

## SSC Tier 1 Sunday English Mega Quiz

Directions (1-4): Improve the part given in bold.

Q1. Tejas says he's already paid me back, but I can't remember, so have **to take his word**.

- (a) to take his word true
- (b) to take him at his word
- (c) to take his word for it
- (d) No improvement

S1. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'Take someone's word for something' is an idiomatic expression which means to believe what someone says about something without seeking further information or proof.

Hence option (c) improves the sentence.

Q2. The workers are **hell-bent at getting** what is due to them.

- (a) hell bent on getting
- (b) hell bent for getting
- (c) hell bent to getting
- (d) No improvement

S2. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'Hell-bent on doing something' is an idiom which means to be very determined to do something.

Hence option (a) improves the sentence.

Q3. Taxpayers **are to** be conscious their privileges.


- (a) have to
- (b) need
- (c) ought to
- (d) No improvement

S3. Ans.(c)


Sol. 'Ought to' is the modal verb used to show when it is necessary or would be a good thing to perform the activity referred to by the following verb. It denotes a responsibility. Hence the best suited option is option (c).

Q4. No one could explain how a calm and balanced person like him could **penetrate** such a mindless act on his friends.

- (a) perpetuate
- (b) perpetrate
- (c) precipitate
- (d) No improvement



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**S4. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Penetrate: go into or through (something), especially with force or effort.

Perpetrate means carry out or commit (a harmful, illegal, or immoral action).

Perpetuate: make (something) continue indefinitely.

Precipitate: cause (an event or situation, typically one that is undesirable) to happen suddenly, unexpectedly, or prematurely.

Hence out of all, option (b) is the best suited choice as per the sentence.

**Directions (5-7): Each item in this section consists of a sentence with a bold word followed by four words or group of words. Select the word or group of words that is most similar in meaning to the bold word.**

**Q5. Obliterate**

(a) demolish

(b) extinguish

(c) erase

(d) change

**S5. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Obliterate: destroy utterly; wipe out.

Hence option (c) is the correct choice.

**Q6. Ineffable**

(a) that which cannot be rubbed out

(b) incapable of being understood

(c) that which is too great to be expressed in words

(d) too powerful to be defeated

**S6. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Ineffable: too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words.

**Q7. Edifying**

(a) tedious

(b) in need of editing

(c) instructive

(d) exciting

**S7. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Edifying: providing moral or intellectual instruction.

Hence option (c) is the apt choice.

**Directions (8-10): Each item in this section consists of a sentence with a bold word, followed by four words. Select the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the bold word.**

**Q8. Shabbily**

(a) decently

(b) beautifully

(c) extravagantly

(d) scantily

**S8. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Shabbily: in a way that looks old and in bad condition because of being used for a long time or not being cared for.

Decently: to an acceptable or comfortable standard; satisfactorily.

Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

**Q9. Urbane**

- (a) civilised
- (b) slow
- (c) rude
- (d) foolish

**S9. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Urbane: (of a person) courteous and refined in manner.

Hence 'Rude' is the correct antonym.

**Q10. Thrifty**

- (a) expensive
- (b) extravagant
- (c) economical
- (d) good

**S10. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Thrifty: using money and other resources carefully and not wastefully.

Extravagant: lacking restraint in spending money or using resources.

Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

**Directions (11-15): Identify the segment in the sentence which contains the grammatical error. If there is no error, select 'No error'.**

**Q11. After more than a week, he soundly slept last night.**

- (a) After more than a week
- (b) he soundly slept
- (c) last night
- (d) No error

**S11. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Adverbs of manners are placed only after the **Intransitive verb**. However, the adverb can be placed **either before or after the transitive verb**. Since, 'sleep' is an intransitive verb; therefore we need to put the adverb 'soundly' after the verb 'slept'.

**Q12. Rahul made his younger brother to wear the newly bought shirt.**

- (a) Rahul made his younger
- (b) brother to wear
- (c) the newly bought shirt
- (d) No error

**S12. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The causative verb 'make' is followed by a direct infinitive if the sentence is in active voice. Therefore, we need to replace 'to wear' with 'wear' so that the sentence can become grammatically correct.

**Q13. The condition must be more ideal if you want to get the result.**

- (a) The condition must be
- (b) more ideal if you want
- (c) to get the result
- (d) No error

**S13. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** There are some adjectives which don't admit of any comparative and superlative degree. Such adjectives denote absolute position. 'Perfect, unique, complete, ideal, supreme' etc. are some such adjectives. So, drop 'more' from the given sentence.

**Q14. Everyone knows that I prefer green tea than black coffee.**

- (a) Everyone knows that
- (b) I prefer green tea
- (c) than black coffee
- (d) No error

**S14. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The comparative adjectives such as 'prior, superior, junior, prefer' etc are followed by 'to' instead of 'than'. So, 'I prefer green tea to black coffee' is the right usage.

