

**50 ENGLISH QUESTIONS WEEKLY COMPILATION FOR SSC CGL AND SSC CPO EXAM 2018**

**Directions (1-2):** 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.** We need to (A)/ put on the squeeze those guys so that (B)/ they finally pay their debt to us.(C)/ No Error (D)

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

**S1. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Replace 'put on the squeeze' with 'put the squeeze on'. 'Put the squeeze on' is an idiom which means 'To pressure one to do something'.

**Q2.** Concurrent with this programme (a) / educational institutions may be urged (b) / to inculcate patriotism in each and every one of its pupils. (c) No Error (d)

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

**S2. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Replace 'its' by 'their' as the subject 'educational institutions' is plural and hence it will take plural verb.

**Directions (3-4):** 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.

**Q3.** He tried pulling the wool \_\_\_\_\_ by hiding the profits in separate accounts, but we were quick to catch onto his scheme

- (a) off our eyes
- (b) over our eyes
- (c) on our eyes
- (d) in our eyes

**S3. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Pull the wool over (one's) eyes (idiom): To deceive, fool, or misdirect one, especially to gain an advantage. Hence option B is the correct choice.

**Q4.** Although we have understood the signals and genes behind the regeneration, the whole pathway and network need to be \_\_\_\_\_ before trying it out in the mammalian system.

- (a) snarled
- (b) laced
- (c) unravelled
- (d) leaked

**S4. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Snarled: to cause to become knotted and intertwined.

Lace: to fasten or join with or as if with a cord or string.

Unravel: investigate and solve or explain (something complicated or puzzling).

Hence option C is the correct choice.

**Directions (5-6): Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.**

**Q5. I did not wait for him because he (went out) before I arrived.**

- (a) has gone out
- (b) had gone out
- (c) had been out
- (d) No improvement

**S5. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The Grammar rule "Subject + had + V3 (third form) +.....before + Subject + V2 (Past Participle form of Verb)" will be followed here. Hence, option B is the correct choice.

**Q6. They appointed him (as a manager) as he is efficient.**

- (a) as manager
- (b) manager
- (c) as the manager
- (d) No Improvement

**S6. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Remove 'as' because 'name', 'elect', 'think', 'consider', 'call', 'appoint', 'choose' are certain verbs that do not take adverb 'as' with them.

Moreover, no need to use any article before the post 'manager'.

Hence option B is the correct choice.

**Directions (7-8): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word that is your answer.**

**Q7. HEDGE**

- (a) Confine
- (b) Deceive
- (c) Belittle
- (d) Compete

**S7. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Hedge(verb): limit or qualify (something) by conditions or exceptions.

Confine(verb): keep or restrict someone or something within certain limits of.

Deceive(verb): deliberately cause (someone) to believe something that is not true.

Hence Hedge and Confine are synonyms to each other.

**Q8. AMBIT**

- (a) Barrier
- (b) Excite
- (c) Periphery
- (d) Repeat

**S8. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Ambit (noun): the scope, extent, or bounds of something.

Periphery (noun): the outer limits or edge of an area or object.

Hence Ambit and Periphery are synonyms to each other.

**Directions (9-10):** 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.

**Q9. PLATITUDE**

- (a) Banality
- (b) Truism
- (c) Homily
- (d) Profundity

**S9. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Platitude: an idea or expression that has been used by many people.

Banality: something that lacks originality or novelty.

Truism: an undoubted or self-evident truth.

Profundity: characterized with intellectual depth or something abstruse.

Hence Platitude and Profundity are antonyms to each other.

**Q10. SCOURGE**

- (a) Blessing
- (b) Secret
- (c) Cane
- (d) Monk

**S10. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Scourge: a person or thing that causes great trouble or suffering.

Blessing: a thing conducive to happiness or welfare.

Cane: the hollow jointed stem of a tall grass.

Monk: a member of a religious community of men typically living under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

Hence Scourge and Blessing are antonyms to each other.

