

English Mega Quiz: SSC CGL (Advanced Level)

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

Q1. Thousands of tourists view the Grand Canyon every year.

- (a) The Grand Canyon is been viewed by thousands of tourists every year.
- (b) The Grand Canyon was viewed by thousands of tourists every year.
- (c) The Grand Canyon is viewed by thousands of tourists every year.
- (d) The Grand Canyon is view by thousands of tourists every year.

S1. Ans.(c)

Q2. Select the word with the correct spelling.

- (a) acreditation
- (b) accredetation
- (c) accerditation
- (d) accreditation

S2. Ans.(d)

Sol. Accreditation means the action or process of officially recognizing someone as having a particular status or being qualified to perform a particular activity.

Direction (3-3): In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

Q3. The power to control appointments to office or the right to privileges


- (a) philanthropy
- (b) munificence
- (c) magnanimity
- (d) patronage

S3. Ans.(d)


Sol. Philanthropy means the desire to promote the welfare of others, expressed especially by the generous donation of money to good causes.

Munificence means the quality or action of being extremely generous.

Magnanimity means the fact or condition of being magnanimous; generosity.



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Direction (4-4): In the following question, 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'.

Q4. Headlights were backed up as long (1)/ as the eye could see, waiting impatiently for someone (2)/ to direct them away from the gridlock. (3)/ No error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

S4. Ans.(a)

Sol. Far is remote in space while long is having much distance from one terminating point on an object or an area to another terminating point.

Direction (5-5): Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

Q5. (Give us few days to) learn what sort of laws you will make for us, and then we will say whether we can submit to them or not.

- (a) Give us a few days to
- (b) Give me few days to
- (c) Give us a few day to
- (d) No improvement

S5. Ans.(a)

Sol. Without the article "a" few emphasizes a small number of something. A few means some.

Direction (6-6): In the following question, 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.

Q6. Arjun has been working with partners in districts in Bihar to renovate _____ toilets which have been constructed but are not used.

- (a) extant
- (b) defunct
- (c) existent
- (d) prevail

S6. Ans.(b)

Sol. Defunct means no longer existing or functioning.

Q7. Select the antonym of Recalcitrant

- (a) defiant
- (b) obstinate
- (c) stropny
- (d) compliant

S7. Ans.(d)

Sol. Recalcitrant means having an obstinately uncooperative attitude towards authority or discipline.

Compliant means disposed to agree with others or obey rules, especially to an excessive degree; acquiescent.

Direction (8-8): In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

Q8. Play havoc

- (a) Gallant
- (b) Play heroically
- (c) Cause damage
- (d) Completely played off

S8. Ans.(c)

Sol. Play havoc means to cause damage or destruction.

Q9. Rearrange the parts of the sentence in correct order:

A gardo is the person at a gig who is less interested in the music than in staring at the console and
P- spends his spare time building guitar pedals and synths under the Animal Factory Amplification brand
Q- a biochemical engineer by training who now works in his family's textile business, and
R- seeing what the artist is doing, declares Nandwana,

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

S9. Ans.(d)

Q10. Rearrange the parts of the sentence in correct order.

The little princess went round the table with quick,
P- and gaily spreading out her dress sat down on a sofa near the silver samovar,
Q- short, swaying steps, her workbag on her arm,
R- as if all she was doing was a pleasure to herself and to all around her.

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

S10. Ans.(c)

Direction (11-15): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. First read the passage and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of alternative given.

Zuckerberg explains that in 2013, researcher Aleksandr Kogan from Cambridge University created a personality quiz app, which was _____ by 300,000 people. The app was then able to _____ Facebook information, including those of the users' friends and obtained by Kogan. Cambridge Analytica was subsequently asked to remove all the data, until it was later rediscovered by The Guardian, The New York Times and Channel 4 that the data was in fact not deleted.

For years, prior to the 2016 U.S. presidential election, they were aware of Russian threats from “APT28”, a group linked to Russian military intelligence services. This group took under the name of DC Leaks. DC Leaks was able to create _____ during the election by creating distrust through specifically attacking and promoting candidates. Zuckerberg explains that during the post-election period, they also discovered that a group known as the Internet Research Agency (IRA) was actively spreading _____ and manipulating people in the U.S., Europe, and Russia by using Facebook as a platform with fake accounts. The accounts were _____ once the situation was discovered.

Q11. Zuckerberg explains that in 2013, researcher Aleksandr Kogan from Cambridge University created a personality quiz app, which was _____ by 300,000 people.

- (a) fed
- (b) promoted
- (c) appreciated
- (d) installed

S11. Ans.(d)

Sol. Install: place or fix (equipment or machinery) in position ready for use.
Hence option D is the correct choice.

Q12. The app was then able to _____ Facebook information, including those of the users’ friends and obtained by Kogan.

- (a) spread
- (b) revered
- (c) retrieve
- (d) interrupt

S12. Ans.(c)

Sol. Retrieve: find or extract (information stored in a computer).