**Q15. Dr. Gupta is considered as the best surgeon in the town.**

- (a) Dr. Gupta is considered
- (b) as the best
- (c) surgeon in the town
- (d) No error

**S15. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Adverb 'as' should be avoided to introduce predicative of the verbs 'name, elect, think, consider, call' etc. So, drop 'as' after 'considered' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

**Directions (16-20): Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.**

**Q16. As infections \_\_\_\_\_ to mount and travel restrictions were imposed in March, the number of unique passenger trips fell by 33%.**

- (a) started
- (b) are starting
- (c) have started
- (d) starts

**S16. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** On observing the sentence carefully we can see that the given sentence is in past tense. Hence, the only suitable choice here is 'started'.

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**Q17. In what could prove a game-changer in the global battle against a virus, a new, rapid diagnostic test for this that uses saliva samples \_\_\_\_\_ an emergency use authorisation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Saturday.**

- (a) grants
- (b) granted
- (c) were granted
- (d) was granted

**S17. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Option (a) can be easily eliminated as the given sentence is in the past tense. Also, the sentence is in passive voice and since the subject 'a new rapid diagnostic test' is singular hence, the most appropriate choice here is '**was granted**'. Hence, option (d) is the right choice here.

**Q18. Announcing new schemes that \_\_\_\_\_ resolve, but camouflage, these challenges are of little help.**

- (a) does not
- (b) do not
- (c) not
- (d) None of the above

**S18. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** '**do not**' is the right usage as the subject is plural in nature.

**Q19. Digitalisation is welcome but is no substitute for \_\_\_\_\_ human resources and infrastructure in the health sector.**

- (a) competent
- (b) sufficient
- (c) inadequate
- (d) important

**S19. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The correct choice is '**inadequate**' that means lacking the quality or quantity required; insufficient for a purpose.

**Q20. The highest court built its \_\_\_\_\_ fame on stellar judgments and record of fearless independence.**

- (a) reckless
- (b) stalwart
- (c) fickle
- (d) erratic

**S20. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Stalwart:** loyal, reliable, and hard-working.

Reckless, Fickle and Erratic are antonyms of 'stalwart'.

**Directions (21-30):** Each of the following items consists of a word in Capital Letters, followed by four words. Select the word that is farthest in meaning to the word in capital letters.

**Q21. ESTEEM**

- (a) Power
- (b) Guess
- (c) Contempt
- (d) Estimate

**S21. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** **Esteem** means respect and admiration. Contempt means disrespect. So, **Contempt** is the correct opposite word.

**Q22. SPURIOUS**

- (a) Sumptuous
- (b) Relevant
- (c) Sporadic
- (d) Genuine

**S22. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** **Spurious** means fake. So, **Genuine** is the most opposite word.

**Q23. CONVICTED**

- (a) Charged
- (b) Relieved
- (c) Dismissed
- (d) Acquitted

**S23. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** **Convicted** means having been declared guilty of a criminal offence. Acquit means free someone from a criminal charge So, **Acquitted** is the most opposite word.

**Q24. INTIMIDATING**

- (a) Authoritative
- (b) Casual
- (c) Non-serious
- (d) Friendly

**S24. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** **Intimidating** means frightening. So, **friendly** is the most opposite word.

**Q25. FRUGAL**

- (a) Stingy
- (b) Extravagant
- (c) Timid
- (d) Frightening

**S25. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **Frugal** means simple and plain and costing little.. So, **extravagant** is the most opposite word.

**Q26. ZENITH**

- (a) Under
- (b) Nadir
- (c) Root
- (d) Base

**S26. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Zenith** means high point/top. So, **Nadir** is the most opposite word.

**Q27. LUCRATIVE**

- (a) Advantageous
- (b) Economical
- (c) Unprofitable
- (d) Gainful

**S27. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Lucrative** means profitable. So, **unprofitable** is the most opposite word.

**Q28. UNPRECEDENTED**

- (a) Exceptional
- (b) Consistent
- (c) Abnormal
- (d) Usual

**S28. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Unprecedented** means never done or known before.. So, **usual** is the most opposite word.

**Q29. PENURY**

- (a) Wealth
- (b) Abundance
- (c) Prosperity
- (d) Surplus

**S29. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Penury** means extreme poverty.. So, **Wealth** is the most opposite word.

**Q30. PRUDENCE**

- (a) Absurdity
- (b) Desperation
- (c) Detriment
- (d) Recklessness

**S30. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Prudence** means wisdom/cautiousness. So, **Recklessness** is the most opposite word.



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