

ENGLISH SUNDAY QUIZ FOR SSC CHSL

Directions (1-10): 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'.

Q1. It took her a (A)/ long time to get off the death (B)/of her husband. (C)/ No error (D)

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

S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. Get off: to fall asleep; to leave work without permission; to stop discussing a particular subject.
Get over: to return to your usual state of health, happiness after a shock.
Hence 'to get over' should be used.

Q2. The artist, plainly a better critic (A) / than painter destroyed what (B) / he made over for ten years. (C) / No error (D)

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

S2. Ans.(c)

Sol. Make over: transform. Add 'had' before 'made' as the sentence demands the usage of 'Past Perfect Tense' here.

Q3. The Statesman has (A)/ the larger circulation (B)/ of all English details (C)/ No Error (D).

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

S3. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'larger' by 'largest'. Article 'the' takes 'superlative degree of adjective' after it not the 'comparative degree'.

Q4. I was (A)/ baffled with (B)/ the instructions he gave me. (C)/ No error (D)

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

S4. Ans.(b)

Sol. Use preposition 'by' with 'baffled'.

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Q5. Romanticism of melancholy (A)/ in art and literature are the reason (B)/ for insensitivity of those suffering from depression. (C)/ No error (D)

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

S5. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'are' with 'is'. 'Romanticism of melancholy' is a singular subject and hence should be followed by a singular verb.

Q6. A series of lectures (A) / of Indian philosophy (B) / are arranged by the University (C) / No Error (D)

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

S6. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'are' by 'is'. A series of /A band of/ A bunch of etc. + Plural Noun take singular verb with it.

Q7. As I kept a strict watch (A)/ with my way of living (B)/ I could see that it was necessary to economize. (C)/ No error (D)

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

S7. Ans. (b)

Sol. Replace 'with' by 'on' or 'over' because with "keep watch", on/over is used.

Q8. Conditions in Tanzania were further complicated (A)/ by a system of laws who redefined land tenure (B)/ and property relations based on socialism.(C)/ No Error (D)

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

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'who' with 'that'. Relative pronoun 'who' is used for living things hence doesn't fit in the context.

Q9. He graciously agreed to pick up (A)/ my medication and bring it (B)/ to my place of resident.(C)/ No Error (D)

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

S9. Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'resident' with 'residence'.

Resident: a person who lives somewhere permanently or on a long-term basis.

Residence: the place where someone lives.

In the given sentence, reference of a place is given. Hence use 'residence' in place of 'resident'.

Q10. A legislation that restricts (A)/ the fundamental rights of a (B)/citizen has no legal force.(C)/ No Error (D)

(a) A

(b) B

(c) C

(d) D

S10. Ans.(a)

Sol. Use 'The' in place of 'A'.

Directions (11-20): In the following questions, some parts of the sentence have been jumbled up. You are required to re-arrange these parts which are labelled as P, Q, R & S to produce the correct sentence. Choose the proper sequence accordingly.

Q11.

1. India led the battle of freedom against imperialism.

P. That technique brought us success.

Q. We therefore championed the cause of other countries.

R. We fought it with a special technique.

S. We are happy that they achieved freedom.

6. But some countries are still slaves.

(a) QSRP

(b) SRPQ

(c) RPQS

(d) RSQP

S11. Ans.(c)

Q12.

1. Many scientists are working on safer and better ways to kill mosquitoes.

P. Bringing more of these animals into places where mosquitoes live might help.

Q. Mosquitoes have many natural enemies like bats, birds, etc.

R. Mosquito nets can be used for protection.

S. But, there is no sure way to protect everyone from their deadly bites.

6. This is a natural solution.

(a) SRQP

(b) PQRS

(c) SRPQ

(d) RSQP

S12. Ans.(d)

Q13.

1. The spider fell seven times to reach its goal but didn't give up hope.
- P. The king learnt a lesson from the spider.
- Q. It tried again and this time it succeeded in reaching the top.
- R. Then he attacked his enemies repeatedly.
- S. He appealed to the people for help and collected soldiers to form a large army.
6. At last he won the battle and got back his kingdom.

- (a) PQSR
- (b) QPSR
- (c) RSQP
- (d) PSRQ

S13. Ans.(b)**Q14.**

1. A few workmen came to cut down the tree.
- P. It took them all morning.
- Q. They did not know what to do with the roots.
- R. It was not an easy job to cut down such a huge tree.
- S. They decided that the roots had to be dug out.
6. At last the tree was lying on the ground.

