

13th Oct. SSC English Practice Challenge (Questions)

**Directions (1-10):** In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four as your answer.

**Q1. Louis was unable to \_\_\_\_\_ into solving the problem.**

- (a) hold hostage
- (b) make inroads
- (c) turn the tide
- (d) open doors

**Q2. They spent much of the time reminiscing about the war, as old soldiers are \_\_\_\_\_ to do.**

- (a) fettered
- (b) excited
- (c) dogmatic
- (d) wont

**Q3. You will be \_\_\_\_\_ people who are every bit as good as you are.**

- (a) stemming from
- (b) striking down
- (c) pitted against
- (d) dwelling on

**Q4. The size of the grants have been attacked by welfare groups as merely \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) drop in an ocean
- (b) the drop in an ocean
- (c) a drop in the ocean
- (d) a drop in ocean

**Q5. The mayor and her deputy locked \_\_\_\_\_ over plans for the new road.**

- (a) chains
- (b) doors
- (c) hinds
- (d) horns

**Q6. At last people suspected of \_\_\_\_\_ in Nazi-occupied Europe faced prosecution in British courts.**

- (a) complexity
- (b) savagery
- (c) wherewithal
- (d) pendency

**Q7. Her plans to become a member of parliament went \_\_\_\_\_ when the newspapers printed a story about her mental issues.**

- (a) down in smoke
- (b) up in smoke
- (c) along with smoke
- (d) in smoke

**Q8. The school project will \_\_\_\_\_ a great deal of research.**

- (a) entail
- (b) extract
- (c) exhume
- (d) endear

**Q9. I've looked over it several times, but there's no \_\_\_\_\_ to the document we were sent this morning.**

- (a) reason or rhyme
- (b) rhyme and reason
- (c) rhyme but reason
- (d) rhyme or reason

**Q10. Adam was supposed to make sure the paperwork went through before the deadline, but it looks like he was \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) asleep above the wheel
- (b) asleep at the wheel
- (c) asleep on the wheel
- (d) asleep to the wheel

**Directions (11-15): Choose among the following that *best expresses* the meaning of the given word.**

**Q11. BUDGE**


- (a) embed
- (b) moor
- (c) shift
- (d) lodge

**Q12. WHEEDLE**

- (a) constrain
- (b) nag
- (c) coerce
- (d) inveigle

**Q13. STASIS**

- (a) defection
- (b) poise
- (c) throwback
- (d) norm

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**Q14. CHIROGRAPHY**

- (a) electrotyping
- (b) calculation
- (c) penmanship
- (d) decipherment

**Q15. BIBULOUS**

- (a) drunken
- (b) abstinent
- (c) temperate
- (d) mesmerize

**Directions (16-20):** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, select the word opposite in meaning to the word given.

**Q16. EXORDIUM**

- (a) preface
- (b) mediation
- (c) compact
- (d) conclusion

**Q17. DISPORT**

- (a) frolic
- (b) flourish
- (c) drudge
- (d) warrant

**Q18. SEQUACIOUS**

- (a) pliant
- (b) authentic
- (c) unaware
- (d) independent

**Q19. PUTRID**

- (a) gathered
- (b) aromatic
- (c) rancid
- (d) careful

**Q20. SLUR**

- (a) acclaim
- (b) band
- (c) aspersion
- (d) defect

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**Directions (21-30):** 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'.

**Q21.** Although the police department was accused of (A)/ a variety of sundry charges, but there was not sufficient evidence (B)/ to bring a case against any of the officers. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

**Q22.** While the film claims to be a varitable encyclopedia of (A)/the politician's early years, it is actually a (B)/ fictionalized tale penned by a tabloid writer. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

**Q23.** What is happening now is a clash of ideas between one set of professionals committed to (A)/ knowledge production for public good after another set of (B)/partisan groups involved in ignorance production for political longevity. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

**Q24.** Wild yak was erroneously described as an (A)/ endanger species in a Science & Technology page story (B)/ titled "Why did woolly rhino go extinct?" (C)/ No Error (D)

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

**Q25.** A stroke consists of four components (A)/that have to be completed perfectly to (B)/propel the boat forward as fast as possible.(C)/ No Error (D)

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

**Q26.** The problem is nothing else than a repeated attempt (A)/ to give a satisfactory answer to the question (B)/ of how prices are related to labor values. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

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**Q27. Whatever may be the shape or size of the particles, (A)/ there is no scattered light in a direction more parallel (B)/ to the primary electric displacements.(C)/ No Error (D)**

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

**Q28. He allowed me to speak and after a month (A)/ he appreciated me for supplementing the (B)/ questions of the most appropriate points. (C)/ No Error (D)**

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

**Q29. They are faced with the task of dismantling (A)/ the state machineries in order to create (B)/ more democratic structures. (C)/ No Error (D)**

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

**Q30. Economic Survey 2019 estimates that India's (A)/ demand for total material would double (B)/ by 2030 at current rates of growth. (C)/ No Error (D)**

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

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