

## SSC Exams English Practice Challenge Quiz for Advanced

**Direction (1-15):** In the following questions, some parts of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

**Q1.** History and Chemistry are (A)/ more easier than (B)/ Political Science and Biology. (C)/ No Error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S1. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Remove 'more' before comparative degree of adjective 'easier'. Comparative degree of adjective (er + than) is sufficient to imply the comparison. Adding 'more' or 'most' with it is wrong.

**Q2.** The evergreen trees have a characteristic (A)/ of remaining green throughout the year, (B)/ nonetheless of the prevailing season.(C)/ No Error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S2. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Remove 'of' after 'nonetheless'. As nonetheless means in spite of that; nevertheless. The preposition 'of' is conjoined in its meaning already and using 'of' with it makes it superfluous.

**Q3.** An effective secondary research requires data (A)/to be collected from discreet sources like (B)/journals, magazines and other published material.(C)/No Error (D)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S3. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The proper adjective to use here is 'discrete' which means 'individually separate and distinct' while 'discreet' means 'polite and careful in what you do or say'. Hence use 'discrete' in place of 'discreet'.

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**Q4. All the members (A)/ of the Board are kindly (B)/ requested to appear in the next meeting. (C)/ No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S4. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Remove 'kindly' as 'Kindly' & 'Requested' can't be used together because Kindly, itself is used to make a request in Active Voice.

**Q5. An experimental vaccine has (A)/brought glimmer of hope (B)/ for the malarial researchers.(C)/ No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S5. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'a' will be used before glimmer.

When we mention something for the first time, we use a/an (Indef. Article) before them.

**Q6. Within an hour's journey we (A)/ will approach (B)/ near Mumbai (C)/ No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S6. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Use of 'near' is redundant here. As 'approach' means 'to come near'.

**Q7. With a view to help the Third World countries, (A)/the I.M.F. and the World Bank keep sending (B)/their experts to different regions of the world (C)/ No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S7. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Replace 'help' with 'helping' as 'With a view to' takes gerund (V1 + ing) with it.

**Q8. Many a profound thinker believe (A)/ that the march of civilization (B)/ has not coincided with real human progress (C)/ No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S8. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Replace 'believe' with 'believes'. 'Many a' is followed by a singular subject and a 'singular subject' is followed by a 'singular verb' according to Subject-Verb Agreement Rule.

**Q9. He went for the lunch (A)/at 2 p.m. and (B)/ then returned.(C)/ No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S9. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Remove 'the' before lunch. Name of meals do not take any article.

**Q10. Pakistan's support to the terrorists of (A)/ any country should be universally (B)/ condemned by all (C)/ No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S10. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Remove 'by all' as its usage is superfluous with 'universally'. 'Universally' itself means 'accepted by all or acknowledged by all'.

**Q11. I will try to be on time (A) / but don't worry when (B) / I am late. (C) / No error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S11. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Replace 'when' by 'if'.

**Q12. Katie gave her friend (A)/ no money nor she did help her (B)/ in any way. (C)/ No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S12. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Replace 'nor she did help' with 'nor did she help'. 'Hardly', 'Scarcely', 'Neither....nor' etc. take inverse form of sentence structure i.e. Helping Verb + Subject + Main Verb.

**Q13. This happened (A) just exactly (B) five years ago.(C) No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S13. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Usage of 'just' and 'exactly' together is superfluous. Hence, either 'just' or 'exactly' is to be used before 'five years ago'.

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**Q14. Could she cite (A)/ any precedent in support (B)/ for her care? (C) / No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S14. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Replace 'for' with 'of'. The correct preposition to use with 'support' is 'of'.

**Q15. The Captain along with(A)/ his team has been (B)/invited to the function.(C)/No Error (D)**

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

**S15. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** No Error

**Direction (16-30):** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the word *opposite* in meaning to the word given.

**Q16. CALLOW**

- (a) Secretive
- (b) Immoral
- (c) Belated
- (d) Sophisticated

**S16. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Callow: inexperienced and immature.

Sophisticated: intelligent or made in a complicated way and therefore able to do complicated tasks.