- (a) PQRS
- (b) RPQS
- (c) RPSQ
- (d) SRQP

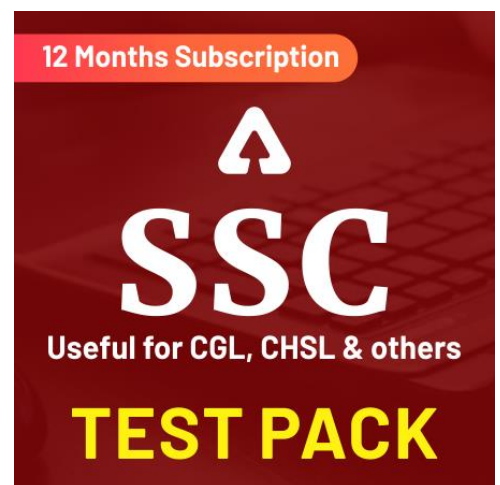
S14. Ans.(b)**Q15.**

1. A mob went berserk at R G Kar Hospital on Friday.
- P. The agitators also smashed equipment and windows of the hospital.
- Q. The boy had died on the operating table soon after being administered anaesthesia.
- R. This happened after the death of a 15 year old boy.
- S. The victim's relatives and neighbors clashed with the police.
6. Work at the hospital stopped for the rest of the day.

- (a) QSPR
- (b) PRQS
- (c) RQSP
- (d) SQPR

S15. Ans.(c)**Q16.**

1. Children are not the only ones who can fly kites.
- P. In some countries like Malaysia, there are kite festivals.
- Q. These experts are mostly adult amateur kite fliers.
- R. Kite flying is a good leisure activity for parents with their children.



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S. Self-designed kites are flown by experts during such times.

6. Some of them play music too.

(a) PSQR

(b) SRPQ

(c) QSPR

(d) RPSQ

S16. Ans.(d)

Q17.

1. Jeff is a very good dancer,

P. who always tries new dance steps.

Q. while the rest of the class is struggling.

R. which are demonstrated,

S. and masters them quickly.

6. he shows off.

(a) RPQS

(b) SQPR

(c) QRPS

(d) PRSQ

S17. Ans.(d)

Q18.

1. These positive effects vary from genetic changes that.

P. to other related infections,

Q. make us more resistant to the diseases responsible.

R. for epidemics and.

S. which have effects on human that are.

6. hard to pin down and quantify.

(a) RPQS

(b) QRPS

(c) SQPR

(d) PRSQ

S18. Ans.(b)

Q19.

1. After an entire generation of parents and teachers.

P. the level of depression.

Q. children's self-esteem an indicator of good mental health,

R. has worked hard to improve its.

S. in young people has skyrocketed.

6. It is how we feel about ourselves.

(a) PQRS

(b) QSRP

(c) RQSP

(d) SPRQ

S19. Ans.(c)

Q20.

1. The Bermuda Triangle is an area.
P. of many unexplained disappearances,
Q. the three points of the triangle being Miami,
R. is famous for being the supposed site.
S. of the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Florida and.

6. Bermuda and San Juan in Puerto Rico.

(a) PQRS

(b) SRPQ

(c) QSRP

(d) RPQS

S20. Ans.(b)

Directions (21-22): Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.

Q21. Tarun agreed (from me) on that point.

(a) to me

(b) at me

(c) with me

(d) No improvement

S21. Ans.(c)

Sol. To agree with someone is to share a point of view with him/her.

Hence option C improves the sentence.

Q22. Raja (not only passed and won) a scholarship.

(a) not passed but won

(b) not only passed but also won

(c) not only passed and also won

(d) No improvement

S22. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Not only.....but also' is the right compound conjunction pair and hence improves the sentence.

Directions (23-24): In the following question, some parts of the sentences have errors and some are correct. Find out of which part of a sentence has an error and choose corresponding to the appropriate option. If a sentence is free from error choose corresponding to 'No Error'.

Q23. The economic depression is looming large not only over the first-world countries but also over the third-world countries.

(a) the economic depression is

(b) looming large not only over

(c) but also over the third-world countries

(d) No Error

S23. Ans.(d)

Sol. No error.

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Q24. By the time the corn was harvested, the grass seed covered the ground almost entirely.

- (a) by the time
- (b) the corn was harvested
- (c) the grass seed covered the ground
- (d) No Error

S24. Ans.(c)

Sol. Use 'had' before covered.

Directions (25-26): Four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of Idiom/Phrase.

Q25. Swept under the rug

- (a) blown out of proportion
- (b) heavily publicized
- (c) forgotten by the people easily
- (d) concealed from others

S25. Ans.(d)

Sol. Option D is the correct meaning.

Q26. With a fine-tooth comb

- (a) carelessly
- (b) hastily
- (c) carefully
- (d) unnecessarily

S26. Ans.(c)

Sol. Option C is the correct meaning.

Q27. Four words are given, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

- (a) conscientious
- (b) conscientitious
- (c) consciencetous
- (d) concientitious

S27. Ans.(a)

Sol. Option A is correctly spelt.

Q28. Four words are given, out of which only one word is correctly spelt. Find the correctly spelt word.

- (a) maintainance
- (b) maintenance
- (c) maintenaince
- (d) mentainance

S28. Ans.(b)

Sol. Option B is correctly spelt.

Directions (29-30): Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences.

Q29. A person who treats foot related problems.

- (a) Dermatologist
- (b) Orthopedist
- (c) Chiropodist
- (d) Obstetrician

S29. Ans.(c)

Sol. Option C is the correct substitution.

Q30. Fear of heights

- (a) Agoraphobia
- (b) Aerophobia
- (c) Antlophobia
- (d) Acrophobia

S30. Ans.(d)

Sol. Option D is the correct substitution.

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