

30 IMPORTANT ENGLISH ERROR DETECTION FOR ALL SSC EXAMS PDF (Solutions)

Directions (1-30): In these questions some of the sentences have errors and some have none. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and indicate it corresponding to the appropriate letter. If there is no error, indicate corresponding to the last option.

Q1. But if the next generation can understand the importance of rest, of (A)/ communication and connection, of mind-body balance, (B)/ we could have less of a mental-health systemic breakdown. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(c)

Sol. Proper modal to use here is 'may' not 'could'. As the expectation is being made in the context of 'future' not 'past'.

Q2. Instead of saying we don't understand what's going on, (A)/ or where we went wrong as individuals and a society, (B)/ the 'adult' thing to do is maintain equanimity. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(c)

Sol. Add 'to' before 'maintain'.

Q3. The Indian Penal Code Of 1860 is a rich and detailed document, (A)/ listing a wide varieties of crimes that the natives (B)/ of that time were prone to commit.(C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'varieties' with 'variety'.

Q4. Catching a tram involves a brisk walk, followed with (A)/ a short run, and a quick hop, which gets you on a vehicle (B)/ that will move far more slowly than you.(C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(a)

Sol. There is a preposition related error. Replace 'followed with' with 'followed by'.

Q5. Students tend to put pressure on (A)/ the lower spine and drop it over (B)/ the floor in Ardha Chaturanga. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(b)

Sol. There is a preposition related error. Replace 'drop it over' with 'drop it towards'.

Q6. An uncle of mine, who ran a large business empire, and I, was (A)/ waiting to board a train at a suburban station, and as (B)/ the train was delayed, my uncle wished to rest. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(a)

Sol. Replace 'was' with 'were'. As two different subjects connected with 'and' are treated as plural in whole and hence plural verb is used subsequently.

Q7. The day after Mr. Karunanidhi passed away, (A)/ there was an electrical fault on my house (B)/ and it needed immediate repair. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(b)

Sol. There is a preposition related error. Replace 'on' with 'in'.

Q8. If you give this transitional pose (A)/ short shrift, you'll skimp on your breath (B)/ and potentially strain your neck. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(d)

Sol. No Error

Q9. I came to help you out not because you were going (A)/ to pay me for my services, for I truly was touched (B)/ by the manner you did the request (C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct phrase to use is 'made the request'. Hence replace 'did the request' with 'made the request'.

Q10. It's a really cute town, and (A)/ I like it by if large, but it's just so far (B)/ from all of my friends in the city. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'by if large' with 'by and large'. 'By and large' is an idiomatic expression which means 'on the whole; everything considered'.

Q11. In long distance running, while achievements like running a marathon (A)/ or a half is widely celebrated, the simple act of getting up (B)/ every morning and stepping in is rarely appreciated.(C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace 'stepping in' with 'stepping out'.

Step out: leave a room or building for a short time.

Q12. Gangaramaya Temple, one of Colombo's oldest Buddhist temples (A)/ and a popular tourist destination leave visitors enchanted (B)/ with its huge golden Buddha statue. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'leave' with 'leaves' as singular subject takes singular verb with it.

Q13. The garden area outside the studio is littered with (A)/ plastic bottles and wires, waiting to be transformed (B)/ into something artistic no doubt. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(d)


Sol. No Error

Q14. Whether you prefer a physical exchange for (A)/ cash and a digital process, there are myriad (B)/ ways to get money using gold. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'and' with 'or'. As 'whether....or' is the correct conjunction pair.

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Q15. Sports persons are often unfairly judged on what they do (A)/ for few minutes on the event day, ignoring the hours of (B)/ drudgery of training that consumes their lives. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(d)

Sol. No Error

Q16. He went to England to work as a doctor (A)/ but returned (B)/ as he could not endure the weather there (C)/ No error (D)

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

Ans.(d)

Sol. No Error

Q17. These are (A)/ his (B)/ conclusion remarks. (C)/ No error (D)

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

Ans.(c)

Sol. Replace verb 'conclusion' with 'adjective 'concluding'. 'Remark' being a noun will be qualified by an 'adjective' not by other 'noun'. Hence option C has the error.

Q18. The shopkeeper offered either to exchange (A)/ the goods (B)/ or refund the money. (C)/ No error (D)

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

Ans.(a)

Sol. 'Either....or' being a connector should be placed properly in a sentence. Hence replace 'offered either to exchange' with 'offered to either exchange'.

Q19. He did not know (A)/ as much as (B)/ he claimed he knew. (C)/ No error (D)

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

Ans.(c)

Sol. Avoid redundant use of the subject i.e. pronoun 'he' here. Hence replace 'he claimed he knew' with 'he claimed to know'.

Q20. India are placed fourth in the medals tally with nine gold, eight silver (A)/ and seven bronze medals for a total of 24, making (B)/ this their best performance in the International Shooting Sport. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(d)

Sol. No error

Q21. They sit (A)/ in the window (B)/ and watch the traffic. (C)/ No error (D)

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

Ans.(b)

Sol. There is a preposition related error. Replace 'in the window' with 'by the window'

Q22. The approved electrifying will reduce (A)/ the use of imported fossil fuels, thereby (B)/ improving energy security to the nation. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(a)

Sol. Replace verb 'electrifying' with noun 'electrification' which means 'the action or process of charging something with electricity'.

Q23. The judge heard the arguments (A)/ of the lawyers and found (B)/ that the boy was innocent. (C)/ No error (D)

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

Ans.(d)

Sol. No error

Q24. I have lived (A)/ in Delhi (B)/ from 1965. (C)/ No error (D)

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

Ans.(c)

Sol. As the rule goes 'Present Perfect Tense + + Since + a particular point in time'. Hence replace 'from 1965' with 'since 1965'.

Q25. Employees are expected to (A)/ adhere the rules (B)/ laid down by the management. (C)/ No error (D)

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

Ans.(b)

Sol. There is a preposition related error. Absence of correct preposition is giving a wrong meaning of the sentence. Employees are expected to adhere to the rules laid down by the management not employees are expected to adhere the rules laid down by the management. Hence add 'to' before 'the rules'.

Q26. The students complained (A)/ to the principal against (B)/ the warden and the poor management of the hostel. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(c)

Sol. Use 'about' or 'of' before 'the poor', because 'complain to somebody', 'complain against somebody' or 'complain about or of something' is used.

Q27. My brother is moving hither and thither (A)/ uselessly, because he has no other (B)/ job but back biting of others. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(c)

Sol. Conjunction 'than' is used after 'other'. Hence use 'no other job than' in place of 'no other job but'.

Q28. He did not avail (A)/ himself to the materials (B)/ available in the store.(C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(b)

Sol. There is a preposition related error. Use 'of' in place of 'to'.

Q29. There seems to be a wide gap in (A)/ the interpretation and application of laws between (B)/ the higher judiciary and the lower judiciary in India.(C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(d)

Sol. No Error

Q30. The court said that the state and its officials (A)/ does not have the right to impose prior restraints on the publication (B)/ of materials that may be defamatory to the state.(C)/ No Error (D)

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

Ans.(b)

Sol. Replace 'does not have' with 'do not have' as plural subject has been used before it.

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