

English Sunday Mega Quiz for SSC CGL – (Solutions)

Directions (1-10) : Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which *best expresses* the meaning of the given word.

Q1. Attrition

- (a) Alias
- (b) Apt
- (c) Assassination
- (d) Attenuation

S1. Ans.(d)

Sol. Attrition: the process of reducing something's strength or effectiveness through sustained attack or pressure.

Apt: appropriate or suitable in the circumstances.

Assassination: the murder of someone famous or important, for political reason.

Attenuation: the reduction of the force, effect, or value of something.

Alias: used to indicate that a named person is also known or more familiar under another specified name.

Q2. Augment

- (a) Dip
- (b) Increment
- (c) Weak
- (d) Wail

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. Augment: make (something) greater by adding to it; increase.

Increment: an increase or addition, especially one of a series on a fixed scale.

Wail: a prolonged high-pitched cry of pain, grief, or anger.

Increment: an increase or addition, especially one of a series on a fixed scale.

Q3. Circumspect

- (a) Prudent
- (b) Pale
- (c) Patient
- (d) Pernicious

S3. Ans.(a)

Sol. Circumspect: wary and unwilling to take risks, prudent.

Pale: light in color or shade; containing little color or pigment.

Pernicious: having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way.

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Q4. Caveat

- (a) Warning
- (b) Warming
- (c) Warping
- (d) Wailing

S4. Ans.(a)

Sol. Caveat: a warning or proviso of specific stipulations, conditions, or limitations.

Warming: having the effect of making people feel warmer.

Wanting: lacking in a required or necessary quality.

Wailing: crying with pain, grief, or anger.

Q5. Duress

- (a) Cake
- (b) Catalogue
- (c) Coerce
- (d) Cash

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. Duress: threats, violence, constraints, or other action used to coerce someone into doing something against their will or better judgement.

Coerce: persuade (an unwilling person) to do something by using force or threats.

Catalogue: a complete list of items, typically one in alphabetical or other systematic order.

Q6. Discursive

- (a) Digestive
- (b) Dividend
- (c) Dot
- (d) Digressive

S6. Ans.(d)

Sol. Discursive: digressing from subject to subject.

Dividend: a sum of money paid regularly (typically annually) by a company to its shareholders out of its profits (or reserves).

Digestive: related to human digestive system.

Digressive: tending to depart from the subject.

Q7. Delectable

- (a) Delirious
- (b) Defeat
- (c) Devoid
- (d) Delicious

S7. Ans.(d)

Sol. Delectable: (of food or drink) delicious, attractive.

Delirious: in an acutely disturbed state of mind characterized by restlessness, illusions, and incoherence; affected by delirium.

Devoid: entirely lacking or free from.

Q8. Effete

- (a) Drained
- (b) Desirable
- (c) Sentimental
- (d) Tenant

S8. Ans.(a)

Sol. Effete: no longer capable of effective action.

Tenant: a person who occupies land or property rented from a landlord.

Q9. Eclat

- (a) Brilliant
- (b) Edible
- (c) Boisterous
- (d) Easy

S9. Ans.(a)

Sol. Eclat: brilliant display or effect.

Boisterous: noisy, energetic, and cheerful.

Q10. Fiasco

- (a) Fatal
- (b) Facade
- (c) Failure
- (d) Fact

S10. Ans.(c)

Sol. Fiasco: a complete failure, especially a ludicrous or humiliating one.

Fatal: causing death.

Facade: the principal front of a building, that faces on to a street or open space.

Fact: a thing that is known or proved to be true.

Directions (11-20) : In the following questions, the 1st and the last parts of the sentence are numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the sentence is split into four parts and named P, Q, R and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentence and find out which of the four combinations is correct. Then find the correct answer.

Q11.

1. There are a lot of ways to communicate: speaking, singing, clapping, hooting.

P. Even animals communicate with one another.

Q. Only humans can express their thoughts and feelings in words because of our superior brain.

R. Both humans and animals also communicate through body language.

S. But their ways differ from the humans.

6. Sometimes we don't use words but make gestures (like traffic signs) or simple movements of the hand in order to communicate.

- (a) PQRS
- (b) PSQR
- (c) PRSQ
- (d) QPRS

S11. Ans.(b)

Q12.

1. Egotism is the most common fault of mankind.

P. However, with time it becomes an exaggerated form of self-display.

Q. It is the product of a perfectly natural desire to display oneself.

R. This is necessary as it impairs the personality and frustrates all efforts at self-improvement.

S. Beyond any shadow of doubt, it is a defect that ought to be constantly hunted down, and scotched.

6. One should always be on guard not to give into egotism.

(a) PQRS

(b) QPSR

(c) RSPQ

(d) PSRQ

S12. Ans.(b)

Directions (13-14) : A sentence has been given in Active voice/Passive Voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice and mark your answer.

