

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

**Q1. Select the antonym of “Gregarious”**

- (a) Affable
- (b) Genial
- (c) Introvert
- (d) Urbane

**S1. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Gregarious:** fond of company; sociable

**Introvert:** a shy, reticent person

**Q2. Select the antonym of “Tremulous”**

- (a) Feeble
- (b) Frugal
- (c) Stable
- (d) Vital

**S2. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. tremulous:** shaking or quivering slightly.

**Stable:** not likely to give way or overturn; firmly fixed.

**Q3. Select the antonym of “Evanescent”**

- (a) Persistent
- (b) Fleeting
- (c) Erratic
- (d) Elusive

**S3. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Evanescence** means soon passing out of sight, memory, or existence; quickly fading or disappearing and **Persistent** means continuing firmly or obstinately in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.

**Q4. Select the antonym of “Panegyric”**

- (a) Noxious
- (b) Criticism
- (c) Fantasy
- (d) Grandeur

**S4. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Panegyric** means a public speech or published text in praise of someone or something and **Criticism** means the expression of disapproval of someone or something on the basis of perceived faults or mistakes.

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**Q5. Select the antonym of "Raucous"**

- (a) Dulcet
- (b) Hoarse
- (c) Jarring
- (d) Torrent

**S5. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Raucous:** making or constituting a disturbingly harsh and loud noise.

**Dulcet:** sweet and soothing (often used ironically).

**Hoarse:** sounding rough and harsh, typically as the result of a sore throat or of shouting. "a hoarse whisper"

**Jarring:** incongruous in a striking or shocking way; clashing.

**Torrent:** a strong and fast-moving stream of water or other liquid.

**Directions (6-10): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.**

**Q6. Fear of taste**

- (a) Geumaphobia
- (b) Graphophobia
- (c) Gynophobia
- (d) Hagiophobia

**S6. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Geumaphobia or geumophobia, is the **fear of taste**.

**Q7. To move hurriedly with short quick steps**

- (a) Scurry
- (b) Skim
- (c) Whirl
- (d) Zip

**S7. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Scurry:** move hurriedly with short quick steps.

**Q8. Speak or write about in an abusively disparaging manner.**

- (a) Crucify
- (b) Ignify
- (c) Vilify
- (d) Basify

**S8. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Vilify:** speak or write about in an abusively disparaging manner.

**Q9. A feeling of unease or embarrassment; awkwardness.**

- (a) Slag
- (b) Declivity
- (c) Prolapse
- (d) Discomfiture

**S9. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Discomfiture:** a feeling of unease or embarrassment; awkwardness.

**Q10. An intense desire to be alone or out in the open.**

- (a) Agromania
- (b) Andromania
- (c) Aboulomania
- (d) Anthomania

**S10. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Agromania** - an intense desire to be alone or out in the open.

**Q11. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the bold segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No improvement.**

The express bus **generally stops at only the major towns** on the route.

- (a) generally stopped from only the major towns
- (b) No improvement
- (c) generally stopping on only the major towns
- (d) generally stop in only the major towns

**S11. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** As the habitual actions take simple present tense and also the prepositional usage is apt. Hence we do not require any improvement in the given sentence.

**Q12. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.**

It is not \_\_\_\_\_ of language that makes one an ineffective speaker; It is the dearth of ideas.

- (a) difficulty
- (b) complexity
- (c) intricacy
- (d) poverty

**S12. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Intricacy:** details, especially of an involved or perplexing subject.

**Poverty:** the state of being inferior in quality or insufficient in amount; dearth; scarcity.

'Poverty' is the most appropriate choice as it is synonym to 'dearth' and the two clauses used in the sentence imply towards the usage of two nouns similar in meaning.

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**Q13. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom**

Late in the day

- (a) too old to work
- (b) too ripe to eat
- (c) too dark to see anything
- (d) too delayed to be of any use

**S13. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Late in the day:** at a late stage in proceedings, especially too late to be useful.

**Q14. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the bold segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No improvement.**

**If I does not pay** my post-paid mobile bill by tomorrow I will probably have to pay a fine.

- (a) If I had not paid
- (b) No improvement
- (c) If I has not paid
- (d) If I do not pay

**S14. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. 'Do'** is the correct helping verb to use with first person pronoun (I and we) in first type of conditional sentence.

**Q15. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.**

They will not allow mobile phones in the examination hall.

- (a) Mobile phones were not allowed in the examination hall.
- (b) Mobile phones are not being allowed in the examination hall.
- (c) Mobile phones will not be allowed in the examination hall.
- (d) Mobile phones are not allowed in the examination hall.

**S15. Ans.(c)**

**Q16. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.**

- A. But now that his father had asked him to fetch some cheroots, he would have to pass by the high school to reach the shop.
- B. The teachers and students would all be there, and he was ashamed of being seen outdoors.
- C. Of late Krishna had confined himself to the four walls of the house.
- D. Wondering how to get past the school unnoticed, he slowly ventured out.

