

SSC Tier 1 Sunday English Mega Quiz – Questions with Solutions

Q1. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

No sooner did I reach home when the courier arrived.

- (a) I reach home when
- (b) No sooner did
- (c) the courier arrived
- (d) No error

S1. Ans.(a)

Sol. According to the rule, '**No sooner**' is followed by '**than**'. Also, just after '**no sooner**' we use helping verb i.e. it is a case where "inversion" entertains the sentence. So, replace "when" with "than" to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Q2. 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.

If you set your mind to a goal, **you eventually achieve it.**

- (a) you would eventually achieve it
- (b) you would eventually have achieved it
- (c) you will eventually achieve it
- (d) no improvement

S2. Ans.(c)

Sol. The given sentence is an example of 1st conditional sentences. It is used to express a situation in which the outcome is likely (but not guaranteed) to happen in the future. The syntax it follows is:

If + Present Indefinite (V1), Future Indefinite (will/shall + V1)

Hence, "**you will eventually achieve it**" is the right usage here.

Q3. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Vanish into thin air

- (a) to disappear without leaving a trace
- (b) to prevent something bad from happening to one
- (c) saved or spared from difficulty or misfortune by some intervention at the very last moment
- (d) sudden or unexpected shock

S3. Ans.(a)

Sol. **Vanish into thin air** means to disappear altogether or without leaving a trace.

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Q4. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

Having a pleasantly sharp taste or appetizing flavour.

- (a) sordid
- (b) scrupulous
- (c) immaculate
- (d) piquant

S4. Ans.(d)

Sol. Piquant: having a pleasantly sharp taste or appetizing flavour.

Sordid: involving immoral or dishonorable actions and motives; arousing moral distaste and contempt.

Immaculate: perfectly clean, neat, or tidy.

Scrupulous: (of a person or process) careful, thorough, and extremely attentive to details.

Q5. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

Gigantic

- (a) Revere
- (b) Discern
- (c) Colossal
- (d) Embolden

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. Gigantic: of very great size or extent; huge or enormous.

Colossal: extremely large or great.

Revere: to show devoted deferential honor to.

Discern: to recognize or identify as separate and distinct.

Embolden: give (someone) the courage or confidence to do something.

Hence Gigantic and Colossal are synonyms to each other.

Q6. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

Jovial

- (a) Jolly
- (b) Assailant
- (c) Cosmic
- (d) Fiend

S6. Ans.(a)

Sol. Jovial: cheerful and friendly.

Jolly: happy and cheerful.

Assailant: a person who physically attacks another.

Cosmic: inconceivably vast.

Fiend: an evil spirit or demon.

Hence Jovial and Jolly are synonyms to each other.

Q7. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.

Earthly

- (a) Heavenly
- (b) Mundane
- (c) Bodily
- (d) Terrestrial

S7. Ans.(a)

Sol. Earthly: relating to humankind's material existence as distinct from a spiritual or heavenly one.

Heavenly: of heaven; divine.

Hence **Earthly** and **Heavenly** are antonyms to each other.

Q8. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.

Obscure

- (a) Strengthen
- (b) Vague
- (c) Hazy
- (d) Distinct

S8. Ans.(d)

Sol. Obscure: not clearly expressed or easily understood.

Distinct: so clearly apparent to the mind as to be unmistakable; definite.

Hence **Obscure** and **Distinct** are antonyms to each other.

Q9. 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.

I said, "Raj, did you take my pen"?

- (a) I told Raj if he took my pen.
- (b) I asked Raj if he had taken my pen.
- (c) I asked him whether did he take my pen.
- (d) I asked Raj whether he took my pen.

S9. Ans.(b)

Q10. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.

(P) Served as one of the sub-themes of the cultural nationalistic reassertion.

(Q) Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (AYUSH),

(R) In the early 20th century against the imperialistic British reign.

(S) Revival of the Indian systems of medicine, which comprises.

- (a) PRSQ
- (b) SQPR
- (c) QPSR
- (d) SQRP

S10. Ans.(b)

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Q11. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

Prevent

- (a) jeopardize
- (b) campaign
- (c) assist
- (d) forestall

S11. Ans.(d)

Sol. Prevent: keep (something) from happening.

Assist: help (someone), typically by doing a share of the work.

Jeopardize: put (someone or something) into a situation in which there is a danger of loss, harm, or failure.

Forestall: act in advance of (someone) in order to prevent them from doing something.

Q12. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.

Revere

- (a) respect
- (b) snub
- (c) dissemble
- (d) worship

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. Revere: feel deep respect or admiration for (something).

Snub: rebuff, ignore, or spurn disdainfully.

Dissemble: conceal or disguise one's true feelings or beliefs.

Q13. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

Protect

- (a) endanger
- (b) shelter
- (c) inspire
- (d) forbid

S13. Ans.(b)

Sol. Protect: keep safe from harm or injury.

Endanger: (of a species) seriously at risk of extinction.

