

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

**Q1. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.**

**Tortuous**

- (a) Neutral
- (b) Aloof
- (c) Zealotry
- (d) Sinuous

**S1. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Tortuous:** full of twists and turns.

**Sinuous:** having many curves and turns.

Hence, 'sinuous' is the correct synonym.

**Aloof:** not friendly or forthcoming; cool and distant.

**Zealotry:** fanatical and uncompromising pursuit of religious, political, or other ideals; fanaticism.

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

**Cornucopia**

- (a) Meagre
- (b) Abundance
- (c) Insipid
- (d) Tedious

**S2. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Cornucopia:** an abundant supply of good things of a specified kind.

**Meagre:** (of something provided or available) lacking in quantity or quality.

**Insipid:** lacking flavour; weak or tasteless.

**Tedious:** too long, slow, or dull; tiresome or monotonous.

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

**Putative**

- (a) supposed
- (b) ad-lib
- (c) authenticated
- (d) mocking

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**S3. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Putative:** Commonly believed or deemed to be the case; accepted by supposition rather than as a result of proof.

**Authenticated:** established as genuine.

It is the correct antonym of the given word.

**Ad-lib:** without previous preparation.

**Mocking:** making fun of someone or something in a cruel way; derisive.

**Q4. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.**

**Consternation**

- (a) derision
- (b) compulsion
- (c) satisfaction
- (d) acquisition

**S4. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Consternation:** a feeling of anxiety or dismay, typically at something unexpected.

**Compulsion:** the action or state of forcing or being forced to do something; constraint.

Meanings of other words are:

**Derision:** contemptuous ridicule or mockery.

**Satisfaction:** fulfilment of one's wishes, expectations, or needs, or the pleasure derived from this.

**Acquisition:** an asset or object bought or obtained, typically by a library or museum.

**Q5. Select the wrongly spelt word.**

- (a) myopia
- (b) diarrhoea
- (c) rapture
- (d) baragge

**S5. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Correct spelling is "barrage".**

**Barrage:** a concentrated artillery bombardment over a wide area.

Nearsightedness (**myopia**) is a common vision condition in which you can see objects near to you clearly, but objects farther away are blurry.

**Diarrhoea** is when your bowel movements become loose or watery.

**Rapture:** a feeling of intense pleasure or joy.

**Q6. Select the correctly spelt word.**

- (a) gruelling
- (b) nonplussed
- (c) frigate
- (d) burdensum

**S6. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correctly spelt word is “**frigate**”.

**Frigate:** any of several different types of small and fast warships

Correct spelling and meanings of other words are:

**Grueling:** extremely tiring and demanding.

**Nonplussed:** so surprised and confused that one is unsure how to react.

**Burdensome:** difficult to carry out or fulfil; taxing.

**Q7. In the following question, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive voice. Out of four alternatives suggested, select the one, which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice.**

He encouraged his son to be emotionally expressive.

- (a) His son is encouraged to be emotionally expressive.
- (b) His son were encouraged by him to be emotionally expressive.
- (c) His son was encouraged by him to be emotionally expressive.
- (d) none of these

**S7. Ans.(c)**

**Q8. In the following question, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one, which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect/Direct speech.**

The coach said, “Both players have been suffering from niggling injuries.”

- (a) The coach said that both players had been suffering from niggling injuries.
- (b) The coach said that both players have been suffering from niggling injuries.
- (c) The coach said that both players would have been suffering from niggling injuries.
- (d) The coach said both players have been suffering from niggling injuries.

**S8. Ans.(a)**

**Directions (9-10). Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.**

**Q9. (P)** While the PLOTE militants seized many key points across the city, the one area they had forgotten to keep an eye on was Hulhule Airport.

**(S)** And quickly took control of the airport, Operation Cactus: Mission Impossible in the Maldives adds.

**(R)** They then made their way into the capital using commandeered boats and rescued President Gayoom, driving out the militants.

**(Q)** With no one keeping watch over this point of entry, Indian troops landed,

- (a) PSRQ
- (b) SQRP
- (c) PQSR
- (d) RSQP

**S9. Ans.(c)**

**Q10. (R)** The level of income they generate and the volatility of this income.

(P) If we discard the mental model that has long classified jobs as formal and informal, and look at work afresh,

(Q) For instance, a graphic designer could earn tens of lakhs of rupees a year, but go without income for several months at a stretch.

