



## 1 September SSC CGL Mains English Mega Quiz

Direction (1-5): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

We must remember that we cannot create a draconian state \_\_\_\_\_ order to end corruption. The moral transformation of civil society must be \_\_\_\_\_ and based on persuasive leadership. A \_\_\_\_\_ definition of a sustainable lifestyle must be voluntarily accepted. Only \_\_\_\_\_ will the competitive urge to make more and more money end. Money should become meaningful, moral and deeply \_\_\_\_\_. If true wealth is found in a rich heart, no one will want to touch money even with a barge pole.

Q1. Draconian state \_\_\_\_\_ order to end corruption.

- (a) into
- (b) so
- (c) in
- (d) for

S1. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'In order to' is the correct usage.

Q2. Society must be \_\_\_\_\_ and based on persuasive leadership.

- (a) nature
- (b) natural
- (c) naturally
- (d) naturism

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. Natural: in accordance with the nature of, or circumstances surrounding, someone or something. Hence option B is correct.

Q3. A \_\_\_\_\_ definition of a sustainable lifestyle must be voluntarily accepted.

- (a) clearly
- (b) clarity
- (c) clarification
- (d) clear

S3. Ans.(d)

Sol. An adjective is required here. Hence 'clear' which means 'easy to perceive, understand, or interpret' is the correct choice.

Q4. Only \_\_\_\_\_ will the competitive urge to make more and more money end.

- (a) than
- (b) thus
- (c) so
- (d) then

S4. Ans.(d)

Sol. Only then implies 'only at that time'.

Q5. Money should become meaningful, moral and deeply \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) satisfy
- (b) satisfaction
- (c) to satisfy
- (d) satisfying

S5. Ans.(d)

Sol. Adjective 'satisfying' which means 'giving fulfillment or the pleasure associated with this' is the correct choice.

Direction (6-10): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

The general consensus is that the millennial \_\_\_\_\_ with taking pictures of everything stems from the tendency to over- share on social media, but it may also be a manifestation \_\_\_\_\_ our relationship with an increasingly unstable present. When everything around you \_\_\_\_\_ before you can register it, it is tempting to reach into your pocket for your smartphone, click away, and think about it later, even \_\_\_\_\_ the subject is as simple as a slice of toast. The selfie may be narcissistic, but it is \_\_\_\_\_ a self-portrait that anchors you to a time and place, be it your first holiday abroad or the nightclub you visit every weekend.

Q6. The general consensus is that the millennial \_\_\_\_\_ with taking pictures of everything

- (a) obsess
- (b) obsessive
- (c) obsession's
- (d) obsession

S6. Ans.(d)

Sol. Millennial being an adjective will qualify the noun 'obsession'. Hence option D is the correct choice.

Q7. But it may also be a manifestation \_\_\_\_\_ our relationship

- (a) form
- (b) for
- (c) of
- (d) off

S7. Ans.(c)

Sol. Preposition 'of' is correct.

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Q8. When everything around you \_\_\_\_\_ before you can register it,

- (a) change
- (b) changes
- (c) changing
- (d) changed

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Everything' being a singular noun will take singular verb 'changes'.

Q9. Even \_\_\_\_\_ the subject is as simple as a slice of toast.

- (a) by
- (b) if
- (c) with
- (d) so

S9. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Even if' is the correct conjunction to use.

Q10. The selfie may be narcissistic, but it is \_\_\_\_\_ a self-portrait that anchors you to a time and place,

- (a) all
- (b) then
- (c) such
- (d) also

S10. Ans.(d)

Sol. Option D is the correct usage.

Direction (11-12): In the following questions, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

Q11. He will pay \_\_\_\_\_ for his foolishness.

- (a) dearly
- (b) dreamingly
- (c) dreary
- (d) daintily

S11. Ans.(a)

Sol. Pay dearly: to suffer a lot as a result of something one has done.

Q12. It is \_\_\_\_\_ for all the students to follow the rules.

- (a) imperative
- (b) meant
- (c) expected
- (d) abide

S12. Ans.(a)

Sol. Imperative: peremptory or authoritative; essential.

Direction (13-14): In the following questions, out of the given four alternatives, select the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Q13. Beguile

- (a) Deceive
- (b) Warn
- (c) Deter
- (d) Repel

S13. Ans.(a)

Sol. Beguile: charm or enchant (someone), often in a deceptive way

Q14. Farcical

- (a) Serious
- (b) Absurd
- (c) Analytical
- (d) Lamé

S14. Ans.(b)

Sol. Farcical: relating to or resembling farce, especially because of absurd or ridiculous aspects.

Direction (15-16): In the following questions, out of the given four alternatives, select the one which is opposite in meaning of the given word.

Q15. Abut

- (a) Touch
- (b) Far
- (c) Border
- (d) Join

S15. Ans.(b)

Sol. Abut: to be adjacent; touch or join.

