow of chlorofluorocarbons.
- d. The increased temperature at the polar region due to global warming.

20. Arrange the following in the increasing order of ease of oxidation:

(A) SO_4^{-2} (B) F^{-1} (C) Br^{-1} (D) OH^{-}

- a. A B D C
- b. B C D A
- c. C D B A
- d. A B C D

21. Identify the reaction which takes place at the anode when an aqueous solution of CuSO_4 is electrolysed using platinum as anode:

- a. Hydroxyl ions get reduced to hydrogen.
- b. Hydroxyl ions get oxidised to oxygen.
- c. Copper metal gets oxidised.
- d. Copper ions gets reduced.

- a. $f_v = f_y = f_g$
- b. $f_v < f_g < f_y$
- c. $f_v > f_y > f_g$
- d. $f_v > f_g > f_y$

22. Olivia measured the focal length of a convex lens by focusing a parallel beam of yellow, violet and green colours at the principal axis. If f_y , f_v and f_g are the respective focal lengths, then which among the following is the correct relation?

23. Which of the following statements is correct regarding the grafting process?

- a. The rooted plant that is cut in a slanting manner is known as a scion.
- b. The part of a stem that is cut in a slanting way is called stock.
- c. This is a natural method of vegetative reproduction.
- d. Grafting is practised for mango and citrus plants.

24. In the following question, an assertion and a reason are given. Choose the correct option: **Assertion (A):** Children necessarily possess the same blood group as either of the parents. **Reason (R):** The gene corresponding to the blood group has three alleles.

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation for A
- b. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation for A
- c. A is true and R is false
- d. A is false and R is true

25. In the following question, an assertion and a reason are given. Choose the correct option: **Assertion (A):** In any food chain, the number of organisms in any trophic level should always be less than that in its previous trophic level.

Reason (R): Only 10 percent of total energy present in a trophic level is transferred to the next trophic level in any food chain.

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation for A
- b. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation for A
- c. A is true and R is false
- d. A is false and R is true

26. Which of the following metals cannot be refined by electrolytic refining?

- i. Au
- ii. Cu
- iii. Na
- iv. K

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| a. i and ii | b. i and iii |
| c. ii and iii | d. iii and iv |

27. Identify the phenomenon by which a new set of the population is formed from the change in the frequency of some genes:

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| a. Genetic drift | b. Organic evolution |
| c. Variations | d. Speciation |

28. In the following question, an assertion and a reason are given. Choose the correct option:

Assertion: The magnetic field produced by a current-carrying solenoid is independent of its length and cross-section area.

Reason: The magnetic field inside the solenoid is uniform.

- a. Both assertion and reason are true and reason is the correct explanation of assertion
- b. Both assertion and reason are true, but reason is not the correct explanation of assertion
- c. Assertion is true, but reason is false
- d. Assertion is false, but reason is true

- 29.** Which environmental hazard is not contributed by the combustion of fossil fuels?
- Acid rain
 - Greenhouse effect
 - Destruction of wildlife habitat
 - Air pollution
- 30.** Which of the following is obtained in its pure form by the reaction of sugar and sulphuric acid?
- Water
 - Carbon
 - Oxygen
 - Hydrogen
- 31.** Choose the correct option and complete the following sentence:
Sexual reproduction causes genetic variation because of_____.
- blending of genes
 - chromosomal changes
 - shuffling of genes
- Only 1
 - Only 2
 - Only 3
 - All of the above
- 32.** Why shouldn't we light a candle in a closed room with people?
- The CO_2 formed causes breathlessness.
 - Carbon particles are formed which are dangerous for the respiratory tract.
 - Methane gas, which is poisonous, is formed.
 - Carbon monoxide gas which reduces the ability of blood to carry oxygen is formed.
- 33.** If I_1 is the first ionization potential, I_2 is the second ionization potential, I_3 is the third ionization potential and I_4 is the fourth ionization potential of an element, then which of the following has the least value?
- I_1
 - I_2
 - I_3
 - I_4
- 34.** Identify the correct sequence of fractions obtained when petroleum is subjected to fractional distillation:
- Lubricating oil
 - Petrol
 - Petroleum ether
 - Diesel oil
- 2, 3, 4, 1
 - 3, 2, 4, 1
 - 3, 2, 1, 4
 - 2, 4, 3, 1
- 35.** What happens when 1 mole of ethyne undergoes complete combustion?
- 2 moles of carbon monoxide and half-mole of water are formed
 - 4 mole of carbon dioxide and 1 mole of water are formed



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- c. 2 mole of carbon dioxide and 1 mole of water are formed
- d. 2 moles of carbon dioxide and 2 moles of water are formed

36. When SO_2 is passed through a solution of $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ turns green. Which of the following correctly shows the change in the oxidation state of chromium and sulphur?

