

## SSC Exams English Practice Challenge Quiz for Advanced

Direction (1-10): In the following questions, a sentence has been given in Active/ Passive Voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active Voice.

#### Q1. You should have passed the medical examination.

- (a) The medical examination should have been passed by you.
- (b) The medical examination should be passed by you.
- (c) The medical examination could be passed by you
- (d) The medical examination could have been passed by you.

## S1. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** Sub+Modal+V1+Obj (active) changes into "Obj+Modal+have+been+V3+by+Sub" (passive).

## Q2. He had committed the crime out of desperation and a complete lack of judgment.

- (a) The crime out of desperation and a complete lack of judgment was committed by him.
- (b) The crime out of desperation and a complete lack of judgment had had been committed by him.
- (c) The crime out of desperation and a complete lack of judgment had been committed by him.
- (d) The crime out of desperation and a complete lack of judgment been committed by him.

S2. Ans.(c)

## Q3. Did they pay the junior doctors their salary on time?

- (a) Were the junior doctors being paid their salary on time?
- (b) Were the junior doctors paid their salary on time?
- (c) Was the junior doctors paid their salary on time?
- (d) Had the junior doctors been paid their salary on time?
- S3. Ans.(b)

## Q4. Put it down now.

- (a) Let's put it down now.
- (b) Let it put be down now.
- (c) Let it be put down now.
- (d) You are requested to put it down.
- S4. Ans.(c)

## Q5. Did you catch the bus this morning?

- (a) Did the bus was caught by you this morning?
- (b) Was this morning bus caught by you?
- (c) Was the bus this morning caught by you?
- (d) Was the bus catch by you this morning?

S5. Ans.(c)



## Q6. I have a feeling that you are keeping a secret.

- (a) I have a feeling that keeping of a secret is being done by you.
- (b) I have a feeling that a secret is being kept by you.
- (c) Feeling has been had by me that a secret was kept by you.
- (d) I myself had a feeling that a secret had been kept by you.

## S6. Ans.(b)

## Q7. Rocky was singing a beautiful song for his mother.

- (a) A beautiful song was being sung by Rocky for his mother.
- (b) A beautiful song was sang by Rocky for his mother.
- (c) A beautiful song was sung by Rocky for his mother.
- (d) A beautiful song was sung for his mother by Rocky.

S7. Ans.(a)

## Q8. I began my efforts to enquire into the operation of the judicial system in the area.

- (a) My efforts were begun by me to enquire the operation of the judicial system in the area.
- (b) My efforts were began by me to enquire into the operation of the judicial system in the area.
- (c) My efforts to enquire into the operation of the judicial system in the area were begun by me.
- (d) My efforts by me were begun to enquire into the operation of the judicial system in the area.

## S8. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** Active: Subject + V2 + Preposition + Object

Passive: Object + was/were + V3 + Preposition + by Subject.

Note: Don't omit the prepositions.

## Q9. Did anyone miss the first lecture?

- (a) Had anyone missed the first lecture?
- (b) Had the first lecture missed by anyone?
- (c) Was the first lecture missed by anyone?
- (d) Was the first lecture missing by anyone?

## **S9. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** When past indefinite tense is used in an active voice, then it changes into "was/were+V3" form while making it a passive voice.

## Q10. Car manufacturers are making considerable efforts to gain new customers.

- (a) Considerable efforts are made by car manufacturers to gain new customers.
- (b) Considerable efforts are being made by car manufacturers to gain new customers.
- (c) Considerable efforts have been made by car manufacturers to gain new customers.
- (d) Considerable efforts were made by car manufacturers to gain new customers.

## S10. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** "is/ are/ am + V1+ ing" changes into "is/are/am + being+ V3" while converting active into passive voice.

Direction (11-20): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

## Q11. On pins and needles

(a) to go penniless (b) to be responsible about something (c) to crave for basic amenities (d) to be worried about something S11. Ans.(d) **Sol.** Option D is the correct meaning.

## **012.** Put one's foot in one's mouth

(a) to have an interest in something (b) succeed in doing something where there was a risk of failure (c) to unintentionally say something foolish, tactless, or offensive (d) to work every possible way to succeed.

## S12. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** Option C is the correct meaning.

## Q13. For a song

(a) false sense of happiness or success (b) being clumsy (c) very expensive (d) very cheaply S13. Ans.(d) Sol. Option D is the correct meaning.

# Q14. The thin end of the wedge

(a) in strict vigilance (b) start of harmful development (c) be aware of the trick (d) not a worthy possession S14. Ans.(b) **Sol.** Option B is the correct meaning.

# Q15. Song and dance

(a) to have an interest in music and dance (b) to make an unnecessary fuss (c) to be excited (d) to treat someone with all due respect S15. Ans.(b) Sol. Option B is the correct meaning.



