

SSC Exam Sunday English Mega Quiz - Questions with Solutions

Q1. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

Tie the knot

- (a) To put yourself into a problem
- (b) To make fateful decision
- (c) To sign the deal
- (d) To get married

S1. Ans.(d)

Sol. Tie the knot means to marry a mate.

Q2. Select the synonym of "Carnal"

- (a) chaste
- (b) sensual
- (c) decent
- (d) spiritual

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. Carnal means relating to physical, especially sexual, **sensual**, needs and activities.

Q3. Select the antonym of "Intrinsic"

- (a) elemental
- (b) innate
- (c) connate
- (d) acquired

S3. Ans.(d)

Sol. Intrinsic means belonging naturally; essential and acquired means to come into possession or ownership of; get as one's own.

Q4. In the following question, the sentence given with blank to be filled in with an appropriate word. Select the correct alternative out of the four and indicate it by selecting the appropriate option.

Providence smiles _____ those who are diligent.

- (a) with
- (b) in
- (c) upon
- (d) over

S4. Ans.(c)

Sol. Here upon is used as more formal term for on, especially in abstract senses.



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Q5. Select the word with the correct spelling.

- (a) chestity
- (b) marothon
- (c) reassert
- (d) toxicity

S5. Ans.(d)

Sol. Toxicity means the quality of being toxic or poisonous.

Q6. Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

When I last saw Ranbir, he (had been running) to catch his bus.

- (a) ran
- (b) was running
- (c) had run
- (d) no improvement

S6. Ans.(b)

Sol. As there is no point of time or duration given, thus past perfect continuous should not be used.

Q7. In the following question, 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'.

If you are in the wrong gears (A)/the car won't be (B)/able to climb the hill. (C)/No error(D)

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

S7. Ans.(a)

Sol. Replace 'gears' with 'gear' as any vehicle uses a single gear at a time.

Q8. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

The ball is in your court

- (a) It is up to you to make the next move
- (b) You have got a fantastic opportunity
- (c) You will be blamed for crimes that you have not committed
- (d) You have been put into a dilemma.

S8. Ans.(a)

Sol. The ball is in your court means one needs to take some action to keep something going.

Q9. Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

I would love (to availing) a short holiday, and go for an overnight trek.

- (a) avail myself
- (b) to avail of
- (c) to avail myself
- (d) No improvement

S9. Ans.(c)

Sol. There should be infinitive after love, thus 'to avail' should be used and avail is a transitive verb which should have an object and as the object is not given thus reflexive pronoun 'myself' should be used.

Q10. 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.

Mariam was writing a note to her boss.

- (a) A note was written to her boss by Mariam.
- (b) A note was wrote by Mariam to her boss.
- (c) A note was being written by Mariam to her boss.
- (d) A note was written by Mariam to her boss.

S10. Ans.(c)

Directions (11-12): 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.

Q11. Refulgent

- (a) Dark
- (b) Loud
- (c) Rough
- (d) Sweet

S11. Ans.(a)

Sol. Refulgent: shining very brightly.

Q12. Fecund

- (a) Prolific
- (b) Sterile
- (c) Necessitate
- (c) Turmoil

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. Fecund: producing or capable of producing an abundance of offspring or new growth; highly fertile.

Directions (13-15): In these questions, four words are given. In each group, one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

Q13.

- (a) chaastity
- (b) collapse
- (c) radialy
- (d) scansiune

S13. Ans.(b)

Sol. Collapse: suddenly fall down or give way.

Chastity: the state or practice of refraining from extramarital, or especially from all, sexual intercourse.

Radially: arranged or having parts arranged like rays.

Scansion: the action of scanning a line of verse to determine its rhythm.

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Q14.

- (a) brunete
- (b) nemonic
- (c) abhorred
- (d) carammels

S14. Ans.(c)

Sol. Abhorred: regard with disgust and hatred.

Brunet: a woman or girl with dark brown hair.

Mnemonic: A system such as a pattern of letters, ideas, or associations which assists in remembering something.

Caramel: sugar or syrup heated until it turns brown, used as a flavoring or coloring for food or drink.

Q15.

- (a) fidelety
- (b) befallen
- (c) probable
- (d) salwager

S15. Ans.(c)

Sol. Probable: likely to happen or be the case.

Directions (16-17): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentence.

Q16. The action of repeating something aloud from memory

- (a) paraphrase
- (b) rendition
- (c) erudition
- (d) recitation

S16. Ans.(d)

Sol. Recitation: the action of repeating something aloud from memory.

Erudition: the quality of having or showing great knowledge or learning; scholarship.

Rendition: a performance or interpretation, especially of a dramatic role or piece of music.

Q17. To trip or momentarily lose one's balance; almost fall.

