

SSC CGL Tier-2 Sunday English Mega Quiz

Q1. Select the synonym of the given word

Ignominy

- (a) Distinction
- (b) Morose
- (c) Disgrace
- (d) Mendacity

S1. Ans.(c)

Sol. Ignominy: public shame or disgrace.

Hence, option(c) is the correct synonym of the given word.

Morose: sullen and ill-tempered.

Mendacity: untruthfulness.

Q2. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

She asked that what I would do with the money.

- (a) She asked that
- (b) what I would do
- (c) with the money
- (d) No error

S2. Ans.(a)

Sol. "That" will not be used because when an interrogative sentence in a direct speech is converted into an indirect speech then, we don't use any conjunction. Also, the sentence becomes assertive when changed into indirect speech.

Q3. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.

The Union Health Ministry on Wednesday advised people to refrain from travelling to China in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak, as the death toll there _____ to 133 with nearly 1,500 new cases.

- (a) rise
- (b) raise
- (c) raised
- (d) rose

S3. Ans.(d)

Sol. Rise: increase in number, size, amount, or degree.

(V1: rise; V2: **rose**; V3: risen) Hence, option (d) is the correct choice.

Raise: lift or move to a higher position or level.

(V1: raise; V2: raised; V3: raised).

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Q4. Select the antonym of the given word

Devious

- (a) Underhand
- (b) Licit
- (c) Crafty
- (d) Covert

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol. Devious: showing a skilful use of underhand tactics to achieve goals.

Licit: not forbidden; lawful.

“Licit” is the most appropriate antonym of ‘devious’

Crafty: clever at achieving one's aims by indirect or deceitful methods.

Covert: not openly acknowledged or displayed.

Q5. Select the antonym of the given word

Violation

- (a) Compliance
- (b) Infringement
- (c) Breach
- (d) Contravention

S5. Ans.(a)

Sol. Violation: the action of violating someone or something. Breach, Infringement and Contravention are synonyms of ‘violation’.

Compliance: the action or fact of complying with a wish or command.

Hence, ‘**compliance**’ is the correct antonym of ‘**violation**’.

Q6. Select the wrongly spelt word

- (a) Meddlesome
- (b) Myriad
- (c) Malaevolent
- (d) Mammoth

S6. Ans.(c)

Sol. The word can be correctly spelt as “**Malevolent**” which means having or showing a wish to do evil to others.

Meaning of other words are as follows:

Meddlesome: fond of meddling; interfering.

Myriad: a countless or extremely great number of people or things.

Mammoth: huge.

Q7. Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.

The teacher said to Shrey, “Would you like to represent the school in cricket tournament?” Shrey replied, “Yes”.

- (a) The teacher asked Srey if he could represent the school in cricket tournament to which Shrey said yes.
- (b) The teacher asked Shrey if he would like to represent the school in cricket tournament and Shrey replied in the affirmative.
- (c) The teacher asked Shrey if he would have liked to represent the school in cricket tournament and Shrey replied in the affirmative.
- (d) The teacher told Shrey if he would like to represent the school in cricket tournament and Shrey replied with affirmative.

S7. Ans.(b)

Q8. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

To harass someone persistently to do something

- (a) Iconoclast
- (b) Dote
- (c) Neurotic
- (d) Importune

S8. Ans.(d)

Sol. Importune: harass (someone) persistently for or to do something.

Iconoclast means a person who attacks or criticizes cherished beliefs or institutions.

Dote means be extremely and uncritically fond of.

Neurotic means having, caused by, or relating to neurosis.

Q9. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Wear your heart on your sleeve

- (a) a very bold person
- (b) a noble pure person
- (c) make one's feelings apparent
- (d) being overtly polite at all times

S9. Ans.(c)

Sol. Wear one's heart on one's sleeve means to display one's feelings openly and habitually, rather than keep them private.

Q10. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the bold segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select "no improvement".

