

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 there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.

No sooner did it begin to rain **that all the guests** ran inside.

- (a) No substitution required
- (b) so that all the guests
- (c) than all the guests
- (d) when all the guests

S1. Ans.(c)

Sol. If the second event occurs immediately after the first, we can express that idea using the structure 'no sooner ... than'. When we begin a sentence with a negative word, we put the auxiliary verb before the subject. Thus option C is correct.

Q2. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

OFFEND

- (a) annoy
- (b) assuage
- (c) aid
- (d) assist

S2. Ans.(a)

Sol. Offend means cause to feel upset, annoyed, or resentful.

Assuage means to make unpleasant feelings less strong.

Q3. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.

SUBSIDE

- (a) ease
- (b) enlarge
- (c) diminish
- (d) abate

S3. Ans.(b)

Sol. Subside means become less intense, violent, or severe.

Enlarge means make or become larger or more extensive.



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Q4. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Handle with kid gloves

- (a) to treat someone with extreme care
- (b) to accomplish something too ambitious
- (c) to show someone your creativity
- (d) to remove all hurdles to start something

S4. Ans.(a)

Sol. Handle with kid gloves means to be very polite or kind to someone because you do not want to make them angry or upset.

Q5. Select the most appropriate word which means the same as the group of words given.

One who is easily deceived

- (a) delible
- (b) gullible
- (c) incorrigible
- (d) infallible

S5. Ans.(b)

Sol. Delible means capable of being deleted.

Incorrigible means (of a person or their behaviour) not able to be changed or reformed.

Infallible means incapable of making mistakes or being wrong.

Q6. Select the most appropriate word which means the same as the group of words given.

One who holds a post without any salary

- (a) highbrow
- (b) volunteer
- (c) samaritan
- (d) honorary

S6. Ans.(d)

Sol. Highbrow means intellectual or rarefied in taste.

Samaritan is a charitable or helpful person.

Q7. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

PARSIMONY

- (a) generosity
- (b) frugality
- (c) readiness
- (d) bounty

S7. Ans.(b)

Sol. Parsimony means extreme unwillingness to spend money or use resources.

Frugality means the quality of being economical with money or food; thriftiness.

Generosity means the quality of being kind and generous

Bounty means a sum paid for killing or capturing a person or animal.

Q8. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Run around in circles

- (a) to keep running to set a record
- (b) to keep doing something without achieving much
- (c) to work excessively hard by keeping two jobs
- (d) to remain busy with your work

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. Run around in circles means to waste one's time and energy engaging in trivial, aimless, or futile activities.

Q9. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.

Please don't disturb me. I _____ to solve a sum.

- (a) am trying
- (b) try
- (c) have tried
- (d) tried

S9. Ans.(a)

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

That cannot be approached easily

- (a) inevitable
- (b) invincible
- (c) inaccessible
- (d) inaudible

S10. Ans.(c)

Sol. Inevitable means certain to happen; unavoidable.

Invincible means too powerful to be defeated or overcome.

Directions (11-13): 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'.

Q11. A technical view of new weapons (1)/ sometimes differ (2)/ from an economic perspective. (3)/ No error. (4)

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

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Differs' will replace 'differ' because - A technical view (Subject) is Singular. A Singular

Subject agrees with singular Verb (with-s) Hence, **sometimes differs** is the right usage.



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Q12. No sooner did I finish (1)/ my speech, I was subjected (2)/ to a barrage of questions. (3)/ No error. (4)

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

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. Use 'than' before 'I'. No sooner ___ than (Correlatives) is used for something that happens immediately after something else.

Q13. The vacancy was filled (1)/ by an old artisan (2)/ who had an extensible knowledge of ancient art and craft. (3)/ No error. (4)

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

S13. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'Extensive' will replace 'extensible'.

Extensible: capable of being extended.

Extensive: thorough; dealing with a wide range of information.

Directions (14-16): In the following questions, a part of the sentence is in bracket. Below are given alternatives to the bracketed part at (A), (B) and (C) which may improve the sentence. Choose option D if no correction is required.

Q14. He (is suffering) from dengue for a week.

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

S14. Ans.(c)

Sol. (For + a period of time). The present perfect continuous (also called present perfect progressive) is a verb tense which is used to show that an action started in the past and has continued up to the present moment.

Q15. Farmers' bodies are (up in hands) against the growing problem in the State.

- (a) up for arms
- (b) up for hands
- (c) up in arms
- (d) No improvement

S15. Ans.(c)

Sol. "Up in arms" is idiomatic which means protesting vigorously about something.

