

SSC CHSL SUNDAY ENGLISH MEGA QUIZ (Question with Solutions)

Direction (1-3): 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.

Q1. _____ the people looked well enough, but when one looked more closely one saw that their faces were filled with despair.

- (a) At first looking
- (b) At first observations
- (c) On first sight
- (d) At first sight

S1. Ans. (d)

Sol. At first sight is an idiomatic expression which means 'immediately; at first glance; when you see somebody or something for the first time'. Hence, 'At first sight' is the right usage.

Q2. Our monthly expenditure _____ by five hundred rupees when we decided to buy milk from the milkman.

- (a) shot up
- (b) got up
- (c) moved
- (d) grew up

S2. Ans. (a)

Sol. Shot up (phrasal verb): rose suddenly by a large amount. Hence, shot up is the right usage.

Q3. Raj was tired of Puja's _____ approach, so he asked her to make her final decision by that evening.

- (a) silly-willy
- (b) dilly-dally
- (c) wasting
- (d) dilly-nally

S3. Ans. (b)

Sol. Dilly-dally: to take too long to do something. Hence dilly-dally is the right usage.

Direction (4-5): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the word which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Q4. PURGE

- (a) Evacuate
- (b) Pressurize
- (c) Thrust
- (d) Float

S4. Ans. (a)

Sol. Purge: Rid someone of an unwanted feeling; physically remove completely; to get rid of people from an organization.

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Q5. MORDANT

- (a) Stupid
- (b) Pensive
- (c) Senseless
- (d) Sarcastic

S5. Ans. (d)

Sol. Mordant: critical and unkind, but funny, caustic; corrosive.

Direction (6-8): In these questions four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase given in bold. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase given in bold.

Q6. Throw caution to the winds

- (a) to be fearful
- (b) to warn others not to travel
- (c) to behave recklessly
- (d) to behave with care and caution

S6. Ans. (c)

Sol. Throw caution to the winds: to do something without worrying about the risk; to behave recklessly.

Q7. Cap in hand

- (a) defiant
- (b) screaming
- (c) well behaved
- (d) in a respectful manner

S7. Ans. (d)

Sol. Go/come cap in hand: to ask someone for money or help in a polite way which makes you feel ashamed. Hence 'in a respectful manner' is the right usage.

Q8. Do a roaring trade

- (a) in the animal business
- (b) highly successful
- (c) in the habit of shouting at others
- (d) extremely reluctant

S8. Ans. (b)

Sol. Do a roaring trade: do very good business, to be highly successful. Hence 'highly successful' is the right option.

Direction (9-10): In the following questions, Choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word.

Q9. SWELTERING

- (a) Smelly
- (b) Clammy
- (c) Freezing
- (d) Cozy

S9. Ans. (c)

Sol. Sweltering: stifling; very hot and uncomfortable.

Cozy: warm, comfortable and safe.

Clammy: damp in an unpleasant way.

Hence, sweltering and freezing are antonyms to each other.

Q10. PANICKY

- (a) Confident
- (b) Sober
- (c) Quiet
- (d) Calm

S10. Ans. (d)

Sol. Panicky: anxious about something; hysterical.

Q11. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

On Saturday Rahul visited his professor to whom he had an appointment.

- (a) to whom he had
- (b) Rahul visited his professor
- (c) an appointment
- (d) On Saturday

S11. Ans. (a)

Sol. Right preposition to be used here is “with”.

Use “with whom” he had here.

Q12. Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.

The stranger said to me, “Can you tell me the way to the River Bank Colony?”

- (a) The stranger asked me can you tell me the way to the River Bank Colony.
- (b) The stranger asked me if you could tell him the way to the River Bank Colony.
- (c) The stranger asked me if I could tell him the way to the River Bank Colony.
- (d) The stranger told me that I could tell him the way to the River Bank Colony.

S12. Ans. (c)

Q13. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No improvement.

The ceremony will following by tea and refreshments for the guests.

- (a) No improvement
- (b) will followed by
- (c) will be followed by
- (d) will follow with

S13. Ans. (c)

Sol. The given sentence needs to be in passive voice.


Hence, ‘the ceremony will be followed by tea and refreshment’ is the correct choice.

Q14. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.

- A. He meets me in the same frank friendly way as always without mentioning it.
- B. He has owed it to me for twelve months now.
- C. I can realize whenever I meet him that he has forgotten that he owes me a dollar.
- D. My friend Todd owes me a dollar.

- (a) CBAD
- (b) CBDA
- (c) ADBC
- (d) DBCA

S14. Ans. (d)



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Q15. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

SCRAP

- (a) hoard
- (b) save
- (c) store
- (d) reject

S15. Ans. (d)

Sol. Scrap: to get rid of something no longer useful or wanted.

Q16. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.

ACCESSIBLE

- (a) reachable
- (b) stressed
- (c) attainable
- (d) restricted

S16. Ans. (d)

Sol. Accessible: (of a place) able to be reached or entered.