- a. +3 to +6 and +4 to +2 respectively
- b. +6 to +3 and +4 to +6 respectively
- c. +4 to +6 and +4 to -2 respectively
- d. No change in 0 states

37. It is possible to measure the passage of 50 electrons per sec with a certain sensitive device. This corresponds to a current of:

- a. $8 \times 10^{-18} \text{ A}$
- b. $1.6 \times 10^{-20} \text{ A}$
- c. $8 \times 10^{-20} \text{ A}$
- d. $1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ A}$

38. Length and diameters of four wires of same material are given below. The resistance of which of the following wires will be minimum?

- a. L and D
- b. 2 L and D
- c. $(L/2)$ and $2D$
- d. 2 L and $(D/2)$

39. In the following question, an assertion and a reason are given. Choose the correct option: **Assertion:** In a simple electric circuit, the positive terminal of the battery is a point of lowest potential.

Reason: The electronic current flow in a circuit is from a point of highest potential to a point of lowest potential.

- a. Both assertion and reason are correct and reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
- b. Both assertion and reason are correct, but reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
- c. Both assertion and reason are incorrect.
- d. Both assertion and reason are correct.

40. Fill in the blank:

An electric current through a horizontal metal wire flows in East to West direction, the direction of the magnetic field at a point directly above it is from_____.

- a. East to West
- b. West to East
- c. North to South
- d. South to North

41. Which of the following statements about carbon is/are correct?

- A. It has a small atomic size.
- B. Its melting and boiling point is low as compared to other members of the group.
- C. It shows the electropositive character.

- a. A and B correct
- b. B and D correct
- c. A, C and D correct
- d. A and D correct

D. It shows the maximum tendency of catenation.



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42. Fill in the blank:

When a ray of light falls on a transparent glass plate, a part of it is reflected and a part is refracted. The reflected and refracted rays can be perpendicular to each other for _____.

- a. angle of incidence equal to 90°
- b. angle of incidence equal to zero
- c. only one angle of incidence
- d. more than one angle of incidence

43. Match Column I (Vegetative propagation type) with Column II (Example):

Column I (Vegetative propagation type)		Column II (Example)	
1.	Tuber eye	a.	Garlic
2.	Bulb	b.	Rose
ZZ	Cutting	c.	Potato
Z3.			
4.	Plantlets at margins of leaves	d.	Bryophyllum

- a. 1 – c, 2 – a, 3 – d, 4 – b
- b. 1 – c, 2 – a, 3 – b, 4 – d
- c. 1 – a, 2 – b, 3 – d, 4 – c
- d. 1 – b, 2 – d, 3 – c, 4 – a

44. Match the entries of Column I with those of Column II:

	Column I		Column II
1.	Stomata	a.	Anaerobic respiration
2.	Mangrove trees	b.	Intake of CO_2
3.	Wood stem	c.	Pneumatophores
4.	Yeast	d.	Lenticels

- a. 1 – b, 2 – c, 3 – d, 4 – a
- b. 1 – b, 2 – a, 3 – d, 4 – c
- c. 1 – d, 2 – a, 3 – c, 4 – b
- d. 1 – a, 2 – b, 3 – c, 4 – d

45. Which of the following would stop evolution by natural selection from occurring?

- a. If humans became extinct because of an epidemic disease.
- b. If a thermonuclear war killed most living organisms and changed the environment drastically.
- c. If ozone depletion led to increased ultraviolet radiation, which may cause many new mutations.
- d. If all individuals in a population were genetically identical, and there was no genetic recombination, sexual reproduction, or mutation.



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SECTION 03 ACHIEVER SECTION

46. In the following question, an assertion and the reason are given. Choose the correct option:

Assertion (A): In the periodic table of chemical elements, electron affinity is always found to increase from top to bottom in a group.

Reason (R): In a group, the atomic radii generally increase from top to bottom.

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- b. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- c. A is true, but R is false
- d. A is false, but R is true

47. In the following question, an assertion and a reason are given. Choose the correct option:

Assertion (A): Generally, the colour of indicators changes in a particular pH range. **Reason**

(R): Indicators are weak acids or weak bases and exhibit different colours in molecular form and ionic form.

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- b. Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- c. A is true and R is false
- d. A is false and R is true

48. An air bubble in a glass slab ($\mu = 3/2$) is 6 cm deep when viewed from one face and 3 cm deep when viewed from the opposite face. Determine the thickness of the slab:

- a. 9 cm
- b. 13.5 cm
- c. 15 cm
- d. 18 cm

49. Fill in the blank:

When $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ is heated, it gives CaO , $\text{NO}_2(\text{g})$ and $\text{O}_2(\text{g})$. The correct number of moles of $\text{Ca}(\text{NO}_3)_2$, CaO , $\text{NO}_2(\text{g})$ and $\text{O}_2(\text{g})$ are present in the reaction are respectively _____.

- a. 2, 1, 3, 2
- b. 2, 2, 4, 1
- c. 2, 2, 2, 1
- d. 1, 2, 4, 1

50. A convex mirror of focal length f produces an image $1/n^{\text{th}}$ of the size of the object. Calculate the distance of the object from the mirror:

- a. $(n + 1)/nf$
- b. $(n + 1)f$
- c. $(n - 1)f$
- d. $(n - 1/n)f$