

SSC Tier 1 Sunday English Mega Quiz – Questions with Solutions

Directions (1-2): In these questions, out of the four alternatives choose the word opposite in meaning to the word given in bold.

Q1. Termagant

- (a) Charming
- (b) Turbulent
- (c) Brawling
- (d) Shrewish

S1. Ans.(a)

Sol. Brawling- skirmish

i. **Termagant-**shrewish

ii. **Turbulent-** not stable or calm

Q2. Vindictive

- (a) praise
- (b) forgiving
- (c) useless
- (d) piercing

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. Vindictive-unreasoning desire for revenge; **forgiving-** ready to forgive

Directions (3-5): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

Q3. One who takes care of a building

- (a) pedant
- (b) curator
- (c) custodian
- (d) janitor

S3. Ans.(d)

Sol. Pedant means who shows his knowledge skills

i. **Curator** means a person who is in charge of the things in a museum, zoo etc

ii. **Custodian** means someone who keeps and protects something valuable for another person



Q4. Indifferent and careless

- (a) tannery
- (b) broke
- (c) reckless
- (d) perfunctory

S4. Ans.(c)

Sol. Tannery- place where animal hides are tanned the workshop of a tanner

i. Broke- insolvent, penniless

ii. Reckless- careless

Q5. Person who looks at the dark side of everything

- (a) pessimist
- (b) idealist
- (c) optimist
- (d) Naturalism

S5. Ans.(a)

Sol. Pessimist means tending to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen.

Q6. In these questions, four words are given out of which only one is correctly spelt.

- (a) Mauseleum
- (b) Moausoleum
- (c) Mausoleum
- (d) Maousoleum

S6. Ans.(c)

Sol. Mausoleum- a large tomb

Directions (7-9): In these questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four alternatives.

Q7. Our teachers _____ several points before the exams.

- (a) Cleared off
- (b) Cleared away
- (c) Cleared up
- (d) Cleared out

S7. Ans.(c)

Sol. Clear up- to explain

i. Clear off- go away

ii. Clear away- to remove something from an area or surface

iii. Clear out- go away

Q8. Udit informed me about the accident which had _____ four days before.

- (a) occurred
- (b) took place
- (c) had happened
- (d) passed

S8. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'occurred' is the correct choice.

Q9. Nothing is so detrimental to a nation as an extreme of self-partiality, and the total want of _____ of what others will naturally hope or fear.

- (a) concern
- (b) sense
- (c) discretion
- (d) consideration

S9. Ans.(a)

Sol. Concern (noun)- a matter of interest or importance to someone.

Q10. In the following question, read the sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. If there is no error, the answer is (D). (Ignore errors of Punctuation, if any.)

Corruption is such a problem that is found universally everywhere.

- (a) Corruption is such
- (b) a problem that is
- (c) found universally everywhere.
- (d) No error

S10. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'Universally everywhere' is superfluous, so remove 'universally'

Q11. Select the word which means the same as the groups of words given.

A long and aggressive speech

- (a) Discussion
- (b) Harangue
- (c) Prologue
- (d) Eloquence

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. Harangue means to speak to someone or a group of people, often for a long time, in a forceful and sometimes angry way, especially to persuade them.

Prologue means a separate introductory section of a literary, dramatic, or musical work.

Eloquence means fluent or persuasive speaking or writing.



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

All students should express their _____ views in the group discussion without any fear.

- (a) secluded
- (b) candid
- (c) outspoken
- (d) guarded

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. Candid means truthful and straightforward, frank.

Q13. Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.

“Hello”, he said to his friend. “What can I do for you?”

- (a) He greeted his friend and asked what he could do for him.
- (b) He told hello and asked his friend what he could do for him.
- (c) He said hello and asked his friend what can do for him.
- (d) He asked and greeted his friend that what he can do for him.

S13. Ans.(a)

Q14. Select the correct antonym of the given word.

Allure

- (a) Repulse
- (b) Rewind
- (c) Attract
- (d) Revive

S14. Ans.(a)

Sol. Allure means the quality of being powerfully and mysteriously attractive or fascinating.

Repulsive means arousing intense distaste or disgust.

Thus the correct option is 'a'.

Q15. Select the appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To flog a dead horse

- (a) To waste the efforts
- (b) To complete the work
- (c) To accept the challenge
- (d) To make the best use of resources

S15. Ans.(a)

Sol. Flog a dead horse means to waste effort on something when there is no chance of succeeding.

Q16. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

The old man did not wanted to eat any food.

- (a) did not wanted
- (b) to eat
- (c) any food
- (d) The old man

S16. Ans.(a)

Sol. Replace 'did not wanted' with 'did not want'. 'Did' is followed by base form of verb.

Q17. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

No least than fifty participants were present for the singing competition.

- (a) the singing competition
- (b) fifty participants were
- (c) No least than
- (d) present for

S17. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace "no least" with "no fewer". **Fewer** is used before countable noun while **less** is used before uncountable noun.

Q18. Select the word which means the same as the groups of words given.

The school or college in which one has been educated

- (a) Mentor
- (b) Alma mater
- (c) Graduate
- (d) Alumni

S18. Ans.(b)

Sol. **Alma mater** refers to the university, school, or college that one formerly attended.

