

SSC Tier 1 Sunday English Mega Quiz – Questions with Solutions

Q1. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the bold segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select “No improvement”.

Applications **are to be sent to** the principal before 30th May.

- (a) will be send to
- (b) are sending to
- (c) No improvement
- (d) were being send to

S1. Ans.(c)

Sol. No improvement

Q2. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

It is hard to conceive of a more _____ route than the one that this determined traveler chose to follow.

- (a) stimulating
- (b) dashing
- (c) daunting
- (d) provoking

S2. Ans.(c)

Sol. Daunting: seeming difficult to deal with in prospect; intimidating.

Dashing: (of a man) attractive, adventurous, and full of confidence.

Provoking: causing annoyance; irritating.

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

The artist played the violin.

- (a) The violin had been played by the artist.
- (b) The violin will be played by the artist.
- (c) The violin is being played by the artist.
- (d) The violin was played by the artist.

S3. Ans.(d)

Q4. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

That which can be drawn into a thin wire

- (a) ductile
- (b) smooth
- (c) flexible
- (d) brittle

S4. Ans.(a)

Sol. Brittle: hard but liable to break easily.

Flexible: capable of bending easily without breaking.

Ductile means metal can be bent or stretched easily.

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Q5. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.

- A. Only natural dyes are used in Kalamkari and it involves several steps.
- B. There are two distinctive styles of Kalamkari in India.
- C. They are the Sri Kalahasti style and the Machlipatnam style.
- D. Kalamkari is a type of hand-painted or block-printed cotton textile, produced in the Indian States of Andhra Pradesh and Telengana.

(a) CBDA

(b) DABC

(c) ACBD

(d) DCBA

S5. Ans.(b)

Q6. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

OBSTACLE

(a) benefit

(b) clearance

(c) accessory

(d) barrier

S6. Ans.(d)

Sol. Barrier: a fence or other obstacle that prevents movement or access.

Accessory: a thing which can be added to something else in order to make it more useful, versatile, or attractive.

Q7. Select the correctly spelt word.

(a) fourtyeth

(b) fortieth

(c) fortyth

(d) fourtieth

S7. Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct spelling is “**Fortieth**” which means constituting number forty in a sequence; 40th.

Q8. Select the correctly spelt word.

(a) taelant

(b) centiment

(c) serenity

(d) cleavar

S8. Ans.(c)

Sol. Talent: natural aptitude or skill.

Sentiment: a view or opinion that is held or expressed.

Serenity: the state of being calm, peaceful, and untroubled.

Clever: quick to understand, learn, and devise or apply ideas; intelligent.

Q9. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

Cows are amongst the gentlest of animals; none shows more passionate tenderness towards their young.

- (a) none shows more
- (b) towards their young
- (c) the gentlest of animals
- (d) Cows are amongst

S9. Ans.(a)

Sol. Here none has been used to denote a plural noun which takes plural verb with it thus 'show' will be used in place of 'shows'.

Q10. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank .

Charlie Chaplin's rise to fame paralleled the _____ growth of Hollywood movies in the first decades of the century.

- (a) sluggish
- (b) explosive
- (c) progressing
- (d) delayed

S10. Ans.(b)

Sol. Explosive (adjective): able or likely to shatter violently or burst apart.

Sluggish: slow-moving or inactive.

Q11. Select the synonym of

CONCURRENCE

- (a) Currency
- (b) Agreement
- (c) Occurrence
- (d) Conquest

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. Concurrence: the state of agreeing with someone or something.

Agreement: harmony or accordance in opinion or feeling.

Q12. Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.


The entire blame for crime cannot (be led at the doors) of the State.

- (a) be laid at doors
- (b) been laid at the doors
- (c) be laid at the doors
- (d) No improvement

S12. Ans.(c)

Sol. "Cannot" is a negative modal of "can" and it will take base form of verb thus "be" should be used. And "be" takes 3rd form of verb thus "laid" should be used. And "article-the" should be used before "doors" as to make it specific that it is the part of "the state".

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Q13. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase in bold.

The officer **kicked up a row** over the issue.

- (a) avoided the issue
- (b) gave strict orders
- (c) gave a kick in the air
- (d) made a great fuss

S13. Ans.(d)

Sol. Kicked up a row: to become a nuisance; to misbehave and disturb (someone).

Q14. Select the word with the correct spelling.

- (a) Passimism
- (b) Optemism
- (c) Consumerism
- (d) Communism

S14. Ans.(c)

Sol. Consumerism: the protection or promotion of the interests of consumers.

