

## SSC Exams English Practice Challenge Quiz for Beginners

**Direction (1-15):** Four alternatives are given for the Idioms/Phrase printed in bold. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of Idiom/Phrase.

**Q1. Come a cropper**

- (a) Fail badly
- (b) End quarrel
- (c) To be undecided
- (d) Keep silence

**Q2. Sweep under the rug**

- (a) Blown out of proportion
- (b) Heavily publicized
- (c) Forgotten by the people easily
- (d) To avoid dealing with

**Q3. Economical with the truth**

- (a) Falsehood
- (b) To be truthful
- (c) To trust easily
- (d) Get hurt by speaking the truth

**Q4. Egg on**

- (a) In an untidy state
- (b) In a dilemma
- (c) To incite
- (d) In bodily form

**Q5. Lay by**

- (a) Save money
- (b) Dismiss temporarily
- (c) Plan building
- (d) Pardon

**Q6. The balloon goes up**

- (a) To be attentive
- (b) A situation becoming critical
- (c) Something turning advantageous
- (d) To rise high in career

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**Q7. From the horse's mouth**

- (a) From a reliable source
- (b) From an illegal source
- (c) From a costly source
- (d) From an unreliable source

**Q8. Sitting duck**

- (a) Vulnerable to an easy attack
- (b) To own a major share in a business partnership
- (c) Completely alone
- (d) A person having excessive emotional attachment to something

**Q9. Drive home**

- (a) Find one's roots
- (b) Make clearly understood
- (c) To delay a little longer
- (d) To withdraw something

**Q10. Wind up**

- (a) Affect adversely
- (b) Bring to an end
- (c) Form a habit
- (d) Unusual

**Q11. All Thumbs**

- (a) To give your best to achieve a difficult goal
- (b) Awkward and clumsy especially with one's hands
- (c) To examine thoroughly to reach a conclusion
- (d) To attend a function with all excitement

**Q12. Kick up a row**

- (a) To serve in an exemplary manner
- (b) To be popular
- (c) To take a right decision
- (d) To start a fight

**Q13. Go round the houses**

- (a) Criticize or scold severely
- (b) Unnecessarily long time to get to the point
- (c) To get utterly destroyed
- (d) Be ready for something

**Q14. Pull a rabbit out of a hat**

- (a) To let something happen and have no control over it
- (b) To do something unexpected
- (c) To be someone worth having
- (d) To make a special effort

**Q15. Cast down**

- (a) Make evident
- (b) Deject
- (c) To complete
- (d) To publish

**Direction (16-30):** In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four as your answer.

**Q16. Grandmother has a good memory; she can remember things which \_\_\_\_\_ many years ago.**

- (a) had happened
- (b) have happened
- (c) happened
- (d) happens to be

**Q17. I \_\_\_\_\_ her among the crowd just now.**

- (a) have glimpsed
- (b) had glimpsed
- (c) have been glimpsing
- (d) glimpsed

**Q18. Lost time is \_\_\_\_\_ again, and what we call time enough always proves little enough.**

- (a) found never
- (b) find never
- (c) never found
- (d) never been found

**Q19. To such a degree \_\_\_\_\_ that people rebuked him.**

- (a) he made a noise
- (b) did he make a noise
- (c) he had made a noise
- (d) did he make noise

**Q20. I'm going to adopt her as \_\_\_\_\_ as Julie and I get married.**

- (a) sooner
- (b) quickly
- (c) earlier
- (d) soon

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**Q21. Now that she saw Justin again, he was \_\_\_\_\_ interesting and a little older than she had remembered him.**

- (a) rather less
- (b) fairly less
- (c) rather lesser
- (d) absolutely quite less

**Q22. We prefer to work with a comparatively \_\_\_\_\_ number of clients.**

- (a) smaller
- (b) fewer
- (c) small
- (d) lesser

**Q23. I guess so, but I wonder sometimes if heredity is \_\_\_\_\_ factor.**

- (a) a more major
- (b) the most major
- (c) the more major
- (d) the major

**Q24. \_\_\_\_\_ the effect of heat waves is vital to ensuring a high turnout in the elections by making it safe for voters.**

- (a) Vitiating
- (b) Mitigating
- (c) Laminating
- (d) Ruining

**Q25. The contractors in turn \_\_\_\_\_ all labour laws and do not even pay minimum wages.**

- (a) clout
- (b) rout
- (c) flout
- (d) lout

**Q26. He was \_\_\_\_\_ at being excluded from the meeting.**

- (a) vanguard
- (b) peeved
- (c) upfront
- (d) savant

**Q27. Many of these locations are still \_\_\_\_\_ in intrigue, with their goings-on staying behind closed doors.**

- (a) shrieked
- (b) debatable
- (c) parched
- (d) shrouded

**Q28. Still a \_\_\_\_\_ of spots across the globe are entirely forbidden to outside travelers.**

- (a) cast
- (b) bloat
- (c) slew
- (d) stench

**Q29. I thought he \_\_\_\_\_ the part of Hamlet with great skill.**

- (a) came off
- (b) fell through
- (c) put off
- (d) carried off

**Q30. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ part of my wages every week to buy a bike.**

- (a) putting down
- (b) putting by
- (c) putting on
- (d) putting out

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