

SSC CHSL Exam Sunday English Mega Quiz

Directions (1-5): In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

(1)_____ Supreme Court's order enabling the introduction of exotic cheetahs to an Indian habitat (2)_____ an experimental basis has naturally led to renewed enthusiasm among wildlife lovers, who see in it a potential bulwark against creeping pressures on habitats. As a graceful animal that was hunted and (3)_____ in the country in the 20th century, the cat has periodically inspired campaigns for a fresh introduction mainly inspired by the nationalistic sense of loss. Remarkably, the (4)_____ of the high-speed hunter that formed part of Mughal hunting groups has been a matter of scientific debate, with much literature tracing the origins of the Asiatic cheetah to about 200,000 years ago, and one recent hypothesis arguing, in contrast, that it appears to be a relatively modern alien import to India. With a group surviving in Iran, there is growing interest in preserving the Asian population. Whatever its origins, it is illogical to expect that a new population, whether from Africa or Iran, will fare better today than in the past. It is worth recalling that the same court observed in its 2013 order restraining the Environment Ministry from importing African cheetahs into Kuno, Madhya Pradesh, that there are many seriously threatened Indian species such as the lion, the Great Indian Bustard, Bengal florican, the dugong, and Manipur brow-antlered deer which (5)_____ immediate conservation action.

Q1. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 1

- (a) A
- (b) An
- (c) The
- (d) No article required

S1. Ans.(c)

Sol. Since the 'Supreme Court' is a particular institution hence, we need to use the indefinite article "the" before it.

Q2. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 2

- (a) in
- (b) on
- (c) with
- (d) for

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. Preposition "on" is the right usage here.

Q3. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 3

- (a) expatriated
- (b) exasperated
- (c) extirpated
- (d) exaggerated

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S3. Ans.(c)

Sol. Extirpate: eradicate or destroy completely. It is the correct choice.

Meanings of other words are:

Expatriate: send (a person or money) abroad.

Exasperate: irritate and frustrate (someone) intensely.

Exaggerate: represent (something) as being larger, better, or worse than it really is.

Q4. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 4

(a) antiquity

(b) alacrity

(c) apathy

(d) accuracy

S4. Ans.(a)

Sol. Antiquity: great age.

Looking at the subsequent part of the sentence, it is very clear that the discussion is about the age of the Asiatic cheetahs.

Meanings of other words are:

Alacrity: brisk and cheerful readiness.

Apathy: lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern.

Q5. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 5

(a) deserved

(b) deserve

(c) deserves

(d) had deserved

S5. Ans.(b)

Sol. Options (a) & (d) can be easily eliminated as the sentence is in present tense. Now, since the subject is plural hence, “**deserve**” is the correct choice here.

Q6. Select the synonym of the given word

Rapture

(a) Fault

(b) Crack

(c) Melancholy

(d) Bliss

S6. Ans.(d)

Sol. Rapture: a feeling of intense pleasure or joy.

Bliss: perfect happiness; great joy. Hence, it is the correct synonym of ‘rapture’.

Melancholy: a feeling of pensive sadness, typically with no obvious cause.

Q7. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

One of my friends are going for the Himalayan expedition.

(a) One of my friends

(b) are going for

(c) the Himalayan expedition

(d) No error

S7. Ans.(b)

Sol. “One of my friends” is a singular subject which needs a singular helping verb. Hence, replace “are” with “is”.

Q8. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.

Restoring ecology and diverse species cannot be a serious goal in the _____ of iron-clad protections to existing parks, sanctuaries, migratory corridors, and buffer areas.

- (a) backyard
- (b) presence
- (c) absence
- (d) existence

S8. Ans.(c)

Sol. “absence” is the correct choice with respect to the context of the given sentence.