Final match of the series was **banned** due to the rain.

- (a) interrupted
- (b) disturbed
- (c) called off
- (d) No improvement

S10. Ans.(c)

Sol. Called off (phrasal verb): to cancel something.

Ban (verb): to decide or say officially that something is not allowed; prohibited.

Disturb (verb): to interrupt somebody when he is trying to work.

Interrupt (verb): to say or do something that makes somebody stop what he is saying or doing.

Here, '**called off**' is the right usage.

Directions (11-20): Identify the segment in the sentence, which contains the grammatical error.

Q11. An army officer must abide on the laws of the National Defence Academy.

- (a) An army officer must
- (b) abide on the laws
- (c) of the National Defence Academy.
- (d) No error

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace "abide on" with "abide by". "By" is the correct preposition to use with 'abide'.

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Q12. I cautioned the pregnant woman sitting on that chair as it was broken.

- (a) I cautioned the pregnant
- (b) woman sitting on that
- (c) chair as it was broken.
- (d) No error

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. We need a preposition with the verb "caution". Correct preposition to use is "against". "Caution somebody against something/doing something": to warn one about someone or something. Hence add **against** before **sitting**.

Q13. Neither of the teams are sensible enough to adjust the clients' demands designed in the final layout.

- (a) Neither of the teams are sensible
- (b) enough to adjust the clients' demands
- (c) designed in the final layout.
- (d) No error

S13. Ans.(a)

Sol. Indefinite pronoun 'neither' does not agree with the helping verb 'are'. Replace 'are' with 'is'. **Neither of + plural noun/pronoun** is followed by a **singular helping verb**.

Q14. There is no dispute between you and I so we better act maturely to resolve this situation.

- (a) There is no dispute between you
- (b) and I so we better act
- (c) maturely to resolve this situation.
- (d) No error

S14. Ans.(b)

Sol. Between (Preposition) is followed by an Objective Pronoun (such as me, him, her, us) not a Subjective Pronoun (such as I, he, she, we). Hence replace 'I' with 'me'.

Q15. I have been working as relationship manager for eight months.

- (a) I have been working
- (b) as relationship manager
- (c) for eight months.
- (d) No error

S15. Ans.(b)

Sol. Put Indefinite Article 'a' before noun 'relationship manager'.

Q16. The research suggests that when a person is under depression you should be especially careful to eat a well-balanced diet.

- (a) The research suggests that when
- (b) a person is under depression
- (c) you should be especially careful to eat a well-balanced diet.
- (d) No error

S16. Ans.(c)

Sol. "He" will replace "you" as we are talking about first person singular pronoun, he should be used instead of second person pronoun 'you'.

Q17. He would believe the story as if it was true.

- (a) He would believe
- (b) the story as if
- (c) it was true.
- (d) No error

S17. Ans.(c)

Sol. If certain expressions like unfulfilled wish / condition / desire in the present state is to be brought into expression with the use of if /as if /as though /I wish etc. along with which 'to be' is used, then only its 'were' form is used provided whatever be the number and person of the subject.



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Q18. Big men are those who stand out, vie to others to make a reputation and collect both honours and clients.

- (a) Big men are those who stand out,
- (b) vie to others to make a reputation,
- (c) and collect both honours and clients.
- (d) No error

S18. Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct preposition to use here is "with". Vie with (one) means to fight, contend, or compete with one (for something).

Q19. Several student union leaders involved in the scandal are required to appear to the investigating team of CBI.

- (a) Several student union leaders involved
- (b) in the scandal are required to
- (c) appear to the investigating team of CBI.
- (d) No error

S19. Ans.(c)

Sol. "Appear before the investigating team of CBI" will replace "appear to the investigating team of CBI". Appear before someone (idiom): to have a trial or hearing with an official (legal), Appear to someone (idiom): to make an appearance before someone.

Q20. The Police commissioner had no time to pay attention on such simple matters.

