

SSC Tier 1 Sunday English Mega Quiz – Questions with Solutions

Q1. Select the most appropriate indirect form of the given sentence.

My grandmother said, "I bore six children."

- (a) My grandmother told that she had bore six children.
- (b) My grandmother said that she had borne six children.
- (c) My grandmother said that she has born six children.
- (d) My grandmother said she bore six children.

S1. Ans.(b)

Q2. Select the most appropriate word for the group of words.

A previous case that might serve as example or guide in subsequent situations.

- (a) precedent
- (b) predecessor
- (c) president
- (d) precursor

S2. Ans.(a)

Sol. Precedent: an earlier event or action that is regarded as an example or guide to be considered in subsequent similar circumstances.

Precursor: a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind; a forerunner.

Predecessor: a person who held a job or office before the current holder.

Q3. Identify the most appropriate option to substitute the bold segment. If no substitution is required, select 'No substitution'.

The shoebill stork **can be** recognize from its long legs and broad wings.

- (a) recognize through it's
- (b) recognizing from it's
- (c) recognized by its
- (d) No substitution

S3. Ans.(c)

Sol. The above statement is in passive voice and in a passive voice auxiliary "be" is combined with past participle of verb i.e. recognized (past participle) will replace recognize (base verb). Also, the correct preposition to follow 'recognized' is "by" which will replace "from" in the given sentence.

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Q4. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Have one's hands full

- (a) to be very rich
- (b) to be very clumsy
- (c) to be very busy
- (d) to be very generous

S4. Ans.(c)

Sol. Have one's hands full: have as much work as one can do.

Q5. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

SORDID

- (a) dirty
- (b) solid
- (c) clean
- (d) pure

S5. Ans.(a)

Sol. Sordid: dirty or squalid.

Q6. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

FEROCIOUS

- (a) fierce
- (b) prudent
- (c) gentle
- (d) cunning

S6. Ans.(a)

Sol. Ferocious: savagely fierce, cruel, or violent.

Prudent: acting with or showing care and thought for the future.

Fierce: having or displaying an intense or ferocious aggressiveness.

Q7. Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

REPRIMAND

- (a) reproach
- (b) reward
- (c) eradicate
- (d) applaud

S7. Ans.(a)

Sol. Reproach: express to (someone) one's disapproval of or disappointment in their actions.

Reprimand: a formal expression of disapproval.

Eradicate: destroy completely; put an end to.

Q8. Given below are four jumbled sentences. Out of the given options pick the one that gives their correct order.

- A. They used thin twigs called shew sticks as tooth cleaners.
- B. The fuzzy end was rubbed against the teeth to keep them clean.
- C. These sticks were fuzzy at one end.
- D. How did people clean their teeth before the toothbrush was invented?

- (a) DBCA
 - (b) ACBD
 - (c) DACB
 - (d) BCAD
- S8. Ans.(c)

Q9. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word.

The soldiers planned to attack at a precise hour so they _____ their watches.

- (a) assessed
- (b) exchanged
- (c) restored
- (d) synchronized

S9. Ans.(d)

Sol. Synchronized: cause to occur or operate at the same time or rate.

Q10. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate word.

The entrepreneur is looking for an _____ to fund his project.

- (a) invigilator
- (b) investor
- (c) aviator
- (d) inspector

S10. Ans.(b)

Sol. An investor is any person or other entity (such as a firm or mutual fund) who commits capital with the **expectation of receiving financial returns.**

Aviator: a pilot.

Invigilator: a person whose job is to watch people taking an exam in order to check that they do not cheat.

