

SSC Tier 1 Sunday English Mega Quiz – Questions with Solutions

Q1. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

A state of perfect balance

- (a) equinox
- (b) equivalent
- (c) equilibrium
- (d) equilateral

S1. Ans.(c)

Sol. Equinox: the time or date (twice each year) at which the sun crosses the celestial equator, when day and night are of equal length (about 22 September and 20 March).

Equivalent: equal in value, amount, function, meaning, etc.

Equilateral: having all its sides of the same length.

Q2. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.

- A. Lyrics help in creating a distinctive narrative, some conventions of which have been carried over from the talkies era.
- B. Thus, songs have outlived films in people's memories.
- C. However, songs seem to have acquired a musical grammar of their own, establishing an emotional chord with the listeners.
- D. In popular Indian cinema, lyrics are to music what the heart is to the body.

- (a) ABCD
- (b) DCBA
- (c) DACB
- (d) ADBC

S2. Ans.(c)

Q3. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.

- A. So, I had thoughts of setting up an Indian restaurant there with my wife's support.
- B. It took us two months to redesign the place to suit our needs.
- C. One of the things I really missed when I set up home in Maryland, was a restaurant that served authentic Indian food.
- D. I decided to pursue this idea seriously and bought an old building in the downtown.

- (a) BCDA
- (b) CADB
- (c) CBAD
- (d) DACB

S3. Ans.(b)

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Q4. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

Not complying by any of the laws can land you into serious trouble.

- (a) Not complying by
- (b) any of the laws
- (c) into serious trouble
- (d) can land you

S4. Ans.(a)

Sol. "With" is the correct preposition to use. "Comply with," which means "to act or be in accordance with a wish, request, demand, requirement, or condition."

Q5. In the sentence identify the segment which contains the grammatical error.

Raja Ravi Varma was one of the first artist who tried to create a style that was both modern and traditional.

- (a) Raja Ravi Varma was
- (b) both modern and traditional.
- (c) to create a style that was
- (d) one of the first artist

S5. Ans.(d)

Sol. "One of" takes plural noun with it. Use "one of the first artists" instead of "one of the artist."

Q6. Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom in bold in the given sentence.

Many people join politics to **feather their own nest**.

- (a) make others' life comfortable
- (b) promote their own interest
- (c) utilize black money
- (d) serve their country

S6. Ans.(b)

Sol. To **feather your own nest** means to make yourself rich, especially in a way that is unfair or dishonest.

Q7. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

The roads at 15000 feet are not easily navigable and the air is _____ and freezing.

- (a) rarefied
- (b) intensified
- (c) elevated
- (d) exalted

S7. Ans.(a)

Sol. Rarefied: (of air, especially that at high altitudes) of lower pressure than usual; thin.

Exalted: (of a person or their rank or status) at a high or powerful level.

Q8. Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom in bold in the given sentence.

The man heaved a sigh of relief when he was sure he was **out of the woods**.

- (a) discharged from hospital
- (b) released from prison
- (c) out of danger
- (d) out of the forest

S8. Ans.(c)

Sol. Out of the woods means out of danger or difficulty.

Q9. Select the correctly spelt word.

- (a) exilarate
- (b) exhilerate
- (c) exilerate
- (d) exhilarate

S9. Ans.(d)

Sol. Exhilarate is the correct synonym.

Exhilarate: make (someone) feel very happy, animated, or elated.

Q10. Select the correct active form of the given sentence.

We were given very little time to prepare the presentation.

- (a) They have given us very little time to prepare the presentation.
- (b) They gave us very little time to prepare the presentation.
- (c) They will give us very little time to prepare the presentation.
- (d) They give us very little time to prepare the presentation.

S10. Ans.(b)

Directions (11-13): Choose among the following that best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Q11. Barge

- (a) Enter somewhere
- (b) Exit from
- (c) Move forcefully
- (d) Shove

S11. Ans.(c)

Sol. Barge means move forcefully or roughly.

Shove: push (someone or something) roughly.

Q12. Grift

- (a) Fealty
- (b) Strength
- (c) Treachery
- (d) Simple

S12. Ans.(c)

Grift: ways of getting money dishonestly that involve tricking someone.

Fealty: intense fidelity.

Treachery: the quality of being deceptive.

Q13. Relegate

(a) Degrade

(b) Promote

(c) Ablaze

(d) Assume

S13. Ans.(a)

Sol. Relegate means transfer to a lower division.

Degrade means reduce (someone) to a lower rank, especially as a punishment.

Hence 'relegate' and 'degrade' are similar in meanings.

Directions (14-16): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the word which is opposite in meaning to the given word and click the button corresponding to it.

Q14. Chagrin

(a) Remorse

(b) Sniffle

(c) Famished

(d) Pleasure

S14. Ans.(d)

Sol. Chagrin: feel distressed or humiliated.

Sniffle: sniff slightly or repeatedly, typically because of a cold or fit of crying.

Remorse: deep regret

Famished: extremely hungry.

Hence option D is the correct antonym.