Restricted: limited in extent, number, scope, or action.

Q17. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be an old hat

- (a) be superstitious
- (b) be outdated
- (c) be crazy
- (d) be foolish

S17. Ans. (b)

Sol. If you say that something or someone is old hat, you mean that they have existed or been known for a long time, and they have become uninteresting and boring.

Q18. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.

Leopards have learned to _____ to semi-urban living near Mumbai and Gurugram.

- (a) adapt
- (b) adopt
- (c) change
- (d) prepare

S18. Ans. (a)

Sol. Adapt: make (something) suitable for a new use or purpose; modify.

Q19. Select the wrongly spelt word.

- (a) scenery
- (b) scarce
- (c) scheme
- (d) scanty

S19. Ans. (a)

Sol. Scenery is the correct spelling.

Q20. Select the most appropriate word to fill in blank

Darkness _____ over the forest increasing the danger of wild animals.

- (a) collapsed
- (b) descended
- (c) grounded
- (d) declined

S20. Ans. (b)

Sol. If darkness or night descends, it becomes dark and day changes to night.

Q21. Identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

The Principal requested to the Chief Guest to inaugurate the sports meet.

- (a) The principal requested
- (b) the sports meet
- (c) to the Chief Guest
- (d) to inaugurate

S21. Ans. (c)

Sol. Remove preposition 'to' after requested to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Q22. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.

- A. Practicing hard, she hoped to win an Olympic medal some day.
- B. As she sped down the slope she had a terrible accident.
- C. But, she didn't know it would be her last run ever.
- D. Ann Thompson was going to make her practice ski run before lunch.

- (a) DCBA
- (b) BCDA
- (c) DACB
- (d) ACDB

S22. Ans. (c)

Q23. Select the wrongly spelt word.

- (a) missionary
- (b) jewellery
- (c) elementary
- (d) hereditary

S23. Ans. (c)

Sol. Elementary is the correct spelling to be used here.

Q24. Identify the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment. If no substitution is required, select No substitution.

Of Rama and Usha the later is the most responsible.

- (a) the later is more
- (b) the latter is the more
- (c) the latter is most
- (d) No substitution.

S24. Ans. (b)

Sol. Later: at some time subsequent to a given time.

Latter: denoting the second or second mentioned of two people or things.

Here latter should be used. While comparing two people we use comparative degree.

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Q25. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word.

The archaeologist made a ____ discovery.

- (a) senile
- (b) sensational
- (c) sensible
- (d) sensitive

S25. Ans. (b)

Sol. Sensational: causing great public interest and excitement.

Senile: (of a person) having or showing the weaknesses or diseases of old age, especially a loss of mental faculties.

Q26. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

Sole right to make and sell some invention

- (a) patent
- (b) heirloom
- (c) copyright
- (d) inheritance

S26. Ans. (a)

Sol. Patent means a government authority or licence conferring a right or title for a set period, especially the sole right to exclude others from making, using, or selling an invention.

Heirloom means a valuable object that has belonged to a family for several generations.

Copyright means the exclusive and assignable legal right, given to the originator for a fixed number of years, to print, publish, perform, film, or record literary, artistic, or musical material

Q27. Select the most appropriate passive form of the given sentence.

Have you paid your outstanding bills?

- (a) Have your outstanding bills been paid?
- (b) Are your outstanding bills being paid?
- (c) Have your outstanding bills being paid?
- (d) Will your outstanding bills be paid?

S27. Ans. (a)

Q28. Select the correctly spelt word.

- (a) compitition
- (b) distruction
- (c) contruction
- (d) repetition

S28. Ans. (d)

Sol. Correct spelling is "Repetition" it means the action of repeating something that has already been said or written.

Q29. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

SANE

- (a) foolish
- (b) crazy
- (c) sensitive
- (d) sensible

S29. Ans. (d)

Sol. Sane means (of a person) of sound mind; not mad or mentally ill.

Q30. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.

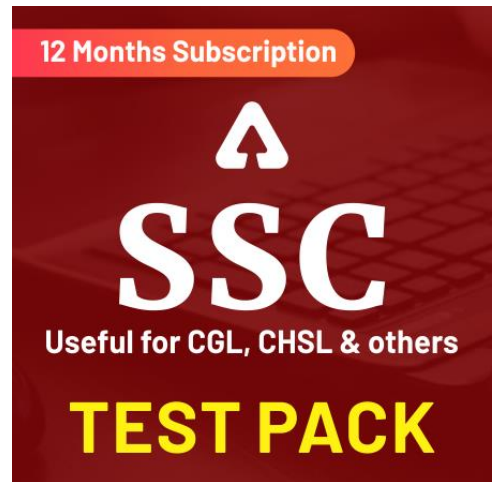
SPARSE

- (a) dense
- (b) strong
- (c) thin
- (d) weak

S30. Ans. (a)

Sol. Sparse: thinly dispersed or scattered.

Dense is its antonym. Dense means closely compacted in substance.



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