

SSC Exam Sunday English Mega Quiz (Questions with Solutions)

Directions (1-3): 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.

Q1. It was a big blunder but we ignored it for the welfare of the city.

- (a) It was a big blunder
- (b) but we ignored it
- (c) for the welfare of the city.
- (d) No error

S1. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'Blunder' means 'big mistake'. Remove 'big' after 'a' as 'big blunder' is superfluous.

Q2. They stayed in Kashmir for a short period of time and then they returned home.

- (a) They stayed in Kashmir for a
- (b) short period of time
- (c) and then they returned home.
- (d) No error

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. Remove 'of time' as it is supposed to be superfluous. Either 'for a short period' or 'for a short time' is used.

Q3. Though recently married, Koyal and Kabir are not pulling on well with each other.

- (a) Though recently married, Koyal
- (b) and Kabir are not pulling
- (c) on well with each other.
- (d) No error

S3. Ans.(c)

Sol. Remove 'on'.

Directions (4-5): Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Q4. RAPT

- (a) Doleful
- (b) Ecstatic
- (c) Demolish
- (d) Build

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol. Rapt: completely fascinated or absorbed by what one is seeing or hearing. **Ecstatic:** feeling or expressing overwhelming happiness or joyful excitement. Hence Rapt and Ecstatic are synonyms to each other.

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Q5. COMPENDIUM

- (a) Summary
- (b) Dullness
- (c) Capability
- (d) Antipathy

S5. Ans.(a)

Sol. Compendium: a collection of concise but detailed information about a particular subject, especially in a book or other publication. Hence Compendium and Summary are synonyms to each other.

Directions (6-8): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the antonym to the given word.

Q6. Ensconce

- (a) Establish
- (b) Impudence
- (c) Request
- (d) Disturb

S6. Ans.(d)

Sol. Ensconce: to settle.

Disturb: interfere with the normal arrangement or functioning of.

Q7. Lugubrious

- (a) Clumsy
- (b) Lucid
- (c) Optimistic
- (d) Sinister

S7. Ans.(c)

Sol. Lugubrious: sad or dismal.

Optimistic: hopeful and confident about the future.

Q8. Ostentation

- (a) Comical
- (b) Insane
- (c) Modest
- (d) Swanky

S8. Ans.(c)

Sol. Ostentation: the pretentious or showy display of wealth and luxury, designed to impress.

Modest: moderate

Directions (9-10): In these questions, four words are given. In each group, one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

- Q9.** (a) pillage
(b) spliter
(c) palenes
(d) bloting

S9. Ans.(a)

Sol. Pillage means rob a (place) using violence, especially in wartime.

- Q10.** (a) feminism
(b) accesses
(c) permuted
(d) vacuols

S10. Ans.(c)

Sol. Permuted means submit to a process of alteration, rearrangement, or permutation.

Directions (11-12): 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'.

Q11. In the event, the anticipated collapse of the first (A)/ genetic engineering company amid a pile (B)/ of bad debts did not come by. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S11. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'come by' with 'come about'.

Come about: happen; take place.

Come by: manage to acquire or obtain (something).

Hence 'come about' fits in the context appropriately.

Q12. The boy's parents were surprised that (A)/ he would excel with athletics since (B)/neither of them played sports in school. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'excel with' by 'excel in'.

'Excel **in** something' is the correct prepositional usage.

Directions (13-14): In the following questions, 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.

Q13. The river abounds _____ fish and crocodiles.

- (a) with
(b) of
(c) at
(d) on

S13. Ans.(a)

Sol. Abound with: to be brimming with something plentiful. Hence the correct idiomatic expression is 'abound with'.

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Q14. The bitter debate in the newspapers seems oddly _____ with the quiet, almost gentle argument between the two drivers.

- (a) innocuous
- (b) inclusive
- (c) interesting
- (d) incongruous

S14. Ans.(d)

Sol. Innocuous: not harmful or offensive.

Inclusive: containing or including a particular thing.

Incongruous: unusual or different from what is around or from what is generally happening.

Hence option D is the most appropriate choice.

Q15. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

Comment added to a text or diagram

- (a) lexicon
- (b) thesaurus
- (c) terminology
- (d) annotation

S15. Ans.(d)

Sol. Annotation: a note by way of explanation or comment added to a text or diagram.

Lexicon: a dictionary, especially of Greek, Hebrew, Syriac or Arabic.

