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**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1-5) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC CGL 1<sup>st</sup> Sit. 2010)

1. Luxuriant
 

(a) Luxury loving	(b) Lovely
(c) Rich	(d) Abundant
2. Cantankerous
 

(a) Cancerous	(b) Ferocious
(c) Quarrelsome	(d) Fissiparous
3. Onus
 

(a) Sadness	(b) Happiness
(c) Responsibility	(d) Criticism
4. Derision
 

(a) Humiliation	(b) Embarrassment
(c) Ridicule	(d) Condemnation
5. Trite
 

(a) Commonplace	(b) Clever
(c) Brief	(d) Impudent

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 6-10) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC CGL 2<sup>nd</sup> Sit. 2010)

6. Debacle
 

(a) Decline	(b) Downfall
(c) Discomfiture	(d) Degeneration
7. Ostracise
 

(a) Banish	(b) Belittle
(c) Beguile	(d) Besiege
8. Prophylactic
 

(a) Antagonistic	(b) Toxic
(c) Preventive	(d) Purgative
9. Coddle
 

(a) Huddle	(b) Satisfy
(c) Protect	(d) Cheat
10. Flimsy
 

(a) Funny	(b) Irrational
(c) Weak	(d) Partisan

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 11-15) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC CGL 1<sup>st</sup> Sit. 2011)

11. Loquacious
 

(a) Talkative	(b) Slow
(c) Content	(d) Unclear

12. Vindictive
 

(a) Imaginative	(b) Accusative
(c) Spiteful	(d) Aggressive
13. Inclement
 

(a) Selfish	(b) Active
(c) Unfavourable	(d) Inactive
14. Genial
 

(a) Cordial	(b) Unselfish
(c) Careful	(d) Specific
15. Accrue
 

(a) Accumulate	(b) Accommodate
(c) Grow	(d) Suffice

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 16-20) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC CGL 2<sup>nd</sup> Sit. 2011)

16. Barren
 

(a) Good	(b) Wholesome
(c) Unproductive	(d) Profitable
17. Infamy
 

(a) Notoriety	(b) Glory
(c) Integrity	(d) Familiarity
18. Intrepid
 

(a) Hesitant	(b) Fearless
(c) Extrovert	(d) Rash
19. Prodigal
 

(a) Exclusive	(b) Productive
(c) Lavish	(d) Carefree
20. Perspicuous
 

(a) Relevant	(b) Precise
(c) Brief	(d) Clear

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 21-25) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word as your answer.

(SSC CGL 1<sup>st</sup> Sit. 2012)

21. Nexus
 

(a) Connection	(b) Distance
(c) Deficit	(d) Difference
22. Mammoth
 

(a) Straight	(b) Huge
(c) Wild	(d) Greedy
23. Hyperbole
 

(a) Expansion	(b) Imitation
(c) Decoration	(d) Exaggeration

24. Eulogy  
 (a) Apology (b) Address  
 (c) Speech (d) Praise
25. Menacingly  
 (a) Dangerously (b) Threateningly  
 (c) Harmfully (d) Hideously

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 26-30) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC CGL 2<sup>nd</sup> Sit. 2012)

26. Annexure  
 (a) Retirement (b) Commencement  
 (c) Attachment (d) Development
27. Errand  
 (a) Energy (b) Task  
 (c) Mistake (d) Blunder
28. Bequeath  
 (a) Give (b) Disclose  
 (c) Scold (d) Surround
29. Nonchalant  
 (a) Imaginary (b) Casual  
 (c) Neutral (d) Formal
30. Forbearance  
 (a) Deliverance (b) Patience  
 (c) Extravagance (d) Relevance

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 31-35):** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word as your answer.

(SSC CGL 1<sup>st</sup> Sit. 2012)

31. Gaol  
 (a) Destination (b) Garden  
 (c) Jail (d) Bird
32. Loathing  
 (a) Warmth (b) Affectation  
 (c) Hatred (d) Affection
33. Pragmatic  
 (a) Intelligent (b) Wise  
 (c) Religious (d) Practical
34. Notion  
 (a) Thought (b) Fact  
 (c) Truth (d) Hypothesis
35. Vivacious  
 (a) Poisonous (b) Energetic  
 (c) Tricky (d) Slow

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 36 - 40) :** In the following questions out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC CGL 2<sup>nd</sup> Sit. 2012)

36. Vociferous  
 (a) Violent (b) Loud  
 (c) Secret (d) True
37. Fictional  
 (a) Genuine (b) Authentic  
 (c) Fanciful (d) Real

38. Trivial  
 (a) Crucial (b) Significant  
 (c) Vital (d) Ordinary
39. Impudent  
 (a) Vigilant (b) Astute  
 (c) Insolent (d) Arrogant
40. Pompous  
 (a) Pretentious (b) Supportive  
 (c) Demanding (d) Flashy

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 41-45) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC SI 2012)

41. Indiscriminate  
 (a) Undifferentiated (b) Instant  
 (c) Sensible (d) Discreet
42. Literal  
 (a) Verbatim (b) Formal  
 (c) Idealistic (d) Outdated
43. Intricate  
 (a) Puzzling (b) Illusive  
 (c) Complicated (d) Assertive
44. Expeditiously  
 (a) Rudely (b) Gently  
 (c) Meekly (d) Quickly
45. Idiosyncrasies  
 (a) Demands (b) Needs  
 (c) Ideologies (d) Eccentricities

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 46 - 48) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC CHSL 2012)

