

English Sunday Mega Quiz for SSC CGL

Directions (1-10): In the following questions, 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'.

Q1. In a twist to the daylong drama with news channels and the ruling government (A)/ questioning Mr. Chidambaram's alleged attempts on "evading" arrest, (B)/ he appeared at the Congress headquarters at 8 p.m. to address the media. (C)/ No error (D)

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

S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'attempts at "evading" arrest' is the correct phrase to be used, thus replace preposition 'on' with 'at'.

Q2. If you abstain with voting, (A)/ you do not have any right to raise (B)/ questions against a politician. (C)/ No error (D)

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

S2. Ans.(a)

Sol. Verb 'abstain' is always followed by preposition 'from'. Use of preposition 'with' is wrong here.

Q3. The judiciary needs to dispel the perception (A)/ that it is no longer the pillar created (B)/ to protect constitutional and legal rights. (C)/ No error (D)

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

S3. Ans.(d)

Sol. No error

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Q4. These publications reveal an antagonistic (A)/ voice using classical allusion with articulate (B)/ hostility to the engrossing of power. (C)/ No error (D)

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

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Allusion to something' is the correct structure of a sentence, i.e. noun 'allusion' takes preposition 'to' with it.

Q5. The scanner examines the iris with infrared light (A)/ that reduces reflections and penetrates glasses and contact lenses, (B)/preventing eyewear interfering with recognition. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. Use preposition 'from' before 'interfering'.
'Prevent' takes preposition 'from' with it.

Q6. In October 1940, Gandhi, abandoning his original stand, decided to (A)/ launch limited civil disobedience campaign in which leading advocates (B)/of Indian independence were selected to participate one by one. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S6. Ans.(b)

Sol. Add indefinite determiner 'a' before the singular countable subject 'limited civil disobedience campaign'.

Q7. Looking inward from the top of the ramparts, (A)/the sentries had a marvelous panorama (B) / spread before them. (C) /No error (D)

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

S7. Ans.(d)

Sol. No error

Q8. All writers on the subject of (A)/ democracy have dwelt with the difficulty against (B)/which the aims and ideals of democracy have to contest. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'dwelt with' by 'dwelt on' as the correct preposition to use with 'dwell' is 'on'.

Dwell on: to think or talk about something a lot all the time.

Q9. Ms. Sitharaman announced that the government had (A)/ rescinded its ban for the purchase of new vehicles (B)/ by its departments to replace old ones. (C)/ No error (D)

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

S9. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Ban' is followed by preposition 'on'. Hence, replace 'for' with 'on'.

Q10. The 'Surplus Distribution Policy', as recommended by the committee, (A)/ says only if realized equity is above its requirement, (B)/ the entire net income will be transferable in the government. (C)/ No error (D)

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

S10. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'Transferable' takes preposition 'to' with it, therefore replace 'in' with 'to'.

Directions (11-20): In the following questions, some parts of the sentence have been jumbled up. You are required to re-arrange these parts which are labeled as 1, P, Q, R and S & 6 to produce the correct sentence. Choose the proper sequence and mark accordingly.

Q11. 1. There are some places that experience heavy rains throughout the year.

P. So, the local administration should take steps to provide a proper drainage system to clear the stagnant water.

Q. If water stagnates on the road sides, it leads to the spread of infectious diseases.

R. Additionally, measures should be taken to spray disinfectants.

S. In such places, people adapt themselves to moist weather.

6. By taking such steps, spread of diseases can be checked.

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- (a) QPSR
- (b) SQPR
- (c) RSQP
- (d) PQSR

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'SQPR' is the correct sequence.

Q12. 1. Disappointment doesn't equal failure.

P. When you feel disappointed, you can either seek comfort or seek a solution.

Q. First, step back, stop what you're doing, and try to obtain some comfort-but don't get trapped into staying comfortable.

R. The best approach includes some of both.

S. Seen in a positive light, it can stimulate learning and growth.

6. Having licked your wounds, prepare for another effort based on a new solution to the problem.

- (a) SRQP
- (b) RSPQ
- (c) SPRQ
- (d) PRSQ

S12. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'PRSQ' is the correct sequence.

Q13. 1. Braille lost his eyesight accidentally as a child.

P. In his days, the few books that were available for blind people were printed in big, raised type.

Q. After that he became a teacher.

R. The letters used were those of the ordinary alphabet.

S. Nevertheless, he was able to complete his education at a school for the blind in Paris.

6. Braille's idea was to use raised dots instead of raised letters.

- (a) PQRS
- (b) SQPR
- (c) SRPQ
- (d) QPRS

S13. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'SQPR' is the correct sequence.

Q14. 1. What are the strategies to strengthen reading habits among early literates, school dropouts and even adults?

P. Normally, subtitles for a film, say in Hindi, will be in some other language, say, English.

Q. According to a research survey, SLS "doubles and even triples the role of reading improvement that children may be achieving through formal education".

R. But SLS harps on the argument that since the film viewers are familiar with the script, they can read the words in their favorite dialogues and films.

S. One of the novel and effective strategies is Same Language Subtitles (SLS), which was introduced in Ahmadabad in 1996.

6. Since a huge number of children and adults watch TV for entertainment even in the rural areas of India, why not use this resource to get an educational benefit out of it?

- (a) PQSR
- (b) PRQS
- (c) SPQR
- (d) SQRP

S14. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'SQRP' is the correct sequence.

Q15. 1. Addiction to alcoholic drinks affects the social life of the people.

P. Gradually drinking becomes a habit.

Q. The person becomes an addict.

R. When once it becomes a habit, it is difficult to give up.

S. A person begins to drink just for the fun of it.

6. If he doesn't have his bottle of drink, he becomes restless.

- (a) SPRQ
- (b) SRQP
- (c) QRPS
- (d) QPRS

S15. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'SPRQ' is the correct sequence.

