

SSC Tier 1 Sunday English Mega Quiz – Questions with Solutions

Directions (1-3): In these questions some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and indicate it corresponding to the appropriate letter. If there is no error, indicate corresponding to the last option

Q1. All writers on the subject of democracy have dwelt with the difficulty against which the aims and ideals of democracy have to contest.

- (a) All writers on the subject of
- (b) democracy have dwelt with the difficulty against
- (c) which the aims and ideals of democracy have to contest
- (d) No Error

S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'dwelt with' by 'dwelt on' as the correct preposition used with 'dwell' is 'on'.
Dwell on: to think or talk about something a lot all the time.

Q2. He will propose to his friends that they will join this company which may provide them with promising careers.

- (a) He will propose to his friends that they will
- (b) join this company which may provide
- (c) them with promising careers.
- (d) No Error

S2. Ans.(a)

Sol. Use 'should' in place of 'will'.

The correct sentence structure is suggest/propose + to + somebody + that + subject + should + V₁ (1st form)

'In this case, use of shall/will/can/could/may/might etc. is forbidden.

Q3. He is almost quite competent for the post of Manager, so when given a chance, he can lead the company to its goal.

- (a) He is almost quite competent for the post of
- (b) Manager, so when given a chance,
- (c) he can lead the company to its goal
- (d) No Error

S3. Ans.(a)

Sol. Remove 'almost' before 'quite' as no adverb is advised to use before 'quite'.

For e.g. very quite right ×, almost quite eight ×.

'Quite' itself being an adverb won't take any adverb before it.

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Directions (4-6): In the following items, each passage consists of three sentences. These are labelled P, Q and R. You are required to find out the proper sequence of the four sentences and indicate your answer accordingly on the Answer Sheet.

Q4. Today, however, when one in four rural Indians
P-in identifying the poor are far greater
Q-is poor, our chances of being wrong
R-and one in six urban Indians

- (a) PRQ
- (b) RQP
- (c) QRP
- (d) QPR

S4. Ans.(b)

Q5. In that case,
P-put together the best gender-just
Q-practices from all Personal Laws
R-a Uniform Civil Code would simply

- (a) RPQ
- (b) QRP
- (c) RQP
- (d) PQR

S5. Ans.(a)

Q6. Williamson shoveled scorn on
P-the low-income white Republican voters who,
Q-were most responsible for the rise of Trump
R-as he saw it,

- (a) PRQ
- (b) RQP
- (c) QPR
- (d) QRP

S6. Ans.(a)

Directions (7-8): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

Q7. Vent one's spleen

- (a) To spread happiness
- (b) To get angry with oneself
- (c) To give one's best to get the outcome
- (d) To voice one's anger

S7. Ans.(d)



Q8. Red ink

- (a) A euphemism for financial loss
- (b) A warning or an alert
- (c) Covered in bruises
- (d) Covetousness

S8. Ans.(a)

Directions (9-10): Out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence in the question.

Q9. Country under the protection of a more powerful country

- (a) Protectorate
- (b) Scrimmage
- (c) Scurry
- (d) Hireling

S9. Ans.(a)

Q10. A line of animals or slaves fastened or driven along together

- (a) Curmudgeon
- (b) Coffle
- (c) Cortege
- (d) Patrilineal

S10. Ans.(b)

Q11. Select the synonym of Phenomenal

- (a) quotidian
- (b) prodigious
- (c) wonted
- (d) accustomed

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. Phenomenal - remarkable or exceptional, especially exceptionally good.

Prodigious- remarkably or impressively great in extent, size, or degree.

Hence, "prodigious" is the correct synonym of "phenomenal".

Meaning of other options are as follows:

Quotidian: of or occurring every day; daily.

Wonted: habitual; usual.

Accustomed: customary; usual.

Q12. Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

Arpita took a hot bath because she (was) working in the garden all afternoon.

- (a) is
- (b) has
- (c) had been
- (d) No improvement

S12. Ans.(c)

Sol. "Had been" should be used instead of "was" because the sentence has to be in perfect continuous as "all afternoon" shows the duration of time thus perfect tense should be used.

Q13. Rearrange the parts of the sentence in correct order.

P. When compared with a flat device.

Q. As about 10 per cent to 50 per cent of sunlight is diffusive.

R. Thus, it performs even better in the real world than in the laboratory.

S. The cone structure, based on a graphene film, can collect more sunlight throughout the day.

(a) RSPQ

(b) RQPS

(c) QSPR

(d) SPQR

S13. Ans.(d)

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Q14. 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'.

