

## SSC Tier 1 Exam Sunday English Mega Quiz – Questions with Solutions

**Q1. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.**

**Tacit**

- (a) inaudible
- (b) silent
- (c) mute
- (d) explicit

**S1. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Tacit:** understood or implied without being stated.

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

**Q2. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.**

**Meddle**

- (a) manage
- (b) interfere
- (c) repair
- (d) elaborate

**S2. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Meddle:** to **interfere** in something that is not one's concern.

**Repair:** restore (something damaged, faulty, or worn) to a good condition.

**Elaborate:** (of an action) lengthy and exaggerated.

Hence, option (b) is the correct choice.

**Q3. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.**

They are going to open the shops at eleven o'clock.

- (a) The shops must be opened at eleven o'clock.
- (b) The shops were opened at eleven o'clock.
- (c) The shops are going to be opened at eleven o'clock.
- (d) The shops have been opened at eleven o'clock.

**S3. Ans.(c)**

**Q4. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.**

The young girl was helping her father to look after shop.

- (a) her father
- (b) The young girl
- (c) was helping
- (d) to look after shop

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**S4. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Article 'the' is missing before 'shop'. We need a definite article because the a particular shop is being talked about.

**Q5. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.**

**Dark horse**

- (a) someone who is fond of horse racing
- (b) someone who has a wheatish complexion
- (c) someone who breeds race horses
- (d) someone who unexpectedly succeeds

**S5. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Dark horse:** a candidate or competitor about whom little is known but who unexpectedly wins or succeeds.

**Q6. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom**

**Hand in glove**

- (a) working together in the same office
- (b) wearing gloves while working
- (c) in partnership for something dishonest
- (d) doing work in the garden

**S6. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Hand in glove:** in close collusion or association.

Meanings of other words are:

**Presidential:** relating to a president or presidency.

**Preferential:** of or involving preference or partiality; constituting a favour or privilege.

**Proverbial:** of a word or phrase) referred to in a proverb or idiom.

**Q7. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.**

- A. His affectionate greeting was surprising.
- B. Although we were from the same village our relationship was confined to a polite hello whenever our paths crossed.
- C. As I stepped into the shack, Dorababu beckoned to me, making a little space for me on the bench on which he was sitting.
- D. "Come here, brother," he greeted me.

- (a) DBCA
- (b) CABD
- (c) BACD
- (d) CDAB

**S7. Ans.(d)**

**Q8. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.**

- A. The first person who thought of trading must have been a clever person.
- B. He must have found them easy to carry and exchange for goods.
- C. And gradually paying for things in gold and silver became a regular practice.
- D. When gold and silver were first found people started using them for trade.

- (a) DBCA
- (b) BDCA
- (c) CDAB
- (d) DABC

**S8. Ans.(d)**

**Q9. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.**

Government personnel on official trips are ..... to claim reimbursement of their expenses.

- (a) entitled
- (b) incited
- (c) indicted
- (d) invited

**S9. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Entitled:** believing oneself to be inherently deserving of privileges or special treatment.

**Indict:** formally accuse of or charge with a crime.

**Incite:** encourage or stir up (violent or unlawful behavior).

Hence option (a) is the only correct choice here.

**Q10. Select the most appropriate word for the given group of words**

The art of cleaning and preserving animal skins

- (a) etymology
- (b) taxonomy
- (c) dermatology
- (d) taxidermy

**S10. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Taxidermy:** the art of preparing, stuffing, and mounting the skins of animals with lifelike effect.

**Dermatology:** the branch of medicine concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of skin disorders.

**Etymology:** the study of the origin of words and the way in which their meanings have changed throughout history.

**Taxonomy:** the branch of science concerned with classification, especially of organisms; systematics.

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**Directions (11-15):** In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

Life insurance helps families maintain their standard of living and also helps them save for their long-term goals. LIC, being the oldest and the biggest in the life insurance industry, knows it best in (31) \_\_\_\_\_ lives and money.

Most people have their first contact with an insurance company (32) \_\_\_\_\_ an insurance sales agent. These people help individuals, families and businesses (33) \_\_\_\_\_ insurance policies that provide the best protection for their lives, health and property. Agents prepare reports, maintain records, seek out new clients, and, in the (34) \_\_\_\_\_ of a loss, help policyholders (35) \_\_\_\_\_ their insurance claims. Increasingly, some are also offering their clients financial analysis or advice on ways to minimize risk.

**Q11. LIC, being the oldest and the biggest in the life insurance industry, knows it best in \_\_\_\_\_ lives and money.**

- (a) returning
- (b) handling
- (c) saving
- (d) promising

**S11. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Handling:** managing (a situation or problem).

**Promising:** showing signs of future success.

Option (b) is apt to the sentence.

**Q12. Most people have their first contact with an insurance company \_\_\_\_\_ an insurance sales agent.**

- (a) with
- (b) of
- (c) over
- (d) through

**S12. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Through:** by means of (a process or intermediate stage).

**Q13. These people help individuals, families and businesses \_\_\_\_\_ insurance policies that provide the best protection for their lives, health and property.**

- (a) select
- (b) elect
- (c) choice
- (d) indulge

**S13. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Select:** carefully choose as being the best or most suitable.

**Elect:** choose (someone) to hold public office or some other position by voting.

**Choice** (noun): an act of choosing between two or more possibilities.

**Indulge:** become involved in (an activity, typically one that is undesirable or disapproved of).

- Q14. Agents prepare reports, maintain records, seek out new clients, and, in the \_\_\_\_\_ of a loss,**
- (a) accident
  - (b) event
  - (c) fact
  - (d) occasionally

**S14. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Event:** a thing that happens or takes place, especially one of importance.