Q9. Select the antonym of the given word

Trite

- (a) Original
- (b) Banal
- (c) Hackneyed
- (d) Dull

S9. Ans.(a)

Sol. Trite means (of a remark or idea) lacking originality or freshness; dull on account of overuse. Hence, ‘original’ is the correct antonym.

Hackneyed, Banal and Dull are synonyms of ‘trite’.

Q10. Select the antonym of the given word

Zenith

- (a) Summit
- (b) Base
- (c) Maximum
- (d) Shout

S10. Ans.(b)

Sol. Zenith: as great, high, or intense as possible or permitted.

Base: the lowest part or edge of something, especially the part on which it rests or is supported.

Q11. Select the wrongly spelt word

- (a) Worshipped
- (b) Equipped
- (c) Answered
- (d) Murmerred

S11. Ans.(d)

Sol. It can be correctly spelt as “Murmured” which is a past participle of ‘murmur’.

Murmur: say something in a low or indistinct voice.

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

Raj said to Priti, “While I was studying, you were playing.”

- (a) Raj told Priti that while he had been studying, she was playing.
- (b) Raj told Priti that while he had been studying, she had been playing.
- (c) Raj told Priti that while he was studying, she was playing.
- (d) Raj told Priti that while he was studying, she had been playing.

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S12. Ans.(c)

Sol. According to the rules, while changing a speech from direct to indirect, past continuous tense does not change when it is used in time clause. Hence, option(c) is the correct choice.

Q13. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

Obtain something by force, threats, or other unfair means.

- (a) To regret
- (b) To extort
- (c) To resent
- (d) To encompass

S13. Ans.(b)

Sol. Extort: to obtain (something) by force, threats, or other unfair means.

Resent: feel bitterness or indignation at (a circumstance, action, or person).

Encompass: surround and have or hold within.

Q14. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the bold segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select "no improvement".

He likes painting more than **to read**.

- (a) reading
- (b) to reading
- (c) read
- (d) No improvement

S14. Ans.(a)

Sol. Here, **reading** is the Object of the sentence and in this case, **Gerund** will be used. Hence, **reading** is the right usage.

Q15. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the bold segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select "no improvement".

It is high time we sell our old car.

- (a) It is high time we are selling our old car.
- (b) It is high time we sold our old car.
- (c) It is high time we have sold our old car.
- (d) No improvement

S15. Ans.(b)

Sol. **It is + high time** should be followed by **Past Simple**. It shows present time. Hence, '**we sold**' is the right usage. Option (b) is the only correct choice.

Q16. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.

A. In Chicago in 1893, Swami Vivekananda declared, "I am proud to belong.

B. In his historic address to the Parliament of the World's Religions.

C. To a nation which has sheltered the persecuted and the refugees.

D. Of all religions and all nations of the earth."

- (a) DCBA
- (b) BACD
- (c) ACBD
- (d) CADB

S16. Ans.(b)

Q17. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.

- A. Recent reports have shown that more than.
- B. To women seeking illegal and unsafe options.
- C. In India, and backward abortion laws only contribute.
- D. 10 women die everyday due to unsafe abortions.

- (a) BCDA
- (b) CBAD
- (c) DBAC
- (d) ADCB

S17. Ans.(d)

Q18. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A dime a dozen

- (a) Strength is in numbers
- (b) People who say bad things have no value
- (c) Very common and of no particular value
- (d) You save more if you buy in large numbers

S18. Ans.(c)

Sol. A dime a dozen: ubiquitous; so abundant or common as to hold little or no value.

Q19. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

Had the project not been delayed, I will apply for the internship by now.

- (a) Had the project not
- (b) been delayed, I
- (c) will apply for the
- (d) internship by now

S19. Ans.(c)

Sol. If the tense in the Conditional Clause is in Past Perfect, the tense in the Main Clause is in Perfect Conditional. Hence, “**would have applied for the**” is the right usage.

Q20. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.

Alcohol tastes bitter.

