

## SSC CGL Tier-2 Sunday English Mega Quiz

**Directions (1-5): Comprehension:** In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each number.

Eating white bread and ready meals could be killing us, according to the first major study linking “ultra-processed” food with (1) \_\_\_\_\_ death. The study of 45,000 middle-aged people found that every 10 percent increase in (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of “ultra-processed food” was linked to a 14 percent (3) \_\_\_\_\_ risk of death within the next eight years. Previous research has linked consumption (4) \_\_\_\_\_ foods like white bread, ready meals, sausages, sugary cereals, fizzy drinks to a higher risk of high blood (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and cancer.

**Q1. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank No. 1.**

- (a) quiet
- (b) early
- (c) easy
- (d) late

**S1. Ans.(b)**

**Q2. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank No. 2.**

- (a) input
- (b) digestion
- (c) making
- (d) intake

**S2. Ans.(d)**

**Q3. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank No. 3.**

- (a) declined
- (b) decreased
- (c) improved
- (d) increased

**S3. Ans.(d)**

**Q4. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank No. 4.**

- (a) on
- (b) in
- (c) from
- (d) of

**S4. Ans.(d)**

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**Q5. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank No. 5.**

- (a) coagulation
- (b) clotting
- (c) pressure
- (d) infection

**S5. Ans.(c)**

**Directions (6-10): In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each number.**

The modern CEO is very much at the \_\_\_\_\_ (1) of the political and media stage. It leaves them open to being identified as \_\_\_\_\_ (2) for economic injustice. The increasingly public role taken \_\_\_\_\_ (3) CEOs is related to a renewed corporate focus on \_\_\_\_\_ (4) social responsibility. Firms must now balance between making profits and fulfilling corporate social \_\_\_\_\_ (5).

**Q6. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 1.**

- (a) margins
- (b) forefront
- (c) background
- (d) beginning

**S6. Ans.(b)**

**Q7. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 2.**

- (a) scapegoats
- (b) victims
- (c) accused
- (d) retainers

**S7. Ans.(a)**

**Q8. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 3.**

- (a) on
- (b) by
- (c) from
- (d) with

**S8. Ans.(b)**

**Q9. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 4.**

- (a) his
- (b) their
- (c) its
- (d) our

**S9. Ans.(b)**

**Q10. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 5.**

- (a) responsibility
- (b) target
- (c) outcome
- (d) priority

**S10. Ans.(a)**

**Directions (11-13): 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'.**

**Q11. A senior government official told The Hindu that (1)/ Dr. Abdullah would be detained initially for 12 days, but (2)/the period can be extended for a maximum of three months. (3)/ No error (4)**

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

**S11. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Replace "can" with "could" because the sentence is in past form so "can" changes into "could".

**Q12. Parliament today serves less (1)/ as locus for debate and discussion (2)/ and more as one for din and discord. (3)/No error (4)**

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

**S12. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Add article "a" before "locus" as it is acting as a countable noun here.

**Q13. The Government has declared (1)/that it will launch a three-crores rupees project (2)/ within the next few days. (3)/No error (4)**

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

**S13. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'Three - crore' will replace 'three -crores' because -in hyphenated compound adjectives, the noun is used in Singular form.

**Directions (14-15): Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.**

**Q14. It is quite tough to (declare) which candidate will win the presidential election.**

- (a) predict
- (b) augur
- (c) portend
- (d) No improvement

**S14. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Predict:** tell in advance

**Declare:** to say something officially/publicly

**Augur:** to be a sign that something will be successful/not successful in the future

**Portend:** to be a sign or warning of something that is going to happen in the future, especially something bad/unpleasant

**Q15. You need to read (these kinds of books) for the test.**

- (a) these kind of book
- (b) this kind of book
- (c) this kind of a book
- (d) No improvement

**S15. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Here, **this kind of book** is the right usage.

Example: What kind of house do you live in?

**Q16. Select the synonym of "Meadow"**

- (a) metro
- (b) pasture
- (c) borough
- (d) civic

**S16. Ans.(b);**

**Sol. Meadow:** a piece of grassland, especially one used for hay.

**Pasture:** land covered with grass and other low plants suitable for grazing animals, especially cattle or sheep.

**Q17. Select the synonym of "To scam"**

- (a) to cluster
- (b) to array
- (c) to convene
- (d) to scoot

**S17. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Scam:** leave or go away from a place quickly.

**Scoot:** go or leave somewhere quickly.

**Q18. Select the antonym of "Cameo"**

- (a) trinket
- (b) gem
- (c) bauble
- (d) plain

**S18. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Cameo:** a piece of decorated jewellery, typically oval in shape.

**Plain:** not decorated or elaborate;

**Q19. Select the antonym of "Ambushed"**

- (a) lurk
- (b) waylay
- (c) camouflage
- (d) exposed

**S19. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Ambushed:** to make a surprise attack on someone.



The advertisement features a woman, Neetu Singh, in a pink and white patterned top, sitting against a dark red background. In the top left corner, there is a 'LIVE' icon. In the top right corner, the word 'BILINGUAL' is written in white. Below the woman's image, the text 'ENGLISH BY NEETU SINGH' is displayed in large, white, bold letters. Underneath that, '12<sup>th</sup> May' is written in a slightly smaller white font. At the bottom, there are two orange boxes: the first contains 'Tue, Thr, Sat' and the second contains '5 pm - 7 pm'.