Q16. 1. The most vulnerable section of the society are the students.

P. Revolutionary and new edged ideas have a great appeal to them.

Q. Agitations may be non-violent methods of protest.

R. They cannot resist the charm of persuasion.

S. They are to be taught that without discipline they cannot get proper education.

6. However if these become violent, the antisocial elements get encouraged and they put all proper working out of gear.

- (a) PRSQ
- (b) RSQP
- (c) SRPQ
- (d) RPQS

S16. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'PRSQ' is the correct sequence.

Q17. 1. Venice is a strange city.

P. There are about 400 odd bridges connecting the islands of Venice.

Q. There are no motor cars, no horses and no buses there.

R. These small islands are close to one another.

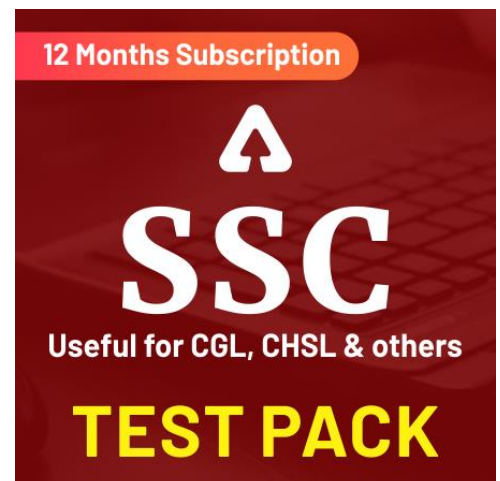
S. It is not one island but a hundred islands.

6. This is because Venice has no streets.

- (a) SRPQ
- (b) PSRQ
- (c) RQPS
- (d) RSPQ

S17. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'SRPQ' is the correct sequence.



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Q18. 1. One of the most terrible battles of the American Civil War was fought in July 1863, at Gettysburg.
P. The chief speech on that occasion was given by Edward Everett, a celebrated orator.
Q. Lincoln was asked to make a few remarks.
R. In November of that year a portion of the battlefield was dedicated as a final resting-place for men of both armies who died there.
S. Everett's speech lasted 2 hours; Lincoln's for 2 minutes; it was over almost before the crowd realized that it had begun.
6. But the Gettysburg speech, is now one of the world's immortal pieces of literature.

- (a) SQRP
- (b) RPQS
- (c) PQRS
- (d) QPSR

S18. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'RPQS' is the correct sequence.

Q19. 1. The teacher training agency in England hopes to make teaching one of the top three professions.
P. They have also demanded that the campaign should be matched by improved pay scales, work load and morale so as to avoid recruitment problems with an aim to raise the image of the teaching profession.
Q. A series of advertisements are now being screened showing famous people speaking about teachers they remember and admire.
R. An amount of \$ 100 million has been set aside to combat the shortage of applicants for teacher training.
S. Teacher Unions have welcomed this campaign.

6. It is high time for the Indian Government also to think on similar lines and take steps to lift up the sinking morale of the teaching profession.

- (a) QRPS
- (b) RPSQ
- (c) RQSP
- (d) QPSR

S19. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'RQSP' is the correct sequence.

Q20. 1. Some say that failure is like toxic waste.

P. I see failure more as a fertilizer.

Q. Thinking about it pollutes and undermines the attitudes needed for success.

R. The seeds of success must be planted afresh.

S. It can be used to enrich the soil of your mind.

6. Turning failure into a fertilizer is accomplished by using your errors as steps in learning.

- (a) SRQP
- (b) PQSR
- (c) SPQR
- (d) QPSR

S20. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'QPSR' is the correct sequence.

Directions (21-23): 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

Q21. 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

S21. 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.

Q22. 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

S22. 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.

Q23. 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

S23. 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 (24-26): In the following questions the 1st and the last part of the sentence/passage are numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the sentence/ passage is split into four parts and named P, Q, R and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentence/passage and find out which of the four combinations is correct.

Q24. 1. Six years old Prabodh aimed his toy gun at his sister while playing.

P. "You may aim at the pole, or at the wall or at the tree, where no one can get hurt."

Q. Mother got up immediately saying, "No one shoots a human being" and calmly removed the gun from Prabodh.

R. Still Prabodh aimed his gun at the kid.

S. When his mother saw this she said, "No, Prabodh! Not at the baby!"

6. With such a firm action on his mother's part, Prabodh realized where the gun should not be aimed.

(a) PRSQ

(b) QSPR

(c) SPRQ

(d) SQRP

S24.Ans.(c)

Q25. 1. A man wearing dark sunglasses walked into the bank.

P. Then he shouted, "Give me all your money, all the money in this bank right now."

Q. Everyone in the lobby screamed and started running.

R. He went up to the teller and held up a hand grenade for all to see.

S. Nervously the young female teller handed the man three big bags loaded with cash.

6. Holding the grenade in one hand and the bags in the other, he walked out of the building.

(a) PSRQ

(b) QSPR

(c) RPQS

(d) SRQP

S25.Ans.(c)

Q26. 1. Martha taught English Literature.

P. She would involve them in role-plays.

Q. Her students were young learners.

R. This way the students found it easier to identify with the characters.

S. They fell into the age group of 14-16 years.

6. They looked forward to attending her classes.

(a) QSPR

(b) QPSR

(c) RSPQ

(d) SQRP

S26.Ans.(a)

Directions (27-28): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

Q27. 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

S27. Ans.(d)

Q28. Red ink

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

S28. Ans.(a)

Directions (29-30): Out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence in the question.

Q29. Country under the protection of a more powerful country

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

S29. Ans.(a)

Q30. A line of animals or slaves fastened or driven along together

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

S30. Ans.(b)

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