Alumnus (plural noun: alumni) is a former pupil or student, especially a male one, of a particular school, college, or university.

Mentor is an experienced and trusted adviser.

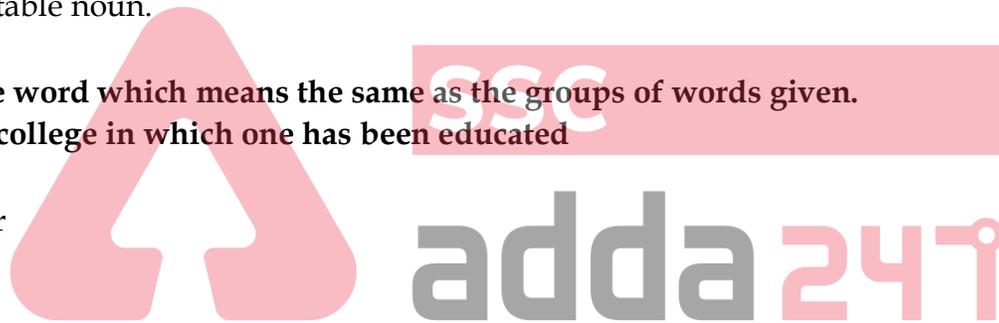
Q19. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the bold segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select No improvement.

Many of a students were not shortlisted for the personal interview.

- (a) Many of students
- (b) No improvement
- (c) The many student
- (d) Many of the students

S19. Ans.(d)

Sol. "Many of the students" is correct because we are talking about the specific students who were eligible for getting shortlisted for the personal interview.



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Q20. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.

A. During the celebration, many people display a set of ornamental dolls known as 'Hina' dolls.

B. Hinamatsuri is a celebration of the girls in Japan wishing them a bright future.

C. These royal-looking dolls are dressed in the clothing of the Heian period.

D. These dolls represent the Emperor, Empress and other royal representatives.

(a) CDDBA

(b) ACBD

(c) DBAC

(d) BADC

S20. Ans.(d)

Directions (21-25): Select the correct synonym of the given word.

Q21. Peripatetic

(a) confine

(b) spire

(c) ultimate

(d) nomadic

S21. Ans.(d)

Sol. Peripatetic: travelling from place to place, in particular working or based in various places for relatively short periods.

Nomadic: living the life of nomad, wandering.

Spire: a tall, pointed structure on top of a building, especially on top of a church tower.

Q22. Synchronicity

(a) conformity

(b) conflict

(c) vendetta

(d) altercation

S22. Ans.(a)

Sol. Synchronicity means the happening by chance of two or more related or similar events at the same time

Conformity means behaviour in accordance with socially accepted conventions.

Altercation means a loud argument or disagreement.

Vendetta means a strong desire to harm a person or group, often because of political reasons or feelings of hate.



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Q23. Accolade

- (a) bungle
- (b) performance
- (c) fiasco
- (d) distinction

S23. Ans.(d)

Sol. Accolade means an award or privilege granted as a special honour or as an acknowledgement of merit

Distinction means excellence that sets someone or something apart from others.

Bungle means to do something wrong, in a careless or stupid way.

Q24. Redemption

- (a) forfeit
- (b) atonement
- (c) retribution
- (d) penalty

S24. Ans.(b)

Sol. Redemption means the action of saving or being saved from sin, error, or evil

Atonement means reparation or expiation for sin.

Retribution means punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act.

Forfeit means lose or be deprived of (property or a right or privilege) as a penalty for wrongdoing

Q25. Haste

- (a) soon
- (b) eventually
- (c) later
- (d) never

S25. Ans.(a)

Sol. Haste means excessive speed or urgency of movement or action; hurry.

Directions (26-30): Select the most appropriate option to substitute the bold segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution'.

Q26. On seeing the situation getting worse, Rohan at once reached to his pistol in pocket.

- (a) reached on
- (b) reached for
- (c) reached in
- (d) No improvement

S26. Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct phrase to use here is reached for (someone or something), it means literally, to extend one's hand in the direction of someone or something, especially in order to grasp onto them or it.

Q27. "An interview after the campaign ends is the normal for every candidate and every campaigner in every election," he said.

- (a) is the norm
- (b) is the normally
- (c) is continuity
- (d) No improvement

S27. Ans.(a)

Sol. Correct term to use here is 'norm' it means an accepted standard or a way of behaving or doing things that most people agree with.

Q28. The Supreme Court noted that the driver of the offend car did not lead any evidence in rebuttal of the claims.

- (a) offended
- (b) offending
- (c) getting offended
- (d) No improvement

S28. Ans.(b)

Sol. Offend is a verb, we need an adjective to qualify the noun 'driver'. Thus the correct word to use here is 'offending'.

Q29. Which cable network do you subscribe for?

- (a) subscribe in
- (b) subscribe at
- (c) subscribe to
- (d) No improvement

S29. Ans.(c)

Sol. Subscribe to something means to pay an amount of money regularly in order to receive or use something.

Q30. In Britain, a MP is a person who has been elected to represent the people from a particular area in the House of Commons.

- (a) No improvement
- (b) MP
- (c) some MP
- (d) an MP

S30. Ans.(d)

Sol. The beginning sound of the word 'MP' is a vowel sound, thus the correct article to use here is 'an'.



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