

English Sunday Mega Quiz for SSC CGL

Direction (1-2) : 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. Unless you don't obey (A) / your elders you (B) / will not succeed in your life. (C) / No Error (D)

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

S1. Ans.(a)

Sol. Remove 'don't' after 'unless'. As 'Unless' and 'Until' don't take 'negative words' with them.

Q2. Hardly had I reached the (A) / exhibition where I learnt (B) / about the major robbery. (C) / No Error (D)

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

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'where' with 'when'. As 'Hardly', 'Scarcely' and 'Barely' are followed by 'when'.

Direction (3-4) : In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the word similar in meaning to the word given.


Q3. SUCCULENT

- (a) Sucking
- (b) Rough
- (c) Juicy
- (d) Pale


S3. Ans.(c)

Sol. Succulent: tender, juicy, and tasty.

Hence option C is the correct choice.



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Q4. CONGREGATION

- (a) Discussion
- (b) Attention
- (c) Contraction
- (d) Assembly

S4. Ans.(d)

Sol. Congregation: a group of people assembled for religious worship.
Hence option D is the correct choice.

Direction (5-6) : In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the word opposite in meaning to the word given.

Q5. EVANESCENT

- (a) Eternal
- (b) Fleeting
- (c) Erratic
- (d) Elusive

S5. Ans.(a)

Sol. Evanescent: soon passing out of sight, memory, or existence.
Eternal: seeming to last forever.
Hence option A is the correct choice.

Q6. PANEGYRIC

- (a) Notable
- (b) Criticism
- (c) Fantasy
- (d) Grandeur

S6. Ans.(b)

Sol. Panegyric: something (such as a speech or a piece of writing) that praises someone or something.
Criticism: the expression of disapproval of someone or something.
Hence option B is the correct choice.

Direction (7-8) : In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

Q7. One skilled in telling stories

- (a) Ventral
- (b) Fanatic
- (c) Raconteur
- (d) Tyro

S7. Ans.(c)

Sol. Option C is the correct substitution.

Q8. Fear of Fire

- (a) Arsonphobia
- (b) Astraphobia
- (c) Astrophobia
- (d) Arrhenphobia

S8. Ans.(a)

Sol. Option A is the correct substitution.

Q9. In the following questions, four words are given out of which one word is incorrectly spelt. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

- (a) Gaurantee
- (b) Itinerary
- (c) Magnificent
- (d) Writing

S9. Ans.(a)

Sol. Correct Spelling is Guarantee

Q10. In the following questions, four words are given out of which one word is incorrectly spelt. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

- (a) Etiquete
- (b) Exquisite
- (c) Restaurant
- (d) Scavenger

S10. Ans.(a)

Sol. Correct Spelling is Etiquette.

Q11. In the following question, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

A trace or remnant of something that is disappearing or no longer exists.

- (a) memento
- (b) variable
- (c) glimmer
- (d) vestige

S11. Ans.(d)

Sol. Vestige: a trace or remnant of something that is disappearing or no longer exists.

Memento: an object kept as a reminder of a person or event.

Variable: not consistent or having a fixed pattern; liable to change.

Glimmer: shine faintly with a wavering light.

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Direction (12-13) : In 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.

Q12. Instructor said, "Cadet you must complete the circuit."

- (a) Instructor asked cadet to complete the circuit.
- (b) Instructor said that cadet must complete the circuit.
- (c) Instructor ordered cadet to complete the circuit.
- (d) Instructor ordered that cadet must complete the circuit.

S12. Ans.(c)

Q13. Mother said, "Ravi, please bring me some vegetables."

- (a) Mother told Ravi that please bring her some vegetables.
- (b) Mother requested Ravi to bring her some vegetables.
- (c) Mother ordered Ravi to bring some vegetables.
- (d) Mother requested Ravi please bring her some vegetables.

S13. Ans.(b)

Sol. It is an imperative sentence.

Reporting verb changes to request, command, order, suggest etc.

Direction (14-15) : In the following question, 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.

Q14. 1. The lion used to be very widely distributed in Africa and Asia.

P. There are special forest zones set aside for wildlife in various countries.

Q. Indiscriminate killing by hunters has been the cause of this drastic fall in their numbers.

R. Today they are a relatively rare species.

S. If the species survives at all it will be only in national parks.

6. No hunting is permitted in such reserved areas.

- (a) QSPR
- (b) RSPQ
- (c) SRPQ
- (d) RQSP

S14. Ans.(d)

Q15. 1. It is not uncommon for close synonyms to be understood to share the same memory.

P. The difference between words like 'hard' and 'difficult' goes unnoticed.

Q. One may employ one or other with complete indifference.

R. In general this is well and good.

S. Most people lack the linguistic sense to quibble over such trifles.

6. But for most of us it is of no less significance.

- (a) PRSQ
- (b) SRQP
- (c) PQRS
- (d) QRSP

S15. Ans.(c)

Direction (16-20) : In the following questions, you have four brief passages with 5 questions following each passage. Read the passages carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

Blame it on broken hearts and bereavement, to mere shyness and busy routines, millions of us suffer from some form of loneliness. Like a disease, it cuts across class, age groups and gender, leaving very few of us immune. And it's not Robinson Crusoe's loneliness, where a person is cut-off from society, but it's loneliness despite living amid dear ones and neighbors, despite the Internet and social networking, crowded towns and shopping malls. "People can be alone without being lonely, or lonely in a crowd", says one research paper on the subject.