46. Apprise  
 (a) Praise (b) Inform  
 (c) Conceal (d) Assess
47. Periodic  
 (a) Infrequent (b) Continuous  
 (c) Occasional (d) Regular
48. Gruesome  
 (a) Sullen (b) Hideous  
 (c) Exhausting (d) Insulting

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 49-53) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC Sub. Ins. 2013)

49. Abnormal  
 (a) Unnatural (b) Aggressive  
 (c) Unique (d) Informal
50. Venal  
 (a) Corrupt (b) Comprehensible  
 (c) Legible (d) Forgivable
51. Conjuror  
 (a) Magician (b) Jester  
 (c) Performer (d) Trickster

52. Invoice  
 (a) Word (b) Sound  
 (c) Statement (d) Language
53. Ameliorate  
 (a) Improve (b) Degrade  
 (c) Motivate (d) Agree

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 54-55) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC CHSL 2013)

54. Wily  
 (a) Angry (b) Wise  
 (c) Stupid (d) Cunning
55. Temerity  
 (a) Paucity (b) Verity  
 (c) Audacity (d) Simplicity

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 56-58) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given.

(SSC CGL 1<sup>st</sup> Sit. 2013)

56. Advocate  
 (a) Predict (b) Pronounce  
 (c) Support (d) Determine
57. Preamble  
 (a) Definition (b) Mediation  
 (c) Conclusion (d) Introduction
58. Students are asked to **collate** for an important programme by the principal.  
 (a) Assemble (b) Describe  
 (c) Narrate (d) Prescribe

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 59-61) :** In the following questions below, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC CGL 2<sup>nd</sup> Sit. 2013)

59. Garrulous  
 (a) Talkative (b) Sedative  
 (c) Cocative (d) Positive
60. Tinsel  
 (a) Tinkle (b) Decoration  
 (c) Tin (d) Colourful
61. Labyrinth  
 (a) Meandering (b) Rotating  
 (c) Pacing (d) Wriggling

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 62-64) :** In these questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC CGL 1<sup>st</sup> Sit. 2013)

62. Citadel  
 (a) Metropolis (b) Mansion  
 (c) Fortress (d) Palace
63. Stern  
 (a) Lenient (b) Young  
 (c) Stem (d) Strict

64. Aberration  
 (a) Justification (b) Intensification  
 (c) Deviation (d) Rationality

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 65-67) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC CGL 1<sup>st</sup> Sit. 2013)

65. Condone  
 (a) Forgive (b) Support  
 (c) Forget (d) Defend
66. Analogy  
 (a) Difference (b) Comparison  
 (c) Addition (d) Deletion
67. Allure  
 (a) Extol (b) Excite  
 (c) Entice (d) Elicit

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 68-70) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given.

(SSC CGL 1<sup>st</sup> Sit. 2013)

68. Parsimony  
 (a) Expenditure (b) Bankruptcy  
 (c) Bribery (d) Miserliness
69. Tribulation  
 (a) Palpitation (b) Suffering  
 (c) Weakness (d) Stimulation
70. The Prime Minister goes on the **ramparts** of the Red Fort to hoist the National Flag.  
 (a) Rompway (b) Staircase  
 (c) Parapet (d) Scaffold

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 71-73) :** In the following questions below, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC Multitasking 2013)

71. Barbaric  
 (a) Thorny (b) Uncivilized  
 (c) Premeditated (d) Barber's
72. Hurdle  
 (a) Suspicion (b) Throw  
 (c) Opposition (d) Obstacle
73. Deter  
 (a) To hinder (b) To neglect  
 (c) To disapprove (d) To differ

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 74-76) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC Multitasking 2014)

74. Disgrace  
 (a) Disrespect (b) Jealousy  
 (c) Disregard (d) Shame
75. Striking  
 (a) Attractive (b) Violent  
 (c) Funny (d) Hateful

76. Fiasco  
 (a) Festival (b) Failure  
 (c) Fortune (d) Feast

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 77-79):** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC CGL 2014)

77. Persist  
 (a) Resist (b) Leave  
 (c) Quit (d) Insist
78. Eventually  
 (a) Previously (b) Briefly  
 (c) Finally (d) Successfully
79. Impeccable  
 (a) Remarkable (b) Unbelievable  
 (c) Flawless (d) Displeasing

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 80-84) :** In the following questions below, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC Sub. Ins. 2014)

80. Scorn  
 (a) Concise (b) Despise  
 (c) Bias (d) Fierce
81. Catastrophe  
 (a) Tragedy (b) Anger  
 (c) Violence (d) Hatred
82. Abjure  
 (a) Renounce (b) Announce  
 (c) Pronounce (d) Denounce
83. Assess  
 (a) Overload (b) Measure  
 (c) Permit (d) Enter
84. Elastic  
 (a) Free (b) Liberal  
 (c) Flexible (d) Broad

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 85-89) :** In the following questions below, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC CHSL 2014)

85. Persevere  
 (a) Fickle (b) Persist  
 (c) Constant (d) Polite
86. Petition  
 (a) Rotation (b) Administration  
 (c) Appeal (d) Vocation
87. Proposition  
 (a) Intimation (b) Protestation  
 (c) Proposal (d) Invitation
88. Vivacious  
 (a) Imaginary (b) Lively  
 (c) Perceptible (d) Languid
89. Sporadic  
 (a) Timely (b) Scattered  
 (c) Frequent (d) Irrelevant

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 90-92):** In the following three questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC CGL 1<sup>st</sup> Sit. 2015)

