

SSC Exam Sunday English Mega Quiz

Q1. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

The boy **turned a deaf ear** to the pleadings of all his well-wishers.

- (a) listened carefully
- (b) was deadly opposed
- (c) posed indifference
- (d) did not pay any attention

S1. Ans.(d)

Sol. If you **turn a deaf ear** to something such as a request or argument, you refuse to consider it and do not pay any attention to it.

Q2. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the words/sentence.

Hater of learning and knowledge

- (a) misologist
- (b) posologist
- (c) syllogist
- (d) zoologist

S2. Ans.(a)

Sol. Misologist means distrust or hatred of reasoning, argument, or knowledge.

Q3. In these questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the word given in bold.

Pantomime

- (a) gesticulate
- (b) signal
- (c) wave
- (d) oscillate

S3. Ans.(a)

Sol. **Pantomime**-a theatrical entertainment; **Gesticulate**- use gestures, especially dramatic ones.

Q4. In these questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the word given in bold.

Erudite

- (a) didactic
- (b) lowbrow
- (c) unlettered
- (d) tabloid

S4. Ans.(a)

Sol. **Erudite**- having or showing great knowledge; **didactic**-intended to teach

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Q5. In these questions, out of the four alternatives choose the word **opposite** in meaning to the word given in **bold**.

EFFERVESCENT

- (a) cadent
- (b) nuptial
- (c) phlegmatic
- (d) mettlesome

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. EFFERVESCENT- vivacious and enthusiastic. **Phlegmatic**- having an unemotional and stolidly calm disposition

Q6. In these questions, out of the four alternatives choose the word **opposite** in meaning to the word given in **bold**.

PANDEMONIUM

- (a) Amusement
- (b) Indolence
- (c) Declaration
- (d) Tranquillity

S6. Ans.(d)

Sol. Pandemonium- wild and noisy disorder or confusion; uproar; **Tranquillity**- the quality or state of being tranquil; calm.

Directions (7-8): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

Q7. Medicine used to calm or pacify

- (a) hypnotic
- (b) antidepressant
- (c) tranquillizer
- (d) fusion

S7. Ans.(c)

Sol. Tranquillizer means a medicinal drug taken to reduce tension or anxiety.

Q8. Murder of a king

- (a) butchery
- (b) regicide
- (c) slaughter
- (d) infanticide

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. Regicide means a person who kills or takes part in killing a king.

Q9. Select the word with the correct spelling.

- (a) bargundy
- (b) panacea
- (c) revolver
- (d) cantinue

S9. Ans.(b)

Sol. Panacea means a solution or remedy for all difficulties or diseases.

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.

_____ and my younger brother went to the movie all by ourselves.

- (a) I
- (b) Mine
- (c) Myself
- (d) My own self

S10. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'I' is the correct option. In the subjective case subjective pronoun should be used, thus "I" should be used.

Directions (11-12): In these questions, four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase given in bold in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase given in bold.

Q11. The rustics were taken to the cleaners when ventured into the city.

- (a) Lost all their money in business/gambling
- (b) were thoroughly beaten up
- (c) were frightened
- (d) were made to feel diffident

S11. Ans.(a)

Sol. Were taken to the cleaners means to be soundly defeated or bested; to lose by a wide margin

Q12. I do not think the law will interfere with us as we are just trying to turn an honest penny

- (a) make a legitimate living
- (b) make a good living
- (c) have dealings in white money
- (d) become more honest

S12. Ans.(c)

Sol. Turn an honest penny means to earn money in an honorable and legitimate way, typically through one's hard work.

Directions (13-14): 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.

Q13. Since tourism does not fall under a single heading in India's National Accounts Statistics, its contribution has to be _____.

- (a) appraised
- (b) guessed
- (c) conclude
- (d) estimated

S13. Ans.(d)

Sol. Here estimated means roughly calculate or judge the value, number, quantity, or extent of.

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Q14. The commodity futures market _____ the price discovery process and provide a platform for price risk management in commodities.

- (a) distinguishes
- (b) forwards
- (c) simplifies
- (d) facilitates

S14. Ans.(d)

Sol. Facilitates means make (an action or process) easy or easier.

Directions (15-17): 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). (Ignore errors of Punctuation, if any.)

Q15. The Chief Minister had earlier moved the Delhi High Court seeking to prevent the ED from making further arrests in this case.