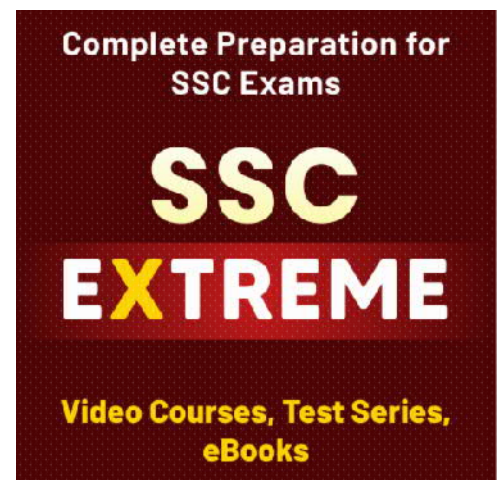
Directions (11-13): In these questions, read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is (D). (Ignore errors of Punctuation, if any.)

Q11. Udit showed remarkable achievement not only in archery but also in swimming.

- (a) Udit showed
- (b) remarkable achievement not only
- (c) in archery but also in swimming.
- (d) No error

S11. Ans.(b)

Sol. Achievement is countable noun so it will take article 'a'.



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Q12. The decline in reserves is partly due to intervention from the RBI to stem the slide of Rupee against US dollar.

- (a) The decline in reserves is partly due
- (b) to intervention from the RBI to stem
- (c) the slide of Rupee against US dollar.
- (d) No error

S12. Ans.(b)

Sol. Use 'by' in place of 'from'.

Q13. Sustainable development is a difficult balancing act on countries especially with low incomes.

- (a) Sustainable development is
- (b) a difficult balancing act
- (c) on countries especially with low incomes.
- (d) No error

S13. Ans.(c)

Sol. Use 'in' in place of 'on'.

Directions (14-15): In these 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 alternatives.

Q14. The medium and long term goals will be to continue this process to _____ the pace of demographic transition and achieve population stabilization by 2045.

- (a) advance
- (b) expend
- (c) accelerate
- (d) diverse

S14. Ans.(c)

Sol. Accelerate means begin to move more quickly.

Q15. The _____ transformation of the former Soviet Union or Russia as it was popularly known remains one of the biggest stories of the decade.

- (a) smooth
- (b) tumultuous
- (c) prophetic
- (d) traumatic

S15. Ans.(b)

Sol. Tumultuous means excited, confused, or disorderly.

Traumatic means deeply disturbing or distressing.

Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

Directions (16-20): Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

More than half of the country's working population is battling stress, with more women than men affected by it. Findings of a health and well-being survey carried out by Cigna TTK Health Insurance shows that about 62% of employees display some physical symptoms of stress such as difficulty in falling asleep at night or emotive symptoms, such as not remembering when they are happy. People living in metropolitan cities and those working for more than 50 hours a week were found to be the most stressed. Employees in non-metro cities were found to be happier than those in metro cities, the survey found. The online survey was carried out with 3,021 respondents in India to understand their health and well-being. It was conducted in September 2015 and covered New Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Kolkata and Chennai among metro cities and Lucknow, Vizag, Ahmedabad, Pune and Surat among non-metros.

The survey was conducted to check overall health and well-being of people, both men and women, aged over 25. What it also found was that while 37% of Indians are obese, 85% of the people surveyed said they followed a healthy diet comprising fresh home-cooked food. Most reported consuming only low quantities of alcohol. The survey's respondents also reported exercising an average of 2.6 hours per week. Five per cent of the total number of people surveyed said they did not exercise at all. And 13% of the obese respondents said they did not exercise.

Q16. Why people living in metro cities are battling more stress than non-metro cities?

- (a) They work 50 hours a week.
- (b) They have busy life.
- (c) They don't get sufficient time for sleep.
- (d) Because they do not exercise.

S16. Ans.(b)

Sol. From the passage we can infer that people living in metro cities are busier as compared to those in non-metro cities. Hence, option (b) is the correct choice.

Q17. What can be the suitable title of the above passage?

- (a) Fast life, slow health
- (b) Metro cities vs. Non-metro cities
- (c) Virtual reality
- (d) Health is wealth

S17. Ans.(b)

Sol. According to the passage, "Metro cities vs. Non-metro cities" is the suitable title.