90. Devout  
 (a) Solemn (b) Loyal  
 (c) Dedicated (d) Pious
91. Predilection  
 (a) Favour (b) Whim  
 (c) Prejudice (d) Preference
92. Effigy  
 (a) Dummy (b) Imagery  
 (c) Reflection (d) Organ

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 93-97) :** In the following questions below, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC Sub. Ins. 2015)

93. Annihilate  
 (a) Initiate (b) Destroy  
 (c) Solve (d) Deduce
94. Quarry  
 (a) Quest (b) Denounce  
 (c) Inlern (d) Quake
95. Interference  
 (a) Honour (b) Deference  
 (c) Obstruction (d) Fearful
96. Verisimilitude  
 (a) Festive (b) Fantastic  
 (c) Grotesque (d) Authenticity
97. Conjecture  
 (a) Knowledge (b) Guess  
 (c) Truth (d) Bias

**DIRECTONS (Qs. 98-101) :** In the following questions below, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC CHSL 2015)

98. Pawn  
 (a) Scrounge (b) Hire  
 (c) Pledge (d) Sponge
99. Maestro  
 (a) Admirer (b) Employee  
 (c) Novice (d) Genius
100. Feeble  
 (a) Playful (b) Pretty  
 (c) Small (d) Weak
101. Chastise  
 (a) Upbraid (b) Monitor  
 (c) Chase (d) Praise

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 102-105) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC CHSL 2015)

102. Vocation  
 (a) Virtue (b) Holiday  
 (c) Break up (d) Occupation
103. Limpid  
 (a) Ruffled (b) Crippled  
 (c) Lopsided (d) Clear
104. Merge  
 (a) Blend (b) Meet  
 (c) Mixture (d) Contact
105. Gourmet  
 (a) Fussy (b) Constant  
 (c) Gastronome (d) Praise

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 106-109):** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC CGL 1<sup>st</sup> Sit. 2015)

106. Board  
 (a) Frame (b) Lodging  
 (c) Food (d) Furniture
107. Peruse  
 (a) Follow (b) Argue  
 (c) Reduce (d) Read
108. Spume  
 (a) Foam (b) Lava  
 (c) Poison (d) Spit
109. Conscript  
 (a) Draftee (b) Draw  
 (c) Encircle (d) Subscribe

(SSC CGL 1<sup>st</sup> Sit. 2016)

**DIRECTIONS : (Qs. 110-111) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

110. Profligate  
 (a) Talkative (b) Intelligent  
 (c) Unconventional (d) Wasteful
111. Forswear  
 (a) Swear (b) Oath  
 (c) Abuse (d) Forsake

(SSC CGL 1<sup>st</sup> Sit. 2016)

(SSC CGL 1<sup>st</sup> Sit. 2016)

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 112-113) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

112. Credulous  
 (a) Funny (b) Silly  
 (c) Innocent (d) Gullible
113. Reassure  
 (a) Comfort (b) Console  
 (c) Inspire (d) Discourage

(SSC CGL 1<sup>st</sup> Sit. 2016)

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 114-118) :** In the following five questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC Stenographer 2016)

114. Brutal  
 (a) Sympathetic (b) Compassionate  
 (c) Humane (d) Savage
115. Stroll  
 (a) Walk (b) Jog  
 (c) Tract (d) Gallop

116. Eternal  
 (a) Time being (b) Forever  
 (c) Temporary (d) Short term
117. Adversity  
 (a) Familiarity (b) Misery  
 (c) Seniority (d) Spirituality
118. Revel  
 (a) Reveal (b) Revert  
 (c) Make Merry (d) Glory

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 119-120) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the word similar in meaning to the word given.

(SSC CGL 2017 set-1)

119. Opulent  
 (a) Fake (b) Gloomy  
 (c) Rich (d) Selfish
120. Morose  
 (a) Flatter (b) Gloomy  
 (c) Friendly (d) Savvy

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 121-122) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the word similar in meaning to the word given.

(SSC CGL 2017 set-2)

121. Frivolous  
 (a) Captious (b) Wise  
 (c) Puerile (d) Spiritual
122. Petrify  
 (a) Adorn (b) Calm  
 (c) Curious (d) Harden

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 123-124) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the word similar in meaning to the word given.

(SSC CGL 2017 set-3)

123. Mellifluous  
 (a) Shiver (b) Frank  
 (c) Immoral (d) Dulcet
124. Dodge  
 (a) Soften (b) Order  
 (c) Avoid (d) Chaotic

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 125-128) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the word similar in meaning to the word given.

(SSC CGL 2017 set-4)

125. Eloquent  
 (a) Fluent (b) Ignorant  
 (c) Rude (d) Significant
126. Nefarious  
 (a) Iniquitous (b) Purposeful  
 (c) Suspicious (d) Virtuous
127. To subsume  
 (a) To bate (b) To obviate  
 (c) To preclude (d) To incorporate
128. To lash  
 (a) To endear (b) To fondle  
 (c) To chastise (d) To snuggle

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 129 – 133) :** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the word similar in meaning to the word given.