**Directions (11-13):** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

**Q11. Scope out**

- (a) to admit defeat
- (b) to make a preliminary inspection
- (c) to accompany someone safely to their home
- (d) to unexpectedly upset or confuse someone

**S11. Ans.(b)**

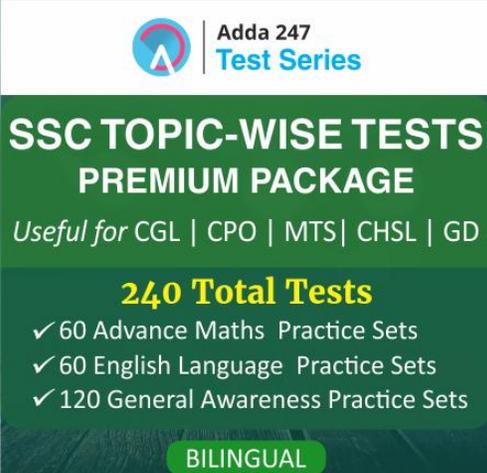
**Sol.** Option B is the correct meaning.

**Q12. To string someone along**

- (a) to immediately like or be attracted to
- (b) to fool or deceive someone
- (c) to be prominent or easily seen
- (d) to serve someone in the best possible way

**S12. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Option B is the correct meaning.



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**Q13. Shoot the breeze**

- (a) to subject to drastic rearrangement or reorganization
- (b) to do or say something stupid that causes problems
- (c) to end a relationship or agreement suddenly or completely
- (d) to chat casually without purpose

**S13. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Option D is the correct meaning.

**Directions (14-15):** In the following questions, four words are given out of which one word is incorrectly spelt. Select the incorrectly spelt word.

**Q14.**

- (a) Pyrrhic
- (b) Aerator
- (c) Biege
- (d) Armament

**S14. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct Spelling is 'Beige'.

**Q15.**

- (a) Relegate
- (b) Planitude
- (c) Plaudit
- (d) Profligate

**S15. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct spelling is 'Plenitude'.

**Directions (16-20):** 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.

**Q16.** With a view to help the Third World countries, (A)/the I.M.F. and the World Bank keep sending (B)/their experts to different regions of the world (C)/ No Error (D)

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

**S16. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Replace 'help' with 'helping' as 'with a view to' takes gerund (V1 + ing) with it.

**Q17.** The house owners forget that even so simple (A)/ a matter as cleaning and maintaining (B)/ a lawn affects ecology and should not be neglected (C)/ No Error (D)

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

**S17. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Replace 'ecology' with 'environment'. Ecology is the branch of biology that deals with the relations of organisms to one another and to their physical surroundings. While Environment means the surroundings or conditions in which a person lives or operates, the natural world, as a whole or in a part. Hence using 'environment' makes the sentence error free.

**Q18. Many a profound thinker believe (A)/ that the march of civilization (B)/ has not coincided with real human progress (C)/ No Error (D)**

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

**S18. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Replace 'believe' with 'believes'. 'Many a' is followed by a singular subject and a singular subject is followed by a singular verb according to Subject-Verb Agreement Rule.

**Q19. Do you think you could lend me (A)/ good pair of gloves (B) / to wear to the wedding (C) / No Error (D)**

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

**S19. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Use indefinite article 'a' before 'good pair of gloves'.  
'A good pair of gloves' is the right usage.

**Q20. He flowed into a rage (A) / at the very (B) / sight of that man (C) / No error (D)**

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

**S20. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Replace 'flowed into a rage' with 'flew into a rage'.  
Flew: to move with an aggressive surge/ suddenly become very angry.  
Hence 'flew into a rage' is the correct usage.

**Direction (21-25): Improve the bracketed part of the sentence.**

**Q21. His condition has only deteriorated, his life (hangs with threads).**

- (a) is hanging on threads
- (b) hangs by a thread
- (c) hangs on a thread
- (d) No Improvement

**S21. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** 'Hang by a thread' is an idiom which means 'be in a highly precarious state'. Thus option (b) is correct.

