

SSC CGL Tier-2 Sunday English Mega Quiz

Directions (1-10): 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.

We know that the average depth of the sea is about two and a half miles, but in a few places it is very deep indeed—over six miles. The air presses upon our bodies with a weight of about fifteen pounds to the square inch at _____. We are used to this air pressure and do not notice it. In the sea this _____ is doubled at a depth of thirty-five feet, and it _____ at the rate of greater depths. In the great deeps _____ the Philippine Islands, a man would be squeezed and utterly crushed by a pressure of _____ tons per square inch. The pressure near the ocean floor is _____ great that if you were to weigh a piece of wood and _____ it to a great depth and then pull it up again it would no longer float _____ it would have become waterlogged. All the tiny wood cells and cavities would have burst and become filled with water. We know that animals live at a depth of three miles and more and we wonder _____ this can be. The bodies of animals down there are almost entirely filled with water, and _____ saves them from being crushed.

Q1. We know that the average depth of the sea is about two and a half miles, but in a few places it is very deep indeed—over six miles. The air presses upon our bodies with a weight of about fifteen pounds to the square inch at _____.

- (a) sea-water
- (b) sea-level
- (c) sea-bed
- (d) sea shore

S1. Ans.(b)

Q2. We are used to this air pressure and do not notice it. In the sea this _____ is doubled at a depth of thirty-five feet.

- (a) weight
- (b) volume
- (c) pressure
- (d) area

S2. Ans.(c)

Q3. and it _____ at the rate of greater depths.

- (a) expands
- (b) decreases
- (c) increases
- (d) spreads

S3. Ans.(c)



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Q4. In the great deeps _____ the Philippine Islands,

- (a) off
- (b) of
- (c) on
- (d) at

S4. Ans.(b)

Q5. a man would be squeezed and utterly crushed by a pressure of _____ tons per square inch.

- (a) severe
- (b) several
- (c) sheer
- (d) thousands

S5. Ans.(b)

Q6. The pressure near the ocean floor is _____-great that if you were to

- (a) such
- (b) not
- (c) so
- (d) enormous

S6. Ans.(c)

Q7. weigh a piece of wood and _____ it to a great depth and then pull it up again

- (a) measure
- (b) follow
- (c) lower
- (d) slur

S7. Ans.(c)

Sol. Slur: speak (words) indistinctly so that the sounds run into one another.

Hence option C is the correct choice.

Q8. it would no longer float _____ it would have become waterlogged.

- (a) but
- (b) for
- (c) when
- (d) however

S8. Ans.(b)

Q9. All the tiny wood cells and cavities would have burst and become filled with water. We know that animals live at a depth of three miles and more and we wonder _____ this can be.

- (a) why
- (b) how
- (c) what
- (d) when

S9. Ans.(b)

Q10. The bodies of animals down there are almost entirely filled with water, and _____ saves them from being crushed.

- (a) this
- (b) those
- (c) thus
- (d) hence

S10. Ans.(a)

Directions (11-20): Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

Q11. The Supreme Court is scheduled to (take over) a batch of petitions in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title dispute case for hearing on January 4.

- (a) take up
- (b) take to
- (c) take on
- (d) No improvement

S11. Ans.(a)

Sol. Use of “take up” is appropriate here. **Take up** means to start doing a particular job or activity.

Q12. Poor child’s aching legs (gave away), and he almost fell in the fair.

- (a) gave way
- (b) gave way to
- (c) gave away to
- (d) No improvement

S12. Ans.(a)

Sol. Use phrasal verb ‘**Give way**’ which means to break, especially when under pressure from strong forces.

Q13. No one could explain how an astute person like her could (penetrate) such a mindless act on her colleague.

- (a) perpetuate
- (b) perpetrate
- (c) precipitate
- (d) No improvement

S13. Ans.(b)

Sol. **Perpetrate** means to carry out or commit (a harmful, illegal, or immoral action).

Q14. The cookbook is (tailor-made) for amateur vegan cooks.

- (a) mass-produced
- (b) customized
- (c) suggested
- (d) No improvement

S14. Ans.(b)

Sol. Tailor-made: made, adapted, or suited for a particular purpose or person.

Customized: modified to suit a particular individual or task.

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Q15. His miserable condition (made us wept).

- (a) made us weep
- (b) made us to weep
- (c) made us to wept
- (d) No improvement

S15. Ans.(a)

Sol. Made is a causative verb which takes 1st form of verb i.e. “weep”.

