

SSC CGL Tier-2 Sunday English Mega Quiz

Q1. Identify the segment in the sentence, which contains the grammatical error.

For the long-term strength of the economy the limit of corporate stock buybacks is a potential solution.

- (a) is a potential solution
- (b) strength of the economy
- (c) limit of corporate stock buybacks
- (d) For the long term

S1. Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct preposition to be used here is “to” as ‘limit to’ is an idiom which means to ensure something remains restricted to some specific thing.

Q2. Identify the segment in the sentence, which contains the grammatical error.

We are witnessing the worse level of income inequality in decades.

- (a) in decades
- (b) the worse level of
- (c) income inequality
- (d) are witnessing

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace “worse” with “worst” because 'worse' is a comparative that describes something that's bad in relationship to something else, while 'worst' is a superlative that describes something that is as bad as it can be.

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

To pigeonhole

- (a) to blindly accept someone
- (b) to typecast someone
- (c) to call someone names
- (d) to hurriedly reject someone

S3. Ans.(b)

Sol. To pigeonhole someone means to unfairly think of or describe (someone or something) as belonging to a particular group, having only a particular skill, etc.

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

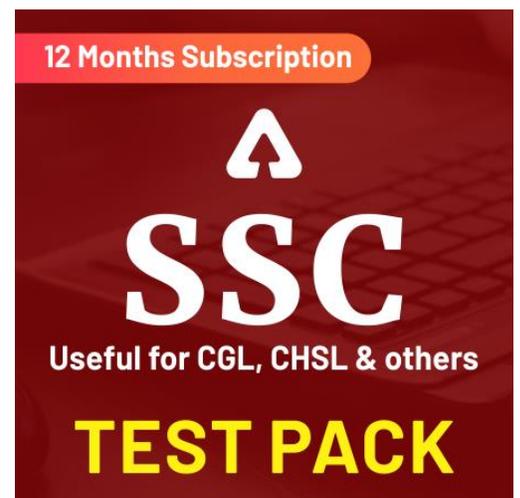
A person claiming to be superior in culture and intellect to others

- (a) patrician
- (b) highbrow
- (c) elite
- (d) noble

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol. Highbrow: intellectual or rarefied in taste.

Patrician: an aristocrat or nobleman.



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Q5. Select the wrongly spelt word.

- (a) contiguous
- (b) confirmed
- (c) confarmist
- (d) contagious

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct word is “**conformist**” which means a person who conforms to accepted behavior or established practices.

Q6. Select the antonym of the given word.

SEVER

- (a) equip
- (b) trim
- (c) keep
- (d) unite

S6. Ans.(d)

Sol. Sever: divide by cutting or slicing, especially suddenly and forcibly.

Directions (7-8): Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

Q7. Genetic influx from Central Asia in the Bronze Age was strongly male-driven, consistent with the patriarchal social structure (attributing to the Indo-European) pastoralist society.

- (a) to be attributed to the Indo-European
- (b) No improvement
- (c) attributed to the Indo-European
- (d) attributed by the Indo-European

S7. Ans.(c)

Sol. Since the given sentence is in past tense hence replace gerund “attributing” with past form of the verb, i.e. “attributed” to improve the sentence.

Q8. A phenomenon called the polar vortex has hit central and eastern parts of the United States. It has brought with it snow, brutally cold temperatures and (potentially life-threatening wind chill).

- (a) potentially life-threaten windy chills
- (b) No improvement
- (c) potentially life-threatened wind chill
- (d) potential life-threatening wind chill

S8. Ans.(b)

Q9. Select the antonym of the given word.

DYE

- (a) blend
- (b) bleach
- (c) wash
- (d) live

S9. Ans.(b)

Sol. Dye is a natural or synthetic substance used to add a color to or change the color of something.

Bleach means cause (a material such as cloth, paper, or hair) to become white or much lighter by a chemical process or by exposure to sunlight.

Q10. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To hold a brief for

- (a) to support someone's cause
- (b) to write a speech for someone
- (c) to upset someone's campaign
- (d) to wait for someone

S10. Ans.(a)

Sol. To hold a brief for means to support someone's cause.

Directions (11-13): Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

Q11. Thirteen miners (were trapped inside a coal mine) due to flooding from a nearby river yesterday.

- (a) were trapped into a coal mine
- (b) No substitution required
- (c) have been trapped inside a coal mine
- (d) trapped inside a coal mine

S11. Ans.(b)

Q12. This is the first time (anybody have explored into this part) of the country.

- (a) anybody has explored this part
- (b) anybody has explored into this part
- (c) No substitution required
- (d) anybody have explored this part

S12. Ans.(a)

Sol. Anyone, anybody and anything are indefinite pronouns. We use anyone, anybody and anything to refer to both an open, unlimited set of things or people and specific things or people. We use them with a **singular verb**. Hence, replace 'have' with 'has'. Also, remove the preposition 'into' as it is unnecessarily used here.

Q13. The cause of the disaster (has not yet known) but an enquiry has been set up to find out what happened.

