

SSC Tier 1 Sunday English Mega Quiz – Questions with Solutions

Q1. In the following question, sentence given with blank is to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

Criticism that tears down without suggesting areas of improvement is not _____ and should be avoided if possible.

- (a) representative
- (b) constructive
- (c) mandatory
- (d) pertinent

S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'constructive' means having or intended to have a useful or beneficial purpose.

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.

The agent had disclosed the secret before it was evening.

- (a) The secret was disclosed by the agent before it was evening.
- (b) The secret had disclosed by the agent before it had been evening.
- (c) The secret had been disclosed by the agent before it was evening.
- (d) The secret was disclosed by the agent before it had been evening.

S2. Ans.(c)

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

Be down and out

- (a) be destitute
- (b) be tipsy
- (c) over-drinking
- (d) rivalry

S3. Ans.(a)

Sol. **Be down and out** means (of a person) without money, a job, or a place to live; destitute.

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Q4. Select the word with the correct spelling.

- (a) urbannity
- (b) corvete
- (c) specklles
- (d) Anglican

S4. Ans.(d)

Sol. Anglican means relating to or denoting the Church of England or any Church in communion with it.

Q5. Rearrange the parts of the sentence in correct order.

- (R) "When we talk about Premchand, the very first thing I think of is 'Godan'.
 - (P) Premchand was the voice of the common man", said Devina Kandwal, an MA student at DU.
 - (S) Every year on the occasion of Premchand Jayanti, the Hindi literary magazine, Hans, holds its annual symposium.
 - (Q) Through 'Godan' he depicts the life of a farmer and that is relevant even today.
- (a) PSRQ
 - (b) RPQS
 - (c) SRQP
 - (d) SQRP

S5. Ans.(c)

Q6. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

A person who lives by himself

- (a) Monk
- (b) Recluse
- (c) Extrovert
- (d) Prophet

S6. Ans.(b)

Sol. Recluse: a person who lives a solitary life and tends to avoid other people.

Monk- a member of a religious community of men typically living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

Extrovert- an outgoing, socially confident person.

Q7. 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.

He said to me, "Will you mind lending me your book today?"

- (a) He told me whether he would mind to lend him his book that day.
- (b) He asked me whether I will mind to lend him my book today.
- (c) He asked me whether I would mind lending him my book that day.
- (d) He said me whether I would mind to lend me his book yesterday.

S7. Ans.(c)

Q8. 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'.

India is in no way (a) / inferior than China in (b) / any aspect whatsoever. (c) / No error (d)

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

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. With adjective 'inferior' we use 'to' for comparison instead of 'than'.

Q9. Select the synonym of 'Endangered'

- (a) risky
- (b) threatened
- (c) protected
- (d) warning

S9. Ans.(b)

Sol. Endangered means (of a species) seriously at risk of extinction and **threatened** means cause (someone or something) to be vulnerable or at risk; endanger.

Q10. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

The students talked to the principle **cap in hand**.

- (a) frankly
- (b) scornfully
- (c) humbly
- (d) fumingly

S10. Ans.(c)

Sol. Cap in hand means humbly or submissively.

Directions (11-20): In this section, you find a number of sentences, parts of which are bold. For each bold part, four words/phrases are listed below. Choose the word/phrase nearest in meaning to the bold part.

Q11. She is a woman of sterling qualities.

- (a) indifferent
- (b) valuable
- (c) irritating
- (d) exciting

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. Sterling: genuine and reliable; first-class.

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Q12. Although the boys in his class were naughty, he never resorted to **corporal** punishment.

- (a) harsh
- (b) physical
- (c) unjust
- (d) general

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. Corporal: of or relating to the body.

Q13. He wanted to **mitigate** his burdens.

- (a) lessen
- (b) increase
- (c) postpone
- (d) leave

S13. Ans.(a)

Sol. Mitigate: make (something bad) less severe, serious, or painful.

Q14. She adjusted quite well with her husband's **idiosyncrasies**.

- (a) peculiar habits
- (b) high maintenance
- (c) weaknesses
- (d) stupid manners

S14. Ans.(a)

Sol. Idiosyncrasy: a mode of behavior or way of thought peculiar to an individual.

Q15. The Deputy Inspector General made a **perfunctory** inspection of the police station.

- (a) thorough and complete
- (b) usefulness
- (c) done as a routine but without interest
- (d) falsity

S15. Ans.(c)

Sol. Perfunctory: (of an action) carried out without real interest, feeling, or effort.

Q16. The decision to drop the atom bomb on Hiroshima was a **grave** one.

- (a) serious
- (b) momentous
- (c) instinctive
- (d) impulsive

S16. Ans.(a)

Sol. Grave: significantly serious.

