

## SSC Tier 1 Sunday English Mega Quiz – Questions with Solutions

**Q1. Select the synonym of the given word.**

**Jejune**

- (a) Monotonous
- (b) Piquant
- (c) Exultant
- (d) Vindicate

**S1. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Jejune:** (of ideas or writings) dry and uninteresting.

**Monotonous:** dull, tedious, and repetitious; lacking in variety and interest.

**Piquant:** having a pleasantly sharp taste or appetizing flavour.

**Exultant:** very happy, especially at someone else's defeat or failure

**Directions (2-3):** In the following questions, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice.

**Q2. The company gave him a small compensation.**

- (a) A small compensation was to be given to him by the company.
- (b) He was being given a small compensation by the company.
- (c) He had been given a small compensation by the company.
- (d) He was given a small compensation by the company.

**S2. Ans.(d)**

**Q3. Do not punish him.**

- (a) Let he not be punished.
- (b) Let him not be punished.
- (c) Let not he be punished.
- (d) Let not him be punished.

**S3. Ans.(b)**

**Q4. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.**

- (R) To invite investment in the infrastructure segment,
- (S) An Annual Global Investors Summit is to be organised later this year,
- (Q) Where spending for the next five years is projected at Rs 100 crore.
- (P) With the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) anchoring the event,

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- (a) SPRQ
- (b) SRPQ
- (c) SQPR
- (d) PSRQ

**S4. Ans.(a)**

**Q5. Select the word with the correct spelling.**

- (a) Connoisseur
- (b) Conoiseurr
- (c) Connoisseur
- (d) Conoiseurr

**S5. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correctly spelt word is “**Connoisseur**” which means an expert judge in matters of taste.

**Q6. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.**

Put to the sword

- (a) To put the sword back in scabbard
- (b) To put someone to test
- (c) To be slain or executed
- (d) To threaten someone

**S6. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Put to the sword:** To be slain or executed, especially in or as a consequence of war.

**Q7. Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.**

(Some of the player are responsible) for our defeat in the world cup.

- (a) Some of the player is responsible
- (b) Some of the players are responsible
- (c) Some player is responsible
- (d) No improvement

**S7. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** After – Some / **Some of** / All / All of / Enough / Most / Most of / A great deal of / Lots of / A lot of / Plenty of, etc., if there is a countable noun, it is always a plural one and also the verb is plural.

**Q8. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.**

President Ram Nath Kovind made a significant observation that all three organs of the state, persons occupying constitutional posts, civil society members, and citizens should abide \_\_\_\_ ‘constitutional morality’.

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

**S8. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** ‘Abide’ takes preposition “by” after it.

**Q9. Select the antonym of the given word.**

**Protract**

- (a) Curtail
- (b) Prolong
- (c) Perpetuate
- (d) Expose

**S9. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Protract:** lasting for a long time or longer than expected or usual.

**Curtail:** reduce in extent or quantity; impose a restriction on.

**Q10. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.**

Government by the worst persons

- (a) Gerontocracy
- (b) Kakistocracy
- (c) Neocracy
- (d) Thearchy

**S10. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Kakistocracy:** government by the least suitable or competent citizens of a state.

**Gerontocracy:** a state, society, or group governed by old people.

**Neocracy:** government by new or inexperienced hands.

**Thearchy:** rule by a god or gods.

**Directions (1-5): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the word which is opposite in meaning to the given word and click the button corresponding to it.**

**Q11. IMBECILE**

- (a) fool
- (b) sane
- (c) senile
- (d) unsound

**S11. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Imbecile means a stupid person. Hence, sane is the correct antonym of it.

**Q12. ARCANE**

- (a) mystic
- (b) recondite
- (c) esoteric
- (d) hackneyed

**S12. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Arcane means understood by few; mysterious or secret and Hackneyed means having been overused; unoriginal and trite.

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**Q13. FROLIC**

- (a) drudgery
- (b) romp
- (c) antic
- (d) drollery

**S13. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Frolic means play or move about in a cheerful and lively way and drudgery means hard menial or dull work.

**Q14. AFFIDAVIT**

- (a) affirmation
- (b) slander
- (c) oath
- (d) testimony

**S14. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Affidavit means a written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation, for use as evidence in court and slander means the action or crime of making a false spoken statement damaging to a person's reputation.

