

SSC Tier 1 Sunday English Mega Quiz - Questions with Solutions

Q1. In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive Voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active Voice.

Who tore the curtains yesterday?

- (a) By whom were the curtains teared yesterday?
- (b) By whom were the curtains torn yesterday?
- (c) By whom are the curtains torn yesterday?
- (d) By whom were the curtains tore yesterday?

S1. Ans.(b)

Q2. Select the antonym of Abate

- (a) free
- (b) augment
- (c) provoke
- (d) wane

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. Abate means to reduce in degree or intensity; **augment** means to increase

Q3. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

She is a person who **pulls no punches**.

- (a) speaks politely
- (b) speaks frankly
- (c) speaks rudely
- (d) speaks sweetly

S3. Ans.(b)

Sol. Pull no punches means to deal with something honestly without hiding anything

Q4. Rearrange the parts of the sentence in correct order.

P. He left for Burma to help his brother in his farm.

Q. In the jungles of Burma, he looked for birds instead of animals.

R. Surprisingly, Salim Ali had no university degree. Although he joined college, his intense dislike for mathematics did not allow him to continue his studies.

S. But here again he proved a failure.

- (a) SPQR
- (b) PRSQ
- (c) RPSQ
- (d) PQSR

S4. Ans.(c)

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Q5. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

Indians are **going places** in the field of software technology.

- (a) going abroad
- (b) going to spaces
- (c) talented and successful
- (d) friendly and amicable

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. Going places means to become very successful.

Directions (6-10): 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.

World unity will bring many great (6)_____. Life will become happier and more (7)_____ on account of the elimination of fear of war and mental tension. With the (8)_____ of machinery man will be relieved of the (9)_____ of monotonous and hard physical labour. The (10)_____ pressure of depression and discontent will be lifted and the whole world will become man's own home.

Q6. World unity will bring many great ____.

- (a) consequences
- (b) advantages
- (c) personalities
- (d) resources

S6. Ans.(b)

Q7. more ____ on account of the elimination of fear of war

- (a) secure
- (b) sophisticated
- (c) complicated
- (d) sensible

S7. Ans.(a)

Q8. With the ____ of machinery

- (a) introduction
- (b) repair
- (c) installation
- (d) elimination

S8. Ans.(a)

Q9. relieved of the ____ of monotonous and hard physical labour.

- (a) fewer
- (b) drudgery
- (c) piety
- (d) ardor

S9. Ans.(b)

Sol. Drudgery: hard menial or dull work.

Ardor: great enthusiasm or passion.

Q10. The ____ pressure of depression and discontent will be lifted

- (a) atmospheric
- (b) decreasing
- (c) constant
- (d) blood

S10. Ans.(c)

Q11. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

A short statement expressing a general truth

- (a) Maxim
- (b) Infer
- (c) Drum
- (d) Pander

S11. Ans.(a)

Sol. Infer means deduce or conclude (something) from evidence and reasoning rather than from explicit statements.

Pander means gratify or indulge (an immoral or distasteful desire or taste or a person with such a desire or taste).

Q12. In the following question, read the 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.)

Low interest rates are tempting (1)/ many customers to take (2)/ on too much debt. (3)/ No Error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

S12. Ans.(a)

Sol. "Tempt" is a stative verb which should not be written in continuous form thus, "are tempting" should be replaced with "tempt"

Q13. The question below consists of a set of labelled sentences. Out of the four options given, select the most logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph.

P: But the only danger he had really been in war in the last half-hour of his imprisonment.

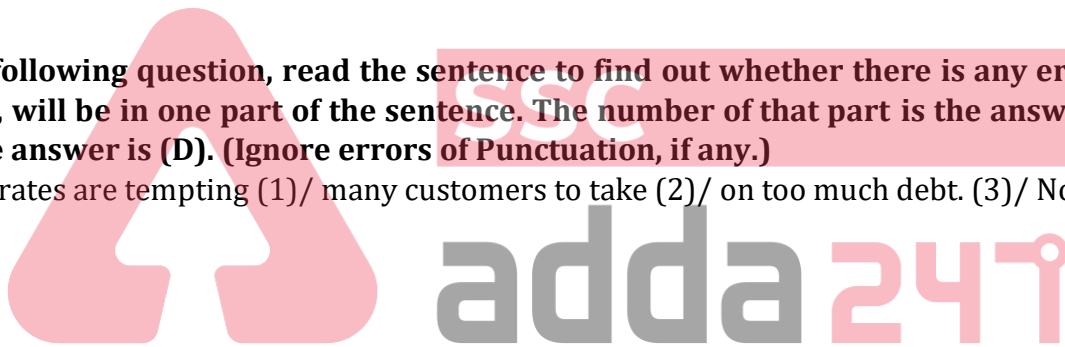
Q: In after-years he liked to think that he had been in very Great Danger during the Terrible Flood.