Q16. Predicament

- (a) Trouble
- (b) Hardship
- (c) Condition
- (d) Solution

S16. Ans.(d)

Sol. Predicament: an unpleasant situation that is difficult to get out of.

Direction: Rearrange the parts of the sentence in correct order.

Q17. Attaining long-term food

P: security requires the

Q: raising of incomes and

R: making food affordable

- (a) PRQ
- (b) QRP
- (c) PQR
- (d) RPQ

S17. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'PQR' is the correct sequence.

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Direction: A sentence has been given in Active/Passive Voice. Out of the four given alternatives, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active Voice.

- Q18. The Chinese company manufactured those robots.  
(a) Those robots were manufactured by the Chinese company.  
(b) Those robots was manufacture by the Chinese company.  
(c) These robots were manufactured by the Chinese company.  
(d) The robots was manufactured by the Chinese company.

S18. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'Those robots were manufactured by the Chinese company' is the correct Passive voice form.

Direction: A sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect Speech. Out of the four given alternatives, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct Speech.

Q19. The doctor said to us, "Where are you going?"

- (a) The doctor enquired where we were going.  
(b) The doctor enquired about our destination.  
(c) The doctor said where are we going.  
(d) The doctor says where we were going.

S19. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'The doctor enquired where we were going' is the correct Indirect Speech for given Direct Speech.

Direction: In the following question, a word has been written in four different ways out of which only one is correctly spelt. Select the correctly spelt word.

- Q20.  
(a) Misterous  
(b) Misterius  
(c) Mysterous  
(d) Mysterious

S20. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'Mysterious' is the correctly spelt word.

Direction (21-30): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

- Q21. To go ballistic  
(a) to become irrationally enraged  
(b) to have existed for a long time  
(c) to lead to think a certain way  
(d) to stop doing or saying something

S21. Ans.(a)

Sol. Option A is the correct meaning.

- Q22. To get the runaround  
(a) to stop annoying or bothering someone  
(b) to get started  
(c) to be given misleading or evasive information  
(d) to drink alcohol and begin to feel intoxicated

S22. Ans.(c)

Sol. Option C is the correct meaning.

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Q23. Dawn on

- (a) to perfect an activity
- (b) to realize something
- (c) to do someone a favor without having been asked
- (d) to completely change your mind or opinion

S23. Ans.(b)

Sol. Option B is the correct meaning.

Q24. Days are numbered

- (a) repayment or retaliation
- (b) to be about to die
- (c) to be about to born
- (d) to be recovered

S24. Ans.(b)

Sol. Option B is the correct meaning.

Q25. Duck out

- (a) to quickly enter a location
- (b) easy thing to do
- (c) to leave in a hurry or secretly
- (d) to announce or reveal something

S25. Ans.(c)

Sol. Option C is the correct meaning.

Q26. Talk turkey

- (a) to discuss something honestly and directly
- (b) to say something erroneous, foolish, or impudent
- (c) something very difficult to do
- (d) to help someone to think about a situation

S26. Ans.(a)

Sol. Option A is the correct meaning.

Q27. Shoot the breeze

- (a) to subject to drastic rearrangement or reorganization
- (b) to do or say something stupid that causes problems
- (c) to end a relationship or agreement suddenly or completely
- (d) to chat casually without purpose

S27. Ans.(d)

Sol. Option D is the correct meaning.

Q28. Pony up

- (a) to produce something quickly and with apparent ease
- (b) to pay money that is owed or due
- (c) to spend less money than you once did
- (d) to act aggressively and ruthlessly

S28. Ans.(b)

Sol. Option B is the correct meaning.

Q29. Plug away

- (a) to work in a determined manner to finish something
- (b) to make arguments against or objections to a proposition
- (c) to learn a piece of music simply by listening to it
- (d) to invest some amount of money into something

S29. Ans.(a)

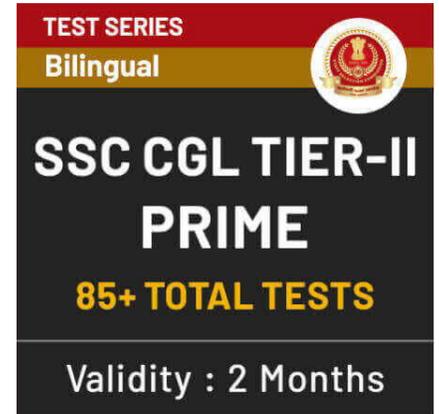
Sol. Option A is the correct meaning.

Q30. Red herring

- (a) something difficult or undesirable which is hidden becomes known and needs to be managed
- (b) to be in good health again after a period of illness or injury
- (c) something used to divert someone's attention from the real or important issue
- (d) to deliberately make a painful or difficult experience worse

S30. Ans.(c)

Sol. Option C is the correct meaning.



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