

SSC Tier 1 Sunday English Mega Quiz – Questions with Solutions

Directions (1-5): Select the appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Q1. The lion's mouth

- (a) Strict rules
- (b) Harsh spoken
- (c) Brave
- (d) A dangerous situation

S1. Ans.(d)

Sol. **The lion's mouth:** a place or situation that is fraught with risk or danger.

Q2. A stiff-necked person

- (a) Honest and open
- (b) An obstinate person
- (c) A source of quarrel
- (d) Ordinary person

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. **A stiff-necked person:** haughty, stubborn.

Q3. Cross out

- (a) Interrupt
- (b) Summon up
- (c) Eliminate
- (d) Inflate

S3. Ans.(c)

Sol. **Cross out:** to remove someone or something from a list or record.

Q4. Make away with

- (a) To compensate
- (b) To kill
- (c) To find out
- (d) To understand

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol. **Make away with:** kill (someone) furtively and illicitly.



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Q5. To put one out of countenance

- (a) To put a difficulty in the way of progress
- (b) To provoke quarrel
- (c) To make one feel ashamed
- (d) To deceive someone

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. To put one out of countenance means uneasy; ashamed.

Directions (6-10): Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words.

Q6. A large bound bundle of paper, hay or cotton

- (a) barrel
- (b) bale
- (c) gale
- (d) cache

S6. Ans.(b)

Sol. Barrel: a cylindrical container bulging out in the middle, traditionally made of wooden staves with metal hoops round them.

Gale: a very strong wind.

Cache: a collection of items of the same type stored in a hidden or inaccessible place.

Q7. Instrument used for coding and decoding messages

- (a) chronometer
- (b) cryptograph
- (c) cardiograph
- (d) crescograph

S7. Ans.(b)

Sol. Chronometer: an instrument for measuring time accurately in spite of motion or variations in temperature, humidity, and air pressure.

Cardiograph: an instrument for recording heart muscle activity, such as an electrocardiograph.

Crescograph: a device for measuring the growth in plants.

Q8. The base frame of a car or other wheeled vehicle

- (a) fuselage
- (b) bonnet
- (c) chassis
- (d) cockpit

S8. Ans.(c)

Sol. Fuselage: the main body of an aircraft.

Bonnet: the hinged metal canopy covering the engine of a motor vehicle.

Cockpit: a compartment for the pilot, and sometimes also the crew, in an aircraft or spacecraft.

Q9. Things or people of the same kind

- (a) contemporaries
- (b) homogeneous
- (c) fellows
- (d) colleagues

S9. Ans.(b)

Sol. Homogeneous: of the same kind; alike.

Contemporaries: a person or thing living or existing at the same time as another.

Q10. A small group of people having control of a country

- (a) oligarchy
- (b) plutocracy
- (c) aristocracy
- (d) theocracy

S10. Ans.(a)

Sol. Plutocracy: government by the wealthy.

Aristocracy: a state in which governing power is held by the nobility.

Theocracy: a system of government in which priests rule in the name of God or a god.

Directions (11-13): Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error. If there is no error, select 'No error'.

Q11. Each of the students participating in the drawing competition have to bring his own materials.

- (a) Each of the students participating
- (b) in the drawing competition have
- (c) to bring his own materials.
- (d) No error

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace “have” with “has” because after “Each of” the noun or pronoun is always plural but, the verb remains singular. Hence, option (b) is the correct choice.

Q12. The Academy Awards is an annual event put up by the Academy of Motion Pictures Art and Sciences.

- (a) The Academy Awards is an annual
- (b) event put up by the Academy
- (c) of Motion Pictures Art and Sciences.
- (d) No error

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace “put up” with “put on”. **Put on** is a phrasal verb which means to organize an event, show, performance etc. while “**put up**” means to stay temporarily in accommodation other than one's own home.

Q13. The suggestion given by Deepak is as bad, if not worst than the one suggested by Harish.

- (a) The suggestion given by Deepak
- (b) is as bad, if not worst than
- (c) the one suggested by Harish.
- (d) No error

S13. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace “worst” with “worse”. Here, comparative degree i.e. “is bad, if not worse” is the right usage.

Directions (14-15): Select the correctly spelt word.

Q14.

- (a) cummulative
- (b) comemmorative
- (c) accumulative
- (d) accommodative

S14. Ans.(d)

Sol. The correctly spelt word is accommodative

The correct spellings of the other words are cumulative, commemorative, accumulative

Q15.

- (a) benidiction
- (b) besmerch
- (c) beneficent
- (d) benevolence

S15. Ans.(d)

Sol. The correctly spelt word is benevolence

The correct spellings of the other words are benediction, besmirch, beneficent

Directions (16-20): Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words.

Q16. Very rude or coarse; vulgar.

