

SSC Tier 1 Sunday English Mega Quiz – Questions with Solutions

Q1. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.

- A. Early on Christmas morning Pip returns to the graveyard with the file, a pie and brandy.
 - B. On Christmas Eve, Pip an orphan who is about seven years old, encounters and escaped convict in the village graveyard.
 - C. The convict scares pip into stealing food and a file.
 - D. Pip, who lives with his elder sister and her husband Joe Gargery, a blacksmith, steals a file and some food.
- (a) BCDA
(b) CBAD
(c) BDCA
(d) DCAB

S1. Ans.(a)

Q2. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.

- A. In a small town in England, there lived a poor little girl.
- B. She was very excited but her right shoe was worn out.
- C. So, she went to a cobbler to get it mended.
- D. Her friends invited her to come to her birthday party.

- (a) DCAB
(b) ACBD
(c) ADBC
(d) CBAD

S2. Ans.(c)

Q3. Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.

I asked the shopkeeper, "What is the price of this bike?"

- (a) I asked the shopkeeper that what the price of this bike was.
- (b) I asked the shopkeeper what is the price of the bike.
- (c) I asked the shopkeeper what was the price of that bike.
- (d) I asked the shopkeeper what the price of that bike was.

S3. Ans.(d)

Q4. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

EMBED

- (a) pull
- (b) bury
- (c) dig up
- (d) rise

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol. Embed: fix (an object) firmly and deeply in a surrounding mass.

Bury: put or hide underground.

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Q5. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

As clear as mud

- (a) extremely dirty
- (b) honest and legal
- (c) impossible to understand
- (d) completely suitable for someone

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. As clear as mud: not at all easy to understand.

Q6. 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.

I try to avoid **travel in** the rush hour.

- (a) travelling in
- (b) No improvement
- (c) to travel at
- (d) travelling on

S6. Ans.(a)

Sol. Certain verbs like avoid, can't help, and consider etc. take gerund form of verb. Use travelling in place of travel.

Q7. Select the wrongly spelt word.

- (a) brood
- (b) blossom
- (c) boast
- (d) booty

S7. Ans.(b)

Sol. Blossom: a flower or a mass of flowers, especially on a tree or bush.



Q8. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

The Cannes Film Festival attract some of the world's most famous people.

- (a) the world's
- (b) the Cannes film Festival
- (c) attract some of
- (d) most famous people

S8. Ans.(c)

Sol. Singular noun takes singular verb. Use "attracts some of" instead of "attract some of".

Q9. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

COMBUSTIBLE

- (a) nonexplosive
- (b) fragile
- (c) unbreakable
- (d) inflammable

S9. Ans.(d)

Sol. Combustible: able to catch fire and burn easily.

Inflammable: easily set on fire.

Fragile: (of an object) easily broken or damaged.

Q10. Select the wrongly spelt word.

- (a) emphasis
- (b) emporium
- (c) emmision
- (d) emolument

S10. Ans.(c)

Sol. Emission: the production and discharge of something, especially gas or radiation.

Emphasis: special importance, value, or prominence given to something.

Emporium: a large retail store selling a wide variety of goods.

Emolument: a salary, fee, or profit from employment or office.

Directions (11-15): Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Q11. CONSORT

- (a) Fiend
- (b) Assailant
- (c) Contrast
- (d) Spouse

S11. Ans.(d)

Sol. Consort: a wife, husband, or companion, in particular the spouse of a reigning monarch.

Fiend: an evil spirit or demon.

Assailant: a person who physically attacks another.

Spouse: a husband or wife, considered in relation to their partner.

Hence Consort and Spouse are synonyms to each other.

Q12. OVERSTRUNG

- (a) Desirable
- (b) Prosperity
- (c) Repetition
- (d) Restive

S12. Ans.(d)

Sol. Overstrung: extremely nervous or tense.

Restive: unwilling to be controlled or be patient.

Hence Overstrung and Restive are synonyms to each other.

Q13. WALLOW

- (a) Suffer
- (b) Sacrifice
- (c) Luxuriate
- (d) Confess

S13. Ans.(c)

Sol. Wallow: (of a person) indulge in an unrestrained way in something that one finds pleasurable.

Luxuriate: enjoy (something) as a luxury; take self-indulgent delight in.

Hence Wallow and Luxuriate are synonyms to each other.

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Q14. SOZZLED

- (a) Cultured
- (b) Drunk
- (c) Coward
- (d) Fiery

S14. Ans.(b)

Sol. Sozzled: very drunk

Hence Sozzled and Drunk are synonyms to each other.

Q15. INHIBITOR

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

S15. Ans.(c)

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

Directions (16-20): 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.

