

SSC Exam Sunday English Mega Quiz (Questions with Solutions)

Q1. In the following question, sentence given with blank is to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

The professor _____ over just one point for full two hours.

- (a) deliberated
- (b) mentioned
- (c) conversed
- (d) stated

S1. Ans.(a)

Sol. Deliberate means engage in long and careful consideration.

Q2. In these questions, out of the four alternatives choose the word opposite in meaning to the word given in bold.

Expound

- (a) Besmirch
- (b) Mystify
- (c) Refrain
- (d) Condemn

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. Expound- explain in detail.

Mystify-puzzle

Q3. In the following question, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

A statement intended to soothe

- (a) Bromide
- (b) Euphemism
- (c) Anodyne
- (d) Homonym

S3. Ans.(b)

Sol. Euphemism: a mild or indirect word or expression substituted for one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing.

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Q4. Select the synonym of

ESPIONAGE

- (a) Lineage
- (b) Spying
- (c) Planning
- (d) Pioneering

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol. Espionage: the practice of spying or of using spies, typically by governments to obtain political and military information.

Spying: work for a government or other organization by secretly obtaining information about enemies or competitors.

Q5. Select the word with the correct spelling.

- (a) Scholarship
- (b) Partnerarship
- (c) Entrepreneurship
- (d) Leadeship

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. Entrepreneurship: a person who organizes and manages any enterprise, especially a business, usually with considerable initiative and risk.

Q6. 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'.

If I was knowing (A)/ why he was absent, (B)/ I would have informed you. (C)/ No error (D)

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

S6. Ans.(a)

Sol. Use 'I had known' in place of 'I was knowing' because with "Would have+ v3" we need to use "if +sub+ had + v3" thus 'If I had known' is correct.

Q7. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase in bold.

The officer **kicked up a row** over the issue.

- (a) avoided the issue
- (b) gave strict orders
- (c) gave a kick in the air
- (d) made a great fuss

S7. Ans.(d)

Sol. Kick up a row: to become a nuisance; to misbehave and disturb (someone).

Q8. In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of four alternatives suggested, select the one, which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice.

They are going to build a new airport near the old one.

- (a) A new airport going to be built near the old one.
- (b) A new airport is being built near the old one.
- (c) A new airport will be built near the old one.
- (d) A new airport is going to be built near the old one.

S8. Ans.(d)

Q9. Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

I can't go out in the rain as I am (not having an umbrella).

- (a) have no umbrella
- (b) don't have an umbrella
- (c) don't have the umbrella
- (d) No improvement

S9. Ans.(b)

Sol. "Have" is a static verb, therefore we don't write "have" in continuous form if we need to show possession, thus "don't have an umbrella" should be used.

Q10. 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.

His directions to the driver were and helped him to reach on time.

- (a) explicit
- (b) implicit
- (c) expletive
- (d) implicate

S10. Ans.(a)

Sol. **Explicit** means stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt.

Q11. In this question, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the word given in bold.

SINUOUS

- (a) Straight
- (b) Serene
- (c) Transparent
- (d) Serpentine

S11. Ans.(d)

Sol. Sinuous- having many curves and turns.

Serpentine- curving and twisting like a snake.

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Q12. In this question, out of the four alternatives choose the word opposite in meaning to the word given in bold.

INURE

- (a) Certain
- (b) Merciless
- (c) Bereft
- (d) Sensitize

S12. Ans.(d)

Sol. Inure- accustom (someone) to something, especially something unpleasant.

Sensitize- to cause (someone or something) to respond to certain stimuli; make sensitive.

Q13. In the following questions, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

The period between two reigns

- (a) Interregnum
- (b) Intermission
- (c) Anachronism
- (d) Era

S13. Ans.(a)

Sol. Interregnum means an interval between the periods of office of two incumbents in a parish.

Q14. In these questions, four words are given out of which only one is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

- (a) Compitation
- (b) Assemilation
- (c) Vindicasion
- (d) Fascination

S14. Ans.(d)

Sol. Fascination -the power to fascinate someone; the quality of being fascinating.

Directions (15-16): In these 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 alternatives.

Q15. The medium and long term goals will be to continue this process to _____ the pace of demographic transition and achieve population stabilization by 2045.