Q15. 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.

He said, "Ravi, why are you sounding so depressed today?"

- (a) He asked Ravi why did he sound so depressed that day.
- (b) He asked Ravi why he was sounding so depressed that day.
- (c) He told Ravi why he sounded so depressed today.
- (d) He asked Ravi that why was he sounding so depressed that day.

S15. Ans.(b)

Q16. 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 are going to build a new airport near the old one.

- (a) A new airport going to be built near the old one.
- (b) A new airport is being built near the old one.
- (c) A new airport will be built near the old one.
- (d) A new airport is going to be built near the old one.

S16. Ans.(d)

Q17. Rearrange the parts of the sentence in correct order.

A dissent in a court

P-the intelligence of a future day

Q-to the brooding spirit of law, to

R-of last resort is an appeal

- (a) QRP
- (b) RQP
- (c) PRQ
- (d) PQR

S17. Ans.(b)

Q18. Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

I can't go out in the rain as I am (not having an umbrella).

- (a) have no umbrella
- (b) don't have an umbrella
- (c) don't have the umbrella
- (d) No improvement

S18. Ans.(b)

Sol. "Having" will indicate that someone is eating the umbrella, and "have" is a stative verb, either we "have" or we don't so we don't write "have" in continuous form if we need to show possession, thus "don't have an umbrella" should be used.

Q19. In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

His directions to the driver were and helped him to reach on time.

- (a) explicit
- (b) implicit
- (c) expletive
- (d) implicate

S19. Ans.(a)

Sol. Explicit means stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt.

Q20. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

Words or lines written on the tomb of a person

- (a) Epitaph
- (b) Anecdote
- (c) Calligraphy
- (d) Cenotaph

S20. Ans.(a)

Sol. Epitaph means a phrase or form of words written in memory of a person who has died, especially as an inscription on a tombstone.

Directions (21-25): In the following questions, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.

Q21. A senior government official told The Hindu that(1)/ Dr. Abdullah would be detained initially for 12 days, but (2)/the period can be extended for a maximum of three months.(3)/ No error(4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

S21. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace "can" with "could" because the sentence is in indirect form so "can" will change into "could".

Q22. No other poet in (1)/ the world is as renowned (2)/ than William Wordsworth.(3)/No error(4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

S22. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace “than” with “as”.

Rule is: No + Noun(singular) ++ so/as + Positive degree adjective + as.....

Q23. This is the third communication (1)/ I have sent and I am much surprised (2)/ at receiving no answer.(3)/No error. (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

S23. Ans.(d)

Q24. Hardly as I stepped out of (1)/ theater when I saw my parents (2)/ coming towards me. (3)/ No error (4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

S24. Ans.(a)

Sol. This is an inversion case so hardly should be followed by helping verb. Use **hardly had I**.

Q25. In my wife’s opinion investment (1)/ in mutual funds is more preferable (2)/ to investment bonds.(3)/No error(4)

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4

S25. Ans.(b)

Sol. Remove “more” from the sentence. Use of more is superfluous here.



Directions (26-30): In the following questions, a part of the sentence is printed in bracket. Below are given alternatives to the bracketed part as (A), (B) and (C) which may improve the sentence. Choose option D if no correction is required.

Q26. It was a feel good year for Indian cinema, as people (flocked to) theatre and kept the money flowing in through 2018.

- (a) hoarded to
- (b) crowded to
- (c) mustered to
- (d) No improvement

S26. Ans.(d)

Sol. No improvement

Q27. A summons (was served to) Mr. Mehta last week.

- (a) were served to
- (b) was served on
- (c) were served on
- (d) No improvement

S27. Ans.(b)

Sol. Here summons is a singular noun so it will take **was** with it and also 'served' here will take preposition **on** with it.

Q28. The tragedy is (reflection) of an episode that took place a decade ago.

- (a) rendition
- (b) reincarnation
- (c) reminiscent
- (d) No improvement

S28. Ans.(c)

Sol. Reminiscent is more appropriate here which means tending to remind one of something.

Q29. Rahul received (many praises) for his latest invention.

- (a) great many praises
- (b) much praise
- (c) to much praises
- (d) No improvement

S29. Ans.(b)

Sol. Praise is uncountable noun so it will take much with it.

Q30. This is the (defined) post-independence plot by the state against its own citizens.

- (a) sophisticated
- (b) sober
- (c) vilest
- (d) No improvement

S30. Ans.(c)

Sol. Vile means unpleasant, immoral, and unacceptable: Here we are talking about a plot that can be appropriately defined by "vilest".

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