

SSC CGL SUNDAY ENGLISH MEGA QUIZ (Question with Solution)

Direction (1-5): In the following question, 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.

Q1. Mr. Sharma, the critic was _____ enough to praise an author he detested.

- (a) magnanimous
- (b) loquacious
- (c) parsimonious
- (d) surreptitious

S1. Ans.(a)

Sol. Magnanimous- having or showing a generous and kind nature

Q2. The goodwill of its clients is a genuine _____ asset for any business.

- (a) redolent
- (b) dismissive
- (c) intangible
- (d) vigilant

S2. Ans.(c)

Sol. Intangible-not made of physical substance: not able to be touched: not tangible

Q3. _____ by her children, Radha Devi ultimately agreed to sell the house.

- (a) decimated
- (b) importuned
- (c) interpolated
- (d) designated

S3. Ans.(b)

Sol. Importune-to ask (someone) for something or to do something in a repeated or annoying way

Q4. Pretending not to notice the toys in the shop, Aryan the small boy, acted in a _____ manner.

- (a) doleful
- (b) nonchalant
- (c) convincing
- (d) ordinary

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol. Nonchalant- relaxed and calm in a way that shows that you do not care or are not worried about anything.

Q5. Because of his indecisive nature, Mr. Bhushan has a reputation for _____.

- (a) impartiality
- (b) tenacity
- (c) prevarication
- (d) vacillation

S5. Ans.(d)

Sol. Vacillation- inability to take a stand.

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Direction (6-9): Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

Q6. A situation that stops an activity from progressing

- (a) Bypass
- (b) Breach
- (c) Bottleneck
- (d) Blockhead

S6. Ans.(c)

Sol. Bottleneck-A hindrance to progress or production.

Q7. A raised passageway in a building

- (a) Walkway
- (b) Walkout
- (c) Walkabout
- (d) Walkover

S7. Ans.(a)

Sol. Walkway- a passage or path for walking along, especially a raised passageway connecting different sections of a building or a wide path in a park or garden.

Q8. A dramatic performance

- (a) Masque
- (b) Matins
- (c) Cosmocrat
- (d) Bronco

S8. Ans.(a)

Q9. Customs and habits of a particular group.

- (a) Mores
- (b) Mendicant
- (c) Reveille
- (d) Seer

S9. Ans.(a)

Direction: In the following question, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word

Q10. JETTISON

- (a) Retain
- (b) Slough
- (c) Abdicate
- (d) Cantankerous

S10. Ans.(a)

Sol. Jettison: throw or drop (something).

Direction (11-20): 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'.

Q11. India cannot missed out on being a part (A)/ of global supply chains and this can happen (B)/ only if tariff barriers are reduced. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S11. Ans. (a)

Sol. Replace 'missed out' with 'miss out'.
Modals take base form of verb with them.

Q12. Rearrange the parts of the sentence in correct order.

The gold excitement of 1849 and the following years was the source of the city's first prosperity:

P- but they made themselves rich by outfitting those of the gold-seekers who went to California overland and who stopped at the City of the Great Salt Lake,

Q- the Mormons did not attempt to do any mining - Brigham Young counselled them not to abandon agriculture for prospecting

R- the westernmost settlement of any importance

(a) RQP

(b) PQR

(c) QPR

(d) QRP

S12. Ans. (c)

Q13. Select the word with the correct spelling.

(a) partinacious

(b) pertenacious

(c) pertinacious

(d) pertinacious

S13. Ans. (c)

Sol. Pertinacious means holding firmly to an opinion or a course of action.

Q14. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

Hold a brief

(a) To defend someone

(b) To take a break

(c) To admire someone

(d) To get profit

S14. Ans. (a)

Sol. Hold a brief means to support or defend a position by argument.

Q15. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase

Soak or saturate (something) with a substance.

(a) superintend

(b) optimality

(c) impregnate

(d) fecundate

S15. Ans. (c)

Sol. Impregnate means soak or saturate (something) with a substance.

Q16. Improve the bracketed part of the sentence

Today everyone believes that corruption has become (today's order).

(a) the order of the day

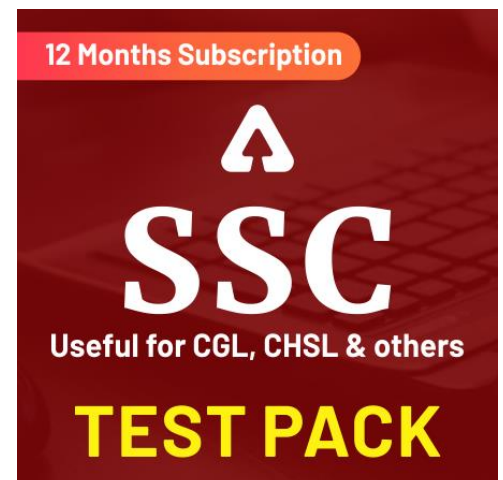
(b) order of the today

(c) the day's order

(d) No improvement

S16. Ans. (a)

Sol. The order of the day is the correct phrase which means the prevailing custom or state of affairs.