- (a) advanced
- (b) expend
- (c) accelerate
- (d) diverse

S15. Ans.(c)

Sol. Accelerate means begin to move more quickly.

Q16. The pilot was.....injured, he died within half an hour.

- (a) carelessly
- (b) fatally
- (c) fatefully
- (d) vitally

S16. Ans.(b)

Sol. Fatally- in a manner leading to death or disaster.

Directions (17-18): In these questions, read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is (D).

Q17. Some members of the committee were opposed to use the club members' money to redecorate the meeting hall.

- (a) Some members of the committee
- (b) were opposed to use
- (c) the club members' money to redecorate the meeting hall.
- (d) No error

S17. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'use' with 'using'

Q18. The doctor asked his patient to regularly take his medicine.

- (a) The doctor
- (b) asked his patient
- (c) to regularly take his medicine.
- (d) No error

S18. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'To take his medicine regularly' is correct

Q19. Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

Wisdom does not automatically (accrue in) an individual because he or she lived through certain seminal events.

- (a) accrue of
- (b) accrue to
- (c) accrue from
- (d) No Improvement

S19. Ans.(b)

Sol. Accrue: to increase in number or amount over a period of time. 'Accrue to somebody' is the correct usage.



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Q20. In the following questions, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive Voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active Voice.

A poem was being written by me.

- (a) I had been writing a poem.
- (b) I am writing a poem.
- (c) I was writing a poem.
- (d) I have been writing a poem.

S20. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct active voice should be, "I was writing a poem."

Q21. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

The supposed art of judging character from facial characteristics

- (a) prepology
- (b) adulation
- (c) physiognomy
- (d) profanity

S21. Ans.(c)

Sol. Physiognomy means a person's facial features or expression, especially when regarded as indicative of character or ethnic origin.

Q22. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

At one's finger's ends

- (a) Sharpening your skills in anticipation of future challenges
- (b) To have complete knowledge, to be expert in
- (c) To have everything in one place
- (d) Getting ready for work or a new project

S22. Ans.(b)

Sol. At one's finger's ends means to be thoroughly familiar with.

Q23. Select the synonym of

Intermingle

- (a) oesophagus
- (b) affiliate
- (c) throat
- (d) pharynx

S23. Ans.(b)

Sol. Intermingle means mix or mingle together, and affiliate means officially attach or connect (a subsidiary group or a person) to an organization.

Q24. In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of four alternatives suggested, select the one, which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice.

Prabal has sent the email.

- (a) The email had been sent by Prabal.
- (b) The email has been sent by Prabal.
- (c) The email was sent by Prabal.
- (d) The email has been send by Prabal.

S24. Ans.(b)

Q25. Select the word with the correct spelling.

- (a) canglomerate
- (b) conglomerate
- (c) conglamerate
- (d) conglomerate

S25. Ans.(b)

Sol. Conglomerate means a thing consisting of a number of different and distinct parts or items that are grouped together.

Q26. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

All at sea

- (a) Completely confused
- (b) All sink in water
- (c) Very large area
- (d) On the boat

S26. Ans.(a)

Sol. All at sea means puzzled, perplexed, or completely confused (about a subject or some task at hand).

Q27. Select the antonym of

Sparse

- (a) Calculated
- (b) Quantified
- (c) Abundant
- (d) Figured

S27. Ans.(c)

Sol. Sparse means thinly dispersed or scattered. So, abundant existing or available in large quantities; plentiful.

Q28. 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'.

Jumping out of the buggy he put Dorothy's (1)/ suit-case under the seat and her (2)/ bird-cage on the floor in front. (3)/No error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

S28. Ans.(d)

Sol. No error

Q29. Select the synonym of

Simulation

- (a) genuine
- (b) unstudied
- (c) insincere
- (d) imitate

S29. Ans.(d)

Sol. Simulation means imitation of a situation or process hence option (d) is the correct choice.

Q30. Select the word with the correct spelling.

- (a) stegmatize
- (b) stigamatize
- (c) stigmaetise
- (d) stigmatize

S30. Ans.(d)

Sol. Stigmatize means describe or regard as worthy of disgrace or great disapproval.

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