- (a) to totter
- (b) to stammer
- (c) to stumble
- (d) to blunder

S17. Ans.(c)

Sol. Totter: move in a feeble or unsteady way.

Stammer: speak with sudden involuntary pauses and a tendency to repeat the initial letters of words.

Directions (18-20): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

Q18. Sentry

- (a) bandit
- (b) competitor
- (c) sentinel
- (d) foe

S18. Ans.(c)

Sol. Sentry: a soldier stationed to keep guard or to control access to a place.

Bandit: a robber or outlaw belonging to a gang and typically operating in an isolated or lawless area.

Sentinel: a soldier or guard whose job is to stand and keep watch.

Foe: an enemy or opponent.

Q19. Subsidy

- (a) endowment
- (b) forfeit
- (c) mulct
- (d) reward

S19. Ans.(a)

Sol. Subsidy: a sum of money granted by the state or a public body to help an industry or business keep the price of a commodity or service low.

Endowment: a quality or ability possessed or inherited by someone.

Forfeit: a fine or penalty for wrongdoing.

Mulct: extract money from someone by fine or taxation.

Q20. Truculent

- (a) Ferocious
- (b) Luxurious
- (c) Luscious
- (d) Delicious

S20. Ans.(a)

Sol. Truculent: eager or quick to argue or fight; aggressively defiant.

Ferocious: savagely fierce, cruel, or violent.

Directions (21-30): In the following questions the 1st and the last part of the sentence/passage are numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the sentence/ passage is split into four parts and named P, Q, R and S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentence/ passage and find out which of the four combinations is correct.

Q21. 1. A social network is

P. provides a clear way of analyzing

Q. a set of actors and the

R. a social structure made up of

S. dyadic ties between these actors

6. the structure of whole social entities.

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- (a) RQSP
- (b) QSPR
- (c) SPRQ
- (d) PQRS

S21. Ans.(a)

Q22. 1. Some people seem to imagine
P. and that when you have filled it with anything
Q. and it becomes as empty
R. that the human mind is like a bottle
S. you pour it out again
6. as it was before.

- (a) RSPQ
- (b) PRSQ
- (c) RPSQ
- (d) PQRS

S22. Ans.(c)

Q23. 1. In recent years
P. primarily because purchasing
Q. has grown more intense
R. price competition in most industries
S. managers now exert much influence
6. over suppliers.

- (a) SPRQ
- (b) RSPQ
- (c) RQPS
- (d) SRPQ

S23. Ans.(c)

Q24. 1. Without water
P. and consequently
Q. the oxygen content in the atmosphere
R. which carry out photosynthesis and release oxygen
S. there would be no animals or plants
6. would go down.

- (a) SRPQ
- (b) SPRQ
- (c) SPQR
- (d) PRQS

S24. Ans.(a)

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Q25. 1. Glorious tributes were paid
P. who, after fighting a battle with cancer,
Q. the original superstar of Bollywood
R. passed away last month
S. to the legendary Rajesh Khanna,
6. at his residence in Mumbai.

- (a) SQPR
- (b) SQRP
- (c) QSPR
- (d) SRPQ

S25. Ans.(a)

Q26. 1. Though the government
P. the growth of population
Q. has undertaken a series of plans
R. and for raising the standard of living of the people
S. for economic development
6. has upset all the plans.

- (a) QPRS
- (b) SPQR
- (c) QSRP
- (d) SRPQ

S26. Ans.(c)

Q27. 1. What gives some persons
P. torturing physical pain
Q. after experiencing
R. after the loss of a precious loved one
S. the power to fight on
6. day after day?

- (a) SRQP
- (b) PQRS
- (c) PQSR
- (d) PSQR

S27. Ans.(a)

Q28. 1. The pilgrimage to Mecca
P. giving alms
Q. recognizing Allah as the only God
R. is one of the five religious duties of each Muslim
S. along with praying five times a day
6. and fasting four weeks once a year.

- (a) RQPS
 - (b) SPQR
 - (c) RSQP
 - (d) SQRP
- S28. Ans.(c)**

Q29. 1. Right from
P. have been used as a measure of time
Q. prehistoric times
R. and have formed the basis of
S. the phases of the moon
6. the earliest calendar.

- (a) SRQP
 - (b) QRSP
 - (c) PRSQ
 - (d) QSPR
- S29. Ans.(d)**

Q30. 1. The history of India
P. human activity of Homo sapiens as long as
Q. 75.000 years ago or with
R. earlier hominids including Homo-erectus
S. begins with evidence of
6. from about 5.00. 000 years ago.

- (a) SRQP
 - (b) PQRS
 - (c) SPQR
 - (d) QSPR
- S30. Ans.(c)**

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