Q16. REFULGENT

- (a) dark
- (b) loud
- (c) rough
- (d) sweet

S16. Ans. (a)

Sol. Refulgent: shining very brightly.

Q17. SKEPTIC

- (a) believer
- (b) erroneous
- (c) nervous
- (d) nihilist

S17. Ans. (a)

Sol. Skeptic: a person inclined to question or doubt accepted opinions.

Q18. EXTENUATE

- (a) strengthen
- (b) enfeeble
- (c) abate
- (d) acquit

S18. Ans. (a)

Sol. Extenuate: to make someone or something thin.

Strengthen: make or become stronger.



Q19. FECUND

- (a) prolific
- (b) sterile
- (c) necessitate
- (d) turmoil

S19. Ans. (b)

Sol. Fecund: producing or capable of producing an abundance of offspring or new growth; highly fertile.

Q20. OBFUSCATE

- (a) envelop
- (b) puzzle
- (c) haze
- (d) clarify

S20. Ans. (d)

Sol. Obfuscate: make obscure, unclear, or unintelligible. Clarify means to clear something.

Q21. Select the synonym of the given word.

Militate

- (a) Reinforce
- (b) Reduce
- (c) Oppose
- (d) Assist

S21. Ans.(c)

Sol. Militate: (of a fact or circumstance) be a powerful or conclusive factor in preventing. Hence, **oppose** is the correct synonym.

Q22. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

Varun asked Gaurav if it was the best what he could do.

- (a) what he could do
- (b) Varun asked Gaurav if
- (c) it was the best
- (d) No error

S22. Ans.(a)

Sol. We use only **that** if Noun is not used after Superlative Adjective. Here, superlative adjective in use is “best” and since there is no noun after it hence, we need to replace “what” with “that”.

Q23. 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.

The government expects the country’s GDP to grow at a slower pace of 5% for the full year 2019-20.

- (a) The country’s GDP was expected to grow at a slower pace of 5% for the full year 2019-20.
- (b) The government is expected to grow the country’s GDP at a slower pace of 5% for the full year 2019-20.
- (c) The country’s GDP did expect to grow at a slower pace of 5% for the full year 2019-20.
- (d) The country’s GDP is expected to grow at a slower pace of 5% for the full year 2019-20.

S23. Ans.(d)



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

- A. A sharp decline to 3.2% as against a growth of 8.7% in the previous year.
- B. Likewise, the growth in the construction sector for the fiscal is expected to see.
- C. By 2% as compared to a robust growth of 6.9% in 2018-19.
- D. As per the data, the manufacturing sector is estimated to grow.

- (a) CBDA
- (b) ADBC
- (c) DCBA
- (d) BDAC

S24. Ans.(c)

Q25. Select the word with the correct spelling.

- (a) septugenarian
- (b) septuagenarian
- (c) septagenarian
- (d) sepptagenarian

S25. Ans.(b)

Sol. Correctly spelt word is “**Septuagenarian**” which means a person who is between 70 and 79 years old.

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

Tongue-in-cheek

- (a) In an insincere way
- (b) To praise wholeheartedly
- (c) A sensational news
- (d) To say something hurtful

S26. Ans.(a)

Sol. Tongue-in-cheek means jocular or humorous, though seeming or appearing to be serious. Hence, option (a) is the correct choice.

Q27. Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

(While Ram was watering) the plants, his son was digging a hole.

- (a) When Ram was watering
- (b) While Ram watered
- (c) When Ram had been watering
- (d) No improvement

S27. Ans.(d)

Sol. When is used when two actions take place one by one, if two actions are simultaneous, use **while**. Since, the given sentence is already in correct shape hence, option (d) is the correct choice.

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

The leader of Austria's conservatives Sebastian Kurz _____in on Tuesday as the world's youngest democratically elected leader.

- (a) sworn
- (b) swears
- (c) is sworn
- (d) was sworn

S28. Ans.(d)

Sol. We use **past indefinite tense** to describe an action, event or condition that occurred in the past or at a **specified time** (as mentioned in the sentence, i.e. "on Tuesday"). Option (a) cannot be true as the given sentence is an example of passive voice so, we need "**was/were + V3**". Hence, option (d) is the correct choice.

Q29. Select the antonym of the given word.

Captious

- (a) Niggling
- (b) Forgiving
- (c) Carping
- (d) Fretful

S29. Ans.(b)

Sol. Captious: tending to find fault or raise petty objections.

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

Secret or illegal religious meeting

- (a) Conventicler
- (b) Carrion
- (c) Hagggle
- (d) Savant

S30. Ans.(a)

Sol. Carrion: the decaying flesh of dead animals.

Hagggle: dispute or bargain persistently, especially over the cost of something.

Savant: a learned person, especially a distinguished scientist.

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