- (a) The Police commissioner had
- (b) no time to pay attention
- (c) on such simple matters.
- (d) No error

S20. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace "on" with "to". "To" is the correct preposition to use here.

Directions (21-30): Out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence in the question.

Q21. A temporary prohibition of an activity.

- (a) Disruption
- (b) Moratorium
- (c) Prescient
- (d) Scrawl

S21. Ans.(b)

Sol. Disruption: disturbance or problems which interrupt an event, activity, or process.

Prescient: having or showing knowledge of events before they take place.

Scrawl: an example of hurried, careless writing.

Q22. A man who is rough or clumsy and unintelligent.

- (a) brute
- (b) incompetent
- (c) cretin
- (d) oaf

S22. Ans.(d)

Sol. Brute: a savagely violent person or animal.

Cretin: a stupid person (used as a general term of abuse).

Q23. A thing added to something else as a supplementary rather than an essential part.

- (a) adjunct
- (b) prerequisite
- (c) cognate
- (d) epilogue

S23. Ans.(a)

Sol. Prerequisite: a thing that is required as a prior condition for something else to happen or exist.

Cognate: related; connected.

Epilogue: a section or speech at the end of a book or play that serves as a comment on or a conclusion to what has happened.

Q24. Symbolic and simplified (of a diagram or representation).

- (a) allegoric
- (b) schematic
- (c) topographic
- (d) reflexive

S24. Ans.(b)

Sol. Allegoric: a story, poem, or picture that can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning, typically a moral or political one.

Topographic: relating to the arrangement of the physical features of an area.

Reflexive: (of a relation) always holding between a term and itself.

Q25. A junior pupil at a public school who does minor chores for a senior pupil.

- (a) truant
- (b) servant
- (c) spot boy
- (d) fag

S25. Ans.(d)

Sol. Truant: a pupil who stays away from school without leave or explanation.

Spot Boy is the respectful phrase for Helper on the shooting floor.

Q26. Careless and unsystematic; excessively casual.

- (a) whimsical
- (b) stray
- (c) untidy
- (d) sloppy

S26. Ans.(d)

Sol. Whimsical: playfully quaint or fanciful, especially in an appealing and amusing way.

Stray: move away aimlessly from a group or from the right course or place.

Untidy: not arranged neatly and in order.

Q27. Grass or other green fodder compacted and stored in airtight conditions, without first being dried, and used as animal feed in the winter.

- (a) husk
- (b) grass
- (c) silage
- (d) pasture

S27. Ans.(c)

Sol. Husk: the dry outer covering of some fruits or seeds.

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

Q28. To get away from someone or something by using force or effort.

- (a) emancipate
- (b) liberate
- (c) break loose
- (d) dislodge

S28. Ans.(c)

Sol. Emancipate: set free, especially from legal, social, or political restrictions.

Dislodge: knock or force out of position.

Q29. Harass (someone) persistently for or to do something.

- (a) subdue
- (b) upbraid
- (c) ingratiate
- (d) importune

S29. Ans.(d)

Sol. Upbraid: find fault with (someone); scold.

Subdue: overcome, quieten, or bring under control (a feeling or person).

Ingratiate: bring oneself into favour with someone by flattering or trying to please them.

Q30. Approach and address (someone) boldly or aggressively.

(a) accost

(b) nag

(c) raid

(d) forage

S30. Ans.(a)

Sol. Nag: harass (someone) constantly to do something that they are averse to.

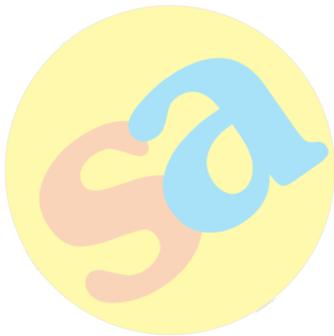
Forage: (of a person or animal) search widely for food or provisions.

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