(S) We observe that jobs vary along two fundamental characteristics:

(a) PSRQ

(b) SQRP

(c) PQSR

(d) RQSP

**S10. Ans.(a)**

**Q11. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.**

\_\_\_\_\_ certain key decisions of his government, Mr. Manohar referred to the trust set up for the construction of the factory in Agra and said it would work “rapidly.”

(a) Entreating

(b) Citing

(c) Eliciting

(d) Setting

**S11. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Cite:** refer to (a passage, book, or author) as evidence for or justification of an argument or statement, especially in a scholarly work.

**Elicit:** evoke or draw out (a reaction, answer, or fact) from someone.


**Entreating:** expressing an earnest or anxious request; pleading.

**Directions (12-16): 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.**

The Madhav National Park has claimed denotified land is unavailable for \_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_ to 39 tribal families displaced 20-years ago to make way for a tiger corridor, even though hundreds of others \_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_ for to vacate the Park continue to farm and \_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_ upon the corridor unchecked. Moreover, tigers are yet to be reintroduced in the park, let alone the corridor’s development.

Over several years, the Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF), Shivpuri circle, has \_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_ the encroachment to the State Chief Wildlife Warden and the district administration stating “the corridor land hasn’t been vacated, and several families who’ve received the compensation continue their encroachment and many \_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_ to resume farming,” and that “no action had been taken so far,” reveals an October 2019 letter.

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**Q12. Select the most appropriate option for blank No.1.**

- (a) design
- (b) devoting
- (c) hand out
- (d) allotment

**S12. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Allotment:** action of giving or apportioning (something) to someone.

**Q13. Select the most appropriate option for blank No.2.**

- (a) recouped
- (b) wanted
- (c) compensated
- (d) penalized

**S13. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Compensate:** give (someone) something, typically money, in recognition of loss, suffering, or injury incurred; recompense.

**Recoup:** regain (something lost or expended).

**Wanted:** (of a suspected criminal) be sought by the police for questioning.

**Q14. Select the most appropriate option for blank No.3.**

- (a) violate
- (b) encroach
- (c) barged in
- (d) confiscated

**S14. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Encroach:** intrude on (a person's territory, rights, personal life, etc.).

**Q15. Select the most appropriate option for blank No.4.**

- (a) flagged
- (b) advised
- (c) recommend
- (d) instructed

**S15. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Flagged:** mark (an item) for attention or treatment in a specified way.

**Q16. Select the most appropriate option for blank No.5.**

- (a) have returned
- (b) has return
- (c) returned
- (d) had returned

**S16. Ans.(a)**

**Directions (17-18): Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.**

**Q17. Fare thee well**

- (a) To live like a saint so that you are the best in the living world as well as the heavens
- (b) To be lucky in life as well as in death
- (c) The highest degree; perfection.
- (d) To be popular amongst both the opposing groups

**S17. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Fare thee well:** a state of perfection.

**Q18. Hit (one's) stride**

- (a) A hopeless search for something unattainable
- (b) An adventurous trip full of surprises
- (c) To waste a lot of time and effort for small returns
- (d) To start traveling at a consistent pace.

**S18. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Hit (one's) stride:** Achieve a steady, effective pace, as in, 'After the first few laps around the track he hit his stride'.

**Q19. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.**

Formal acknowledgement of loyalty to a lord.

- (a) gaiety
- (b) haughtiness
- (c) debased
- (d) fealty

**S19. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Fealty:** formal acknowledgement of loyalty to a lord.

**Gaiety:** the state or quality of being light-hearted or cheerful.

**Haughtiness:** the appearance or quality of being arrogantly superior and disdainful.

**Debased:** reduce (something) in quality or value; degrade.

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

The two first to arrive were the lucky recipients of a music concert tickets.

- (a) The two first to arrive
- (b) were the lucky recipients
- (c) of a music concert tickets.
- (d) No error

**S20. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** "First two" will replace "two first" because 'two' and 'first' are numeral adjectives. They are arranged in a particular order. Ordinal is placed before numerical adjectives.