(SSC Sub. Insp. 2017)

129. Amateur  
(a) Timid (b) Beginner  
(c) Weary (d) Dispirited
130. Gumption  
(a) Acumen (b) Starry  
(c) Futile (d) Fallow
131. Laconic  
(a) Shrewd (b) Whim  
(c) Climax (d) Concise
132. Veledictory  
(a) Hesitant (b) Terminal  
(c) Ridicule (d) Deception
133. Denouement  
(a) Climax (b) Systematic  
(c) Improper (d) Glorious

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 134 – 138) :** In the following questions, out of the four given alternatives, select the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC Steno. 2017)

134. Distinct  
(a) Obscure (b) Similar  
(c) Clear (d) Vague
135. Condemn  
(a) Approve (b) Laud  
(c) Belittle (d) Commend
136. Dinky  
(a) Pure (b) Sterile  
(c) Immaculate (d) Drab
137. Clever  
(a) Clear (b) Cunning  
(c) Foolish (d) Intelligent
138. Constant  
(a) Changing (b) Flowing  
(c) Moving (d) Fixed

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 139 - 140):** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

(SSC MTS 2017)

139. Exactly  
(a) Different (b) Precisely  
(c) Similar (d) Same
140. Answer  
(a) Response (b) Speak  
(c) Question (d) React
141. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
**WARY** (SSC CHSL 2018)  
(a) rash (b) inattentive  
(c) lax (d) alert
142. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
**RECEDE** (SSC CHSL 2018)  
(a) increase (b) intensify  
(c) waver (d) wane

143. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
**INSULT** (SSC CGL 2018)

- (a) remove (b) apply  
(c) offer (d) offend

144. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
**HOSTILITY** (SSC CGL 2018)

- (a) enmity (b) sympathy  
(c) goodwill (d) friendship

145. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
**ABUNDANT** (SSC Steno 2018)

- (a) plentiful (b) available  
(c) necessary (d) latest

146. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
**DECEIVE** (SSC Steno 2018)

- (a) cheat (b) withdraw  
(c) provide (d) guide

147. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
**VANQUISH** (SSC Steno 2018)

- (a) defeat (b) attack  
(c) victory (d) loss

148. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
**EMPHASIZE** (SSC Steno 2018)

- (a) repeat (b) draw  
(c) stress (d) show

149. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
**MASSIVE** (SSC Steno 2018)

- (a) honour (b) majority  
(c) muscular (d) huge

150. Select the synonym of the given word.  
**FEIGN** (SSC Sub. Ins. 2018)

- (a) pretend (b) prefer  
(c) prepare (d) pester

151. Select the synonym of the given word.  
**AFFLUENT** (SSC Sub. Ins. 2018)

- (a) strong (b) wealthy  
(c) clever (d) joyous

152. Select the synonym of the given word.  
**DAME** (SSC Sub. Ins. 2018)

- (a) girl (b) man  
(c) female (d) lady

153. Select the synonym of the given word.  
**ECSTASY** (SSC Sub. Ins. 2018)

- (a) grief (b) danger  
(c) happiness (d) fear

154. Select the synonym of the given word.  
**COMMENDABLE** (SSC Sub. Ins. 2018)

- (a) satisfying (b) grateful  
(c) praiseworthy (d) courteous

155. Select the synonym of the given word.  
Awkward (SSC MTS 2018)

- (a) Likable (b) Clumsy  
(c) Worthy (d) Scared

156. Select the synonym of the given word.  
Dedicate (SSC MTS 2018)

- (a) Decide (b) Design  
(c) Denounce (d) Devote

157. Select the correct synonym of the given word.  
Obligatory (SSC CGL 2019-20)

- (a) Reckless (b) Useless  
(c) Mandatory (d) Aggressive

158. Select the correct synonym of the given word.  
Scintillating (SSC CGL 2019-20)  
(a) Glittering (b) Boring  
(c) Stinging (d) Flattering
159. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.  
Acute (SSC MTS 2019-20)  
(a) Dark (b) Clever  
(c) Grave (d) Blunt
160. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
Deepen (SSC MTS 2019-20)  
(a) Soothe (b) Neutralize  
(c) Relieve (d) Intensify
161. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
Courage (SSC MTS 2019-20)  
(a) Meekness (b) Valour  
(c) Humility (d) Timidity
162. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
AGILE (SSC CHSL 2019-20)  
(a) Visible (b) Guile  
(c) Nimble (d) Docile
163. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
FURTIVE (SSC CHSL 2019-20)  
(a) Adhesive (b) Positive  
(c) Secretive (d) Abortive
164. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
Yield (*n*) (SSC CGL 2020-21)  
(a) Plantation (b) Garden  
(c) Orchard (d) Harvest
165. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
Iota (SSC CGL-2020-21)  
(a) Lot (b) Bag  
(c) Bit (d) Box
166. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
Ban (SSC CHSL 2020-21)  
(a) Prohibit (b) Ascertain  
(c) Abandon (d) Band
167. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
REPULSIVE (SSC CHSL 2020-21)  
(a) respectable (b) agreeable  
(c) attractive (d) disgusting
168. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
STRENUOUS (SSC MTS 2020-21)  
(a) Easy (b) Feeble  
(c) Difficult (d) Light
169. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
PROACTIVE (SSC MTS 2020-21)  
(a) Short-sighted (b) Enthusiastic  
(c) Reactive (d) Heedless
170. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
DEFICIENT (SSC Stenographer 2020-21)  
(a) Lacking (b) Difficult  
(c) Challenging (d) Bold
171. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
TRANQUIL (SSC Stenographer 2020-21)  
(a) Ill-tempered (b) nervous  
(c) worried (d) sober
172. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
TIMID (SSC Stenographer 2020-21)  
(a) courageous (b) bold  
(c) confident (d) humble
173. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
HOSPITABLE (SSC Stenographer 2020-21)  
(a) hostile (b) stingy  
(c) unsocial (d) congenial
174. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
STATIONARY (SSC Stenographer 2020-21)  
(a) Fixed (b) Paper  
(c) Movable (d) Portable
175. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
FOUNDATION (SSC Sub-Inspector 2020-21)  
(a) top (b) building  
(c) base (d) structure
176. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
FICTION (SSC Sub-Inspector 2020-21)  
(a) literature (b) fact  
(c) fantasy (d) truth
177. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
ACCURATE (SSC Sub-Inspector 2020-21)  
(a) sincere (b) correct  
(c) complete (d) appropriate
178. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
IMITATION (SSC Sub-Inspector 2020-21)  
(a) genuine (b) fake  
(c) real (d) original
179. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.  
JUST (SSC Sub-Inspector 2020-21)  
(a) courtly (b) fair  
(c) favouring (d) partial