Q18. Which of the following statements is TRUE according to the given passage?

- (a) 5% of the total number of people surveyed said they did not exercise.
- (b) 13% of the obese respondents said they did not exercise at all.
- (c) Employees in metro cities were found to be happier than those in non-metro cities, the survey found.
- (d) The survey was conducted to check overall health and well-being of people, both men and women, aged over 25.

S18. Ans.(a)

Sol. Refer to, "Five per cent of the total number of people surveyed said they did not exercise at all".

Q19. Why, according to the passage, stress is the major problem in metropolitan cities?

- (a) people give less time to health
- (b) life is tough in metro cities
- (c) time management is not good
- (d) regularity is missing

S19. Ans.(d)

Sol. According to the passage, the regularity in life is missing for metro cities people. They couldn't get time for particular activity regularly.

Q20. Choose the word which is most opposite in meaning to obese as used in the passage.

- (a) emaciated
- (b) willowy
- (c) wispy
- (d) trim

S20. Ans.(c)

Sol. Obese means over-weighted.

Wispy means fine, feathery.

Q21. In the question, a sentence or a part of sentence is Bold. Below are given alternatives to the bold part which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no improvement is needed, your answer is (D).

I sat down on the bench to look at the trophy I win as a prize.

- (a) I sat down on the bench to look at the trophy I had won as a prize.
- (b) I sat down on the bench to look at the trophy I have won as a prize.
- (c) I sat down on the bench to look at the trophy I had to win as a prize.
- (d) No improvement

S21. Ans.(a)

Sol. Two actions are there i.e. SIT DOWN and WIN. If both the actions happened in the past one after the other after a gap, we use the past perfect tense for the action that took place first. So, HAD WON is the correct usage.

Directions (22-23): A sentence has been given in Active voice/Passive Voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice and mark your answer.

Q22. Our Almighty will bless wise men.

- (a) Wise men will be blessed by our Almighty.
- (b) Wise men should be blessed by our Almighty.
- (c) Wise men have been blessed by our Almighty.
- (d) Wise men would be blessed by our Almighty.

S22. Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct answer is, "Wise men will be blessed by our Almighty"

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Q23. He doesn't pay tips ever.

- (a) Paying of tips has never been done by him.
- (b) Tips are never paid by him.
- (c) Tipping of payment has not been done by him.
- (d) He has never ever paid any tips.

S23. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct answer is, "Tips are never paid by him".

Directions (24–25): In each of the following questions, a sentence has been given in Direct/Indirect Speech. Out of the four alternatives suggested select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Indirect Direct Speech.

Q24. The doctor says, "It is better you undergo a surgery next week."

- (a) The doctor advised me to undergo a surgery the following week.
- (b) The doctor says that it is better I undergo a surgery the following week.
- (c) The doctor says that it was better I underwent a surgery the coming week.
- (d) The doctor advises that it is better I underwent a surgery the following week.

S24. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct narration is, "The doctor says that it is better I undergo a surgery the following week."

Q25. The teacher asked the student when he would submit his assignment.

- (a) The teacher said to the student, "When will you submit your assignment?"
- (b) The teacher asked the student, "When will you submit his assignment?"
- (c) The teacher asked the student, "When would you submit his assignment?"
- (d) The teacher asked the student, "When would he submit his assignment?"

S25. Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct narration is, "The teacher said to the student, "When will you submit your assignment?"

Directions (26-30): Read the passage carefully and choose the best answer to each question out of the four alternatives.

The strength of Indian democracy lies in its tradition, in the fusion of the ideas of democracy and national independence which was the characteristic of the Indian Nationalist Movement long before independence. Although the British retained supreme authority in India until 1947, the provincial elections of 1937 provided real exercise in democratic practice to Indians before national independence. During the Pacific war, India was not overrun or seriously invaded by the Japanese and after the war was over, the transfer of power to a government of the Indian Congress Party was a peaceful one as far as Britain was concerned. By 1947, 'Indianisation' has already gone far in the Indian Civil Service and Army, so that the new government could start with effective instruments of central control.