- (a) gross
- (b) adipose
- (c) porcine
- (d) corpulent

S16. Ans.(a)

Sol. Adipose: (especially of body tissue) used for the storage of fat.

Porcine: of, affecting, or resembling a pig or pigs.

Corpulent: (of a person) fat.

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Q17. To stop doing something; cease or abstain.

- (a) to endure
- (b) to desist
- (c) to persevere
- (d) to dismay

S17. Ans.(b)

Sol. Endure: suffer (something painful or difficult) patiently.

Persevere: continue in a course of action even in the face of difficulty or with little or no indication of success.

Dismay: concern and distress caused by something unexpected.

Q18. Causing a burning sensation like that of hot liquid on the skin

- (a) piping
- (b) igneous
- (c) frosty
- (d) scalding

S18. Ans.(d)

Sol. Igneous: relating to or involving volcanic or plutonic processes.

Scalding: very hot; burning.

Q19. An organization set up to provide help and raise money for those in need.

- (a) conglomerate
- (b) donation
- (c) charity
- (d) dole

S19. Ans.(c)

Sol. Conglomerate: a thing consisting of a number of different and distinct parts or items that are grouped together.

Donation: the action of donating something.

Dole: benefit paid by the state to the unemployed.

Q20. To lift or haul something heavy with great effort.

- (a) heave
- (b) shrimp
- (c) wimp
- (d) runt

S20. Ans.(a)

Sol. Shrimp: a small, physically weak person.

Wimp: a weak and cowardly or unadventurous person.

Runt: a small pig or other animal, especially the smallest in a litter.

Q21. 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'.

The authorities **are looked on the matter**.

- (a) No substitution
- (b) are looked into the matter
- (c) are looking into the matter
- (d) are looking on the matter

S21. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace “are looked on the matter” with “are looking into the matter”. **Look into something** means to examine the facts about a problem or situation.

Q22. Select the option that can be used as a one-word substitute for the given group of words.

Words written on a tombstone in the memory of the person who has died

- (a) prologue
- (b) epilogue
- (c) stela
- (d) epitaph

S22. Ans.(d)

Sol. Prologue is a part that comes at the beginning of a play, story, or long poem, often giving information about events that happened before the time when the play, story, or poem begins.

Epilogue is a speech or piece of text that is added to the end of a play or book, often giving a short statement about what happens to the characters after the play or book finishes.

Stela is an upright stone slab or column typically bearing a commemorative inscription or relief design, often serving as a gravestone.

Q23. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error. If there is no error, select 'No error'

We watched the workmen to repair the tiles of the kitchen.

- (a) of the kitchen
- (b) We watched the workmen
- (c) No error
- (d) to repair the tiles

S23. Ans.(d)

Sol. Replace “to repair” with “repair”. Direct Infinitive is used after the verbs- let, bid, make, know, help, feel, hear, watch, see etc. Direct Infinitive is used only when these verbs are used in active voice.

Q24. Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error.

A large section of a hotel under construction collapse in New Orleans last Saturday.

- (a) under construction
- (b) collapse in New Orleans
- (c) last Saturday
- (d) A large section of a hotel

S24. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace “collapse” with “collapsed”. “Last Saturday” denotes the sentence is in simple past tense thus second form of verb should be used.

Q25. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

TRANQUIL

- (a) nervous
- (b) agitated
- (c) calm
- (d) wild

S25. Ans.(c)

Sol. Tranquil means free from disturbance; calm.

Agitated means feeling or appearing troubled or nervous.

Q26. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.

APPLAUD

- (a) denounce
- (b) magnify
- (c) commend
- (d) approve

S26. Ans.(a)

Sol. Applaud means show approval or praise by clapping.

Denounce means to criticize something or someone strongly and publicly.

Q27. 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'.

The tree was uprooted by the storm last evening, **isn't it?**

- (a) didn't it
- (b) wasn't it
- (c) was it
- (d) No substitution

S27. Ans.(b)

Sol. Since the sentence is in past tense replace question tag "isn't" with "wasn't".

Q28. 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'.

Rahul thinks that this is **quite the cheap** restaurant.

- (a) so a cheap
- (b) so the cheap
- (c) No substitution
- (d) quite a cheap

S28. Ans.(d)

Sol. It seems the choice of article "the" is incorrect as we are not sure of the restaurant.

Q29. Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.

- (a) puddel
- (b) pigeon
- (c) pillion
- (d) pioneer

S29. Ans.(a)

Sol. Correct spelling is “puddle” which is a small pool of liquid, especially of rainwater on the ground.

Q30. Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word.

ENRAGED

- (a) pleased
- (b) livid
- (c) aggravated
- (d) infuriated

S30. Ans.(a)

Sol. Enraged means very angry; furious.

Pleased: feeling or showing pleasure and satisfaction, especially at an event or a situation.

Aggravated means (of an offence) made more serious by attendant circumstances.

