

## SSC Tier 1 Sunday English Mega Quiz – Questions with Solutions

**Q1. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.**

The childrens are fond of climbing the mango tree in the garden.

- (a) climbing the mango tree
- (b) are fond of
- (c) in the garden
- (d) The childrens

**S1. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The children itself is a plural subject hence we do not need an 's' or 'es' to make it plural.

**Q2. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.**

It is not \_\_\_\_\_ of language that makes one an ineffective speaker; It is the dearth of ideas.

- (a) difficulty
- (b) complexity
- (c) intricacy
- (d) poverty

**S2. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Intricacy:** details, especially of an involved or perplexing subject.

**Poverty:** the state of being inferior in quality or insufficient in amount; dearth; scarcity.

'Poverty' is the most appropriate choice as it is synonym to 'dearth' and the two clauses used in the sentence imply towards the usage of two nouns similar in meaning.

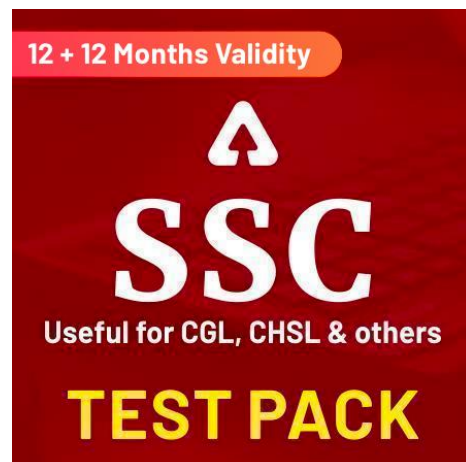
**Q3. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom**

Late in the day

- (a) too old to work
- (b) too ripe to eat
- (c) too dark to see anything
- (d) too delayed to be of any use

**S3. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Late in the day:** at a late stage in proceedings, especially too late to be useful.



**Q4. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the segment in bold in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select No improvement.**

**If I does not pay** my post-paid mobile bill by tomorrow I will probably have to pay a fine.

- (a) If I had not paid
- (b) No improvement
- (c) If I has not paid
- (d) If I do not pay

**S4. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** 'Do' is the correct helping verb to use with first person pronoun (I and we) in first type of conditional sentence.

**Q5. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.**

They will not allow mobile phones in the examination hall.

- (a) Mobile phones were not allowed in the examination hall.
- (b) Mobile phones are not being allowed in the examination hall.
- (c) Mobile phones will not be allowed in the examination hall.
- (d) Mobile phones are not allowed in the examination hall.

**S5. Ans.(c)**

**Q6. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.**

- A. But now that his father had asked him to fetch some cheroots, he would have to pass by the high school to reach the shop.
- B. The teachers and students would all be there, and he was ashamed of being seen outdoors.
- C. Of late Krishna had confined himself to the four walls of the house.
- D. Wondering how to get past the school unnoticed, he slowly ventured out.

- (a) CBDA
- (b) ACBD
- (c) CABD
- (d) DACB

**S6. Ans.(c)**

**Q7. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.**

**CHRONIC**

- (a) routine
- (b) regular
- (c) infrequent
- (d) continuing

**S7. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Chronic:** (of an illness) persisting for a long time or constantly recurring.

**Infrequent:** not occurring often; rare.

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

Draw a blank

- (a) be unsuccessful
- (b) be happy about something
- (c) be unable to sketch
- (d) be lucky in a game

**S8. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Draw a blank:** elicit no successful response; fail.

**Q9. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.**

The two states frequently has differences over the use of the river water especially during the summer months.

- (a) over the use of the river water
- (b) The two states frequently
- (c) has differences
- (d) especially during the summer months

**S9. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** For plural subjects, plural verbs are used.

Hence use 'have' in place of 'has'.

**Q10. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick one that gives their correct order.**

- A. Today, man is master of the world and he makes the animals do what he likes.
- B. Others he eats; and those like the lion and the tiger, he shoots for pleasure.
- C. Early man, when he first came, must have been surrounded by many huge animals, and he must have lived in fear of them.
- D. Some he tames like the horse, the cow, the elephant, the dog, the cat and so many others.

- (a) CADB
- (b) CBDA
- (c) ACBD
- (d) BCDA

**S10. Ans.(a)**

**Q11. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.**

- A. He would sit at the edge of her mother's bed and stare into her crib.
- B. Arvind bumbled down the interminable corridor, suddenly reminded of his daughter in the days after she was born.
- C. As a proportion to the fragment of life his daughter had seen, an hour was a vast sprawling space.
- D. Some days he would imagine the world through her eyes and he would feel in his heart how long an hour actually was.

- (a) BCDA
- (b) BADC
- (c) DACB
- (d) ABCD

**S11. Ans.(b)**

**Q12. Select the correct passive form of the given sentence.**

They will put away their woollens after the festival of Holi.

- (a) Their woollens are being put away after the festival of Holi.
- (b) Their woollens have been put away after the festival of Holi.
- (c) Their woollens will be put away after the festival of Holi.
- (d) Their woollens are put away after the festival of Holi.

**S12. Ans.(c)**

**Q13. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the segment in bold in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select No improvement.**

The female ostrich guards the nest at night and the male **guard it in the day**.

- (a) guard it during the day.
- (b) guarding it during day.
- (c) guards it during the day.
- (d) No improvement

**S13. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Replace “guard” with “guards” as the subject (male guard) is singular in nature so singular verb is required.