# HINTS & EXPLANATIONS

1. (d) The word **Luxuriant (Adjective)** means : growing thickly and strongly; rich in something that is pleasant or beautiful; abundant.
2. (c) The word **Cantankerous (Adjective)** means : bad tempered and always complaining.  
Hence, the words **cantankerous** and **quarrelsome** are synonymous.
3. (c) The word **Onus (Noun)** means : the responsibility for something.
4. (c) The word **Derision (Noun)** means : ridicule; mockery; a strong feeling that somebody/something is ridiculous and not worth considering seriously.
5. (a) The word **Trite (Adjective)** means : dull and boring because it has been expressed so many times before; not original; banal; very ordinary and containing nothing that is interesting or important.  
Hence, the words **trite** and **commonplace** are synonymous.
6. (b) The word **Debacle (Noun)** means : an event or a situation that is a sudden or complete failure.  
Hence, the words **debacle** and **downfall** are synonymous.
7. (a) The word **Ostracise (Verb)** means : to refuse to let somebody a member of a social group; shun.  
Hence, the words **banish** and **ostracise** are synonymous.
8. (c) The word **Prophylactic (Adjective)** means : course of action used to prevent a disease.  
Hence, the words **prophylactic** and **preventive** are synonymous.
9. (b) The word **Coddle (Verb)** means: to treat somebody with too much care and attention, pamper, cosset.  
Hence, the words **coddle** and **satisfy** are synonymous.
10. (c) The word **Flimsy (Adjective)** means : badly made and not strong enough: thin and easily torn.  
Hence, the words **flimsy** and **weak** are synonymous.
11. (a) The word **Loquacious (Adjective)** means : talking a lot; talkative. Option (a) is the right synonym while others have different meanings.
12. (c) The word **Vindictive (Adjective)** means : trying to harm or upset somebody or showing that you want to, because you think that they have harmed you; spiteful; revengeful. Option (c) **spiteful** is the correct synonym as it means-having or showing a desire to harm, anger or defeat someone.
13. (c) The word **Inclement (Adjective)** means : not pleasant; unfavourable; cold, wet, etc.
14. (a) The word **Genial (Adjective)** means : friendly and cheerful; affable; cordial.
15. (c) The word **Accrue (Verb)** means : to increase over a period of time; to allow a sum of money or debts to grow over a period of time. Therefore, **grow** in the correct nearest word.
16. (c) The word **Barren (Adjective)** means: not good enough for plants to grow on it; infertile unproductive.
17. (a) The word **Infamy (Noun)** means: the state of being well-known for something bad or an evil act; notoriety.
18. (b) The word **Intrepid (Adjective)** means : very brave; not afraid of danger or difficulties; fearless.
19. (c) The word **Prodigal (Adjective)** means : too willing to spend money or waste time, energy or materials; extravagant; lavish.
20. (b) The word **Perspicuous (Adjective)** means: precise clear and accurate.
21. (a) The word **Nexus (Noun)** means : a complicated series of connections between different things; connection.
22. (b) The word **Mammoth (Adjective)** means : extremely large; huge.
23. (d) The word **Hyperbole (Noun)** means : a way of speaking or writing that makes something sound better, more exciting than it really is; exaggeration.
24. (d) The word **Eulogy (Noun)** means : speech or piece of writing praising somebody/something very much; praise.
25. (b) The word **Menacingly (Adverb)** means : seeming likely to cause you harm or danger; threateningly.
26. (c) The word **Annexure (Noun)** means : attachment; appendix
27. (b) The word **Errand (Noun)** means : a job that you do for somebody; task
28. (a) The word **Bequeath (Verb)** means : pass something on to someone else; give
29. (b) The word **Nonchalant (Adjective)** means : careless; indifferent; behaving in a calm and relaxed way; casual.
30. (b) The word **Forbearance (Noun)** means : patience; the quality of being patient and sympathetic towards other people.
31. (c) The word **Gaol (Noun)** means : a place for the confinement of accused person; put someone in jail.
32. (c) The word **Loathing (Noun)** means : a strong feeling of hatred.