Q15. Diabolical

(a) Lavish

(b) Ornate

(c) Wicked

(d) Moral

S15. Ans.(d)

Sol. Diabolical: disgracefully bad or unpleasant.

Ornate: elaborately or highly decorated.

Hence option D is the correct antonym.

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Q16. Hew

- (a) Prune
- (b) Chop
- (c) Agglutinate
- (d) Cleave

S16. Ans.(c)

Sol. Hew means chop or cut (something, especially wood or coal) with an axe, pick, or other tool.

Agglutinate means firmly stick or be stuck together to form a mass.

Directions (17-19): In the following questions, four words are given out of which one word is incorrectly spelt. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

Q17.

- (a) Stolid
- (b) Pyre
- (c) Streak
- (d) Dirg

S17. Ans.(d)

Sol. Correct spelling is Dirge.

Q18.

- (a) Nacsent
- (b) Coeval
- (c) Snub
- (d) Veneer

S18. Ans.(a)

Sol. Correct spelling is Nascent.

Q19.

- (a) Ineptitude
- (b) Trudge
- (c) Frenetic
- (d) Forfeit

S19. Ans.(c)

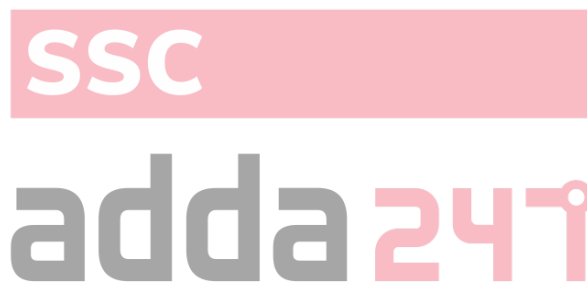
Sol. Correct Spelling is Frenetic.

Q20.

- (a) Afforestation
- (b) Translucent
- (c) Foreigner
- (d) Achievement

S20. Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct spelling is Translucent.



Q21. Select the synonym of the given word.

Precarious

- (a) uncertain
- (b) precious
- (c) negligible
- (d) secure

S21. Ans.(a)

Sol. Precarious means not securely held or in position; dangerously likely to fall or collapse. So, “**uncertain**” is the best suited synonym out of the given alternatives.

Directions (22-23): 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.

Q22. What makes you so confident?

- (a) What made you so confident?
- (b) By what you are made so confident?
- (c) By what are you made so confident?
- (d) You are made so confident by what?

S22. Ans.(c)

Q23. People consider that he is very genuine.

- (a) He is being very genuine is considered by people.
- (b) It is considered that he is very genuine.
- (c) People considered that he was very genuine.
- (d) His genuineness is considered by people.

S23. Ans.(b)

Q24. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Select the option that gives their correct order.

- A. Colistin is considered the last-resort medicine to treat a person with life-threatening infection.
- B. In July, in its fight against the growing problem of resistance to antibiotics.
- C. The manufacture, sale and use of colistin in the poultry industry.
- D. In disease-causing germs, the Indian government banned.

- (a) ABCD
- (b) CDAB
- (c) DBCA
- (d) BDCA

S24. Ans.(d)

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Q25. Select the word with the correct spelling.

- (a) Equenimity
- (b) Equanimity
- (c) Equannimity
- (d) Equennimity

S25. Ans.(b)

Sol. “**Equanimity**” is the correct spelling which means calmness and composure, especially in a difficult situation.

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

To cry wolf

- (a) to keep complaining over small issues
- (b) to raise a false alarm
- (c) to act as if one feels sorry for the other person
- (d) to report to a higher authority the mistakes committed by others

S26. Ans.(b)

Sol. “**To cry wolf**” is an English idiom which means to call for help when it is not needed, with the effect that one is not believed when one really does need help.

Q27. Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

Don't speak (whether) someone speaks to you.

- (a) until
- (b) even
- (c) though
- (d) No improvement

S27. Ans.(a)

Sol. We use **until** as a subordinating conjunction to connect an action or an event to a point in time. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

Q28. Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.

The brutal rape and murder of a 27-year-old veterinarian in Hyderabad has triggered a debate once again on _____ punishment.

- (a) corporal
- (b) physical
- (c) capital
- (d) heinous

S28. Ans.(c)

Sol. **Capital punishment** means the legally authorized killing of someone as punishment for a crime.

Q29. Select the antonym of the given word.

Apostle

- (a) Adherent
- (b) Unconditional
- (c) Stickler
- (d) Critic

S29. Ans.(d)

Sol. Apostle: a vigorous and pioneering advocate or supporter of a particular policy, idea, or cause.

Critic: a person who expresses an unfavorable opinion of something.

Q30. Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

One who is new to a profession

- (a) Nuance
- (b) Pun
- (c) Tyro
- (d) Vandal

S30. Ans.(c)

Sol. Tyro: a beginner or novice.

Nuance: a subtle difference in or shade of meaning, expression, or sound.

Pun: a joke exploiting the different possible meanings of a word or the fact that there are words which sound alike but have different meanings.

Vandal: a person who deliberately destroys or damages property belonging to others.

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