

English Mega Quiz: SSC CGL (Advanced Level)

Direction (1-5): In the following questions, some part 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. Not only did they offer him (A)/ good salary but provided (B)/ him with a beautiful bungalow. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. In second part of the sentence use "but also" in place of "but".

As "not only.....but also" is the correct conjunction pair.

Q2. I finished my household chores (A)/ before he reached (B)/ to my place after so long. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S2. Ans.(a)

Sol. Grammar rule "Subject + had + V3+.....+ before + subject + V2" will be followed. Hence replace "finished" with "had finished".

Q3. I am vexed at him (A)/ for what he has (B)/ done with us till date. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S3. Ans.(a)

Sol. Vexed: annoyed.

Vexed takes preposition 'at' for a thing and 'with' for a person.

Hence replace 'at' by 'with'.

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Q4. The Manager warned his team members (A)/ that if they persist in their (B)/ obstructionist attitude they would be punished. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol. As the main clause is in past tense then the subordinate clause should be in past tense as well thus “persist” should be replaced with “persisted”.

Q5. He did not go (A)/ to the hospital on foot (B)/ he went there by the car. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. ‘By the car’ should be replaced with ‘by car’ as it just shows the mode of transportation thus, “the” should not be used in between by and car.

Direction (6-8): The questions below consist of a set of labelled sentences. Out of the four options given, select the most logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph.

Q6. Is our national identity

P- needs to be shrouded in a

Q- of such a loose character that it

R- cloak of anodyne conformity?

- (a) QPR
- (b) RQP
- (c) PQR
- (d) PRQ

S6. Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct sequence is ‘QPR’.

Q7. This is what comes

P- who sits below the Finance Minister

Q- and not consulting the economist

R- out of not knowing economics

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

S7. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct sequence is ‘RQP’.

Q8. The pith helmets

P- gone, but the blood

Q- has never dried

R- may have long

(a) RPQ

(b) RQP

(c) PQR

(d) QPR

S8. Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct sequence is 'RPQ'.

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Q9. There are four different words out of which one is correctly spelled. Find the correctly spelled word.

(a) apihelion

(b) apheleion

(c) aphelion

(d) aphileon

S9. Ans.(c)

Sol. Option C is correctly spelt.

Q10. There are four different words out of which one is correctly spelled. Find the correctly spelled word.

(a) dessication

(b) desiccation

(c) desicattion

(d) desication

S10. Ans.(b)

Sol. Option B is correctly spelt.

Directions (11-14): In these questions some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and indicate it corresponding to the appropriate letter. If there is no error, indicate corresponding to the last option.

Q11. I always glance at my desk (A)/ to make sure I have everything (B)/ before I leave the office at night. (C)/ No Error (D)

(a) A

(b) B

(c) C

(d) D

S11. Ans.(a)

Sol. Replace 'glance at' with 'glance over'.

Q12. The Royal Commission on Legal Services took a more (A)/ fundamental view with regard of financial (B)/ conditions, which has not been accepted. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'with regard of' with 'with regard to'.

As 'with regard to a matter' is the correct prepositional phrase.

Q13. In the event, the anticipated collapse of the first (A)/ genetic engineering company amid a pile (B)/ of bad debts did not come by. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S13. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'come by' with 'come about'.

Come about: happen; take place.

Come by: manage to acquire or obtain (something).

Hence 'come about' fits in the context appropriately.

Q14. The town was fairly larger with (A)/ a dozen or so business buildings (B)/ on each side of the street. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S14. Ans.(a)

Sol. Either replace 'larger' with 'large'.

'Fairly' takes positive degree of adjectives with it.

Directions (15-16): Improve the bracketed part of the sentence

Q15. Some writers have suggested that this will replace browsing, but they miss the point (by the mile).

- (a) by the miles
- (b) by a mile
- (c) by mile
- (d) No Improvement

S15. Ans.(b)

Sol. By a mile (idiom): by a large amount; by a lot.

Q16. Making the drug affordable to those with extreme form of drug resistance will be highly commendable and a desperately needed model (to being followed).

- (a) for a follow
- (b) to be followed
- (c) to have been followed
- (d) No Improvement

S16. Ans.(b)

Direction (17-18): 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.

Q17. He was taken to the hospital by his friends.

