

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

### Q1. Select the synonym of Indictment

- (a) Arraignment
- (b) Entrapment
- (c) Indoctrination
- (d) Inducement

**S1. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Indictment:** a formal charge or accusation of a serious crime.

**Arraignment:** the action of arraigning someone in court.

Hence, option (a) is the correct synonym of the given word.

Meanings of other words are:

**Entrapment:** the state of being caught in or as in a trap.

**Indoctrination:** the process of teaching a person or group to accept a set of beliefs uncritically.

**Inducement:** a thing that persuades or leads someone to do something.

### Q2. 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.

Mona was writing a letter to her father.

- (a) A letter was written to her father by Mona.
- (b) A letter has been written to her father by Mona.
- (c) A letter was being written by Mona to her father
- (d) A letter was written by Mona to her father.

**S2. Ans.(c)**

### Q3. Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

The more one gets, (more) one desires.

- (a) the more
- (b) a more
- (c) as much
- (d) No improvement

**S3. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. “the more.... the more/less”** is the correct phrase which is used for saying that when a particular activity, feeling etc. increases, it causes something else to change at the same time

e.g.:

The more, the merrier.

The bigger, the better

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**Q4. Select the word with the incorrect spelling.**

- (a) Lieutenant
- (b) Inanimat
- (c) Legging
- (d) Lemma

**S4. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Inanimate** is the correct spelling which means showing no sign of life; lifeless.

Meanings of other words are:

**Lemma:** a word or phrase defined in a dictionary or entered in a word list.

**Lieutenant:** a deputy or substitute acting for a superior.

**Q5. 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'.**

By all standards, he is a best soldier (A)/ our military school (B)/ has produced so far. (C)/ No error (D)

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

**S5. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Where the superlative is used, 'the' is the article that must precede it. Hence use 'the' in place of 'a'.

**Q6. 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.**

This shirt is so dirty that it \_\_\_\_ be cleaned.

- (a) can't
- (b) couldn't
- (c) didn't
- (d) mayn't

**S6. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** First clause is in 'present tense' thus the next clause should be in present as well and since "so" is used **thus, it emphasized** that it is "very dirty" and there is no possibility to clean it. Hence, option (d) should **not be used**.

The only correct option is (a).

**Q7. Select the synonym of Innocuous**

- (a) Abominable
- (b) Harmless
- (c) Harmful
- (d) Useful

**S7. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Innocuous:** not harmful or offensive.

**Harmless:** not able or likely to cause harm.

**Abominable:** causing moral revulsion.

**Q8. Rearrange the parts of the sentence in correct order.**

P- Both for his heroic actions in restoring Ptolemy XII to power and coming.

Q- To visit Alexandria by November 41 BC. Antony was well-received by the populace of Alexandria,

R- Cleopatra invited Antony to come to Egypt before departing from Tarsos, which led Antony.

S- To Egypt without an occupation force like Caesar had done.

(a) SQRP

(b) SRQP

(c) RQPS

(d) RPSQ

**S8. Ans.(c)**

**Q9. 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'.**

Had I come (A)/ to know about his difficulties, (B)/ I would certainly have helped him. (C)/ No error (D)

(a) A

(b) B

(c) C

(d) D

**S9. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** No error

**Q10. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.**

A word no longer in use

(a) Exotic

(b) Archaic

(c) Obsolete

(d) Ancient

**S10. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Obsolete:** no longer produced or used; out of date.

**Exotic:** originating in or characteristic of a distant foreign country.

**Archaic:** very old or old-fashioned.

**Ancient:** belonging to the very distant past and no longer in existence.

**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. Take to the cleaners** means to soundly defeat or best one; to succeed over one 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.

**Q13.** 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

**S13. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Pantomime-** conveyance of a story by bodily or facial movements especially in drama or dance.

