

SSC CGL Tier-2 Sunday English Mega Quiz – Questions with Solutions

Directions (1-10): In the following questions, a sentence / a part of sentence is made bold. Below are given alternatives to the bold part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is required, choose "No Improvement".

Q1. The principal asked us to speak up.

- (a) speak in
- (b) speak into
- (c) speak down
- (d) No improvement

S1. Ans.(d)

Q2. South Asia, reaching from Afghanistan in the west to Bangladesh in the east, is home to at last six hundred languages belonging to six large language families.

- (a) No improvement
- (b) home to at least six hundred languages
- (c) home to at least six hundred language
- (d) home to at least six hundreds language

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. At last: in the end; after much delay.

At least: not less than; at the minimum.

Correct term to be used here is "at least" and not "at last".

Q3. Our dwindling supplies were replaced when the new shipment arrived.

- (a) replenished
- (b) refilled
- (c) restocked
- (d) No Improvement

S3. Ans.(a)

Sol. Replenish: restore (a stock or supply) to a former level or condition.

Hence option A fits in the context.

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Q4. Thirteen miners were trapped inside a coal mine due to flooding from a nearby river yesterday.

- (a) were trapped to a coal mine
- (b) No Improvement
- (c) have been trapped inside a coal mine
- (d) trapped inside a coal mine

S4. Ans.(b)

Q5. Don't be disturbed, get with your work.

- (a) get up with
- (b) get over with
- (c) get on with
- (d) No Improvement

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. Get on (Phrasal verb): perform or make progress in a specified way.

Q6. Before the policemen came, the thief had already made off.

- (a) made over
- (b) made up
- (c) made after
- (d) No improvement

S6. Ans.(d)

Sol. No Improvement

Make off: to leave quickly, usually in order to escape.

Q7. Higher crude oil prices have doubtlessly provided a significant fiscal boost in the past several months, although any flair on going forward can lead to a price spiral that would have other untoward consequences as well.

- (a) flair in
- (b) flare at
- (c) flare up
- (d) No improvement

S7. Ans.(c)

Sol. Flare up: a sudden outburst of something.

Q8. The Securities and Exchange Board of India has decreed that all MF schemes must adopt the Total Return variants of their chosen benchmarks to measure and disclose their performance.

- (a) is decree
- (b) have decreed
- (c) has decreeing
- (d) No improvement

S8. Ans.(d)

Sol. No Improvement



Q9. Finally, in comparative perspective, I think there is good reason to believe that such stand-outs can be resolved through negotiation.

- (a) stand-downs
- (b) stand-ins
- (c) stand-offs
- (d) No improvement

S9. Ans.(c)

Sol. Stand-off: A deadlock between two equally matched opponents in a dispute or conflict; a situation in which agreement in an argument does not seem possible.

Q10. Aristotle was an industrious collector who amassed of a prodigious quantity of information on a vast variety of topics.

- (a) amassed in
- (b) amassed
- (c) amassed to
- (d) No improvement

S10. Ans.(b)

Sol. Amass: Gather together or accumulate (a large amount or number of material or things) over a period of time. There is no preposition needed after 'amass'.

Directions (11-20): In the following questions, a sentence has been given in Direct/ Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech.

Q11. Sandy said to Sandeep, "I will buy a new car tomorrow"

- (a) Sandy told Sandeep that he would buy a new car tomorrow.
- (b) Sandy told Sandeep, that he will buy a new car tomorrow.
- (c) Sandy told Sandeep that he will be bought a new car tomorrow.
- (d) Sandy told Sandeep that he would buy a new car the next day.

S11. Ans.(d)

Q12. Rocky will say, "Roxy helps him already"

- (a) Rocky will say that Roxy helps him already.
- (b) Rocky told that Roxy helps him already.
- (c) Rocky said that Roxy helped him already.
- (d) Rocky told that Roxy helped him already.

S12. Ans.(a)

Q13. "Sameer, will you help me throw this garbage?" asked the uncle.

- (a) The uncle told Sameer whether he would help him throw this garbage.
- (b) The uncle asked Sameer whether he would help him throw this garbage.
- (c) The uncle requested Sameer whether he would help him throw this garbage.
- (d) The uncle ordered Sameer whether he would help him throw this garbage.

S13. Ans.(b)

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Q14. The officer said, "I hope these soldiers will bring glory to our nation."

- (a) The officer hoped that those soldiers would bring glory to our nation.
- (b) The officer hoped that these soldiers would bring glory to our nation.
- (c) The officer thought that they would bring glory to our nation.
- (d) The officer hoped that they would bring fame to our nation.

S14. Ans.(a)

Q15. Ajay will say to his parents, "I have started learning how to drive a car."

- (a) Ajay will tell his parents that I have started learning how to drive a car.
- (b) Ajay will tell his parents that he has started learning how to drove a car.
- (c) Ajay will tell his parents that he has to start learning how to drive a car.
- (d) Ajay will tell his parents that he has started learning how to drive a car.

S15. Ans.(d)

Q16. Teacher said, "The sun rises in the east".

- (a) The teacher said that the sun rises in the east.
- (b) The teacher said that the sun has to rise in the east.
- (c) The teacher said that the sun rose in the east.
- (d) The teacher said that the sun sets in the west.

