

SSC Tier 1 Sunday English Mega Quiz – Questions with Solutions

Q1. Select the synonym of the given word.

CANDOR

- (a) Evasiveness
- (b) Sincerity
- (c) Inequity
- (d) Deception

S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. Candor: the quality of being open and honest; frankness.

Evasiveness: deliberate vagueness or ambiguity.

Sincerity: the quality or state of being sincere; honesty, genuineness.

Inequity: lack of fairness or justice.

Deception: the action of deceiving someone.

Hence Candor and Sincerity are synonyms to each other.

Directions (2-3): 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.

Q2. The Government has to build the roads.

- (a) The roads have been build by the Government.
- (b) The roads have to be built by the Government.
- (c) The roads have been built by the Government.
- (d) The roads to be built by the Government.

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. Active: Subject + has/have/had + to + V1 + Object.

Passive: Object + has/have/had + to + be + V3 + by subject.

Q3. Please clean your room.

- (a) You are requested to clean your room.
- (b) You are advised to clean your room.
- (c) You are to clean your room.
- (d) You are ordered to clean your room.

S3. Ans.(a)



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Q4. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.

- A. And the pollution control board. The municipalities say they also require more funds to meet the operation.
- B. Round-the-year enforcement requires massive and rapid capacity building in the municipalities, transport department.
- C. And maintenance cost of running mechanical sweepers and sprinklers.
- D. And to repair roads and footpaths to reduce dust pollution.

- (a) BDAC
- (b) CDBA
- (c) BACD
- (d) CBAD

S4. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'BACD' is the correct sequence.

Q5. Select the word with the correct spelling.

- (a) Emmisions
- (b) Emmissions
- (c) Emissions
- (d) Emisions

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. Option C is correctly spelt.

Q6. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Do wonders

- (a) Be extremely lazy
- (b) Be extremely harmful
- (c) Be extremely resistive
- (d) Be extremely effective

S6. Ans.(d)

Sol. Do wonders (idiom): to produce excellent results or be extremely effective, especially unexpectedly.

Q7. Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

(Despite of all the ups and downs) of our party system, the foundations of our Constitution and our Parliament remain firm and unchallenged.

- (a) Despite all the up and downs
- (b) In spite all the ups and downs
- (c) Despite all the ups and downs
- (d) No improvement

S7. Ans.(c)

Despite: without being affected by; in spite of.

Despite doesn't take 'of' with it. Also 'all the ups and downs' is the correct phrase.

Q8. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.

War _____ independent thought and speech; governments often invoke patriotism to enforce conformity.

- (a) infuses
- (b) imperils
- (c) stirs
- (d) takes

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. Infuse: fill; pervade.

Imperil: put at risk of being harmed, injured, or destroyed.

Stir: move or cause to move slightly.

Q9. Select the antonym of the given word.

DISCRETION

- (a) Imprudence
- (b) Fiscal
- (c) Tact
- (d) Conclusion

S9. Ans.(a)

Discretion: the quality of behaving or speaking in such a way as to avoid causing offence or revealing confidential information.

Imprudence: a lack of caution in practical affairs.

Hence Discretion and Imprudence are antonyms to each other.

Q10. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

A person who demands complete obedience; a strict disciplinarian

- (a) Simian
- (b) Martinet
- (c) Spartan
- (d) Truant

S10. Ans.(b)

Sol. Simian: relating to or affecting apes or monkeys.

Spartan: showing or characterized by austerity or a lack of comfort or luxury.

Truant: a pupil who stays away from school without leave or explanation.



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Q11. 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.

The international media _____ a tale of a newly confident XI scrapping growth targets and tolerating less gross domestic product.

- (a) spin
- (b) spinning
- (c) spine
- (d) spun

S11. Ans.(d)

Sol. Spin: to tell a story, either to deceive someone or for entertainment. And according to the required tense of the sentence, past participle form 'spun' is the correct choice.

Q12. Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

I had (not only helped her by) giving hints but also with providing him links.

- (a) helped not only to her by
- (b) helped her not only by
- (c) not only helped her
- (d) No improvement

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Not only....but also' is a conjunction pair which needs to be placed appropriately in the sentence. In the given sentence, the subsequent part 'but also' has been used just before the preposition 'with' which will also apply to the precedent part 'not only'. Hence 'not only' will be used just before the preposition 'by'.

Q13. 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.

He said it remained the toughest _____, and he had often seen stunt men preparing at the top with shaky knees.

- (a) stratagem
- (b) manoeuvre
- (c) pretermite
- (d) mislay

S13. Ans.(b)

Sol. Stratagem means a plan or scheme, especially one used to outwit an opponent or achieve an end.

Manoeuvre means a movement or series of moves requiring skill and care.

Pretermite means omit to do or mention.

Mislay means lose something temporarily by forgetting where you have put it.

Q14. Select the antonym of Abrogation

- (a) introduction
- (b) erasure
- (c) cure
- (d) invigoration

S14. Ans.(a)

Sol. Abrogation means the repeal or abolition of a law, right, or agreement and **Introduction** means the action of introducing something.

Invigoration means to give vigor to; fill with life and energy; energize.