After independence, however, India was faced with two vast problems: The first, that of economic growth from a very low level of production, and the second was that of ethnic diversity and the aspirations of sub-nationalities. The Congress leadership was more aware of the former problem than of the second. As a new political elite which had rebelled not only against the British Raj but also against India's old social order, the leaders were conscious of the need to initiate economic development and undertake social reforms. But as nationalists who had led a struggle against the alien rule on behalf of all parts of India, they took the cohesion of the Indian nation too much for granted and underestimated the centrifugal forces of ethnic division, which were bound to be accentuated rather than diminished as the popular masses were more and more drawn into politics. The Congress party was originally opposed to the idea of recognising any division of India on a linguistic basis and preferred to retain the old provinces of British India which often cut across linguistic boundaries. However, this was later conceded as the basis for a federal 'Indian Union'. The rights granted to the states created new problems for the central government. The idea of making Hindi the national language of a united India was thwarted by the recalcitrance of the speakers of other important Indian languages and the autonomy of the states rendered central economic planning extremely difficult. Land reforms remained under the control of the states and many large-scale economic projects required a degree of cooperation between the central government and one or more of the states which, it was found, was impossible to achieve. Coordination of policies was difficult even when the Congress party was in power both in the states and at the centre. When a Congress Government in Delhi was confronted with non-Congress parties in office in the states, it became much harder.

Q26. Which of the following problems was India faced with after Independence?

- (a) Military attack from a country across the border
- (b) Lack of coordination between the central and state governments
- (c) Improper coordination of various government policies
- (d) Increasing the production from a very low level

S26. Ans.(d)

Sol. Refer to, "After independence, however, India was faced with two vast problems: The first, that of economic growth from a very low level of production, and the second was that of ethnic diversity and the aspirations of sub-nationalities."

Q27. Which of the following issues was not appropriately realized by the central government?

- (a) Ethnic diversity of the people
- (b) A national language for the country
- (c) Implementation of the formulated policies
- (d) Centre-state relations

S27. Ans.(a)

Sol. Refer to, "The first, that of economic growth from a very low level of production, and the second was that of ethnic diversity and the aspirations of sub-nationalities."

Q28. Why central economic planning was found to be difficult?

- (a) There was a multiplicity of states and union territories
- (b) There was lack of coordination in different government departments
- (c) Autonomy was given to the states in certain matters
- (d) There was lack of will in implementing land reforms

S28. Ans.(c)

Sol. Refer to, "The idea of making Hindi the national language of a united India was thwarted by the recalcitrance of the speakers of other important Indian languages and the autonomy of the states rendered central economic planning extremely difficult."

Q29. Why was the linguistic reorganization of the states accepted?

- (a) The states were not cooperating with the central government
- (b) Non-Congress governments in the states demanded such a reorganization of the states
- (c) No common national language emerged
- (d) Strong pressure was exerted by the states on the central government to create such states.

S29. Ans.(d)

Sol. Refer to, "The Congress party was originally opposed to the idea of recognising any division of India on a linguistic basis and preferred to retain the old provinces of British India which often cut across linguistic boundaries. However, this was later conceded as the basis for a federal 'Indian Union'. The rights granted to the states created new problems for the central government."

Q30. Which, according to the passage, can be cited as an exercise in democratic practice in India before Independence?

- (a) The handing over of power by the British of India
- (b) Provincial election of 1937
- (c) A neutral role played by the Army
- (d) None of the above

S30. Ans.(b)

Sol. Refer to, "Although the British retained supreme authority in India until 1947, the provincial elections of 1937 provided real exercise in democratic practice to Indians before national independence."

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