33. (d) The word **Pragmatic (Adjective)** means : practical, busy; realistic; solving problems in a practical and sensible way rather than by having fixed ideas or theories.
34. (a) The word **Notion (Noun)** means : belief; desire; intention; thought.
35. (b) The word **Vivacious (Adjective)** means : having a lively, attractive personality; energetic.
36. (b) The meaning of word **Vociferous (Adjective)** is : outspoken, blunt. Its synonym should be : **Loud**.
37. (c) The meaning of word **Fictional (Adjective)** is : imaginary, unreal, fabricated, mythical  
Its synonym should be : **Fanciful**
38. (d) The meaning of word **Trivial (Adjective)** is : not important.  
Its synonym should be : **Ordinary**.
39. (c) The meaning of word **Impudent (Adjective)** is : not showing due respect for another person.  
**Insolent** is the correct synonym which means—to show a rude and arrogant attitude.
40. (a) The meaning of word **Pompous (Adjective)** is : self important.  
It's synonym should be : **Pretentious**.
41. (a) The meaning of **Indiscriminate (Adj.)** : random, chaotic  
“**Undifferentiated**” best expresses the meaning of the given word.
42. (a) The meaning of **Literal (Adj.)**: exact, real. “**Verbatim**” means exactly the same words.
43. (c) The meaning of **Intricate (Adj.)**: complicated, elaborate.  
“**Complicated**” best expresses the meaning of given word.
44. (d) The meaning of **Expediently (Adverb)** : actively, intently. **Quickly** best expresses the meaning of given word.
45. (d) The meaning of **Idiosyncrasies (Noun)** : oddity, way of doing something in an unusual way. **Eccentricities** best expresses the meaning of given word.
46. (b) **Apprise** means to inform someone.
47. (d) **Periodic** means happening regularly over a period of time.
48. (b) **Gruesome** means disgusting and therefore option (b) is correct as **hideous** means very ugly or disgusting.
49. (a) The word **Abnormal (Adjective)** means: unusual, irregular ; unnatural ; different from what is usual.  
**Look at the sentence :**  
They thought his behaviour was abnormal.
50. (a) The word **Venal (Adjective)** means : corrupt; prepared to do dishonest or immoral thing in return for money.  
**Look at the sentence :**  
Venal leaders should be denied vote.
51. (a) The word **Conjurer (Noun)** means: a person who performs magic tricks ; magician.
52. (c) The word **Invoice (Noun)** means: list of goods that have been sold ; bill ; statement.
53. (a) The word **Ameliorate (Verb)** means: to make something better; improve.
54. (d) **Wily (Adjective)** means cunning which also means skillful or clever.
55. (c) **Temerity (Noun)** best expresses the meaning of audacity  
**(Verb)** means to argue for or support a cause.
57. (d) **(Noun)** is a statement made at the beginning of something.
58. (a) **(Verb)** refers to, arranging in the correct order. Option (a) **assemble** is the correct synonym.
59. (a) The word **Garrulous (Adjective)** means : talkative; talking a lot.
60. (b) The word **Tinsel (Noun/Adjective)** means : strips of shiny material like metal used as decorations.
61. (a) The word **Labyrinth (Noun)** means : a place that has many confusing path's or passage. The correct synonym **meandering** means: to have a lot of curves on a path.
62. (c) The word **Citadel (Noun)** means : a castle on high ground where people could go when the city was being attacked, fortress.
63. (d) The word **Stern (Adjective)** means : strict; harsh serious and difficult.
64. (c) The word **Aberration (Noun)** means : deviation; unusual action.
65. (a) **Condone** and **forgive** are similar in meaning.
66. (b) **Analogy** denotes comparison.
67. (c) **Allure** and **entice** both denote provoking someone to do something through (often false or exaggerated) promises or persuasion.
68. (d) **Parsimony** means extreme unwillingness to spend money. Option (d) expresses the correct meaning.
69. (b) **Tribulation** means, unhappiness, pain or suffering.
70. (c) **Ramparts** and **Parapet** are synonymous which mean: a low wall at the edge of a platform.
71. (b) **Barbaric** means uncivilized.
72. (d) **Hurdle** means obstacle.
73. (a) **Deter** means to hinder.
74. (d) **Disgrace** means a state of shame.
75. (a) **Striking** means extraordinary, attractive.
76. (b) **Fiasco** means a complete failure.
77. (d) **Persist** means to insist.
78. (c) **Eventually** means finally.
79. (c) **Impeccable** means flawless.
80. (b) **Scorn** means contempt towards something.