Q15. Select the synonym of Exacerbate

- (a) abridge
- (b) worse
- (c) prudent
- (d) pollard

S15. Ans.(b)

Sol. Exacerbate means make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling).

Prudent means acting with or showing care and thought for the future.

Pollard means tree cut back to the trunk to promote the growth of a dense head of foliage.

Directions (16-20): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and select the correct answer for the given blank out of the four alternatives.

Three innocent lives were brutally cut short through _____ mob frenzy in Tamil Nadu, with the body of one of the victims hung _____ a bridge. Despite this, there was not one word from any of its otherwise _____ political leaders, both in government and the Opposition, who can otherwise see phantoms where none exist. It would have been _____ that in a civilized society, the so-called leaders appeal to the general public directly and through their _____ not to panic and take the law into their own hands.

Q16. brutally cut short through _____ mob

- (a) mindless
- (b) astute
- (c) shrewd
- (d) crafty

S16. Ans. (a)

Q17. one of the victims hung _____ a bridge.

- (a) on
- (b) from
- (c) with
- (d) to

S17. Ans.(b)

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Q18. any of its otherwise _____ political leaders

- (a) vining
- (b) undried
- (c) replayed
- (d) loquacious

S18. Ans.(d)

Sol. Vining: growing as a vine with climbing or trailing woody stems.

Loquacious: talking or tending to talk much or freely; talkative.

Hence option D is correct.

Q19. It would have been _____ that in a civilized society

- (a) posited
- (b) tender
- (c) expected
- (d) render

S19. Ans.(c)

Q20. through their _____ not to panic

- (a) pivot
- (b) pintle
- (c) cadres
- (d) fulcrum

S20. Ans.(c)

Sol. Pintle: a pin or bolt on which a rudder or other part turns.

Cadre: a group of activists in a communist or other revolutionary organization.

Fulcrum: a thing that plays a central or essential role in an activity, event, or situation.

Hence option D is correct.



Directions (21-25): Identify the segment in the sentence, which contains the grammatical error.

Q21. Second bewildering change that I observe in him now-a-days is that he avoids to meet people.

- (a) Second bewildering change
- (b) I observe in him now-a-days is that
- (c) he avoids to meet people.
- (d) No error

S21. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace "to meet" with "meeting". The following phrases and certain verbs are followed by direct gerund. E.g. avoid , mind , detest , can't help etc.

Q22. I wondered how many luggage my mother was planning to take for the trip.

- (a) I wondered how many
- (b) luggage my mother was
- (c) planning to take for the trip
- (d) No error

S22. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace “many” with “much”. “Much” is used for denoting plurality with some uncountable nouns.

Q23. Statistics shows that 50% of new businesses fail in their first year and 30% by second year.

- (a) Statistics shows that 50% of new
- (b) businesses fail in their first year
- (c) and 30% by second year.
- (d) No error

S23. Ans.(a)

Sol. Replace “shows” with “show”. Statistics when taken as a collection of data is used with plural verb.

Q24. Four members of a Muslim family are injured when a mob of around a dozen unidentified people attacked them at the Aligarh railway station last Sunday afternoon.

- (a) Four members of a Muslim family are
- (b) mob of around a dozen unidentified people attacked
- (c) Aligarh railway station on last Sunday afternoon.
- (d) No error

S24. Ans.(a)

Sol. Replace “are” with “were”. The attack happened last Sunday so past tense should be used here.

Q25. It's time you start thinking about running your own cattle farm.

- (a) It's time you
- (b) start thinking about
- (c) running your own cattle farm.
- (d) No error

S25. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace “start” with “started”, when “it's (high) time” is used in sentence we use past form of a verb. It's (high) time + subject + Verb (past simple).

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

Q26. My roommate was angry on me for not locking the room.

- (a) angry with me
- (b) angry to me
- (c) angry at me
- (d) No improvement

S26. Ans.(a)

Sol. Correct preposition to use here is “with”. If directed at a person "angry with" should always be used. If directed at a situation "angry at" is used.

Q27. I am sure he would make a good commando , he is cut out to the job.

- (a) he is cut out for
- (b) he is cut down for
- (c) he is cut up
- (d) No improvement

S27. Ans.(a)

Sol. **Cut out for** is a phrasal verb which means naturally able or suited to do or be (something).

Q28. I read “The Ramayana” when I had been eleven years old.

- (a) had become
- (b) has become
- (c) was
- (d) No improvement

S28. Ans.(c)

Sol. Since we are talking about an event which happened at a past specific time we need to use simple past.

Q29. The defence lawyer sited two similar cases to prove the prosecutor wrong.

- (a) recited
- (b) cited
- (c) sighted
- (d) No improvement

S29. Ans.(b)

Sol. Use “cited” instead of “sited”. **Cite** means to mention something as a proof for a theory or as a reason why something has happened. **Site** means an area of ground on which a town, building, or monument is constructed.

Q30. The government has no system to channelize indigenous seeds or subsidise organic manure in the same way.

- (a) push
- (b) No improvement
- (c) magnify
- (d) pipeline

S30. Ans.(b)