Those affected by loneliness are generally not keen to talk about it. They feel ashamed or embarrassed or simply do not have anyone to discuss the problem with. "Globally, modern urban living has become more and more individualistic and loneliness is a byproduct of it," says a psychologist. "Relationships in present times have become transient, the concept of extended family has weakened and our circle of friends has narrowed."

Q16. Who according to the author, suffers from loneliness?

- (a) Only shy people
- (b) Bereaved people
- (c) Many people
- (d) A few people

S16. Ans.(c)

Sol. Refer to, "Blame it on broken hearts and bereavement, to mere shyness and busy routines, millions of us suffer from some form of loneliness."

Q17. Loneliness is like

- (a) a disease
- (b) shyness
- (c) an immunity
- (d) a broken heart

S17. Ans.(a)

Sol. Refer to, "Like a disease, it cuts across class, age groups and gender, leaving very few of us immune."

Q18. "Robinson Crusoe's loneliness" means

- (a) living on an island.
- (b) being cut-off from society.
- (c) being hated by society.
- (d) having no family.

S18. Ans.(b)

Sol. Refer to, "And it's not Robinson Crusoe's loneliness, where a person is cut-off from society, but it's loneliness despite living amid dear ones and neighbors, despite the Internet and social networking, crowded towns and shopping malls."

Q19. Why would those affected by loneliness not want to talk about it?

- (a) They feel ashamed or have no one to discuss with.
- (b) They are too busy.
- (c) No one interested.
- (d) They are immune to it.

S19. Ans.(a)

Sol. Refer to "They feel ashamed or embarrassed or simply do not have anyone to discuss the problem with."

Q20. The author writes that

- (a) people feel lonely only when they are alone.
- (b) people can be alone and not feel lonely.
- (c) loneliness is caused by Robinson Crusoe.
- (d) the concept of extended family is still strong.

S20. Ans.(b)

Sol. Refer to "People can be alone without being lonely, or lonely in a crowd", says one research paper on the subject."

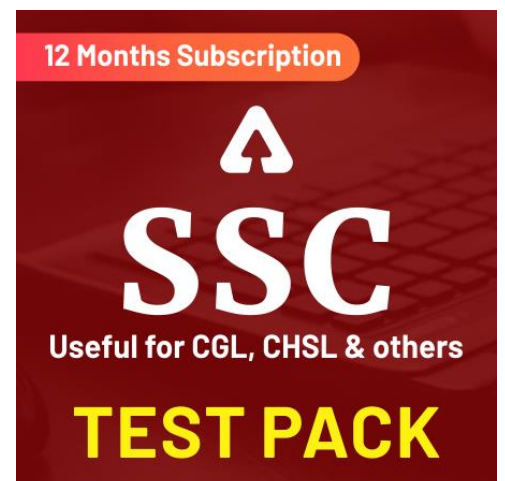
Direction (21-22) : In these questions some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and indicate it corresponding to the appropriate letter. If there is no error, indicate corresponding to the last option.

Q21. The Act's long history trace back to the judgment (A) / in NALSA vs Union of India of April 2014, which directed (B) / the Centre and State to grant legal recognition for the third gender. (C) / No Error (D)

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

S21. Ans.(a)

Sol. Since the subject in the given sentence is singular, the verb should also be singular. Hence, replace "trace" with "traces" to make the sentence grammatically correct.



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Q22. It is inconceivable that any effort to ostensibly ameliorate (A) / the fortunes of a particular group should be completely (B) / impervious to the entreaties of intended beneficiaries. (C) / No Error (D)

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

S22. Ans.(d)

Sol. No error

Direction (23-24) : 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.

Q23. State laws _____ the sale of alcoholic beverages inside the stadium.

- (a) freeze
- (b) inhibit
- (c) prohibit
- (d) impede

S23. Ans.(c)

Sol. Prohibit: formally forbid something by law, rule, or other authority.

Impede: delay or prevent someone or something by obstructing them; hinder.

Inhibit: restrain, or prevent.

Hence option C fits in the context.

Q24. The child looked up at her teacher, obviously afraid that she would further _____ her.

- (a) revere
- (b) extol
- (c) laud
- (d) chastise

S24. Ans.(d)

Sol. Chastise: Rebuke or reprimand severely.

Revere: to respect/ worship.

Extol: praise enthusiastically.

Laud: to praise

Hence option D is correct.

Direction (25-26) : Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences.

Q25. The art of preaching or writing sermons

- (a) Homiletic
- (b) Hone
- (c) Holster
- (d) Hubris

S25. Ans.(a)

Sol. Option A is the correct substitution.

Q26. Harsh criticism or censure

- (a) Opprobrium
- (b) Officious
- (c) Perfunctory
- (d) Approbation

S26. Ans.(a)

Sol. Option A is the correct substitution.

Q27. In the following questions, four words are given out of which one word is incorrectly spelt. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

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

S27. Ans.(a)

Sol. Fugacious is the correct spelling.

Q28. In the following questions, four words are given out of which one word is incorrectly spelt. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

- (a) Prurient
- (b) Zephyr
- (c) Palliate
- (d) Vicisitude

S28. Ans.(d)

Sol. Vicissitude is the correct spelling.

Direction (29-30) : Four alternatives are given for the Idioms/Phrase printed in bold. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of Idiom/Phrase.

Q29. To give currency

- (a) To bestow importance
- (b) To misinterpret
- (c) To make publicly known
- (d) To originate

S29. Ans.(c)

Q30. In awe of

- (a) In a state of confusion
- (b) Respect
- (c) Follow the rules
- (d) In a dangerous position

S30. Ans.(b)

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