## Q16. Dry run

(a) a practice session (b) time of difficulty (c) to gamble all you have (d) to get away from **S16.** Ans.(a) **Sol.** Option A is the correct meaning.

# Q17. To shoot the breeze

(a) to do random acts hoping one will be successful (b) to have a casual conversation (c) to release stomach gases (d) to brag about some mild achievement S17. Ans.(b) **Sol.** Option B is the correct meaning.

# **Q18.** To take the cake

- (a) to have something unexpectedly good to eat
- (b) to get a lovely gift
- (c) to grab the prize before others
- (d) to be especially good; outstanding

# S18. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** Option D is the correct meaning.

# Q19. To sleep with the fishes

- (a) always be in a dream world
- (b) to make absurd excuses
- (c) to sleep peacefully
- (d) to be murdered

# S19. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** Option D is the correct meaning.

# **Q20.** Off the beaten track

- (a) not working correctly
- (b) to announce your intention of entering a competition or election
- (c) little-known or in a remote or lesser-known area
- (d) to do things which are not expected from one

# S20. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** Option C is the correct meaning.

# Direction (21-25): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. First read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given.

Broadly speaking, education aims to \_\_\_\_\_ two objectives – first, to train the student in such a way as to make his life happy and \_\_\_\_\_, and secondly to provide him with \_\_\_\_\_ of various kinds. The knowledge imparted by education embodies the immense \_\_\_\_\_ acquired by the human race through ages. This knowledge, again, can be classified under two heads-one, relating to the \_\_\_\_\_ or reasoning, the other relating to the sphere of feeling.

## Q21. Broadly speaking, education aims to \_\_\_\_\_ two objectives

- (a) achieve
- (b) determine
- (c) regress
- (d) mark
- S21. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** Achieve: successfully bring about or reach (a desired objective or result) by effort, skill, or courage.

## Q22. Such a way as to make his life happy and \_

- (a) challenging
- (b) interesting
- (c) meaningful
- (d) boring
- S22. Ans.(c)

Sol. Meaningful: serious, important, or worthwhile and hence fits in the context.

## Q23. And secondly to provide him with \_\_\_\_\_ of various kinds.

- (a) resources
- (b) power
- (c) knowledge
- (d) money

## S23. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** The subsequent part of the passage makes the usage of 'Knowledge' meaningful.

## Q24. Education embodies the immense \_\_\_\_\_ acquired by the

(a) caliber
(b) happiness
(c) growth
(d) experience
S24. Ans.(d)

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## Q25. Classified under two heads-one, relating to the \_\_\_\_\_ or reasoning, the other

(a) emotions
(b) intellect
(c) senses
(d) strength
S25. Ans.(b)

Direction (26-30): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. First read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given.

Equally disappointing is the court's \_\_\_\_\_, one-paragraph dismissal of the claim that criminal \_\_\_\_\_\_ creates a chilling effect upon speech. Such proclamations are easy \_\_\_\_\_\_ from the high, secure, and insulated bench of the Supreme Court. It is journalists and newspapers, fighting hundreds of \_\_\_\_\_\_ cases in court, \_\_\_\_\_ have to deal with the very real consequences.

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## Q26. Equally disappointing is the court's \_\_\_\_

(a) cursory

(b) shortened

(c) tiny

(d) slight

## S26. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** Cursory: hasty and therefore not thorough or detailed.

Option A is the correct choice.

## Q27. criminal \_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ creates a chilling effect upon speech

(a) defamating

(b) defamation

(c) defamate

(d) defamations

## S27. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** Here usage of a noun is apt. Hence 'defamation' is the correct choice which stands for the action of damaging the good reputation of someone; slander or libel. Moreover, singular verb 'creates' after the 'blank' denotes the usage of a singular noun 'defamation' before it not plural noun 'defamations'.

## Q28. Such proclamations are easy \_\_\_\_\_\_ from the high

(a) in making
(b) made
(c) for making
(d) to make
S28. Ans.(d)
Sol. Option D is an apt choice.

# Q29. It is journalists and newspapers, fighting hundreds of

## \_\_\_\_\_ cases in court

- (a) imaginary
- (b) frivolous
- (c) unintelligible
- (d) ordinary

## S29. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** Frivolous: not having any serious purpose or value. Hence option B fits in the context.

# Q30. \_\_\_\_\_\_ have to deal with the very real consequences.

- (a) whom
- (b) which
- (c) who
- (d) those

## S30. Ans.(c)

Sol. Here, 'who' is the correct relative pronoun to use as it is being used as the subject of the verb 'deal'. Hence option C is an apt choice.

