

SSC Tier 1 Sunday English Mega Quiz – Questions with Solutions

Directions (1-5): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/Phrase in bold.

Q1. The personality development class started with an ice breaking session.

- (a) having breakfast
- (b) starting conversation
- (c) introducing chief guest
- (d) making speeches

S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. Ice breaking means to initiate social interchanges and conversation; to get something started.

Q2. He chickened out when he confronted opposition.

- (a) won victory
- (b) fell ill
- (c) became brave
- (d) withdrew

S2. Ans.(d)

Sol. Chicken out: to decide not to do something because you are too frightened.

Q3. Try to make do with what you have.

- (a) create
- (b) do
- (c) produce
- (d) manage

S3. Ans.(d)

Sol. Make do: manage with the limited or inadequate means available.

Q4. The scientist worked for donkey's years to arrive at the formula.

- (a) a long time
- (b) a short time
- (c) months
- (d) frequent number of times

S4. Ans.(a)

Sol. Donkey's years means a very long time.

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Q5. "If he does not perform his duties properly, I will send him packing", said the manager.

- (a) serve him a notice
- (b) terminate his services
- (c) send him to packing department
- (d) give him a warning

S5. Ans.(b)

Sol. To send someone packing: make someone leave in an abrupt or peremptory way.

Directions (6-8): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Q6. Laconic

- (a) shrewd
- (b) whim
- (c) climax
- (d) concise

S6. Ans.(d)

Sol. Laconic means using very few words and **concise** means giving a lot of information clearly and in a few words; brief but comprehensive.

Q7. Valedictory

- (a) hesitant
- (b) adieu
- (c) ridicule
- (d) deception

S7. Ans.(b)

Sol. Valedictory means serving as a farewell and **adieu** means a goodbye.

Q8. Denouement

- (a) climax
- (b) systematic
- (c) improper
- (d) glorious

S8. Ans.(a)

Sol. Denouement means the outcome of a situation, when something is decided or made clear and **climax** means the most intense, exciting, or important point of something; the culmination.

Directions (9-10): In the following questions, choose the word opposite in meaning to the given word.

Q9. Crestfallen

- (a) authentic
- (b) antique
- (c) triumphant
- (d) discordant

S9. Ans.(c)

Sol. Crestfallen means sad and disappointed and **triumphant** means feeling or expressing jubilation after a victory or achievement.

Q10. Balmy

- (a) obscene
- (b) wintry
- (c) noble
- (d) pleasing

S10. Ans.(b)

Sol. Balmy means characterized by pleasantly warm weather; and **wintry** means characteristic of winter, especially in feeling or looking very cold and bleak.

Q11. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

Boast

- (a) Avoid
- (b) Change
- (c) Rely
- (d) Pride

S11. Ans.(d)

Sol. Boast: talk with excessive pride and self-satisfaction about one's achievements, possessions, or abilities.

Pride: a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction.

Q12. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

Haste

- (a) Burden
- (b) Expect
- (c) Hurry
- (d) Sight

S12. Ans.(c)

Sol. Haste: excessive speed or urgency of movement or action.

Q13. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.

Cherish

- (a) Nurture
- (b) Discard
- (c) Foster
- (d) Encourage

S13. Ans.(b)

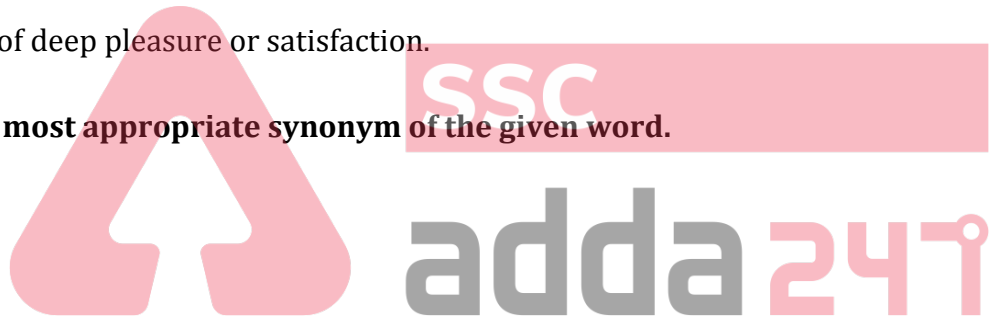
Sol. Cherish: keep (a hope or ambition) in one's mind.

Discard: get rid of (someone or something) as no longer useful or desirable.

Nurture: cherish (a hope, belief, or ambition).

Foster: encourage the development of (something, especially something desirable).

“Discard” is the correct antonym of the given word.



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Q14. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.

Evade

- (a) Avoid
- (b) Confront
- (c) Refer
- (d) Escape

S14. Ans.(b)

Sol. Evade: escape or avoid (someone or something), especially by guile or trickery.

Confront: come face to face with (someone) with hostile or argumentative intent.