Q16. (We had a grand party and we enjoyed very much).

- (a) We had a grand party and enjoyed very much.
- (b) We had a grand party to enjoy very much.
- (c) We had a grand party and we enjoyed ourselves very much.
- (d) No improvement

S16. Ans.(c)

Sol. Option (c) is correct as ‘enjoy’ is the transitive verb which must have an object with it, so a ‘reflexive pronoun’ needs to be added as an object as there is no object given for “enjoy”.

Q17. I (will be) very busy lately.

- (a) should be
- (b) would be
- (c) have been
- (d) No improvement

S17. Ans.(c)

Sol. We use present perfect with lately so have been is the correct term.

Q18. You are warned (against committing) the same mistake again.

- (a) to commit
- (b) for commitment
- (c) against to commit
- (d) No improvement

S18. Ans.(d)

Sol. No improvement.

Q19. I wrote him a letter of (condolence of his father’s decease).

- (a) condolence on his father’s decease
- (b) condolence in his father decease
- (c) condolence on his fathers’ decease
- (d) No improvement.

S19. Ans.(a)

Sol. we give condolence on something and we should not change the fact of the statement.

Condolence takes “on” preposition it.

Q20. (No sooner had the destruction completed than mother walked in).

- (a) No sooner did the destruction completed than mother walked in
- (b) No sooner had the destruction been completed than mother walked in.
- (c) No sooner was the destruction completes than mother walked in.
- (d) No improvement

S20. Ans.(d)

Sol. No improvement.

Directions (21-30): 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'.

Q21. Being selfless is fine but at times you need (A)/ to be a little selfish and say No if you want (B)/ to keep your mental peace intacted. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S21. Ans.(c)

Sol. There is no such word as 'intacted'. Hence replace 'intacted' with proper adjective 'intact' which means 'not damaged or impaired in any way; complete'.

Q22. I have never seen such (A)/ movie in my life. (B)/ I wouldn't recommend it to anyone. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S22. Ans.(b)

Sol. Place article "a" before "movie". If noun is placed after such, quite, rather, how etc. we use 'a' before that noun.

Q23. The employers, who I worked (A)/ with, were very insensitive (B)/towards employee's needs.(C)/ No Error (D)

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

S23. Ans.(a)

Sol. Here, "The employers, whom I worked with" is the right usage. "Whom" is used in-stead of "who" as the Object of a Verb or Preposition in subordinate clause.



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Q24. We were happy that (A)/ the audience responded well and (B)/ gave all the speakers a patience listening. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S24. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'a patience listening' with 'a patient listening'.

Q25. If you have a way with words, (A) / a good sense of design and administration ability (B) / you may enjoy working in the high pressure world of advertising. (C) / No Error. (D)

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

S25. Ans.(b)

Sol. Use 'administrative' (adjective) in place of 'administration' (noun).

Q26. We must avoid to use (A)/ cell phones while we (B)/ are in court rooms. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S26. Ans.(a)

Sol. Avoid take gerund form (V1+ing) of verb with it. Hence replace 'avoid to use' with 'avoid using'.

E.g.- You should avoid drinking.

Q27. He said (A) / that he wanted a room (B) / and that his luggage would follow. (C)/ No error (D).

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

S27. Ans.(c)

Sol. Remove 'that' from part (c). Its usage is superfluous here. Hence "He wanted a room and his luggage would follow" is the correct statement.

Q28. I will put on a note in this regard (A)/ for your consideration (B)/ and necessary decision. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S28. Ans.(a)

Sol. The phrase 'put on' means 'wear' or 'apply'. Thus "on" should not be used.

Q29. The detective said that (A)/ there was no chance for (B)/ finding the person who wrote these letters. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S29. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Of' is the correct preposition to use with 'chance'.

Q30. It is believed that (A)/family members join the ancestral world (B)/after death to protect the living. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

S30. Ans.(d)

Sol. No Error

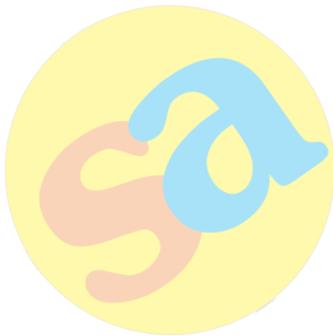


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