**Q15. IMMACULATE**

- (a) untarnished
- (b) flawless
- (c) systematic
- (d) messy

**S15. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Immaculate means perfectly clean, neat, or tidy.



**Directions (16-20): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.**

**Q16. PROSCRIPTIVE**

- (a) squalid
- (b) exiguous
- (c) exclusion
- (d) thrifty

**S16. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Proscriptive:** an imposed restraint or restriction.

**Exclusion:** the act of not allowing someone or something to take part in an activity or to enter a place.

**Q17. ORDAIN**

- (a) revoke
- (b) impose
- (c) abrogate
- (d) violate

**S17. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Ordain means to order (something) officially. Hence, option. (b) is the correct choice.

**Q18. UPFRONT**

- (a) dissembling
- (b) ingenuous
- (c) equivocal
- (d) ambiguous

**S18. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Upfront:** free in expressing one's true feelings and opinions.

**Ingenuous:** showing simplicity and candidness.

**Q19. REDUNDANCY**

- (a) absence
- (b) dearth
- (c) paucity
- (d) excess

**S19. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Redundancy means the state of being not or no longer needed or useful and excess an amount of something that is more than necessary, permitted, or desirable.

**Q20. INHIBITOR**

- (a) advocate
- (b) subsidy
- (c) hamper
- (d) compensation

**S20. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Inhibitor means a thing which inhibits someone or something and Hamper means hinder or impede the movement or progress of.

**Q21. Select the synonym of the given word.**

**Imbecile**

- (a) Prat
- (b) Resurrect
- (c) Affluent
- (d) Astute

**S21. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Imbecile:** a stupid person.

**Prat:** an incompetent or stupid person; an idiot.

**Directions (22-23):** In the following questions, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice.

**Q22. Let us go on a Europe trip.**

- (a) We should be going on a Europe trip.
- (b) It is suggested that we should go on a Europe trip.
- (c) Europe trip should be completed by us.
- (d) It suggests that we are going on a Europe trip.

**S22. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** When a suggestion in active voice with no object is changed into passive voice, the sentence begins with "It is suggested that".



**Q23. I remember my father taking me to museums.**

- (a) It is remembered by me that my father was taking me to museums.
- (b) I remember being taken to museums by my father.
- (c) I was being taken to museums by my father.
- (d) I remember been taking to museums by my father.

**S23. Ans.(b)**

**Q24. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.**

- A. Retail inflation soared to a five-and-a-half year high of 7.35%.
- B. The last time retail inflation touched 7.39% was in July 2014, just after.
- C. Prime Minister Narendra Modi began his first term in office.
- D. In December 2019, with the shortage of onions driving the surge.

- (a) CBDA
- (b) DBAC
- (c) ADBC
- (d) BCAD

**S24. Ans.(c)**

**Q25. Select the word with the correct spelling.**

- (a) Doleful
- (b) Dollefull
- (c) Dolefull
- (d) Dolleful

**S25. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Correctly spelt word is "Doleful" which means expressing sorrow; mournful.

**Q26. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.**

Up a blind alley

- (a) hiding something intentionally from another person
- (b) not warning a person who is in danger
- (c) one can enjoy thrills only if one takes risk
- (d) following a course of action that is certain to lead to an undesirable outcome

**S26. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Up a blind alley:** to be doing something that will definitely have a negative outcome.

**Q27. Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.**

Of the 926 deaths inside sewers in the country, from 1993 till December 31, 2019, families of 172 victims (were yet to receive) compensation, with Gujarat having the highest number of cases where the amount was not paid or the payment was unconfirmed.

- (a) are still to receive
- (b) was still to receive
- (c) is yet to receive
- (d) No improvement

**S27. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** No improvement

**Q28. Select the most appropriate word(s) to fill in the blank.**

Officials told that capital subsidy and skill development training \_\_\_\_\_ provided to 1,007 and 7,383 of the identified manual scavengers, respectively.

- (a) will be
- (b) has been
- (c) had been
- (d) have been

**S28. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Since the given sentence is an example of indirect speech of past, hence options (a), (b) & (d) get eliminated. So, option(c) is the only correct choice here.

**Q29. Select the antonym of the given word.**

**Effete**

- (a) Drained
- (b) Powerful
- (c) Feminine
- (d) Wimpy

**S29. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Effete:** no longer capable of effective action; tired.

*Effete* also means (of a man) weak or effeminate.

Hence, **powerful** is the correct antonym to it.

**Q30. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.**

Failing to act or protest as a result of moral weakness or indolence

- (a) recline
- (b) supine
- (c) oblate
- (d) prostrate

**S30. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Supine:** failing to act or protest as a result of moral weakness or indolence.

**Recline:** lean or lie back in a relaxed position with the back supported.

**Oblate:** a person who is dedicated to a religious life, but has typically not taken full monastic vows.

**Prostrate:** reduce (someone) to extreme physical weakness.

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