Shelter: protect or shield from something harmful, especially bad weather.

Inspire: fill (someone) with the urge or ability to do or feel something, especially to do something creative.

Forbid: refuse to allow (something).

Q14. In the question, four words are given, out of which only one word is incorrectly spelt. Find the incorrectly spelt word.

- (a) Sammaritan
- (b) Ambitious
- (c) Courageous
- (d) Frailty

S14. Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct word is **Samaritan** which means a charitable or helpful person.

Frailty: the condition of being weak and delicate.

Q15. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Back to square one

- (a) do the opposite of what one was asked to do
- (b) back to where one started
- (c) do without thinking
- (d) come back to one's comfort zone

S15. Ans.(b)

Sol. Back to square one: back to where one started, with no progress having been made.

Directions(16-20) : In the following passage there are blank spaces. Find the right choice from the given alternatives. Each blank number corresponds to same numbered questions.

When both myths and counter-myths occur in the narrative field of a society, people can___ (16) ___the oppositions between them in unique ways. The psychological relevance of stories in the cases of myths and horror films may be in the experiencing of the ___ (17) ___ binary tensions, rather than in the manifest ___ (18) ___ of the story. The tensions in the story is, however, ___ (19) ___through the binary contrasts. The message conveyed is a___ (20) ___ complex.

Q16. When both myths and counter-myths occur in the narrative field of a society, people can_____.

- (a) internalize
- (b) externalize
- (c) concretize
- (d) secularize

S16. Ans.(a)

Q17. The psychological relevance of stories in the cases of myths and horror films may be in the experiencing of the_____ binary tensions

- (a) overlying
- (b) destructive
- (c) comforting
- (d) underlying

S17. Ans.(d)

Q18. rather than in the manifest_____ of the story.

- (a) relay
- (b) education
- (c) content
- (d) morality

S18. Ans.(c)

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Q19. The tensions in the story is, however, ____ through the binary contrasts.

- (a) dissolved
- (b) dissipated
- (c) opposed
- (d) maintained

S19. Ans.(d)

Q20. The message conveyed is a ____ complex.

- (a) holistic
- (b) constructive
- (c) difficult
- (d) prolific

S20. Ans.(a)

Q21. Select the correctly spelt word.

- (a) manegeable
- (b) managable
- (c) manageble
- (d) manageable

S21. Ans.(d)

Sol. Manageable: able to be controlled or dealt with without difficulty.

Q22. Select the most appropriate word for the given group of words

One who draws or produces maps

- (a) cartographer
- (b) photographer
- (c) designer
- (d) draftsman

S22. Ans.(a)

Sol. Cartographer: a person who draws or produces maps.

Photographer: a person who takes photographs, especially as a job.

Designer: a person who plans the look or workings of something prior to it being made, by preparing drawings or plans.

Draftsman: a person who drafts legal documents.

Q23. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.

As he crossed the desert he nearly _____ to thirst when he was forced to go without water for fourdays and five nights.

- (a) succumbed
- (b) subsisted
- (c) survived
- (d) submerged

S23. Ans.(a)

Sol. Succumb: fail to resist pressure, temptation, or some other negative force.

Q24. Select the wrongly spelt word.

- (a) fortieth
- (b) seventeenth
- (c) fifteenth
- (d) fourteenth

S24. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'Fortieth' is the wrongly spelt word.

Correct spelling is "**Fortieth**": constituting number forty in a sequence; 40th.

Q25. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.

The team began searching for reasons for their poor performance in the tournament.

- (a) The team began
- (b) in the tournament
- (c) searching for reasons
- (d) for their poor performance

S25. Ans.(d)

Sol. Team is a collective noun acting as a unit here and it is an inanimate (non-living) object; and for showing possession of an inanimate object we use **its** not **their**. So, replace "their" with "its" to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Directions (26-30) : 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.

If winter seems to be the season for migratory birds to flock to warmer climates, summer time is ideal for wetland birds. (1) _____ fifty kilometers from Warangal in Telangana, Pakhallake (2) _____ to be playing host to (3) _____ wide variety of flora and fauna (4) _____ season. Wetland birds from North and Central India come (5) _____ the south in search of larger water bodies.

Q26. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. (1)

- (a) Totally
- (b) But
- (c) Nearly
- (d) Not

S26. Ans.(c)

Sol. **Nearly** is used in the sense of approximately.

Q27. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. (2)

- (a) will seems
- (b) seems
- (c) was seemed
- (d) seem

S27. Ans.(b)

Q28. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. (3)

- (a) one
- (b) a
- (c) the
- (d) an

S28. Ans.(b)

Sol. indefinite article “a” is required here.

Q29. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. (4)

- (a) their
- (b) these
- (c) this
- (d) that

S29. Ans.(c)

Q30. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. (5)

- (a) below
- (b) towards
- (c) away
- (d) about

S30. Ans.(b)

Sol. To show movement in a specific direction we use **towards**.

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