

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

**Directions (1-5):** 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.

Imagine a celebrity Indian CEO going to the United States and (1)\_\_\_\_\_ himself photographed with women of colour while holding a poster that said, “Smash racist patriarchy”. And then, imagine white Americans coming (2)\_\_\_\_\_ on him like a tonne of bricks, accusing him of inciting hatred and violence (3)\_\_\_\_\_ white Americans. Sounds absurd? Good. Now imagine him actually apologising (4)\_\_\_\_\_ the American public for wanting to end racist patriarchy. Sounds even more absurd? Well, this, or at least a version of this, (5)\_\_\_\_\_ actually happened. Not in the la-la land of Donald Trump, but right here, in the world’s largest democracy.

**Q1. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 1.**

- (a) have
- (b) having
- (c) has
- (d) has been

**S1. Ans.(b)**

**Q2. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 2.**

- (a) around
- (b) down
- (c) up
- (d) for

**S2. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Come down on: criticize or punish (someone) harshly.

**Q3. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 3.**

- (a) for
- (b) at
- (c) against
- (d) with

**S3. Ans.(c)**

**Q4. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 4.**

- (a) with
- (b) for
- (c) to
- (d) over

**S4. Ans.(c)**



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**Q5. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 5.**

- (a) have
- (b) has
- (c) is
- (d) are

**S5. Ans.(b)**

**Directions (6-10): Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.**

**Q6. India's GDP suffered its steepest contraction on record in the April-June quarter, as output \_\_\_\_\_ 23.9% from a year earlier, provisional data show.**

- (a) shrink
- (b) shrinks
- (c) shrunk
- (d) shrank

**S6. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The given sentence is in past indefinite tense therefore we need to take past form of the verb. And 'shrank' is the past form of the verb 'shrink'.

Shrink: become or make smaller in size or amount.

**Q7. India became the joint champion, along with title favourite Russia, even as the Olympiad trended on Twitter and thousands followed the action \_\_\_\_\_ live streaming on social media.**

- (a) though
- (b) through
- (c) although
- (d) throw

**S7. Ans.(b)**

**Q8. It was left to the government to keep the bottom \_\_\_\_\_ falling out on demand as the Centre's pandemic mitigation expenditure helped expand its consumption spending by 16.4% year-on-year and softened the overall blow to GDP.**

- (a) on
- (b) from
- (c) in
- (d) for

**S8. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct preposition to be used here is 'from'.

**Q9. At the time, much of India seemed to accept this line of argument, though there were quite \_\_\_\_\_ who objected to the stealth and secrecy that preceded the announcement of abrogation of two key Articles of the Indian Constitution.**

- (a) few
- (b) the few
- (c) a few
- (d) None of these

**S9. Ans.(c)**



**Q10. After the marathon, some of the competitors felt completely \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) cut up
- (b) done in
- (c) done out
- (d) run out

**S10. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Done in: extremely tired.

**Directions (11-20): In the following questions, some part of the sentence may have errors. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and select the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error, select 'No Error'.**

**Q11. He was in the temper (A)/ and refused (B)/ to discuss the matter again. (C)/ No error. (D)**

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

**S11. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** He was in temper is the correct phrase here.

**Q12. The decorations in your house (A)/ are similar (B)/ to his house. (C)/ No error. (D)**

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

**S12. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Since there is a comparison therefore we need to replace "to his house" with "to that of his house".

**Q13. Despite of the increase in air fares, (A)/ most people still prefer (B)/ to travel by plane. (C)/ No error. (D)**

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

**S13. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** 'Despite of' is incorrect we don't use 'of' after 'despite'.

**Q14. He told the boys that (A)/ if they worked hard, (B)/ they will surely pass. (C)/ No error. (D)**

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

**S14. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'will surely pass' will be replaced by 'would surely pass' as the sentence is in past tense. Also, it is a second conditional sentence.

**Q15. I shall write (A)/ to you (B)/ when I shall reach Chennai. (C)/ No error. (D)**

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

**S15. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'When I shall reach Chennai' will be replaced by 'When I reach Chennai'. The sentence is an example of first conditional sentence.

Q16. Neither of these two documents (A)/ support your claim (B)/ on the property. (C)/ No error. (D)

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

S16. Ans.(b)

Sol. After - *Each of / Either of / Neither of / Everyone of / One of*, etc., the noun or pronoun is always plural but, the verb remains singular. Hence, 'supports' will come in place of 'support'.

Q17. He is school teacher, (A)/ but all his sons (B)/ are doctors. (C)/ No error. (D)

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

S17. Ans.(a)

Sol. Article 'a' will come before school teacher.

Q18. His grandfather (A)/ had told him to smoke (B)/ was a bad habit. (C)/ No error. (D)

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

S18. Ans.(b)

Sol. Here 'to smoke' will be replaced by 'smoking'.



Q19. My book, which (A)/ I gave it to you yesterday, (B)/ is very interesting. (C)/ No error. (D)

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

S19. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Which' in the sentence is already talking about the book so the use of 'it' is superfluous here. Remove 'it' from the given sentence.

Q20. I am entirely agreeing with you, (A)/ but I regret (B)/ I can't help you. (C)/ No error. (D)

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

S20. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'Agree' is not used with '+ing', so the use of 'agreeing' is wrong in the sentence. Correct usage is "I entirely agree with you".

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**Directions (21-30): Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.**

**Q21. Some passengers were (flown) to Paris on the last trip.**

- (a) fled
- (b) flied
- (c) flew
- (d) No improvement

**S21. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** No improvement

**Q22. Fifty miles (are) a long distance to walk.**

- (a) is
- (b) become
- (c) be
- (d) No improvement

**S22. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** When a number is written before time / distance / weight , singular verb is used.

**Q23. After the vote was taken the meeting (broke).**

- (a) broke down
- (b) broke up
- (c) broke out
- (d) No improvement

**S23. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'Broke down' means to cry out loud or to succumb to mental or emotional stress. 'Broke up' mean 'to part ways/to split'.

**Q24. The speaker asked the audience to bear (upon) him for a few minutes more.**

- (a) on
- (b) with
- (c) for
- (d) No improvement

**S24. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Bear with:** be patient or tolerant with.

**Q25. Many people find it difficult to make (both hands meet).**

- (a) both accounts
- (b) both hand to mouth
- (c) both ends meet
- (d) No improvement

**S25. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Both ends meet:** to earn and spend equal amounts of money.

**Q26. He (lay) on the grass enjoying the sunshine.**

- (a) laid
- (b) lied
- (c) led
- (d) No improvement

**S26. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct word is 'laid'.

**Q27. They set a strong guard, lest anyone (could) escape.**

- (a) would
- (b) might
- (c) should
- (d) No improvement

**S27. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** 'Should' is the correct choice here. Lest.....should is the correct pair.

**Q28. The matter called (up) an explanation of his conduct.**

- (a) out
- (b) in
- (c) for
- (d) No improvement

**S28. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Call up:** to summon together.

**Call out:** a letter, word, number, or symbol identifying an illustration or a specific part of one.

**Call for:** make necessary.

**Hence,** 'call for' is the correct answer.

**Q29. The accused (refused) having murdered anybody.**

- (a) disagreed
- (b) denied
- (c) declaimed
- (d) No improvement

**S29. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Deny:** state that one refuses to admit the truth or existence of.

**Refuse:** indicate or show that one is not willing to do something.

Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

**Q30. By the time (he arrived), everybody had gone home.**

- (a) when he arrived
- (b) at which he arrived
- (c) by which he arrived
- (d) No improvement

**S30. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** No improvement



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