Q17. A scientist generally carries out his investigations **empirically**.

- (a) intuitively
- (b) verbally
- (c) through written communication
- (d) by observation and experiment

S17. Ans.(d)

Sol. Empirically: by means of observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic.

Q18. He is employed in an **ordnance** factory.

- (a) orthodox
- (b) arms and ammunition
- (c) electrical and electronic
- (d) ordinary and common

S18. Ans.(b)

Sol. Ordnance: refers to military supplies, especially weapons.

Q19. He is a **sycophant** who tries to win over politicians.

- (a) a psychologist
- (b) an opportunist
- (c) an unscrupulous man
- (d) a flatterer

S19. Ans.(d)

Sol. Sycophant: a person who acts obsequiously towards someone important in order to gain advantage.

Q20. I cannot believe in the **veracity** of his statement.

- (a) truth
- (b) superficial
- (c) sins
- (d) intensive

S20. Ans.(a)

Sol. Veracity: habitual truthfulness.

**Q21. Select the antonym of
Trite**

- (a) Original
- (b) Banal
- (c) Hackneyed
- (d) Dull

S21. Ans.(a)

Sol. Trite means (of a remark or idea) lacking originality or freshness; dull on account of overuse. Hence, 'original' is the correct antonym.

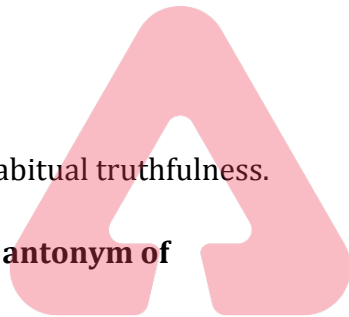
Hackneyed, Banal and Dull are synonyms of 'trite'.

Q22. 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.

He said to her, "Are you coming to the party?"

- (a) He asked her whether she was coming to the party.
- (b) He told her if she was coming to the party.
- (c) He asked her if she is going to the party
- (d) He asked her if she will be coming to the party.

S22. Ans.(a)



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Q23. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

He has **made his mark** in politics.

- (a) attained notoriety
- (b) ruined his wealth
- (c) acquired wealth
- (d) distinguished himself

S23. Ans.(d)

Sol. Made his mark: to do something that allows one to receive appropriate recognition.

Q24. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

One who possesses many talents

- (a) Versatile
- (b) Gifted
- (c) Exceptional
- (d) Nubile

S24. Ans.(a)

Sol. Versatile able to adapt or be adapted to many different functions or activities.

Nubile: (of a girl or woman) sexually attractive.

Q25. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the bold idiom/phrase.

We should guard against **the green-eyed monster**.

- (a) cruelty
- (b) jealousy
- (c) danger
- (d) ugliness

S25. Ans.(b)

Sol. The green-eyed monster: the feeling of being jealous.

Q26. Select the antonym of

Supercilious

- (a) Considerate
- (b) Respectful
- (c) Thoughtful
- (d) Differential

S26. Ans.(b)

Sol. Supercilious: to behave in arrogantly or in a haughty manner.

Respectful: feeling or showing deference, respect and modest.

Q27. 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.

Getting bit by a stray dog and failure of the vaccine to prevent infection _____ a woman in the ICU of a hospital.

- (a) moved
- (b) landed
- (c) threw
- (d) led

S27. Ans.(b)

Sol. If somebody gets into trouble we can say “they have landed into trouble.”

Q28. Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

India (were declared) winner in ICC world cup 2011.

- (a) was declare
- (b) was declared
- (c) were declare
- (d) No improvement

S28. Ans.(b)

Sol. “India” is a proper noun with which we use singular verb where “was” is acting as a linking verb and after linking verb we use adjective and here “declared” is acting as an adjective. thus option (b) is correct.

Q29. Rearrange the parts of the sentence in correct order.

- (P) The complaints by the injured officers, and that strict action be taken.
- (Q) The protesters demanded that the suspension and transfer of police officers.
- (R) They also demanded that cases be registered against the lawyers based on.
- (S) Ordered by the High Court following the clash be revoked.

- (a) RPQS
- (b) RSQP
- (c) QSRP
- (d) QPRS

S29. Ans.(c)

Q30. Select the word with the incorrect spelling.

- (a) interrogative
- (b) retaliation
- (c) staggered
- (d) tercentenary

S30. Ans.(a)

Sol. Interrogative: having the force of a question.

Retaliation: the action of returning a military attack; counter-attack.

Stagger: walk or move unsteadily, as if about to fall.

Tercentenary: the three-hundredth anniversary of a significant event.



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