R: When owl, who had just flown up, sat on a branch of his tree to comfort him and told him a very long story about an aunt.

S: Who had once laid a seagull's egg by mistake, and the story went on and on.

- (a) RSQP
- (b) QRSP
- (c) SQPR
- (d) QPRS

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'.

This is the sportsperson(A)/whom I think has won(B)/the much coveted prize.(C)/ No error(D)

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

S14. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace "whom" with "who" as nominative case should be used thus it should be "who".

Q15. In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech.

Abhay said to Veena, " Are you coming to the Reception?"

- (a) Abhay told Veena if she was coming to the Reception.
- (b) Abhay asked Veena if she will be coming to the Reception.
- (c) Abhay asked Veena if she was coming to the Reception.
- (d) Abhay asked Veena whether was she coming to the Reception.

S15. Ans.(c)

Directions (16-20): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

In view of last year's H1N1 attack and prevailing _____ (16) _____ weather conditions, the health department officials _____ (17) _____ that the virus will turn more active by January end. In-charge, Integrated Disease _____ (18) _____ Programme (IDSP), Dr Shah, said, "Virus is still active, but not in a major way. In coming months, it is likely to become more active. Last year too, virus had claimed lives in January and February. Therefore, we are _____ (19) _____ as coming months might _____ (20) _____ a challenge.

Q16. In view of last year's H1N1 attack and prevailing _____ weather conditions,

- (a) erratic
- (b) weird
- (c) dicey
- (d) stable

S16. Ans.(a)

Q17. the health department officials _____ that the virus will turn more active by January end.

- (a) expect
- (b) expects
- (c) were expecting
- (d) are expecting

S17. Ans.(d)

Q18. In-charge, Integrated Disease _____ Programme (IDSP), Dr Shah, said, "Virus is still active, but not in a major way.

- (a) management
- (b) control
- (c) surveillance
- (d) eradication

S18. Ans.(c)

Q19. In coming months, it is likely to become more active. Last year too, virus had claimed lives in January and February. Therefore, we are _____.

- (a) vigilant
- (b) open to
- (c) on toes
- (d) impulsive

S19. Ans.(a)

Q20. as coming months might _____ a challenge.

- (a) show
- (b) pose
- (c) throw
- (d) put up

S20. Ans.(b)

Directions (21-25): 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.

The __21__ of Bengal tigers left in the world has __22__ from 10000 to 4000 over the last century. The main threats are __23__ of habitat, poaching and trade in tiger parts for eastern medicines. Most Bengal tigers live in protected areas of India. Anti- poaching task- force have been __24__ up and there is also a trade __25__ on tiger products in many countries, as a measure to save this rare species.

Q21. The _____ of Bengal tigers left

- (a) from
- (b) kind
- (c) glory
- (d) number

S21. Ans.(d)

Q22. in the world has _____ from 10000 to 4000 over the last century.

- (a) shrunk
- (b) eliminated
- (c) abolished
- (d) ascended

S22. Ans.(a)



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Q23. The main threats are _____ of habitat, poaching and trade in tiger parts for eastern medicines.

- (a) prevention
- (b) shift
- (c) encroaching
- (d) loss

S23. Ans.(d)

Q24. Most Bengal tigers live in protected areas of India. Anti- poaching task- force have been _____ up.

- (a) set
- (b) swept
- (c) brought
- (d) deployed

S24. Ans.(a)

Q25. there is also a trade _____ on tiger products in many countries, as a measure to save this rare species.

- (a) agreement
- (b) ban
- (c) contract
- (d) link

S25. Ans.(b)



Directions (26-27): 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.

Q26. Sheela stood by her husband in weal and woe.

- (a) by hook or crook
- (b) in prosperity and adversity
- (c) during action
- (d) during the operation

S26. Ans.(b)

Sol. Weal and woe: Prosperity; happiness and a difficult or unpleasant situation.

Q27. It has been proved up to the hilt that China's intentions are bad.

- (a) completely
- (b) up to final decision
- (c) final outcome
- (d) none of these

S27. Ans.(a)

Sol. Up to the hilt: Completely, to the maximum degree

Directions (28-29): In these questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the word given in bold.

Q28. Ennui

- (a) languor
- (b) enthusiasm
- (c) ebullience
- (d) vigour

S28. Ans.(a)

Sol. Ennui-a feeling of boredom or weariness; languor-tiredness or inactivity

Q29. Rancour

- (a) respect
- (b) blitz
- (c) malice
- (d) friendship

S29. Ans.(c)

Sol. Rancour- a continuing bitter hate or ill-will; malice-the desire to harm someone

Q30. Select the antonym of Garish

- (a) gaudy
- (b) putrid
- (c) decent
- (d) subservient

S30. Ans.(c)

Sol. Garish-obtrusively bright and showy, gaudy

Putrid-rotten, having bad smell or taste

Subservient- prepared to obey others unquestioningly

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