81. (a) **Catastrophe** means an event causing great and usually sudden damage or suffering.
82. (a) **Abjure** means solemnly renounce.
83. (b) **Assess** means to get measure of.
84. (c) **Elastic** means able to encompass much variety and change; flexible and adaptable.
85. (b) **Persevere** means continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty or with little or no indication of success. **Persist** means continue in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.
86. (c) **Petition** means a formal written request, typically one signed by many people, appealing to authority in respect of a particular cause.
87. (c) **Proposition** means a plan or scheme proposed.
88. (b) **Vivacious** means attractively lively and animated.
89. (b) **Sporadic** means occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered or isolated.
90. (d) **Devout** means deeply religious or pious.
91. (d) **Predilection** means a predisposition in favour of something; A strong liking; preference.
92. (a) **Effigy** means a representation of a person (especially in the form of sculpture); hence, dummy.
93. (b) **Annihilate** means to destroy utterly.
94. (a) **Quarry** means a quest or pursuit for an object.
95. (c) **Interference** means act of interfering or obstructing.
96. (d) **Verisimilitude** means the state of being similar. Therefore, **authenticity** is the correct meaning of verisimilitude.
97. (b) **Conjecture** means an opinion or guess formed on the basis of incomplete information.
98. (c) **Pawn** as a noun means something given as security for loan; a pledge or guarantee. Therefore, **Pledge** is the synonym of **Pawn**.
99. (d) **Maestro** means a person who is an expert in a particular sphere. **Genius** refers to an intelligent person who possesses exceptional skill in a particular area. Therefore, **genius** is the synonym of **maestre**.
100. (d) **Feeble** means lacking physical strength. Therefore, **weak** is the correct synonym in of **feeble**.
101. (a) **Chastise** means to rebuke or scold severely. **Upbraid** means to find fault with someone or scold. Therefore, **upbraid** is the synonym of **chastise**.
102. (d) **Vocation** means the work in which a person is employed or occupation. Therefore, **occupation** is the synonym of **vocation**.
103. (d) **Limpid** means perfectly clear. Therefore, **clear** is the correct synonym of **Limpid**.
104. (a) **Merge** means to blend or combine to form a single entity. Therefore, **blend** is the correct synonym of **Merge**.
105. (c) **Gourmet** means a connoisseur of good food. Whereas, **Gastronome** means a lover of good food. Therefore, **Gastronome** is the synonym of **Gourmet**.
106. (c) **Board** means daily meals that you pay for when you are paying to stay at a hotel.
107. (d) **Peruse** means examine or consider with attention and in detail. Example: "Please peruse this report at your leisure."
108. (a) **Spume** means bubbles that form on ocean waves. Lava, poison and spit do not correspond to the given word.
109. (a) **Conscription**, or drafting is the compulsory enlistment of people in a national service.
110. (d) **Profligate** means wasting money material foolishly.
111. (d) **Forswear** means to give up something. Hence option (d) **forsake** is correct.
112. (d) **Credulous** means having or showing too great a readiness to believe things. **Gullible** means easily persuaded to believe something.
113. (a) **Reassure** means to make someone feel less afraid or doubtful. **Comfort** means the easing or alleviation of a person's feelings of grief or distress.
114. (d) **Brutal** means cruel and savage too means the same.
115. (a) **Stroll** means a lazy walk.
116. (b) **Eternal** means endless, without pause, timeless etc. Hence, forever is the correct synonym.
117. (b) **Adversity** means bad luck on misfortune, therefore, **misery** is the correct synonym.
118. (c) **Revel** means celebration and festivity, etc., hence, **Make merry** is the correct synonym.
119. (c) **Opulent** means wealthy and rich.
120. (b) **Morose** means gloomily or sullenly ill- humoured.
121. (c) **Frivolous** means not having serious purpose or value.
122. (d) **Petrify** means to make someone so frightened that they are unable to move or change into a stony substance.
123. (d) **Mellifluous** means pleasingly smooth and musical to hear.
124. (c) **Dodge** means a sudden quick movement to avoid something.
125. (a) **Eloquent** means fluent or persuasive in speaking or writing.
126. (a) **Nefarious** means morally bad in principles or practice.
127. (d) **Subsume** means to include something in a particular group. The word **incorporate** also has similar meaning. So, option (d) is the correct answer.
128. (c) **To lash** means to hit something with great force. The word **chastise** refers to punishing somebody physically. So, option (c) is the right answer.
129. (b) **Amateur** means a person who is unqualified or insufficiently skillful, i.e., a starter or a beginner.

130. (a) **Gumption** means the ability to decide what is the best thing to do in a particular situation. **Acumen** means skill in making correct decisions and judgments in a particular subject.
131. (d) **Laconic** means using very few words. **Concise** means giving a lot of information clearly and in a few words.
132. (b) **Valedictory** means serving as a farewell (end). **Terminal** means forming or situated at the end or extremity of something.
133. (a) **Denouement** means the outcome of a situation, when something is decided or made clear. **Climax** means the most intense, exciting, or important point of something; the culmination.
134. (c) **Distinct** means recognizably different in nature from something else of a similar type. Its synonym is **clear** meaning easy to perceive, understand, or interpret.
135. (c) **Condemn** means to say in a strong and definite way that someone or something is bad or wrong. **Belittle** means to make a person or an action seem as if he, she or it is not important.
136. (d) **Dingy** means gloomy and drab.
137. (d) **Clever** means quick to understand, learn, and devise or apply ideas; intelligent.
138. (d) **Constant** means a situation that does not change. The word similar to meaning of constant is **fixed**.
139. (d) **Same** and **exactly** have the same meaning.
140. (a) **Answer** and **response** are synonyms and similar in meaning.
141. (d) 'Wary' means 'feeling or showing caution about possible dangers or problems'. 'Alert' means the same; thus, it will be the correct synonym of 'wary'.
142. (d) 'Recede' means 'to go or move back or further away from a previous position'. None of the options is the exact synonym of 'recede', however, 'wane' which means '(of a state or feeling) decrease in vigour or extent' appears to be close in meaning to the word 'recede'.
143. (d) Insult means speak to or treat with disrespect or scornful abuse; offend means cause to feel upset, annoyed, or resentful.
144. (a) The most appropriate synonym of the word 'hostility' is 'enmity'. All other options are not relevant.
145. (a)
146. (a) To deceive is to cheat.
147. (a) Vanish means 'defeat thoroughly'.
148. (c)
149. (d)
150. (a)
151. (b) Affluent means '(especially of a group or area) having a great deal of money; wealthy'.
152. (d) Dame means 'an elderly or matured woman'.
153. (c)
154. (c)
155. (b) The word 'awkward' means 'difficult to deal with' the words 'likable' and 'worthy' are opposite in meaning 'Scared' means 'fearful' which is not related. Hence 'clumsy' is the correct answer.
156. (a) The word 'dedicate' means 'devote'. Hence, the option no. (d) is the right option.
157. (c) Mandatory *Obligatory* means required by a legal, moral, or other rule; mandatory. Hence, option (c) is the right answer.
158. (a) *Scintillating* means sparkling or shining brightly; glittering. Hence, option (a) is the right option.
159. (d) Blunt means less sharp. Acute means sharp. Thus, the opposite of acute is blunt.
160. (d) Deep means intense. Thus, deepen means intensify.
161. (b) Courage means valour.
162. (c) Agile and nimble both mean -quick.
163. (c) Furtive means secretive.
164. (d) Yield means to produce or provide (a natural, agricultural or industrial product). Harvest is the process of gathering in crops. Therefore, Option (d)- harvest is the synonym of yield.
165. (c) Iota – means extremely small amount, so the answer is bit.
166. (a) The closest word to ban is to prohibit.
167. (d) The most appropriate synonym for repulsive is disgusting. Respectable-regarded good by society. Agreeable-pleasant. Attractive-pleasing or appealing.
168. (c) Strenuous means using great effort or exertion. The closest word that comes to it is difficult.
169. (b) Proactive means creating or controlling a situation rather than just responding to it. This implies being enthusiastic.
170. (a) Deficient means lacking.
171. (d) Tranquil means calm and the closest word to it of all the given options is sober.
172. (d) Timid means lack of courage and so its opposite is humble.
173. (d) Hostile means unfriendly, stingy means ungenerous, unsocial is not social. Congenial is pleasing, which makes it closer to hospitable.
174. (a) The synonym of stationary is fixed.
175. (c) Foundation means base.
176. (c) Literature can be fiction or factual. Therefore, the closest word to fiction is fantasy. Because, fantasy is the realm of imagination and so fiction. For e.g.: Harry potter
177. (b) The closest word to accurate is correct. Sincere means true, appropriate means suitable and complete means finished or whole.
178. (b) When you imitate something, it no longer is original/genuine/real and thus becomes fake.
179. (b) Just means fair.