Thesaurus: a book that lists words in groups of synonyms and related concepts.

Terminology: the body of terms used with a particular technical application in a subject of study, profession, etc.

Q16. Select the antonym of the given word

PERTNESS

- (a) Audacity
- (b) Impudence
- (c) Flippancy
- (d) Modesty

S16. Ans.(d)

Sol. Pertness: impudence (showing disrespect); cheek.

Modesty: behavior, manner, or appearance intended to avoid impropriety or indecency.

Audacity, Impudence and Flippancy are synonyms of "Pertness".

Q17. Select the synonym of the given word

POIGNANT

- (a) Bitter
- (b) Deep
- (c) Sorrowful
- (d) Stinking

S17. Ans.(c)

Sol. Poignant: evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret.

Sorrowful: feeling or showing grief.

Hence option C is the correct synonym.

Q18. Select the wrongly spelt word

- (a) Tumultuous
- (b) Sanguine
- (c) Tranquill
- (d) Peremptory

S18. Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct spelling is “**Tranquil**” which means free from disturbance; calm.

Directions (19-20): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/Phrase.

Q19. Go places

- (a) be materialistic
- (b) be greedy
- (c) be successful
- (d) be rich

S19. Ans.(c)

Sol. Go places- to progress or find success in some area of one's life.

Q20. Cut in

- (a) Acknowledge
- (b) Interrupt
- (c) Evade
- (d) Produce

S20. Ans.(b)

Sol. Cut in: interrupt someone while they are speaking.

Q21. Identify the segment which contains the grammatical error

Pleasure cannot derive from giving pain to innocent people.

- (a) Pleasure cannot derive
- (b) pain to
- (c) innocent people
- (d) from giving

S21. Ans.(a)

Sol. In passive voice helping verb (modal) is followed by **be** and third form of main verb. Hence “**pleasure cannot be derived**” is correct.

Q22. Select the most appropriate word for the group of words.

One who walks on foot

- (a) pauper
- (b) pediatrician
- (c) pedestrian
- (d) protagonist



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S22. Ans.(c)

Sol. Pauper: a very poor person.

Pediatrician: a medical practitioner specializing in children and their diseases.

Protagonist: the leading character or one of the major characters in a play, film, novel, etc.

Q23. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pass the hat

(a) to sell something

(b) to collect money

(c) to play a game

(d) to avoid work

S23. Ans.(b)

Sol. Pass the hat: collect contributions of money from a number of people for a specific purpose.

Q24. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

RESOLUTE

(a) unsure

(b) determined

(c) uncertain

(d) hesitant

S24. Ans.(b)

Sol. Resolute: admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering.

Hesitant: tentative, unsure, or slow in acting or speaking.

Q25. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

As the crow flies

(a) to be uncertain

(b) a long winding path

(c) the shortest route

(d) to be directionless

S25. Ans.(c)

Sol. As the crow flies: in a straight line.

Q26. Identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

Lack of formal education did not prevent Lincoln to become a great leader.

(a) did not prevent

(b) a great leader

(c) to become

(d) Lack of

S26. Ans.(c)

Sol. Gerund is used after certain verbs/phrases. **Prevent** is followed by **from** (preposition) and present participle (V+ ing).

Q27. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word.

I had _____ pain in the stomach after taking lunch.

- (a) strict
- (b) heavy
- (c) huge
- (d) acute

S27. Ans.(d)

Sol. Acute: (of an unpleasant or unwelcome situation or phenomenon) present or experienced to a severe or intense degree.

Q28. Identify the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment. If no substitution is required, select No substitution.

I was astonished on the ignorance in the villagers.

- (a) over the ignorance between
- (b) No substitution
- (c) on the ignorance by
- (d) at the ignorance of

S28. Ans.(d)

Sol. Astonish will be followed by preposition 'at'.

Q29. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word.

All organizations seek sincere and _____ employees.

- (a) industrious
- (b) industrial
- (c) inactive
- (d) inert

S29. Ans.(a)

Sol. Industrious: diligent and hard-working.

Inert: lacking the ability or strength to move.

Q30. Select the wrongly spelt word.

- (a) extract
- (b) eligible
- (c) extension
- (d) explanation

S30. Ans.(d)

Sol. Extract: remove or take out, especially by effort or force.

Explanation: a statement or account that makes something clear.

Extension: a part that is added to something to enlarge or prolong it.

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