Q16. Stop bunking classes lest you (are caught).

- (a) might be caught
- (b) should be caught
- (c) may be caught
- (d) No improvement

S16. Ans.(b)

Sol. Here **lest** (Conj.) is to be followed by should (Aux. V) which is used in Conditional Clauses. Hence, should be caught is the right usage.

Directions (17-19): In the following questions, 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.

Q17. I thought he _____ the part of Hamlet with great skill.

- (a) came off
- (b) fell through
- (c) put off
- (d) carried off

S17. Ans.(d)

Sol. Come off: become detached.

Fall through: fail.

Carry off (phrasal verb): to perform or manage successfully.

Q18. Her supporters began to _____ and she was left alone.

- (a) fall over
- (b) fall away
- (c) fall on
- (d) fall off

S18. Ans.(b)

Sol. **Fall away:** to distance oneself from someone; to end an association with someone.

Q19. I looked at my damaged car and _____ how much it would cost to repair it.

- (a) wondering
- (b) wondered
- (c) wonder
- (d) wonders

S19. Ans.(b)



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Q20. In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

Cry in the wilderness

- (a) Rebuke
- (b) Confused and lost
- (c) Aggravate the situation
- (d) Unpopular opinion

S20. Ans.(d)

Sol. Cry in the wilderness means one who expresses an unpopular opinion or idea.

Directions (21 - 25): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

Q21. A person famous and respected within a particular sphere

- (a) eminent
- (b) obscure
- (c) despotic
- (d) imperative

S21. Ans.(a)

Sol. Eminent: (of a person) famous and respected within a particular sphere.

Obscure: not discovered or known about; uncertain.

Despotic: of or typical of a despot; tyrannical.

Imperative: of vital importance; crucial.

Q22. That which cannot be corrected

- (a) Impregnable
- (b) Immolation
- (c) Incurable
- (d) Ineligible

S22. Ans.(c)

Sol. Incurable means (of a person or their behaviour) not able to be changed or reformed.

Impregnable: (of a fortified position) unable to be captured or broken into.

Immolation: It comes from the Latin word **immolat-**, meaning "sprinkled with sacrificial meal."

Immolation always involves a sacrifice or offering of some sort.

Ineligible: legally or officially unable to be considered for a position or benefit.

Q23. A person who is blamed for the wrong doings of others

- (a) Bursar
- (b) Captor
- (c) Phlegmatic
- (d) Scapegoat

S23. Ans.(d)

Sol. Scapegoat means a person who is blamed for the wrongdoings, mistakes, or faults of others, especially for reasons of expediency.

Q24. The act of speaking irreverently about sacred things

- (a) Atheist
- (b) Blasphemy
- (c) Bellicose
- (d) Defection

S24. Ans.(b)

Sol. Blasphemy means the action or offence of speaking sacrilegiously about God or sacred things; profane talk.

Atheist means a person who disbelieves or lacks belief in the existence of God or gods.

Bellicose means demonstrating aggression and willingness to fight.

Q25. A person who talks too much of himself

- (a) Egoist
- (b) Elite
- (c) Emetic
- (d) Egotist

S25. Ans.(d)

Sol. Egotist means a person who is excessively conceited or absorbed in themselves; self-seeker.

Elite means a select group that is superior in terms of ability or qualities to the rest of a group or society.

Emetic means a medicine or other substance which causes vomiting.

Directions (26-30): In the following questions, 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.

Q26. Sri Lanka's new President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has _____ minorities – who emphatically voted against him in the recent election – to work with him to build the country.

- (a) Commanded
- (b) Appealed
- (c) Urged
- (d) Promoted

S26. Ans.(c)

Q27. Wrong details received twice by the authorities have _____ the release of a woman lodged in one of Assam's six detention camps for foreigners since 2010.

- (a) Delayed
- (b) Advanced
- (c) Expedited
- (d) Facilitated

S27. Ans.(a)

Q28. Sources indicated that a preliminary dialogue to resolve the issue _____ held and more talks were not ruled out.

- (a) Were
- (b) Is
- (c) Would be
- (d) Was

S28. Ans.(d)

Q29. Seven individuals who were critically injured, accompanied by medical teams providing critical care, were _____ by helicopters to the nearest military hospital.

- (a) Exempted
- (b) Eluded
- (c) Evacuated
- (d) Exemplified

S29. Ans.(c)

Q30. The authorities have decided to _____ government offices with Internet that has remained blocked for 108 days.

- (a) Provide
- (b) Give
- (c) Gift
- (d) Avoid

S30. Ans.(a)



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