- (a) His friends had taken him to the hospital.
- (b) His friends have taken him to the hospital.
- (c) His friends take him to the hospital.
- (d) His friends took him to the hospital.

S17. Ans.(d)

Q18. I have written this essay.

- (a) This essay had been written by me.
- (b) This essay is written by me.
- (c) This essay has been written by me.
- (d) This essay was written by me.

S18. Ans.(c)

Q19. In these questions, four words are given. In each group, one word is contently spelt. Find the correctly to spelt word.

- (a) possesses
- (b) posseses
- (c) posesses
- (d) poseses

S19. Ans.(a)

Q20. In these questions, four words are given. In each group, one word is contently spelt. Find the correctly to spelt word.

- (a) murmuring
- (b) murmurring
- (c) murrmuring
- (d) murmaring

S20. Ans.(a)

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Directions (21-23): Improve the bracketed part of the sentence

Q21. There are many articles to mark the 50th anniversaries of (the man's landing on moon) and the redefining act of bank nationalization in India.

- (a) the man's landing on the moon
- (b) man's landing on moon
- (c) man's landing on the moon
- (d) No improvement

S21. Ans.(c)

Sol. Option C is correct as the usage of article 'the' is used appropriately here. In the given context, 'man' has been used in a general sense and hence won't take definite article 'the' before it while with the names of unique objects definite article 'the' is used e.g. 'the earth, the sun, the moon'.

Q22. (It should not hamper) the free flow of information and the blooming of diverse and contrarian ideas.

- (a) It should not have hamper
- (b) It should not be hamper
- (c) It should not hampering
- (d) No improvement

S22. Ans.(d)

Sol. No improvement is required.

Q23. It is a moot point that all serious (coach follow a particular style of) play that becomes their signature or hallmark

- (a) coach follows a particular style of
- (b) coaches follows a particular style of
- (c) coaches follow a particular style of
- (d) No improvement

S23. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'All' will take a plural noun after it. Hence 'coaches' should be used in place of 'coach'. And according to the subject-verb agreement rule, plural verb 'follow' will come after plural noun 'coaches'.

Direction (24-25): In the following questions, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Q24. Set tongues wagging

- (a) Be easy to pronounce
- (b) Encourage gossip
- (c) To be curious
- (d) Wait eagerly

S24. Ans.(b)

Sol. Set tongues wagging: to cause people to start gossiping.

Q25. Up for grabs

- (a) To live in pleasure
- (b) To be doubtful
- (c) To be prepared to answer all the questions
- (d) In total chaos

S25. Ans.(d)

Sol. Up for grabs: in total chaos.

Direction (26-28): 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.

Q26. The seawater eventually corroded the pillars of the bridge.

- (a) Eventually the pillars of the bridge are being corroded by the seawater.
- (b) Eventually the pillars of the bridge have been corroded by the seawater.
- (c) The pillars of the bridge were eventually corroded by the seawater.
- (d) The pillars of the bridge have been eventually corroded by the seawater.

S26. Ans.(c)

Sol. Passive Voice 'The pillars of the bridge were eventually corroded by the seawater.'

Q27. Some farmers raise sugarcane in Kerala.

- (a) Sugarcane is raised by some farmers in Kerala.
- (b) Sugarcane was raised by some farmers in Kerala.
- (c) Sugarcane was being raised by some farmers in Kerala.
- (d) Sugarcane has been raised by some farmers in Kerala.

S27. Ans.(a)

Sol. Passive Voice 'Sugarcane is raised by some farmers in Kerala.'

Q28. Does she like English literature?

- (a) Is liking of English literature done by her?
- (b) Is English literature liked by her?
- (c) She likes English literature, doesn't she?
- (d) Are English's literature liked by her?

S28. Ans.(b)

Sol. Passive Voice 'Is English literature liked by her?'

Q29. In the following questions, four words are given out of which one word is correctly spelt. Select the correctly spelt word.

- (a) Inqueitude
- (b) Inqueutude
- (c) Inquietude
- (d) Inquieteud

S29. Ans.(c)

Sol. Inquietude: physical or mental restlessness or disturbance.

Q30. In the following questions, four words are given out of which one word is correctly spelt. Select the correctly spelt word.

- (a) Railerry
- (b) Railery
- (c) Raillary
- (d) Raillery

S30. Ans.(d)

Sol. Raillery: good-humored teasing.

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