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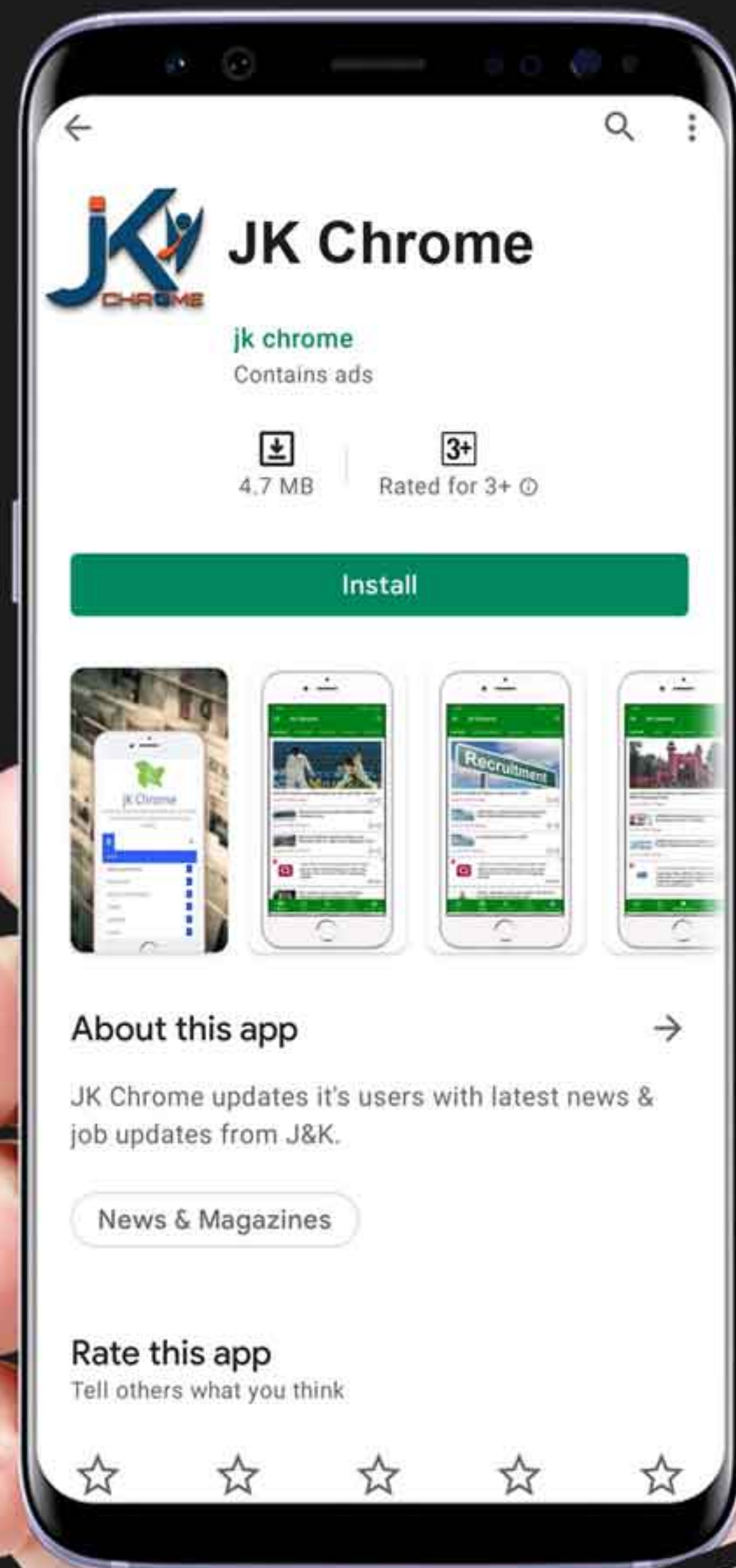
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