- (a) The Chief Minister had earlier moved the
- (b) Delhi High Court seeking to prevent the ED
- (c) from making further arrests in this case.
- (d) No error

S15. Ans.(d)

Sol. No error

Q16. It was a humid day on Tuesday, with levels oscillating between 63 percent and 92 percent.

- (a) It was a humid day on Tuesday,
- (b) with levels oscillating between
- (c) 63 percent and 92 percent.
- (d) No error

S16. Ans.(d)

Sol. No error

Q17. A number of senior officials of banking institutions, including the Chairman of the SBI, was asked to go on leave.

- (a) A number of senior officials of
- (b) banking institutions, including the Chairman of the SBI,
- (c) was asked to go on leave.
- (d) No error

S17. Ans.(c)

Sol. use 'were' in place of 'was'

Directions (18-20): In these questions, a sentence or a part of sentence is bold. Below are given alternatives to the bold part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (D).

Q18. The moment we came to know about his actions, we decided to get rid of these worker.

- (a) gets rid of this worker
- (b) got rid of this worker
- (c) get rid of this worker
- (d) No improvement

S18. Ans.(c)

Sol. Here we are particularly talking about a single worker that's why we will use 'this' in place of 'these'.

Q19. He **had even venturing into** areas that he had shunned.

- (a) had even venturing into
- (b) even is being venture into
- (c) has even been venturing into
- (d) No improvement

S19. Ans.(c)

Sol. Sentence should be in perfect continuous tense thus structure should be “has/have/had +been + Verb+ing”

Q20. I am glad to hear that you narrowly escaped **being run over by** a speeding car yesterday.

- (a) be being run over by
- (b) to turn over by
- (c) run over down by
- (d) No Improvement

S20. Ans.(d)

Sol. No improvement

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

Open to more than one interpretation; not having one obvious meaning.

- (a) trite
- (b) opposite
- (c) exceptional
- (d) ambiguous

S21. Ans.(d)

Sol. Ambiguous means having or expressing more than one possible meaning, sometimes intentionally.

Q22. Select the word with the correct spelling.

- (a) humanoide
- (b) rikshaw
- (c) deviance
- (d) virtuos

S22. Ans.(c)

Sol. Deviance means the fact or state of diverging from usual or accepted standards, especially in social or sexual behaviour.

Q23. Select the antonym of “Vibrant”

- (a) drab
- (b) gaudy
- (c) jazzy
- (d) vivid

S23. Ans.(a)

Sol. Vibrant means full of energy and life and **drab** means lacking brightness or interest; drearily dull.



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Q24. 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.

If you are caught using a calculator in the exam then it will be _____.

- (a) taken
- (b) confiscated
- (c) confiscate
- (d) under possession

S24. Ans.(b)

Sol. Confiscate means to take or seize (someone's property) with authority. Since the sentence is in passive voice hence we take the third form of the verb.

Q25. In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best express the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech.

"Please don't hit me" Rita said to the attacker.

- (a) Rita begged the attacker to not to hit her.
- (b) Rita told the attacker to not hit her.
- (c) Rita begged the attacker not to hit her.
- (d) Rita pleaded with the attacker to not to hit her.

S25. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct narration is, "Rita begged the attacker not to hit her."

Q26. Select the synonym of "Dignity"

- (a) decency
- (b) immoral
- (c) primacy
- (d) chagrin

S26. Ans.(a)

Sol. Dignity means the state or quality of being worthy of honour or respect and **decency** means behaviour that conforms to accepted standards of morality or respectability.

Q27. 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'.

Indian Defence forces(A)/fought the enemy(B)/till the last soldier was standing. (C)/No error(D)

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

S27. Ans.(a)

Sol. We use 'The' to the specific things and as Indian Defence forces are specific, thus "the" should be added before it.

Q28. Choose the synonym of “Defecate”

- (a) chaff
- (b) quench
- (c) ingest
- (d) secrete

S28. Ans.(d)

Sol. Defecate means discharge faeces from the body and **secrete** means (of a cell, gland, or organ) produce and discharge (a substance).

Q29. In these questions, four words are given out of which only one is **incorrectly spelt**. Find that **incorrectly spelt** word

- (a) delirious
- (b) delusive
- (c) hefty
- (d) hienious

S29. Ans.(d)

Sol. Heinous means (of a person or wrongful act, especially a crime) utterly odious or wicked.

Q30. In this question, a sentence is given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Four alternatives are suggested for the question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four alternatives.

There was no structural _____ in passenger fares and freight tariff during 2011-12.

- (a) management
- (b) change
- (c) advancement
- (d) differences

S30. Ans.(b)

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