Refer: direct the attention of someone to.

Hence, "confront" is the correct antonym of "evade".

Directions (15-16): Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.

Q15. She will surely pass if she ____ harder.

- (a) had studied
- (b) studied
- (c) studies
- (d) was studying

S15. Ans.(c)

Q16. Corruption not only generates black money but ____ criminals.

- (a) creeps
- (b) breeds
- (c) deeds
- (d) seeds

S16. Ans.(b)



Q17. In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of four alternatives suggested, select the one, which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice.

They baked the cake and sent it to the orphanage.

- (a) The cake was sent to the orphanage by them.
- (b) The cake had been baked and sent to the orphanage by them.
- (c) The cake was baked and sent to the orphanage by them.
- (d) They had baked the cake and it was sent to the orphanage by them.

S17. Ans.(c)

Q18. In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one, which best express the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech.

The teacher said to me, "I hope you will bring medal for our school."

- (a) The teacher told me that she had hoped that I will bring medal for our school.
- (b) The teacher wished that I will bring medal for our school.
- (c) The teacher desired that I would bring medal for their school.
- (d) The teacher hoped that I would bring medal for our school.

S18. Ans.(d)

Directions (19-20). Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.

Q19.

P. In a time of crisis, it is easy to blame government or China or someone else.

Q. That includes your household help, security guards, vendors and indeed anyone who touches your life.

R. Our neighbours, friends, families, co-workers and indeed anyone who has less than we do.

S. But this is really a time to stand together, keep an eye on.

(a) QSRP

(b) PSRQ

(c) RPSQ

(d) SQPR

S19. Ans.(b)

Q20.

P. It was not immediately clear from which Iranian city.

Q. After being screened at the airport, they were shifted to the Army.

R. These Indians had been airlifted to Jaisalme.

S. Facility at the Jaisalmer military station, defence officials said.

(a) QPSR

(b) PQRS

(c) PSRQ

(d) QSPR

S20. Ans.(d)



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. To break up into small parts as the result of impact or decay

(a) to disintegrate

(b) disharmony

(c) to disinherit

(d) to denigrate

S21. Ans.(a)

Sol. To disintegrate: break up into small parts as the result of impact or decay.

Q22. To be indecisive

(a) to vex

(b) to dither

(c) tiff

(d) to stew

S22. Ans.(b)

Sol. Dither: to be indecisive.

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Q23. Very rude or coarse; vulgar

- (a) gross
- (b) adipose
- (c) porcine
- (d) corpulent

S23. Ans.(a)

Sol. Adipose: (especially of body tissue) used for the storage of fat.

Porcine: of, affecting, or resembling a pig or pigs.

Corpulent: (of a person) fat.

Q24. To stop doing something; cease or abstain.

- (a) to endure
- (b) to desist
- (c) to persevere
- (d) to dismay

S24. Ans.(b)

Sol. Endure: suffer (something painful or difficult) patiently.

Persevere: continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty or with little or no indication of success.

Dismay: concern and distress caused by something unexpected.

Q25. Causing a burning sensation like that of hot liquid on the skin

- (a) piping
- (b) igneous
- (c) frosty
- (d) scalding

S25. Ans.(d)

Sol. Igneous: relating to or involving volcanic or plutonic processes.

Scalding: very hot; burning.

Q26. An organization set up to provide help and raise money for those in need.

- (a) conglomerate
- (b) donation
- (c) charity
- (d) dole

S26. Ans.(c)

Sol. Conglomerate: a thing consisting of a number of different and distinct parts or items that are grouped together.

Donation: the action of donating something.

Dole: benefit paid by the state to the unemployed.

Q27. To lift or haul something heavy with great effort

- (a) heave
- (b) shrimp
- (c) wimp
- (d) runt

S27. Ans.(a)

Sol. Shrimp: a small, physically weak person.

Wimp: a weak and cowardly or unadventurous person.

Runt: a small pig or other animal, especially the smallest in a litter.

Q28. A conclusion or agreement done or reached decisively and with authority

- (a) precise
- (b) definitive
- (c) reliable
- (d) specific

S28. Ans.(b)

Sol. Definitive: (of a conclusion or agreement) done or reached decisively and with authority.

Q29. A political leader who seeks support by appealing to popular desires and prejudices rather than by using rational argument

- (a) rebel
- (b) radical
- (c) demagogue
- (d) anarchistic

S29. Ans.(c)

Sol. Demagogue: rhetorically exploit (an issue) for political purposes in a way calculated to appeal to the desires and prejudices of ordinary people.

Q30. The action of repeating something aloud from memory

- (a) paraphrase
- (b) rendition
- (c) erudition
- (d) recitation

S30. Ans.(d)

Sol. Recitation: the action of repeating something aloud from memory.

Erudition: the quality of having or showing great knowledge or learning; scholarship.

Rendition: a performance or interpretation, especially of a dramatic role or piece of music.