- (a) have not yet been known
- (b) No substitution required
- (c) was not yet known
- (d) is not yet known

S13. Ans.(d)

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Directions (14-15): Identify the segment in the sentence, which contains the grammatical error.

Q14. To my point of view he should not have behaved in such a manner.

- (a) should not have
- (b) behaved
- (c) To my point of view
- (d) in such a manner

S14. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'to' with 'from' because we use the expression **from (one's) point of view** to talk about a way of considering something and/or how it affects someone or something.

Q15. The old man climbed seven floors with hardly no effort at all.

- (a) climbed
- (b) at all
- (c) The old man
- (d) hardly no effort

S15. Ans.(d)

Sol. **Hardly** and **no** are both negatives and hence it leads to double negative construction. The sentence gets corrected when '**no**' is replaced with '**any**'.

Directions (16-17): Select the most appropriate word for the given group of words.

Q16. A large bound bundle of paper, hay or cotton

- (a) barrel
- (b) bale
- (c) gale
- (d) cache

S16. Ans.(b)

Sol. Barrel: a cylindrical container bulging out in the middle, traditionally made of wooden staves with metal hoops round them.

Gale: a very strong wind.

Cache: a collection of items of the same type stored in a hidden or inaccessible place.

Q17. The base frame of a car or other wheeled vehicle

- (a) fuselage
- (b) bonnet
- (c) chassis
- (d) cockpit

S17. Ans.(c)

Sol. Fuselage: the main body of an aircraft.

Bonnet: the hinged metal canopy covering the engine of a motor vehicle.

Cockpit: a compartment for the pilot, and sometimes also the crew, in an aircraft or spacecraft.

Q18. Select the synonym of the given word.

RADICAL

- (a) trivial
- (b) absolute
- (c) minor
- (d) moderate

S18. Ans.(b)

Sol. Radical means (especially of change or action) relating to or affecting the fundamental nature of something; far-reaching or thorough.

Q19. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To give the slip

- (a) to keep low
- (b) to escape
- (c) to hit someone
- (d) to hide

S19. Ans.(b)

Sol. To give the slip is an idiomatic expression which means to evade or escape one.

Q20. Select the wrongly spelt word.

- (a) violin
- (b) visionary
- (c) vecious
- (d) voyage

S20. Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct spelling is **Vicious**.

Directions (21-30): Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which *best expresses* the meaning of the given word.

Q21. Defray

- (a) Earn
- (b) Leave
- (c) Declaim
- (d) Pay

S21. Ans.(d)

Sol. Defray: provide money to pay (a cost or expense).

Q22. Eclat

- (a) Haziness
- (b) Brilliance
- (c) Puzzle
- (d) Irritate

S22. Ans.(b)

Sol. Eclat: brilliant or conspicuous success, effect etc.



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Q23. Galore

- (a) Sparse
- (b) Coward
- (c) Ample
- (d) Rough

S23. Ans.(c)

Sol. Galore: in abundance.

Ample: enough or more than enough; plentiful.

Q24. Peculate

- (a) Defraud
- (b) Outburst
- (c) Surprise
- (d) Delay

S24. Ans.(a)

Sol. Peculate: embezzle or steal (money, especially public funds).

Defraud: illegally obtain money from (someone) by deception.

Q25. Rote

- (a) ignorance
- (b) memorization
- (c) punishment
- (d) expenses

S25. Ans.(b)

Sol. Rote: mechanical or habitual repetition of something to be learned.

Q26. Placebo

- (a) Ancestor
- (b) Thrift
- (c) Tranquilizer
- (d) Parole

S26. Ans.(c)

Sol. Placebo: a medicine or procedure prescribed for the psychological benefit to the patient rather than for any physiological effect.

Tranquilizer: a medicinal drug taken to reduce tension or anxiety.

Q27. Unctuous

- (a) Flattering
- (b) Helpless
- (c) Shy
- (d) Faultless

S27. Ans.(a)

Sol. Unctuous: excessively flattering or ingratiating.

Q28. Drivel

- (a) Intelligent
- (b) Blather
- (c) Judicious
- (d) Sane

S28. Ans.(b)

Sol. Drivel: talk nonsense.

Blather: talk in a long-winded way without making very much sense.

Q29. Cozen

- (a) Revolt
- (b) Bury
- (c) Cheat
- (d) Care

S29. Ans.(c)

Sol. Cozen: trick or deceive.

Q30. Cadge

- (a) Donate
- (b) Scrounge
- (c) Evade
- (d) Gather

S30. Ans.(b)

Sol. Cadge: ask for or obtain (something to which one is not strictly entitled).

Scrounge: seek to obtain at the expense or through the generosity of others or by stealth.

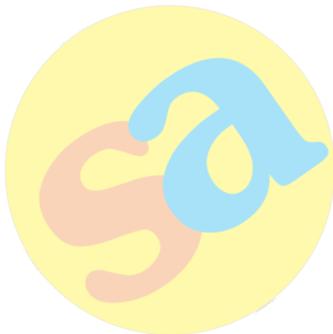
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