Q13. The ringing of the alarm clock startled me from the deep depths of slumber.

(a) I was startled from the deep depths of slumber by the ringing of the alarm clock.

(b) The alarm clock rang and startled me from the depths of slumber.

(c) The ringing of the alarm clock made me awake.

(d) The alarm clock rang, startled and awakened me from sleep.

S13. Ans.(a)

Q14. One of the girls in the class will sing the national anthem at the end of the function.

(a) The national anthem will be sung by one of the girls in the class at the end of the function.

(b) There is a girl in the class who sings national anthem.

(c) A girl to sing national anthem is there in the class.

(d) The function will end, a girl will sing national anthem at the end of the function.

S14. Ans.(a)

Directions (15-16) : In each of the following questions, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect Speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect Direct Speech.

Q15. Sushma said, "We shall celebrate the festival of Janmashtami tomorrow."

(a) Sushma said that we shall celebrate the festival of Janmashtami the next day.

(b) Sushma said that they should celebrate the festival of Janmashtami the next day.

(c) Sushma said that they would celebrate the festival of Janmashtami the next day.

(d) Sushma said that we should celebrate the festival of Janmashtami the next day.

S15. Ans.(c)

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Q16. "I'm so tiny that I can't reach your branches," said the little boy to the tree.

- (a) The little boy said that he was so tiny that he couldn't reach its branches.
- (b) The little boy told to the tree that he was so tiny that he couldn't reach its branches.
- (c) The little boy told the tree that he was so tiny that he couldn't reach its branches.
- (d) The little boy said that the tree was so tiny that he couldn't reach its branches.

S16. Ans.(c)

Directions (17-17) : In this question, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the word given in bold.

Q17. Uproarious

- (a) quiet
- (b) rackety
- (c) rational
- (d) tame

S17. Ans.(b)

Sol. Rackety: noisy; rowdy

Rational-logical.

Directions (18-19) : In the following questions, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

Q18. Not composed of matter

- (a) inscrutable
- (b) incorporeal
- (c) suitor
- (d) brigand

S18. Ans.(b)

Sol. Inscrutable-impossible to understand.

Brigand- a group of robbers.

Suitor- a prospective buyer of a business or corporation.

Q19. Direct vote of all the selectors of the state

- (a) plebiscite
- (b) pledge
- (c) plenary
- (d) poetized

S19. Ans.(a)

Sol. Plebiscite means the direct vote of all the members of an electorate on an important public question such as a change in the constitution.

Q20. In these questions, four words are given out of which only one is correctly spelt. Find that correctly spelt word.

- (a) Acquainttance
- (b) Acquaintance
- (c) Accquaintance
- (d) Acquaintance

S20. Ans.(d)

Sol. Acquaintance- knowledge or experience of something.

Direction (21-30) : In the following questions, four words are given out of which one word is incorrectly spelt. Find the incorrectly spelt word.

Q21.

- (a) Sobriety
- (b) Emend
- (c) Scurilous
- (d) Ephemeral

S21. Ans.(c)

Sol. Scurrilous is the correct spelling.

Q22.

- (a) Relegate
- (b) Planitude
- (c) Plaudit
- (d) Profligate

S22. Ans.(b)

Sol. Plenitude is the correct spelling.

Q23.

- (a) Arrant
- (b) Asurgent
- (c) Cygnet
- (d) Euphuism

S23. Ans.(b)

Sol. Assurgent is the correct spelling.

Q24.

- (a) Gimcrack
- (b) Imbrue
- (c) Inculpete
- (d) Lenity

S24. Ans.(c)

Sol. Inculcate is the correct spelling.

Q25.

- (a) Fractous
- (b) Hauteur
- (c) Expatriate
- (d) Psychotic

S25. Ans.(a)

Sol. Fractious is the correct spelling.

Q26.

- (a) Moratorium
- (b) Temperize
- (c) Agrarian
- (d) Genre

S26. Ans.(b)

Sol. Temporize is the correct spelling.

Q27.

- (a) Fugucious
- (b) Milieu
- (c) Psyche
- (d) Fettle

S27. Ans.(a)

Sol. Fugacious is the correct spelling.

Q28.

- (a) Cadge
- (b) Strated
- (c) Craven
- (d) Staid

S28. Ans.(b)

Sol. Striated is the correct spelling.

Q29.

- (a) Dissamble
- (b) Sycophant
- (c) Inveigh
- (d) Reprobate

S29. Ans.(a)

Sol. Dissemble is the correct spelling.

Q30.

- (a) Feral
- (b) Quaint
- (c) Lithe
- (d) Serendipity

S30. Ans.(d)

Sol. Serendipity is the correct spelling.

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