

Quant Mega Quiz for SSC Tier - 1 (Solutions)

Directions (1-4): Each question in this section has a sentence with three parts labelled (1), (2) and (3). Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in any part and indicate your answer against the corresponding letter. If you find no error, your answer should be indicated as. (4).

Q1. He asked her that (1)/ whether she knew (2)/ what had happened last week when she was on leave. (3)/ No error (4)

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

S1. Ans.(a)

Sol. In any sentence 'that' and 'whether' cannot be used together. Hence remove 'that' from here. It is an indirect speech of an interrogative sentence.

Q2. Until you do not go to the station (1)/ to receive him (2)/ I can hardly feel at case. (3)/ No error (4)

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

S2. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'Until' itself is giving negative sense to the sentence, use of 'not' in the sentence is redundant. Hence 'not' should be removed from here.

Q3. I did not know where they were going (1)/ nor could I understand (2)/ why had they left so soon. (3)/ No error (4)

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

S3. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'why had they' with 'why they had'. Here, we are not asking anything, just saying a fact so when we ask something helping verb comes before subject but when we state a fact helping verb comes after the subject.

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Q4. People blamed him (1)/ for being (2)/ a coward person. (3)/ No error (4)

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

S4. Ans.(c)

Sol. Remove 'person' as coward is itself a noun which means a person who is contemptibly lacking in the courage to do.

Directions (5-8): In this section, you find a number of sentences, parts of which are bold. For each bold part, four words/phrases are listed below. Choose the word/phrase nearest in meaning to the bold part.

Q5. The Deputy Inspector General made a **perfunctory** inspection of the police station.

- (a) thorough and complete
- (b) superficial
- (c) done as a routine but without interest
- (d) intensive

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. **Perfunctory** carried out without real interest, feeling, or effort. So 'done as a routine but without interest' is the correct choice.

Q6. The decision to drop the atom bomb on Hiroshima was a **grave** one.

- (a) serious
- (b) momentous
- (c) instinctive
- (d) impulsive

S6. Ans.(a)

Sol. **Grave** means serious. So 'serious' is the best choice.

Q7. A scientist generally carries out his investigations **empirically**.

- (a) intuitively
- (b) verbally
- (c) through written communication
- (d) by observation and experiment

S7. Ans.(d)

Sol. **Empirical** means based on what is experienced or seen rather than on theory. So 'by observation and experiment' is the best choice.

Q8. He is employed in an **ordnance** factory.

- (a) orthodox
- (b) arms and ammunition
- (c) electrical and electronic
- (d) ordinary and common

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. **Ordnance** means mounted guns; artillery. So 'arms and ammunition' is the correct choice.

Directions (9-10): Improve the bold part of the sentence.

Q9. **She was as pretty as**, if not prettier than, any other girl at the party.

- (a) She was very pretty
- (b) She was pretty
- (c) She was the prettiest
- (d) No improvement

S9. Ans.(d)

Sol. No improvement.

Q10. **Never I have** seen such breathtaking scenery!

- (a) Never have I
- (b) Ever I have
- (c) I cannot ever
- (d) No improvement

S10. Ans.(a)

Sol. This is a sentence of inversion. Hence Replace 'Never I have' with 'Never have I'.

Directions (11-15): Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Q11. REPRIMAND

- (a) Praise
- (b) Reminder
- (c) Rebuke
- (d) Reward

S11. Ans.(c)

Sol. **Reprimand** means punishment. Hence 'rebuke' is the correct choice.

Q12. PUNCTILIOUS

- (a) Serious
- (b) Careful
- (c) Punctual
- (d) Hardworking

S12. Ans.(c)

Sol. **Punctilious** means careful, showing great attention to detail or correct behavior. Hence 'punctual' is the correct choice.



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Q13. DISCREET

- (a) Careful
- (b) Frightful
- (c) Coward
- (d) Prejudice

S13. Ans.(a)

Sol. **Discreet** means careful and prudent in one's speech or actions. Hence 'careful' is the correct choice.

Q14. STIFLE

- (a) Starve
- (b) Stumble
- (c) Smother
- (d) Stagger

S14. Ans.(c)

Sol. **Stifle** means make someone unable to breathe properly; suffocate. Smother means kill (someone) by covering their nose and mouth so that they suffocate. Hence 'smother' is the correct choice.

Q15. BESEECH

- (a) Request
- (b) Overwhelm
- (c) Bless
- (d) Promise

S15. Ans.(a)

Sol. **Beseech** means beg or request. Hence 'request' is the correct choice.

Directions (16-20): Each question in this section has a sentence with three parts labelled (1), (2) and (3). Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in any part and indicate your answer against the corresponding letter i.e. (1) or (2) or (3). If you find no error, your answer should be indicated as (4).