**Directions (21-25): Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.**

**Q21. We learnt that in Nubian culture the crocodile (has been considered) special.**

- (a) is considered
- (b) was considered
- (c) had been considered
- (d) No Improvement

**S21. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The sentence is in 'Past Indefinite Tense' which makes the usage of 'was considered' correct.

**Q22. Do take an umbrella with you (lest you do not get well).**

- (a) lest you might not get well
- (b) lest you should not get well
- (c) lest you should get well
- (d) No Improvement

**S22. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'Lest' takes modal 'should' with it but tends to give an affirmative appearance to the sentence with a negative meaning, thus not followed by negative words.

Hence option C is an apt choice.

**Q23. The department has been running programs (for the past two years).**

- (a) from the past two years
- (b) since the past two years
- (c) the past two years
- (d) No improvement

**S23. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Present Perfect/Present Perfect Continuous Tense +.....For + Time. Moreover, 'For' is used for a period of time which fits well here. Hence no improvement is required.

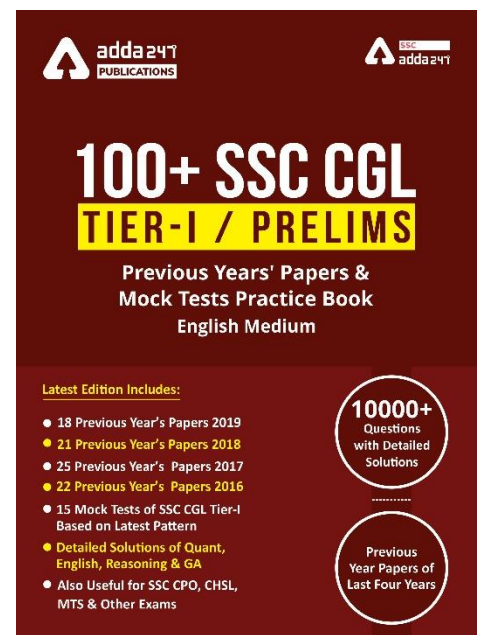
**Q24. I shall see him only if he (agreed) to bear the cost.**

- (a) agrees
- (b) has agreed
- (c) had agreed
- (d) No improvement

**S24. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Simple present tense i.e. 'Sub + V1 + s/es + Object' is used in secondary clause if primary clause is in 'Future Indefinite Tense'.

Hence option A is correct.





**Q25. I (ran over) an old-school friend at the mall.**

- (a) ran out
- (b) ran into
- (c) gave out
- (d) No Improvement

**S25. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Run over (phrasal verb): drive a vehicle over a person/thing.

Run out (phrasal verb): have none left

Run into (phrasal verb): meet unexpectedly

Give out (phrasal verb): give to many people at no cost.

Hence option B is correct.

**Q26. Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.**

**Bequest**

- (a) Accord
- (b) Damage
- (c) Complex
- (d) Withdraw

**S26. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Bequest:** the money or property that someone, after death, gives to someone else.

**Withdraw:** the action of withdrawing something.

**Directions (27-29): Identify the segment in the sentence, which contains the grammatical error.**

**Q27. He has promised to finish the whole sowing process of 2 hectares with the stipulated time.**

- (a) He has promised to finish
- (b) the whole sowing process of
- (c) 2 hectares in with the stipulated time.
- (d) No error

**S27. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Within** (Prep.) a stipulated time means before that length of time has passed. Hence, “**within**” will replace “**with**” in the given sentence.

**Q28. As a colleague, Vikas is very obedient, polite and hardworking but as an employee, he is always inattentive in work.**

- (a) As a colleague Vikas is very obedient polite
- (b) and hardworking but as an employee,
- (c) he is always inattentive in work.
- (d) No error

**S28. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** “To” will replace “in” because **inattentive** (Adj.) agrees with preposition “to”.



**Q29. Many a men is willing to help the poor.**

- (a) Many a men
- (b) is willing to help
- (c) the poor.
- (d) No error

**S29. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Replace “men” with “man” because after ‘Many a’, both the noun and verb in a sentence are always **singular**.

**Q30. Out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence in the question.**

A person without a home, job or property

- (a) Derelict
- (b) Hoary
- (c) Coy
- (d) Prattle

**S30. Ans.(a)**