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Q17. 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.

He might not like to see his winnings swallowed up, but by law he is _____ to hand it over.

- (a) ruffled
- (b) busy
- (c) obliged
- (d) stifle

S17. Ans. (c)

Sol. Ruffle means to annoy or upset someone, or to make someone very nervous.

Oblige means do as (someone) asks or desires in order to help or please them.

Q18. 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.

A drought caused agricultural production to _____ 11 % in 1995, driving up food prices and retarding overall economic growth.

- (a) partake
- (b) pulsate
- (c) plummet
- (d) perforate

S18. Ans. (c)

Sol. Partake: join in (an activity).

Pulsate: to expand and contract rhythmically.

Plummet: to fall very quickly and suddenly.

Perforate: pierce and make a hole or holes in.

Q19. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

Run into the sand

- (a) To hunt easy prey
- (b) To be different in a group where everybody is alike
- (c) Come to nothing
- (d) To try to achieve a goal that involves illegal activities

S19. Ans. (c)

Sol. Run into the sand means to be stymied, obstructed, or foiled; to reach a point where one cannot make any further progress.

Q20. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase

Having or showing a wish to do evil to others.

- (a) benevolent
- (b) philanthropic
- (c) malevolent
- (d) solicitous

S20. Ans. (c)

Sol. A malevolent person deliberately tries to cause harm or evil.

Direction (21-23): Identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

Q21. Economic laws typically aims at balancing (A) / competing interests of various stakeholders (B) / as well as interests of government departments charged with implementing such laws. (C) / No errors(D)

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

S21. Ans. (a)

Sol. Replace "aims" with "aim". "Economic laws" is a plural subject thus it will take plural verb with it.

Q22. On a separate occasion, the High Court rapped (A) / the Director-General of Police for forwarding a complaint (B) / against Raj to the state government instead ordering an enquiry into it. (C) / No error(D)

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

S22. Ans. (c)

Sol. Replace "instead" with "instead of". "Instead of" is a prepositional phrase which can take object with it.

Q23. The decision has immediately drawn a sharp response (A) / from the Congress and the SP, who along with (B) / other Opposition parties have been stalling the Bill's passage in the Rajya Sabha. (C) / No error(D)

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

S23. Ans. (d)

Sol. No error

Direction (24-25): In the following questions, the 1st and the last part of the sentence/passage are numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the sentence/ passage 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/passage and find out which of the four combinations is correct.

Q24. 1. There is a lot of luck in drilling for oil.

P. The samples of soil are examined for traces of oil.

Q. The drill may just miss the oil although it is near.

R. Sometimes, it may strike oil at a fairly high level.

S. When the drill goes down it brings up soil.

6. If they are disappointed at one place, the drillers go to another.

- (a) QPRS
- (b) QRSP
- (c) PSRQ
- (d) SRQP

S24. Ans. (b)

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Q25. 1. An observation home is called a formicarium.

P. Then, if a small ant hill is dug up carefully, you will find the hump-backed queen.

Q. You will probably discover that you have some of the strange ant guests too.

R. It can be made of two panes of glass separated by strips of wood around the edges.

S. Put her in a jar with some of her workers, larvae and cocoons.

6. Carefully place them all in the formicarium.

(a) SPQR

(b) PQSR

(c) PSQR

(d) RPSQ

S25. Ans. (d)

Direction (26-30): In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

“Tenzing and Hillary have done it! Mount Everest has been conquered!” This news evoked (1) _____ reactions. Somehow, there was a sense of disappointment (2) _____ the fact that the great mountain had been (3) _____. It would have been nice to (4) _____ the Everest as an (5) _____ part of the Earth.

Q26. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank number 1

(a) intruding

(b) intimate

(c) interesting

(d) inspired

S26. Ans. (c)

Q27. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank number 2

(a) on

(b) of

(c) at

(d) for

S27. Ans. (c)

Q28. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3

(a) invaded

(b) challenged

(c) occupied

(d) conquered

S28. Ans. (d)

Q29. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4

(a) be leaving

(b) left

(c) had left

(d) have left

S29. Ans. (d)

Q30. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank number 5

(a) unavailed

(b) unusual

(c) unassailable

(d) unruly

S30. Ans. (c)

Sol. Unassailable means unable to be attacked, questioned, or defeated.