- (a) Alcohol is bitter when it is tasted.
- (b) Alcohol was bitter when it was tasted.
- (c) Taste of alcohol is bitter.
- (d) It is the bitter taste of alcohol.

S20. Ans.(a)

Q21. Select the correctly spelt word

- (a) Scissors
- (b) Sicssors
- (c) Scisorr
- (d) Scissorrs

S21. Ans.(a)

Sol. Correct spelling is “**scissors**” which is an instrument used for cutting cloth, paper, and other material, consisting of two blades laid one on top of the other and fastened in the middle so as to allow them to be opened and closed by a thumb and finger inserted through rings on the end of their handles.



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Q22. Select the synonym of the given word

Mitigate

- (a) Move
- (b) Lessen
- (c) Trivial
- (d) Assistance

S22. Ans.(b)

Sol. Mitigate: make (something bad) less severe, serious, or painful.

Lessen: make or become less; diminish.

Hence, "lessen" is the correct synonym of "mitigate".

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

In a jiffy

- (a) Fail to win appreciation
- (b) In an appropriate manner
- (c) Something that is done very quickly
- (d) To fall in love

S23. Ans.(c)

Sol. In a jiffy: very fast and very soon. Hence, option(c) is apt.

Q24. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

To rummage about in a place or container in search of something.

- (a) to execute
- (b) to excavate
- (c) to ferret
- (d) to poke

S24. Ans.(c)

Sol. Ferret: rummage about in a place or container in search of something.

Execute: put (a plan, order, or course of action) into effect.

Excavate: extract (material) from the ground by digging.

Poke: jab or prod (someone or something) with one's finger or a sharp object.

Q25. Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.

Chief Electoral Officer said, "Each piece of data and each voter has been accounted for."

- (a) Chief Electoral Officer said that each piece of data and each voter will be accounted for.
- (b) Chief Electoral Officer said that each piece of data and each voter has been accounted for.
- (c) Chief Electoral Officer said that each piece of data and each voter would be accounted for.
- (d) Chief Electoral Officer said that each piece of data and each voter had been accounted for.

S25. Ans.(d)

Directions: (26-27): 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.)

Q26. Voters will also be able to see actual images of the polling station, along with basic minimum facilities available there.

- (a) Voters will also be able to see actual images
- (b) of the polling station, along with basic
- (c) minimum facilities available there.
- (d) No error

S26. Ans.(d)

Sol. No error

Q27. The celebrities that organized the marathon were aiming to create an awareness about the treatment of diabetes.

- (a) The celebrities that organized the marathon
- (b) were aiming to create an awareness
- (c) about the treatment of diabetes.
- (d) No error

S27. Ans.(c)

Sol. use 'of' in place of 'about' after aware we use 'of'

Directions (28-30): 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).

Q28. While everyone continues to hope for their survival, it is unlikely that the astronauts could have made it back to the shelter before the power plant exploded.

- (a) have make it back to the shelter before the power plant exploded
- (b) were making it back to the shelter before the power plant exploded
- (c) were able to make it to the shelter before the power plant explodes
- (d) No improvement

S28. Ans.(d)

Sol. No improvement

Q29. By the time peace and happiness will have come to the planet, many lives will be wasted.

- (a) come to the planet, many lives will have been wasted
- (b) I will have come to the planet, many lives will have been wasted
- (c) shall have come to the planet, many lives shall be wasted
- (d) No improvement

S29. Ans.(a)

Sol. there is no action that is being completed. Here, the context is of general sense. Thus, option (a) is correct.

Q30. It could be argued that the most significant virtue of a popular democracy is not the right to participate in the selection of leaders, but rather that it affirms our importance in the scheme of things.

- (a) but rather its affirmation of
- (b) but rather it's affirmation in terms of
- (c) but instead of that, its affirming that
- (d) No improvement

S30. Ans.(a)

Sol. as we are talking about the "democracy" thus the possessive adjective that is used for this will be "its affirmation of".

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