**Q14. Select the most appropriate option to substitute the segment in bold in the given sentence. If no substitution is required, select No improvement.**

How long **you are living** in this city?

- (a) are you live
- (b) are you been living
- (c) No improvement
- (d) have you lived

**S14. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** “How long” indicates a period or length of time, with a beginning and ending point. We use present perfect tense when we want to talk about unfinished actions or states or habits that started in the past and continue to the present. Usually we use it to say 'how long' and we need 'since' or 'for'.

**Q15. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.**

Impossible to satisfy

- (a) satisfactory
- (b) satisfiable
- (c) contented
- (d) insatiable

**S15. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** **Insatiable** is (especially of a desire or need) too great to be satisfied.

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**Q16. Select the correct active form of the given sentence.**

Rudra was laughed at by all his friends when he wore his socks inside-out.

- (a) If Rudra wears his socks inside-out all his friends will laugh at him.
- (b) When Rudra wore his socks inside-out all his friends were laughing at him.
- (c) All his friends will be laughing at Rudra for wearing his socks inside-out.
- (d) All his friends laughed at Rudra when he wore his socks inside-out.

**S16. Ans.(d)**

**Q17. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.**

Today, \_\_\_\_\_ society is literally poisoning the earth with acid rain.

- (a) cosmopolitan
- (b) developing
- (c) growing
- (d) industrialised

**S17. Ans.(d)**

**Q18. Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom in bold in the given sentence.**

Let us have all the regulations **in black and white**.

- (a) painted in colour
- (b) printed in coloured ink
- (c) written on the black-board
- (d) in writing

**S18. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. In black and white (idiom)** means 'in writing' especially an agreement, contract, or other formal document.

**Q19. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.**

Although there are more than a hundred known elements, they rarely occur at a pure state.

- (a) more than a hundred
- (b) Although there are
- (c) at a pure state
- (d) they rarely occur

**S19. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** It seems that use of "at" preposition is incorrect here. Replace "at" with "in".

**Q20. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.**

You may left the class when you have completed the test.

- (a) the class
- (b) when you have
- (c) completed the test
- (d) You may left

**S20. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Modal verbs are auxiliary verbs (also called helping verbs) like can, will, could, shall, must, would, may, might, and should. After a modal verb, the root form of a verb is generally used. Thus replace "left" with "leave".

**Q21. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.**

- A. It is a popular tourist spot for watching the sunset and sunrise over the ocean.
- B. Kanyakumari is a coastal town in the State of Tamil Nadu on India's southern tip.
- C. It is also a noted pilgrimage site, thanks to its Bagvathi Amman Temple and Our Lady of Ransom Church, a centre of Indian Catholicism.
- D. Jutting out into the Laccadive sea, the town was known as Cape Comorin during the British rule.

- (a) ACDB
- (b) DCAB
- (c) BDAC
- (d) BCDA

**S21. Ans.(c)**

**Q22. Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom in bold in the given sentence.**

The invigilator did not know that the two boys were exchanging notes **under his nose**.

- (a) written in small letters
- (b) rolled into small pellets
- (c) wrapped in handkerchiefs
- (d) right in front of him

**S22. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Under one's nose** is an idiom which means in a place easy to see or find.

**Q23. Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.**

The guard said to the visitors, "Do not take photographs inside the museum."

- (a) The guard forbade the visitors to take photographs inside the museum.
- (b) The guard told the visitors that do not take photographs inside the museum.
- (c) The guard requested the visitors to not took photographs inside the museum.
- (d) The guard warned the visitors not to be taking photographs inside the museum.

**S23. Ans.(a)**

**Q24. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.**

- A. It hurts the heart most of all by inflating blood pressure.
- B. You can blow up and let it out or bottle it up and ignore it.
- C. The question then arises- What to do about it?
- D. Researchers have long agreed that anger hurts your health.

- (a) B C A D
- (b) D A C B
- (c) C A D B
- (d) D B C A

**S24. Ans.(b)**

**Q25. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word.**

There is a \_\_\_\_\_ growth of flowers in tropical countries.

- (a) pious
- (b) plenty
- (c) luxuriant
- (d) powerful

**S25. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Luxuriant:** (of vegetation) rich and profuse in growth; lush.

**Pious:** devoutly religious.

**Directions (26-30): In the following passage some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.**

Marine Conservation Society is hosting the Anjarle Turtle festival 2019, aiming to make more people aware about Olive Ridley turtles. The sea (1) \_\_\_\_\_ get their names from their olive-coloured (2) \_\_\_\_\_. They grow to about two feet in (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and reportedly mate at around 1000 kilometers from the Anjarle (4) \_\_\_\_\_. These turtles come to the beach to lay (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Q26. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. (1)**

- (a) snakes
- (b) fish
- (c) animal
- (d) turtles

**S26. Ans.(d)**

**Q27. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. (2)**

- (a) wings
- (b) shells
- (c) feathers
- (d) beaks

**S27. Ans.(b)**

**Q28. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. (3)**

- (a) length
- (b) growth
- (c) weight
- (d) depth

**S28. Ans.(a)**

**Q29. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. (4)**

- (a) festival
- (b) beach
- (c) sea
- (d) sand

**S29. Ans.(b)**

**Q30. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.(5)**

- (a) young ones
- (b) eggs
- (c) pebbles
- (d) shells

**S30. Ans.(b)**