- (a) CBDA
- (b) ACBD
- (c) CABD
- (d) DACB

**S16. Ans.(c)**

**Q17. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.**

**CHRONIC**

- (a) routine
- (b) regular
- (c) infrequent
- (d) continuing

**S17. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Chronic:** (of an illness) persisting for a long time or constantly recurring.

**Infrequent:** not occurring often; rare.

**Q18. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom**

**Draw a blank**

- (a) be unsuccessful
- (b) be happy about something
- (c) be unable to sketch
- (d) be lucky in a game

**S18. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Draw a blank:** elicit no successful response; fail.

**Q19. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.**

The two states frequently has differences over the use of the river water especially during the summer months.

- (a) over the use of the river water
- (b) The two states frequently
- (c) has differences
- (d) especially during the summer months

**S19. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** For plural subjects, plural verbs are used.

Hence use 'have' in place of 'has'.

**Q20. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick one that gives their correct order.**

A. Today, man is master of the world and he makes the animals do what he likes.

B. Others he eats; and those like the lion and the tiger, he shoots for pleasure.

C. Early man, when he first came, must have been surrounded by many huge animals, and he must have lived in fear of them.

D. Some he tames like the horse, the cow, the elephant, the dog, the cat and so many others.

- (a) CADB
- (b) CBDA
- (c) ACBD
- (d) BCDA

**S20. Ans.(a)**

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**Directions (21-30): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.**

**Q21. A person who advocates complete political and social change**

- (a) fanatic
- (b) hero
- (c) radical
- (d) leader

**S21. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Radical** is a person who advocates thorough or complete political or social change, or a member of a political party or section of a party pursuing such aims.

**Q22. A person who has an unnatural anxiety about one's own health typically involving imagined symptoms of illness.**

- (a) nymphomaniac
- (b) hypochondriac
- (c) neurotic
- (d) psychotic

**S22. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Hypochondria** is a state in which a person continuously worries about his health without having any reason to do so.

**Nymphomaniac** means denoting or characteristic of a woman with uncontrollable or excessive sexual desire.

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

**Psychotic** means relating to, denoting, or suffering from a psychosis.

**Q23. A harsh chaotic mixture of sounds**

- (a) consonance
- (b) dissonance
- (c) cacophony
- (d) euphony

**S23. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Cacophony** is an unpleasant mixture of loud sounds.

**Consonance** means a combination of notes which are in harmony with each other due to the relationship between their frequencies.

**Dissonance** means lack of harmony among musical notes.

**Euphony** means the quality of being pleasing to the ear.

**Q24. The hard remains of a prehistoric animal or plant that are found inside a rock**

- (a) fossil
- (b) ruins
- (c) relics
- (d) vestiges

**S24. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Fossil** is the shape of a bone, a shell, or a plant or animal that has been preserved in rock for a very long period.

**Ruin** means the physical destruction or disintegration of something or the state of disintegrating or being destroyed.

**Relic** means a part of a deceased holy person's body or belongings kept as an object of reverence.

**Vestige** is a part or organ of an organism which has become reduced or functionless in the course of evolution.

**Q25. To show or state that someone or something is not guilty of something**

- (a) escape
- (b) pardon
- (c) charge
- (d) vindicate

**S25. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Vindicate** means to prove that what someone said or did was right or true, after other people thought it was wrong.

**Q26. The science and art of growing fruits, vegetables, flowers, or ornamental plants**

- (a) agriculture
- (b) horticulture
- (c) viniculture
- (d) sericulture

**S26. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Horticulture** means the art or practice of garden cultivation and management.

**Viniculture:** the cultivation of grapevines for winemaking.

**Sericulture:** the production of silk and the rearing of silkworms for this purpose.

**Q27. A company or person that makes or sells sweets or chocolate**

- (a) confectioner
- (b) vendor
- (c) chef
- (d) wholesaler

**S27. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. A confectioner** is a person whose job is making or selling sweets and chocolates.

**Q28. To teach a person to accept a set of beliefs uncritically**

- (a) to drill
- (b) to instill
- (c) to indoctrinate
- (d) to convince

**S28. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Indoctrinate:** teach (a person or group) to accept a set of beliefs uncritically.

**Q29. A tangled mass in something such as hair or wool**

- (a) knot
- (b) vortex
- (c) snot
- (d) whorl

**S29. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. knot:** A knot is a method of fastening or securing linear material such as rope by tying or interweaving.

**Q30. Relating to or characteristic of hell or the underworld**

- (a) exemplary
- (b) admirable
- (c) elysium
- (d) infernal

**S30. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Infernal:** relating to or characteristic of hell or the underworld.