**Accident:** an unfortunate incident that happens unexpectedly and unintentionally, typically resulting in damage or injury.

Option (b) is the most accurate choice here.

- Q15. help policyholders \_\_\_\_\_ their insurance claims. Increasingly, some are also offering their clients financial analysis or advice on ways to minimize risk.**

- (a) require
- (b) conclude
- (c) decide
- (d) settle

**S15. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Settle:** reach a decision about; determine.

- Q16. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.**

A written declaration made on oath in the presence of a magistrate.

- (a) Document
- (b) Affidavit
- (c) Dossier
- (d) Voucher

**S16. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Affidavit:** a written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation, for use as evidence in court.

**Dossier:** a collection of documents about a particular person, event, or subject.

**Voucher:** a small printed piece of paper that entitles the holder to a discount, or that may be exchanged for goods or services.

- Q17. 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.**

- 1. The leader's public meeting was
- P. disrupted by a section of audience
- Q. any firm assurance
- R. he had not given them
- S. who felt that
- 6. for the solution of their problems.

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- (a) PSRQ
- (b) QPSR
- (c) RQPS
- (d) SRQP

**S17. Ans.(a)**

**Q18. In the following question, four words are given, out of which only one word is incorrectly spelt. Find the incorrectly spelt word.**

- (a) Apartheid
- (b) Exhorbitant
- (c) Mischievous
- (d) Benefited

**S18. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct spelling should be “**Exorbitant**” which means a price or amount charged unreasonably high. Meanings of other words are:

**Apartheid:** segregation on grounds other than race.

**Mischievous:** causing or showing a fondness for causing trouble in a playful way.

**Benefited:** receive an advantage; profit.

**Q19. In the following question, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word.**

**Hoarse**

- (a) Scanty
- (b) Smooth
- (c) Disperse
- (d) Accept

**S19. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Hoarse** means sounding rough and harsh, typically as the result of a sore throat or of shouting. Hence **smooth** is the correct choice for its antonym.

**Scanty:** small or insufficient in quantity or amount.

**Disperse:** distribute or spread over a wide area.

**Q20. In the following question, sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested in the question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.**

Ever since Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced demonetisation in order to curb the use of black money, a \_\_\_\_\_ theme in public discourse has been the use of such unaccounted wealth in financing political parties.

- (a) relaxed
- (b) fixed
- (c) recurring
- (d) circular

**S20. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Discourse:** written or spoken communication or debate.

**Recurring:** occur again periodically or repeatedly.

Hence, “**a recurring theme**” goes with the context.

**Q21. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.**

The Chairman advised then to build a bridge between the two companies using \_\_\_\_\_ and compromise.

- (a) negotiation
- (b) competition
- (c) control
- (d) strength

**S21. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Negotiation:** discussion aimed at reaching an agreement.

**Q22. Select the correctly spelt word.**

- (a) terbulence
- (b) turbulance
- (c) turbulence
- (d) turbulense

**S22. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Turbulence** is an irregular motion of the air resulting from eddies and vertical currents.

**Q23. Select the most appropriate word for the given group of words**

The statistical study of the population

- (a) demography
- (b) sociology
- (c) psychology
- (d) anthropology

**S23. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Anthropology** is the scientific study of humans, human behavior and societies in the past and present.

**Sociology:** the study of the development, structure, and functioning of human society.

**Psychology** is the scientific study of the mind and behavior.

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

FLEETING

- (a) complete
- (b) momentary
- (c) ready
- (d) lasting

**S24. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Fleeting:** lasting for a very short time.

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

The doctor told his patient, "Continue the same course of medicines for the next week."

- (a) The doctor told his patient to continued the same course of medicines in the next week.
- (b) The doctor told his patient for continuing the same course of medicines for the next week.
- (c) The doctor told his patient that he may continue the same course of medicines in the following week.
- (d) The doctor told his patient to continue the same course of medicines for the following week.

**S25. Ans.(d)**



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**Q26. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.**

The childrens are fond of climbing the mango tree in the garden.

- (a) climbing the mango tree
- (b) are fond of
- (c) in the garden
- (d) The childrens

**S26. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The children itself is a plural subject hence we do not need an 's' or 'es' to make it plural.

**Q27. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.**

It is not \_\_\_\_\_ of language that makes one an ineffective speaker; It is the dearth of ideas.

- (a) difficulty
- (b) complexity
- (c) intricacy
- (d) poverty

**S27. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Intricacy:** details, especially of an involved or perplexing subject.

**Poverty:** the state of being inferior in quality or insufficient in amount; dearth; scarcity.

'Poverty' is the most appropriate choice as it is synonym to 'dearth' and the two clauses used in the sentence imply towards the usage of two nouns similar in meaning.

**Q28. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom**

Late in the day

- (a) too old to work
- (b) too ripe to eat
- (c) too dark to see anything
- (d) too delayed to be of any use

**S28. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Late in the day:** at a late stage in proceedings, especially too late to be useful.

**Q29. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.**

They will not allow mobile phones in the examination hall.

- (a) Mobile phones were not allowed in the examination hall.
- (b) Mobile phones are not being allowed in the examination hall.
- (c) Mobile phones will not be allowed in the examination hall.
- (d) Mobile phones are not allowed in the examination hall.

**S29. Ans.(c)**

**Q30. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick one that gives their correct order.**

- A. Today, man is master of the world and he makes the animals do what he likes.
- B. Others he eats; and those like the lion and the tiger, he shoots for pleasure.



C. Early man, when he first came, must have been surrounded by many huge animals, and he must have lived in fear of them.

D. Some he tames like the horse, the cow, the elephant, the dog, the cat and so many others.

(a) CADB

(b) CBDA

(c) ACBD

(d) BCDA

**S30. Ans.(a)**

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