S16. Ans.(a)

Q17. "May I go?" he asked.

- (a) He asked if he could go.
- (b) He asked if he might go.
- (c) He questioned if he could go.
- (d) He shouted if he can go.

S17. Ans.(b)

Q18. "I may not speak," he said.

- (a) He said that he might not speak.
- (b) He speaks that he might not speak.
- (c) He said that he could not speak.
- (d) He reiterates that he might not speak.

S18. Ans.(a)

Q19. "I shall be in the meeting", Bill Clinton said.

- (a) Bill Clinton said that he should be in the meeting.
- (b) Bill Clinton said that he would be in the meeting.
- (c) Bill Clinton said that he shall be in the meeting.
- (d) Bill Clinton said that he will be in the meeting.

S19. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Shall' changes into 'should' when the speaker seeks/gives advice. Otherwise it changes into 'would'.

Q20. "Shall I speak to her or not?" she asked.

- (a) She asked whether she would speak to her or not.
- (b) She asked if she could speak to her.
- (c) She asked whether she should speak to her or not.
- (d) She asked if she should be speaking to her or not.

S20. Ans.(c)

Q21. People seldom believe their colleagues these days to escape from betrayal in the end.

- (a) People seldom believe their
- (b) colleagues these days to escape
- (c) from betrayal in the end.
- (d) No error

S21. Ans.(d)

Sol. No Error

Q22. The top polluted cities in the world belongs to our country.

- (a) The top polluted cities
- (b) in the world
- (c) belongs to our country.
- (d) No error

S22. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'belongs' with 'belong'.

According to the Subject-Verb agreement rule, Plural Subjects take plural verb with them.

Q23. Discussing the extravagant Indian weddings that he witnessed on his journey so far, Kabir explains how most guests don't even taste 70% of the food served.

- (a) Discussing the extravagant Indian weddings that
- (b) he witnessed on his journey so far, Kabir explains how
- (c) most guests don't even taste 70% of the food served.
- (d) No error

S23. Ans.(b)

Sol. Add 'has' before 'witnessed'.

'So far' used in the primary clause necessitates the usage of 'Perfect Tense' in the given sentence.

Q24. The deceptively simple act of camping beside the stars has morphed into a tourism trend, at times acquiring a luxury connotation.

- (a) The deceptively simple act of camping beside
- (b) the stars has morphed into a tourism trend,
- (c) at times acquiring a luxury connotation.
- (d) No error

S24. Ans.(a)

Sol. There is a preposition related error.

Replace 'beside' with 'under'.

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Q25. The schedule of the action plan envisages over activities ending on World Water Day on March 22.

- (a) The schedule of the action plan
- (b) envisages over activities ending
- (c) on World Water Day on March 22.
- (d) No error

S25. Ans.(b)

Sol. Remove 'over' after 'envisages'.

Envisage: contemplate or conceive of as a possibility or a desirable future event. And generally, it doesn't take preposition after it.

Q26. Irrespective of the fact that Bihar has now a new grammar of politics, the State government has failed to give due weightage to the health sector.

- (a) Bihar has now a new grammar of politics
- (b) State government has failed to give
- (c) due weightage to the health sector.
- (d) No error

S26. Ans.(d)

Sol. No error

Q27. Darwin visited Tahiti and Tasmania along with other exotic locales but he never set the foot in the United States.

- (a) Darwin visited Tahiti and Tasmania
- (b) No Error
- (c) along with other exotic locales
- (d) but he never set the foot in the United States.

S27. Ans.(d)

Sol. The usage of articles is omitted in certain phrases, viz. **To lose heart, To set foot, To catch fire, To give ear, By name etc.**

Q28. Several famous alumnus have agreed to help raise money for the school's restoration fund.

- (a) have agreed to help raise money
- (b) Several famous alumnus
- (c) for the school's restoration fund.
- (d) No Error

S28. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace singular noun '**alumnus**' with plural noun '**alumni**'.

'Several + Plural noun' is needed for the sentence to be grammatically correct.

Q29. The Principal asked the teachers to return back the notebooks to the students.

- (a) The Principal asked
- (b) the teachers to return
- (c) back the notebooks
- (d) to the students.

S29. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'return back the notebooks' with 'return the notebooks'.

Return: to come/go/give back

Hence, **to return the notebooks** is the right usage.

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Q30. Britain has a dozen warships in the area, with a total of five thousand military personnels altogether.

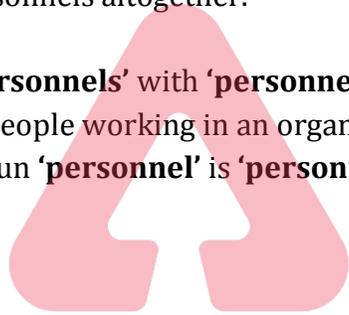
- (a) Britain has a dozen warships
- (b) No Error
- (c) with a total of five thousand
- (d) military personnels altogether.

S30. Ans.(d)

Sol. Replace 'personnels' with 'personnel'.

Personnel: the people working in an organization or for a particular type of employer.

The plural of noun 'personnel' is 'personnel'.



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