

## 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.

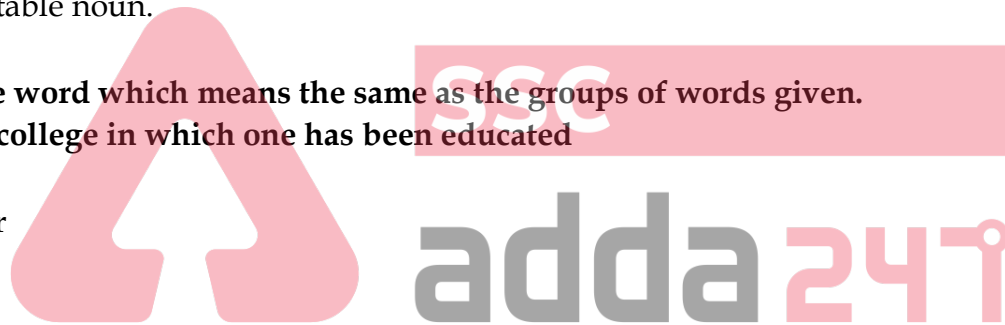
**Q19. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the bold segment in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select No improvement.**

**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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