

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

**Directions (1-5): Read the following passage carefully and choose the most appropriate answer to the question out of the four alternatives.**

India has been home to one of the longest and largest episodes of emigration in the world, from the Second Century BC, when Alexander the Great took back Indians to Central Asia and Europe, to the present times where Indians, moving out on their own **volition**, form one of the world's largest populations of emigrants. This population is also diverse in every aspect, from its geographical presence and skill sets to their purposes for migration and migration strategies. A large emigrant population has many benefits for India: the much-discussed international remittances (which touched \$80 billion in 2018), and also a positive impact on foreign direct investments, trade and foreign relations. The Indian diaspora also provides much needed philanthropic activities in health and education to help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Of course, they do fund political parties of their choice during the elections.

Since Independence, a steadily increasing number of low-skilled emigrants moved to destinations in West Asia. In order to safeguard their rights and welfare, the government enacted the Emigration Act, 1983. Perhaps it was an Act that was 'formulated with the mindset of the 19th century, enacted in the 20th century and implemented in the 21st century'.

In the last 35 years, to cite the government, "the nature, pattern, directions, and volume of migration have undergone a paradigm shift". So, in an effort to update and upgrade this framework, a draft Emigration Bill, 2019 was released. Almost a decade in the making, it aims to move from the regulation of emigration to its management.

What is most positive about the draft Bill is the inclusion of all students and migrant workers within its purview and the abolishment of the two passports (emigration clearance required and emigration clearance not required, or ECR and ECNR) regime based on a person's educational qualifications. This will significantly improve the collection of migration flow data when compared to the current system, which excludes most migrants leaving India. Despite these developments, most trajectories of migration from India continue to be excluded.

**Q1. India has been one of largest episodes of emigration in the world, from.....**

- (a) 18<sup>th</sup> century
- (b) 19<sup>th</sup> century
- (c) 2<sup>nd</sup> century
- (d) 4<sup>th</sup> century

**S1. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** First sentence of the first paragraph clearly indicates that since 2nd century India has been one of largest episodes of emigration in the world.



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**Q2. Select the synonym of “Volition”**

- (a) accord
- (b) antagonism
- (c) aversion
- (d) force

**S2. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Volition means the faculty or power of using one's will. (accord)

**Q3. How is the emigrant population diverse?**

- (a) because of physical attributes
- (b) because of low skill set
- (c) because of geographical presence and skill sets
- (d) because of incompetence

**S3. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer to paragraph 1 line 4, it clearly states that population is also diverse in every aspect, from its geographical presence and skill sets.

**Q4. What are the benefits of large emigrant population for India?**

- (a) it receives cultural diversity
- (b) it receives cheap labour
- (c) it receives large international remittances
- (d) it receives funding

**S4. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer to paragraph 1 line 5th and 6<sup>th</sup>, Emigrants have many benefits for India: the much-discussed international remittances (which touched \$80 billion in 2018).

**Q5. What is most positive about the Emigration draft Bill?**

- (a) it will exert pressure on the other countries
- (b) it will reduce emigration
- (c) it will increase emigration
- (d) inclusion of all students and migrant workers

**S5. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Refer to 4th paragraph, 1st line says most positive about the draft Bill is the inclusion of all students and migrant workers within its purview.

**Directions (6-10): Read the following passage carefully and choose the most appropriate answer to the questions out of the four alternatives.**

On February 5, an Additional Sessions Judge in Punjab sentenced three young men to life in prison. Arwinder Singh, Surjit Singh and Ranjit Singh were convicted under a little-known provision of the Indian Penal Code concerning “waging war against the government of India”.

In what heinous manner had the three men waged war against the government, which justified a sentence of life imprisonment? A perusal of the 64-page-long judgment reveals the following. They did not commit any physical violence, and nobody was harmed in any way. They were not caught in possession of weapons. They were not overheard planning any specific terrorist attack, nor were they on their way to commit one when they were apprehended. What did happen was that the men were caught with literature supporting the cause of Khalistan, a few posters that did the same, some Facebook posts (whose content we do not know) on the subject.

With this being the sum total of what passed for “evidence” in the case, it is clear that the verdict of the Additional Sessions Judge is unsustainable, and will be reversed. It is important, however, for the higher courts to recognise not only that the judgment is fatally flawed but also that it represents a dangerous moment for the judiciary: this is not the first occasion in recent times when a court has abandoned constitutional values in favour of a crude nationalistic rhetoric that belongs more to the demagogue’s pulpit rather than to the courtroom. And in that context, the judgment of the Additional Sessions Judge marks the beginnings of a trend that, if left unchecked, can swiftly erode our most cherished liberties.