**Q20.** Select the antonym of “Cosset”

- (a) ignore
- (b) close
- (c) caress
- (d) fondle

**S20. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Cosset:** care for and protect in an overindulgent way.

**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 Aam Aadmi Party on Friday said that no agency — Central or State — has had the courage or the willingness to take strong action against stubble burning in neighbouring States of Delhi. It also criticised monitoring agencies for failing to provide concrete data about the source of pollution in real time through \_\_\_11\_\_\_ source apportionment studies.

A senior official of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) told The Hindu that the \_\_\_12\_\_\_ of stubble burning to a spike in pollution levels in Delhi ranged from 2%-10% was the conclusion of various scientific agencies and it was important to take steps to \_\_\_13\_\_\_ pollution rather than blame others.

“We are a scientific agency. In fact last year, we had said that stubble burning, during some periods, contributed to as much as 38% of Delhi’s pollution. These concentrations change over the months and there should be no attempt to politicise it,” the official told The Hindu in a phone conversation.

AAP national spokesperson Raghav Chadha said that while pollution monitoring agencies should be providing alternatives to farmers so that they \_\_\_14\_\_\_ from burning stubble, they are blaming the people of Delhi for the \_\_\_15\_\_\_ in pollution.

**Q21.** Source of pollution in real time through \_\_\_11\_\_\_ source apportionment studies.

- (a) gentle
- (b) lax
- (c) rigorous
- (d) mild

**S21. Ans.(c)**

**Q22.** (CPCB) told The Hindu that the \_\_\_12\_\_\_ of stubble burning

- (a) offering
- (b) donation
- (c) importance
- (d) contribution

**S22. Ans.(d)**

**Q23.** It was important to take steps to \_\_\_13\_\_\_ pollution rather than blame others.

- (a) enhance
- (b) promote
- (c) blame
- (d) minimize

**S23. Ans.(d)**

**Q24.** Pollution monitoring agencies should be providing alternatives to farmers so that they \_\_\_14\_\_\_ from burning stubble,

- (a) refrain
- (b) continue
- (c) profit
- (d) gain

**S24. Ans.(a)**

**Q25.** They are blaming the people of Delhi for the \_\_\_15\_\_\_ in pollution.

- (a) decrease
- (b) increase
- (c) reduction
- (d) appraisal

**S25. Ans.(b)**

**Directions (26-30):** Read the passages carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives and mark it by blackening the appropriate oval in the Answer Sheet.

Corruption is not a uniquely Indian phenomenon. It is witnessed all over the world in developing as well as developed countries. It has spread its tentacles in every sphere of life, namely business administration, politics, officialdom, and services. In fact, there is hardly any sector which can be characterised for not being infected with the vices of corruption. Corruption is rampant in every segment and every section of society, barring the social status attached to it. Nobody can be considered free from corruption from a high ranking officer.

To root out the evil of corruption from society, we need to make a comprehensive code of conduct for politicians, legislatures, bureaucrats, and such code should be strictly enforced. Judiciary should be given more independence and initiatives on issues related to corruption. Special courts should be set-up to take up such issues and speedy trial is to be promoted. Law and order machinery should be allowed to work without political interference. NGOs and media should come forward to create awareness against corruption in society and educate people to combat this evil. Only then we would be able to save our system from being collapsed.

**Q26. According to the passage where does corruption has spread its tentacles?**

- (a) officialdom
- (b) politics
- (c) business administration
- (d) All of these

**S26. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "It has spread its tentacles in every sphere of life, namely business administration, politics, officialdom, and services."

**Q27. What kind of status is being barred by the corruption?**

- (a) social
- (b) economic
- (c) mental
- (d) physical

**S27. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "Corruption is rampant in every segment and every section of society, barring the social status attached to it."

**Q28. According to the passage, who is free from corruption?**

- (a) high ranking officers
- (b) politicians
- (c) bureaucrats
- (d) None of these

**S28. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Refer to, "To root out the evil of corruption from society, we need to make a comprehensive code of conduct for politicians, legislatures, bureaucrats, and such code should be strictly enforced."

**Q29. Which of the following measure is not mentioned in the passage to root out the evil of corruption from society?**

- (a) private sector should create awareness against corruption
- (b) media should come forward to create awareness and educate people to combat this evil
- (c) judiciary to be given more independence and initiative in relation to corruption
- (d) comprehensive code of conduct for politicians, legislature and bureaucrats

**S29. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** According to the passage, "private sector should create awareness against corruption" is not mention in the passage to root out the evil of corruption from society.

**Q30. According to the passage, which of the following is INCORRECT?**

- (a) corruption is prevalent only in developing countries
- (b) corruption is rampant in every segment and section of society
- (c) to combat corruption, law and order should be allowed to work without political interference
- (d) corruption is not a uniquely Indian phenomena

**S30. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Option (a) that is "corruption is prevalent only in developing countries" is the only option which is incorrect according to the passage.

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