Q13. DC Leaks was able to create _____ during the election by creating distrust through specifically attacking and promoting candidates.

- (a) rampant
- (b) celebration
- (c) confusion
- (d) perturbation

S13. Ans.(c)

Sol. Confusion: uncertainty about what is happening, intended, or required.

Q14. Spreading _____ and manipulating people in the U.S., Europe, and Russia by using Facebook as a platform with fake accounts.

- (a) disinformation
- (b) rumors
- (c) renegade
- (d) chats

S14. Ans.(a)

Sol. Disinformation: false information which is intended to mislead.

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Q15. The accounts were _____ once the situation was discovered.

- (a) shut
- (b) started
- (c) revoked
- (d) denounced

S15. Ans.(a)

Sol. Option A is the correct choice.

Direction (16-20): In each of the following sentences, find out which part of the sentence has an error. The error may be idiomatic or grammatical. If there is not error opt for option 'D'.

Q16. Nobody believed him (A)/ when he said that (B)/ his son was gone out of the country (C)/ No error (D).

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

S16. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'was' by 'had'.

When two incidents occurred in past, the first incident is mentioned in past perfect tense while the second one in simple past tense.

Q17. Some of the devotees (A)/ prostrate on the steps (B)/ on the floor in front of the idol before leaving. (C)/ No error (D)

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

S17. Ans.(b)

Sol. Add reflexive pronoun 'themselves' after 'prostrate'.

Q18. Despite several reminders, (A)/ he did not so far send (B)/ any reply to my letters (C)/ No error (D).

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

S18. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'So far' is used in Present Perfect Tense structured sentences. Hence correct form is 'he has not so far sent'.

Q19. It is true (A)/ that the poor is unable (B)/ to get nourishing food even today. (C)/ No error (D).

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

S19. Ans.(b)

Sol. The + adjective represents a group or class. Hence 'the poor' has been used for poor people, not for just a single poor person.

Therefore replace 'is' by 'are' after 'the poor'.

Q20. The man told to her (A)/ that he had not brought his dog (B)/ out for a walk as he was afraid that it would rain (C)/ No error (D).

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

S20. Ans.(a)

Sol. Remove 'to' after 'told'.

Direction (21-30): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the word opposite in meaning to the word given.

Q21. Seamy

- (a) Pure
- (b) Real
- (c) Steady
- (d) Timid

S21. Ans.(a)

Sol. Seamy means sordid & disreputable.

Hence Seamy and Pure are antonyms to each other.

Q22. Ruefully

- (a) Meagre
- (b) Evident
- (c) Cheerfully
- (d) Insignificant

S22. Ans.(c)

Sol. Ruefully means causing sorrow or pity, pitiable, deplorable.

Cheerfully goes for noticeably happy or optimistic.

Hence Ruefully and Cheerfully are antonyms to each other.

Q23. Forlorn

- (a) Unsociable
- (b) Joyful
- (c) Docile
- (d) Smooth

S23. Ans.(b)

Sol. Forlorn means pitifully sad and abandoned or lonely.
Hence Forlorn and Joyful are antonyms to each other.

Q24. Relinquish

- (a) Cruelty
- (b) Retain
- (c) Vulnerable
- (d) Explicit

S24. Ans.(b)

Sol. Relinquish means voluntarily cease to keep or claim, give up.
Retain means continue to have something.
Hence Relinquish and Retain are antonyms to each other.

Q25. Erudite

- (a) Literate
- (b) Illiterate
- (c) Chivalrous
- (d) Gloomy

S25. Ans.(b)

Sol. Erudite means having or showing great knowledge or learning.
Hence Illiterate and Erudite are antonyms to each other.

Q26. Inquisitive

- (a) Invincible
- (b) Indifferent
- (c) Spiritual
- (d) Unusual

S26. Ans.(b)

Sol. Inquisitive means having or showing an interest in learning things, or curious.
Indifferent means having no particular interest or unconcerned.
Hence Inquisitive and Indifferent are antonyms to each other.

Q27. Perilous

- (a) Safe
- (b) Unknown
- (c) Inclusions
- (d) Rare

S27. Ans.(a)

Sol. Perilous means full of danger or risk.
Hence Perilous and Safe are antonyms to each other

Q28. Servile

- (a) Malevolent
- (b) Vacillate
- (c) Defiant
- (d) Flimsy

S28. Ans.(c)

Sol. Servile means having or showing an excessive willingness.

Defiance means showing resistant or uncooperative.

Hence Servile and Defiant are antonyms to each other.

Q29. Autonomous

- (a) Dependent
- (b) Plain
- (c) Impractical
- (d) Conceal

S29. Ans.(a)

Sol. Autonomous means having the freedom to act independently.

Hence Autonomous and Dependent are antonyms to each other.

Q30. Venial

- (a) Hostile
- (b) Unpardonable
- (c) Hospitality
- (d) Prodigality

S30. Ans.(b)

Sol. Venial means easily excused or forgiven.

Unpardonable means too severe to be pardoned.

Hence Venial and Unpardonable are antonyms to each other.

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