He said (A) / that he wanted a room (B) / and his luggage will follow. (C)/ No error (D)

(a) A

(b) B

(c) C

(d) D

S14. Ans.(c)

Sol. The given sentence is in indirect speech and when we convert a direct speech into an indirect speech, "will" gets converted into "would". Hence, "will" should be replaced with "would" to make the sentence grammatically correct. Option(c) is the correct choice.

Q15. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

A mild or indirect expression substituted for an offensive or harsh one

(a) Euphemism

(b) Truism

(c) Favouritism

(d) Altruism

S15. Ans.(a)

Sol. Euphemism means a mild or indirect word or expression substituted for one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing.

Truism: A statement that is obviously true and says nothing new or interesting.

Altruism: disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others.

Q16. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase in bold.

I let the chips fall where they may and do not worry too much about what I want to do next.

(a) I take calculated risks

(b) I let others do what they want and do not interfere

(c) I do not try to control my destiny

(d) I prefer chaos to calm

S16. Ans.(c)

Sol. Let the chips fall where they may means let something happen regardless of the consequences and no matter what happens.

Q17. Select the word with the correct spelling.

- (a) Canine
- (b) Demegogue
- (c) Democratec
- (d) Beleaguerred

S17. Ans.(a)

Sol. Canine means relating to or resembling a dog or dogs.

Other words can be correctly written as **Demagogue, Democratic** and **Beleaguered**.

Q18. Select the antonym of Angel

- (a) spectral
- (b) hasten
- (c) virtuous
- (d) haggard

S18. Ans.(a)

Sol. Angel: a spiritual being believed to act as an attendant, agent, or messenger of God, conventionally represented in human form with wings and a long robe.

Spectral: of or like ghost.

Q19. Select the word with the correct spelling.

- (a) stumbal
- (b) wrinkeled
- (c) bristles
- (d) reasert

S19. Ans.(c)

Sol. Bristles means a short, stiff hair on an animal's skin or a man's face.

Other words can be correctly written as **Stumble, Wrinkled** and **Reassert**.

Q20. 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.

Have you ever felt the responsibility of looking after your parents?

- (a) Was the responsibility of looking after your parents?
- (b) Is the responsibility of looking after your parents being felt by you?
- (c) Has the responsibility of looking after your parents ever been felt by you?
- (d) Has the responsibility of looking after your parents felt by you?

S20. Ans.(c)

Directions (21-30): Four alternatives are given for the Idioms/Phrase printed in bold. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of Idiom/Phrase.

Q21. In awe of

- (a) Be confused
- (b) Respect
- (c) Follow the rules
- (d) In a dangerous position

S21. Ans.(b)

Q22. Take a toll

- (a) Have an adverse effect
- (b) Remain valid
- (c) To expect something
- (d) Make a start

S22. Ans.(a)

Q23. Play havoc with

- (a) To fight severely
- (b) Do something to help
- (c) Make an approximation
- (d) Disrupt

S23. Ans.(d)

Q24. Make a pitch

- (a) Pay attention
- (b) Try to persuade people to do something
- (c) Regardless of
- (d) Underline

S24. Ans.(b)

Q25. Hard-pressed

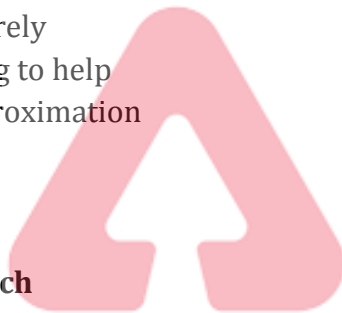
- (a) Bewildered
- (b) To be insulted because of lack of talent
- (c) Hard discipline
- (d) To struggle to do or accomplish something

S25. Ans.(d)

Q26. To give currency

- (a) To bestow importance
- (b) To misinterpret
- (c) To make publicly known
- (d) To originate

S26. Ans.(c)



Q27. Slip through the crack

- (a) To not be noticed or dealt with by a system
- (b) Try to persuade someone to do something by offering them a reward
- (c) To not go well with someone
- (d) To know about someone's secret

S27. Ans.(a)

Q28. To take umbrage

- (a) To feel excited
- (b) To be offended
- (c) To be satisfied
- (d) To be pleased

S28. Ans.(b)

Q29. Get the axe

- (a) Lose the job
- (b) To get a desirable position at your work place
- (c) Expert way of doing something
- (d) To make fast decisions

S29. Ans.(a)

Q30. Get the show on the road

- (a) To receive applaud for an act
- (b) To be reprimanded by parents
- (c) Putting up an idea into action
- (d) To achieve success suddenly

S30. Ans.(c)

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