Q16. Whenever possible, one should avail the opportunity (1)/ that come one's way (2)/ if one wants to achieve success in life. (3)/ No error. (4)

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

S16. Ans.(a)

Sol. Replace 'come' by 'comes' because the subject 'opportunity' is singular in number.

Q17. When my friends came to visit us (1)/ at the railway station (2)/ they left some of their luggages. (3)/ No error. (4)

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

S17. Ans.(c)

Sol. Since luggage is an uncountable noun, its plural form is same as its singular form. Replace 'luggages' by 'luggage'.



Q18. As an officer (1)/ he not only was competent (2)/ but also honest. (3)/ No error. (4)

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

S18. Ans.(b)

Sol. Use 'was' after 'he'. The clause would be 'he was not only competent'.

Q19. If you will come tomorrow (1)/ we can go to the market (2)/ and do our own shopping together. (3)/ No error. (4)

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

S19. Ans.(a)

Sol. Remove 'will'. In the conditional sentences, where both the acts are to take place in future the clause with 'if' is in present indefinite tense.

Q20. If we exercise regularly (1)/ we will be (2)/ more healthier. (3)/ No error. (4)

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

S20. Ans.(c)

Sol. Remove 'more'. 'More' is not used with an adjective in its comparative degree.

Q21. Select the wrongly spelt word.

- (a) Connivence
- (b) Deliberate
- (c) Persecution
- (d) Prosecution

S21. Ans.(a)

Sol. Correct spelling is “**Connivance**” which means willingness to allow or be secretly involved in an immoral or illegal act.

Q22. Select the word with the correct spelling.

- (a) Doleful
- (b) Dollefull
- (c) Dolefull
- (d) Dolleful

S22. Ans.(a)

Sol. Correctly spelt word is “**Doleful**” which means expressing sorrow; mournful.

Q23. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

Speak or write about in an abusively disparaging manner.

- (a) Crucify
- (b) Dignify
- (c) Basify
- (d) Vilify

S23. Ans.(d)

Sol. Vilify: speak or write about in an abusively disparaging manner.

Crucify: put (someone) to death by nailing or binding them to a cross, especially as an ancient punishment.

Dignify: make (something) seem worthy and impressive.

Basify: to convert into a base or make alkaline.

Q24. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

Happening in three years

- (a) Tercentenary
- (b) Tricentennial
- (c) Triennial
- (d) Sesquicentennial

S24. Ans.(c)

Sol. Triennial: recurring every three years.

Tricentennial: the three-hundredth anniversary of a significant event; a **tercentenary**.

Sesquicentennial: 150th anniversary.

Hence, option(c) is the only correct answer.



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Q25. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Grease the palm

- (a) To do the hard work
- (b) To bribe
- (c) To motivate someone
- (d) To deceive someone

S25. Ans.(b)

Sol. Grease the palm: to bribe one discreetly, as by slipping money into their palm.

Q26. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Tongue-in-cheek

- (a) In an insincere way
- (b) To praise wholeheartedly
- (c) A sensational news
- (d) To say something hurtful

S26. Ans.(a)

Sol. Tongue-in-cheek means jocular or humorous, though seeming or appearing to be serious. Hence, option (a) is the correct choice.

Q27. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.

- A. To end the special status of Jammu and Kashmir.
- B. On Kashmir was not convened on Tuesday, diplomatic sources have confirmed.
- C. A special meeting of the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).
- D. The meeting was sought by China to discuss India's decision.

- (a) ACBD
- (b) CDBA
- (c) BCAD
- (d) CBDA

S27. Ans.(d)

Q28. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.

- A. That will inflame partisan tensions across a deeply divided America.
- B. Abuse of power and obstruction of Congress in a historic step.
- C. As the House of Representatives formally charged him with.
- D. Donald Trump on Wednesday became the third U.S. President to be impeached.

- (a) CBAD
- (b) DCBA
- (c) ABCD
- (d) BDCA

S28. Ans.(b)

Directions (29-30): 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.

Q29. We cannot allow them to run away.

- (a) They would not be allowed to run away.
- (b) They cannot be allowed to run away.
- (c) They could not be allowed to run away.
- (d) They should not be allowed to run away.

S29. Ans.(b)

Q30. A massive search operation has been launched by the Army to nab the terrorists.

- (a) The Army has launched a massive search operation to nab the terrorists.
- (b) The Army had launched a massive search operation to nab the terrorists.
- (c) The Army launched a massive search operation to nab the terrorists.
- (d) A massive search operation has launched the Army to nab the terrorists.

S30. Ans.(a)

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