Hence option D is the correct antonym.

**Q17. EULOGISTIC**

- (a) Annoying
- (b) Rigidity
- (c) Rationality
- (d) Critical

**S17. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Eulogistic: formally expressing praise.

Critical: expressing adverse or disapproving comments or judgments.

Hence option D is the correct antonym.

**Q18. PANEGYRIC**

- (a) Nugatory
- (b) Criticism
- (c) Fantasy
- (d) Grandeur

**S18. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Panegyric: a public speech or published text in praise of someone or something.

Criticism: the expression of disapproval of someone or something on the basis of perceived faults or mistake.

Hence option B is the correct antonym.

**Q19. SAVANT**

- (a) Amateur
- (b) Academic
- (c) Pundit
- (d) Egghead

**S19. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Savant: a person of learning; especially; one with detailed knowledge in some specialized field.

Amateur: a person unskilled in or having only a superficial knowledge of a subject or activity.

Hence option C is the correct antonym.

**Q20. IMPUGNABLE**

- (a) Dicey
- (b) Debatable
- (c) Indubious
- (d) Hazy

**S20. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Impugnable: subject to being discredited.

Indubious: doubtless; certain.

Hence option C is the correct antonym.

**Q21. ROMP**

- (a) Caper
- (b) Cavort
- (c) Sulk
- (d) Frisk

**S21. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Romp: to play and run about happily

Sulk: to be angry or irritable about something.

Hence option C is the correct antonym.

**Q22. DISLODGE**

- (a) Shift
- (b) Overturn
- (c) Attach
- (d) Oust

**S22. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Dislodge: knock or force out of position.

Attach: join or fasten (something) to something else.

Hence option C is the correct antonym.

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**Q23. FILCH**

- (a) Snatch
- (b) Contribute
- (c) Heist
- (d) Hook

**S23. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Filch: pilfer or steal (something, especially an item of small value) in a casual way.  
Contribute: give (something, especially money) in order to help achieve or provide something.  
Hence option B is the correct antonym.

**Q24. INVIDIOUS**

- (a) Undesirable
- (b) Greedy
- (c) Charitable
- (d) Ignite

**S24. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Invidious: (of an action or situation) likely to arouse or incur resentment or anger in others.  
Charitable: full of love for and goodwill toward others.  
Hence option C is the correct antonym.

**Q25. PERVERSION**

- (a) Depravity
- (b) Agitated
- (c) Lavish
- (d) Virtue

**S25. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Perversion: distortion or corruption of the original course, meaning, or state of something.  
Virtue: conformity to a standard of right; morality.  
Hence option D is the correct antonym.

**Q26. IMPECUNIOUS**

- (a) Affluent
- (b) Comatose
- (c) Ruthless
- (d) Superficial

**S26. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Impecunious: having little or no money.  
Hence option A is the correct antonym.

**Q27. FLOG**

- (a) Whop
- (b) Compliment
- (c) Flay
- (d) Flax

**S27. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Flog: beat (someone) with a whip or stick as a punishment.

Compliment: a polite expression of praise or admiration.

Hence option B is the correct antonym.

**Q28. DEVOUT**

(a) Pious

(b) Pure

(c) Treacherous

(d) Ardent

**S28. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Devout: having or showing deep religious feeling or commitment.

Treacherous: likely to betray trust; unreliable.

Hence option C is the correct antonym.

**Q29. ACCENTUATE**

(a) Disparage

(b) Enunciate

(c) Aggrandize

(d) Exacerbate

**S29. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Accentuate: to make (something) more prominent or noticeable.

Disparage: regard or represent as being of little worth.

Hence option A is the correct antonym.

**Q30. REPINE**

(a) Gripe

(b) Rejoice

(c) Quibble

(d) Bleat

**S30. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Repine: to express dissatisfaction, pain or resentment usually tiresomely.

Rejoice: feel or show great joy or delight.

Hence option B is the correct antonym.

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