**Gesticulate-** use gestures, especially dramatic ones.

**Q14.** 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

**S14. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Erudite-** having or showing great knowledge.

**Didactic-**intended to teach.

**Q15.** 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

**S15. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Effervescent-** vivacious and enthusiastic.

**Phlegmatic-** having an unemotional and stolidly calm disposition.

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**Q16. 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

**S16. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Pandemonium**– wild and noisy disorder or confusion; uproar.

**Tranquillity**- the quality or state of being tranquil; calm.

**Directions (17-18): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.**

**Q17. Medicine used to calm or pacify**

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

**S17. Ans.(c)**

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

**Q18. Murder of a king**

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

**S18. Ans.(b)**

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

**Q19. 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

**S19. Ans.(d)**

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

**Q20. Select the word with the correct spelling.**

- (a) communique
- (b) comunnique
- (c) communnique
- (d) communique

**S20. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Communique**- an official announcement or statement, especially one made to the media.

**Q21. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.**

**MOROSE**

- (a) sullen
- (b) cheerful
- (c) unsatisfied
- (d) mournful

**S21. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Morose: sullen and ill-tempered.

So, its antonym is cheerful.

**Q22. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.**

**CORROBORATE**

- (a) confirm
- (b) approve
- (c) verify
- (d) contradict

**S22. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Corroborate: confirm or give support to (a statement, theory, or finding).

Contradict: a combination of statements, ideas, or features which are opposed to one another.

**Q23. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the bold segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No improvement.**

The children are too young to **sit up** a long lecture.

- (a) No improvement
- (b) sit across
- (c) sit away
- (d) sit through

**S23. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Sit through: stay until the end of (a tedious or lengthy meeting or performance).

Here the tedious task is to bear long lecture.

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

**That which cannot be taken by force**

- (a) inaccessible
- (b) impregnable
- (c) inapprehensible
- (d) immutable

**S24. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Inapprehensible: That cannot be apprehended; not apprehensible to or graspable by either body or mind.

Immutable: unchanging over time or unable to be changed.

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**Q25. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.**

Different-coloured natural food not only put a smile on children's faces and also benefit their overall growth.

- (a) benefit their overall growth
- (b) and also benefit
- (c) Different coloured natural foods
- (d) put a smile on children's faces

**S25. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Replace "and also" with "but also". Not only \_\_\_\_ but also is the right pair to be used.

**Q26. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.**

- A. Early on Christmas morning Pip returns to the graveyard with the file, a pie and brandy.
- B. On Christmas Eve, Pip an orphan who is about seven years old, encounters and escaped convict in the village graveyard.
- C. The convict scares pip into stealing food and a file.
- D. Pip, who lives with his elder sister and her husband Joe Gargery, a blacksmith, steals a file and some food.

- (a) BCDA
- (b) CBAD
- (c) BDCA
- (d) DCAB

**S26. Ans.(a)**

**Q27. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.**

- A. In a small town in England, there lived a poor little girl.
- B. She was very excited but her right shoe was worn out.
- C. So, she went to a cobbler to get it mended.
- D. Her friends invited her to come to her birthday party.

- (a) DCAB
- (b) ACBD
- (c) ADBC
- (d) CBAD

**S27. Ans.(c)**

**Q28. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.**

**EMBED**

- (a) pull
- (b) bury
- (c) dig up
- (d) rise

**S28. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Embed: fix (an object) firmly and deeply in a surrounding mass.

Bury: put or hide underground.

**Q29. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.**

The Cannes Film Festival attract some of the world's most famous people .

- (a) the world's
- (b) the Cannes film Festival
- (c) attract some of
- (d) most famous people

**S29. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Singular noun takes singular verb. Use "attracts some of" instead of "attract some of".



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**Q30. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.**

The thick smoke \_\_\_\_ out of the landfill site is making the city's polluted air even more toxic.

- (a) burning
- (b) tossing
- (c) billowing
- (d) rocking

**S30. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Billowing: (of smoke, cloud, or steam) moving or flowing outwards with an undulating motion.

Toss: throw (something) somewhere lightly or casually.



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