**Q6. According to the passage, which punishment provision does Indian Penal Code grant for waging war against the government of India?**

- (a) death sentence
- (b) ten years imprisonment
- (c) life imprisonment
- (d) none of these

**S6. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer to, “On February 5, an Additional Sessions Judge in Punjab sentenced three young men to life in prison. Arwinder Singh, Surjit Singh and Ranjit Singh were convicted under a little-known provision of the Indian Penal Code concerning “waging war against the government of India.”

**Q7. In what heinous manner had the three men waged war against the government, which justified a sentence of life imprisonment?**

- (a) commit any physical violence
- (b) caught in possession of weapons
- (c) planning any specific terrorist attack
- (d) were caught with literature supporting the cause of Khalistan

**S7. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Refer to the lines, “What did happen was that the men were caught with literature supporting the cause of Khalistan, a few posters that did the same, some Facebook posts (whose content we do not know) on the subject.”

**Q8. What is the meaning of the word “pulpit” as per the context of the passage?**

- (a) dais
- (b) view
- (c) ruling
- (d) none of these

**S8. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Pulpit:** a raised enclosed platform in a church or chapel from which the preacher delivers a sermon.

**Dais:** a low platform for a lectern or throne.

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**Q9. What does author want higher court to recognize to save the judiciary?**

- (a) that it is the first occasion in recent times
- (b) that life imprisonment is morally wrong
- (c) that the judgment is fatally flawed
- (d) they did not commit any crime

**S9. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer to the lines “It is important, however, for the higher courts to recognise not only that the judgment is fatally flawed but also that it represents a dangerous moment for the judiciary.”

**Q10. Why is the sessions court supposed to abandon the constitutional values in the passage?**

- (a) to mark the beginnings of a trend
- (b) so that its decision can be reversed in higher court
- (c) in favour of a crude nationalistic rhetoric
- (d) considerable

**S10. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Refer to the lines “this is not the first occasion in recent times when a court has abandoned constitutional values in favour of a crude nationalistic rhetoric.”

**Directions (11-20): 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.**

**Q11. Will she write a novel?**

- (a) Will a novel have been written by her?
- (b) Will a novel be written by her?
- (c) Will she be writing a novel?
- (d) Will a novel written by her?

**S11. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Passive Voice: ‘Will a novel be written by her?’

**Q12. Ms. Gandhi had held the post for 19 years, the longest tenure for anyone in the party’s 134-year history.**

- (a) The post been held by Ms. Gandhi for 19 years, the longest tenure for anyone in the party’s 134-year history.
- (b) The post was held by Ms. Gandhi for 19 years, the longest tenure for anyone in the party’s 134-year history.
- (c) The post had been held by Ms. Gandhi for 19 years, the longest tenure for anyone in the party’s 134-year history.
- (d) The post by Ms. Gandhi had been held for 19 years, the longest tenure for anyone in the party’s 134-year history.

**S12. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Passive Voice: ‘The post had been held by Ms. Gandhi for 19 years, the longest tenure for anyone in the party’s 134-year history’.

**Q13. Is valuable time being taken up by mundane matters that do not impinge on larger questions?**

- (a) Are mundane matters that do not impinge on larger questions taken up valuable time?
- (b) Are mundane matters on larger questions that do not impinge take up valuable time?
- (c) Are mundane matters taken up valuable time that do not impinge on larger questions?
- (d) Are mundane matters that do not impinge on larger questions taking up valuable time?

**S13. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Active Voice: 'Are mundane matters that do not impinge on larger questions taking up valuable time?'

**Q14. The government took the unprecedented step of releasing confidential correspondence.**

- (a) The unprecedented correspondence step of releasing confidential was taken by the government.
- (b) The unprecedented step of releasing confidential correspondence had taken by the government.
- (c) The unprecedented step of releasing confidential correspondence was taken by the government.
- (d) The unprecedented step of releasing confidential correspondence took by the government.

**S14. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Passive Voice: 'The unprecedented step of releasing confidential correspondence was taken by the government.'

**Q15. This gives you virtually unprecedented control over movies.**

- (a) Virtually unprecedented control over movies has given to you by this.
- (b) Virtually unprecedented control over movies is given to you by this.
- (c) Virtually unprecedented control over movies is given to you by them.
- (d) Virtually unprecedented control over movie is given you by this.

**S15. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Passive Voice: 'Virtually unprecedented control over movies is given to you by this'.

**Q16. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two day visit to Thimphu affirmed a long-standing tradition between India and Bhutan.**

- (a) Two day visit to Thimphu was affirmed a long-standing tradition between India and Bhutan by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- (b) Two day visit to Thimphu had affirmed a long-standing tradition between India and Bhutan by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- (c) A long-standing tradition between India and Bhutan had been affirmed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two day visit to Thimphu.
- (d) A long-standing tradition between India and Bhutan was affirmed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two day visit to Thimphu.

**S16. Ans.(d)**



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**Q17. They peddle goods up and down the country on foot.**

- (a) Goods are peddled by him down and up the country on foot.
- (b) Goods are peddled by them up and down the country on foot.
- (c) Goods is peddled by them up and down the country on foot.
- (d) Goods are peddling by them up and down the country on foot.

**S17. Ans.(b)**

**Q18. Young Athenian democrats needed rhetoric to persuade the democratic assemblies.**

- (a) Rhetoric to persuade the democratic assemblies were needed by Young Athenian democrats.
- (b) Rhetoric to persuade the democratic assemblies was needed by Young Athenian democrats.
- (c) Rhetoric to persuade the democratic assemblies is needed by Young Athenian's democrats.
- (d) Rhetoric to persuade democratic assemblies had been needed by Young Athenian democrats.

**S18. Ans.(b)**

**Q19. He had committed the crime out of desperation and a complete lack of judgment.**

- (a) The crime out of desperation and a complete lack of judgment was committed.
- (b) The crime was committed by him out of desperation and a complete lack of judgment.
- (c) The crime had been committed out of desperation and a complete lack of judgment.
- (d) The crime been committed out of desperation and a complete lack of judgment by him.

**S19. Ans.(c)**

**Q20. The guards who were on duty in this area caught two thieves.**

- (a) Two thieves have been caught by the guards who were on duty in this area.
- (b) Two thieves were caught by the guards who were being on duty in this area.
- (c) Two thieves were caught by the guards who were on duty in this area.
- (d) Two thieves are caught by the guards on duty.

**S20. Ans.(c)**

**Directions (21-30): 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.**

**Q21. GUZZLE**

- (a) Carouse
- (b) Starve
- (c) Imbibe
- (d) Quaff

**S21. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Guzzle: eat or drink (something) greedily.  
Starve: to suffer from hunger.

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**Q22. RAMPAGE**

- (a) Binge
- (b) Frenzy
- (c) Harmony
- (d) Turmoil

**S22. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Rampage: a period of violent and uncontrollable behavior by a group of people.

Harmony: agreement of ideas, feelings, or actions, or a pleasing combination of different parts.

**Q23. SPAT**

- (a) Feud
- (b) Eternity
- (c) Absurdity
- (d) Concord

**S23. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Spat: an often noisy or angry expression of differing opinions.

Concord: agreement or harmony between people or groups.

**Q24. DENUDE**

- (a) Bare
- (b) Clothe
- (c) Bereave
- (d) Jump

**S24. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Denude: strip (something) of its covering, possessions, or assets.

Clothe: to provide or cover someone with things to wear.

**Q25. SAP**

- (a) Fortify
- (b) Enervate
- (c) Praise
- (d) Sue

**S25. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Sap: gradually weaken or destroy (a person's strength or power).

Fortify: to give physical strength, courage, or endurance to.

**Q26. ARCANE**

- (a) Mystic
- (b) Recondite
- (c) Esoteric
- (d) Hackneyed

**S26. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Arcane: understood by few; mysterious or secret.

Hackneyed: having been overused; unoriginal and trite.



**Q27. FROLIC**

- (a) Drudgery
- (b) Romp
- (c) Antic
- (d) Drollery

**S27. Ans.(a)**

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

**Q28. FLEECE**

- (a) Defraud
- (b) Vilify
- (c) Cede
- (d) Enrich

**S28. Ans.(d)**

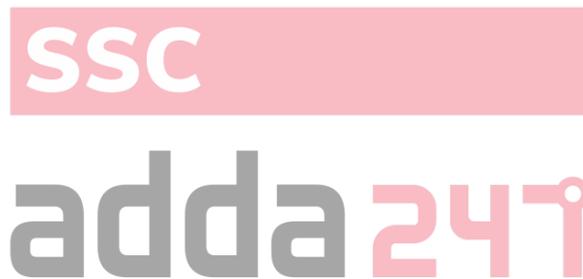
**Sol.** Fleece: obtain a great deal of money from (someone), typically by overcharging or swindling them.  
Enrich: improve or enhance the quality or value of.

**Q29. SIBILATE**

- (a) Whiz
- (b) Boo
- (c) Exalt
- (d) Rasp

**S29. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Sibilate: utter with a hissing sound.  
Exalt: to praise someone very highly.



**Q30. DECRY**

- (a) Convict
- (b) Reject
- (c) Synthesis
- (d) Praise

**S30. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Decry: publicly denounce while praise means express warm approval or admiration of.

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