**Q22. I won't be able to leave for office until they (arrive).**

- (a) have arrived
- (b) had arrived
- (c) will have arrived
- (d) No Improvement

**S22. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** No improvement

**Q23. (It is no good to cry) over past failures.**

- (a) It is of no good crying
- (b) It is of no good to cry
- (c) It is no good crying
- (d) No Improvement

**S23. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The gerund form of the verb "cry" is "crying." 'It's no use/no good + Gerund form of verb' is grammatically correct.

**Q24. Why should we (bothered)?**

- (a) bother
- (b) bothering
- (c) to bother
- (d) No improvement

**S24. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** "should" is a "modal" which will take base form of verb i.e. "bother" with it.

**Q25. She (starts walks) without responding.**

- (a) start walking
- (b) started walking
- (c) starting walking
- (d) No improvement

**S25. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Only option B fits in the context thus justifying the tense and correct form of verb (i.e. V1 +ing).

**Directions: (26-30) Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences.**

**Q26. Involving or showing violence and bloodshed**

- (a) inundate
- (b) gory
- (c) sanguine
- (d) imbrue

**S26. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Gory: involving or showing violence and bloodshed.

Sanguine: optimistic or positive, especially in an apparently bad or difficult situation.

Inundate: overwhelm someone with things or people to be dealt with.

Imbrue: to impregnate

**Q27. To cut off a branch, limb, or twig from the main body of a tree**

- (a) dollop
- (b) clop
- (c) lop
- (d) slo

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**S27. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Dollop: a large, shapeless mass of something, especially soft food.

Clop: a sound made by or as if by a horse's hoof striking the ground.

Slop: dress in an untidy or casual manner.

Lop: cut off a branch, limb, or twig from the

**Q28. A tangled mass in something such as hair or wool**

(a) knot

(b) vortex

(c) snot

(d) whorl

**S28. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Knot: A knot is a method of fastening or securing linear material such as rope by tying or interweaving.

**Q29. Relating to or characteristic of hell or the underworld**

(a) diabolical

(b) execrable

(c) elysium

(d) infernal

**S29. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** Infernal: relating to or characteristic of hell or the underworld.

**Q30. The action of making amends for a wrong one has done**

(a) reparation

(b) extortion

(c) reclamation

(d) retrieval

**S30. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Reparation: the action of repairing something.

**Directions (31-35):** There are four different words out of which one is correctly spelled. Find the correctly spelled word.

**Q31.**

(a) Suppressible

(b) Superessible

(c) Supperesible

(d) Supperessible

**S31. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct spelling is 'Suppressible'.

**Q32.**

(a) Slieght

(b) Sleight

(c) Sleigt

(d) Sleighet

**S32. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct spelling is 'Sleight'.

**Q33.**

- (a) Milennium
- (b) Millenium
- (c) Millennium
- (d) Milleneum

**S33. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The correct spelling is 'Millennium'.

**Q34.**

- (a) Uterrance
- (b) Utterance
- (c) Uterrance
- (d) Utterance

**S34. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct spelling is 'Utterance'.

**Q35.**

- (a) Scintilation
- (b) Scintillation
- (c) Scientillation
- (d) Scinticillation

**S35. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct spelling is 'Scintillation'.

**Directions (36-50):** 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.

**Q36.** 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

**S36. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** No Error

**Q37.** 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

**S37. Ans.(b)**

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

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**Q38. 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

**S38. Ans.(c)**

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

**Q39. 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

**S39. Ans.(c)**

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

**Q40. The decline of his moral (A)/ was caused by a lot of (B)/ factors that were (C)/ once fascinating to him (D)/ No Error (E)**

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

**S40. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Replace 'of' by 'in'.

Because 'decline of an empire/decline of a party' can be used but with nouns like 'prices', 'moral', we use 'decline in'.

**Q41. It is not governments that opt for prior (A)/ restraint to silence the media and hamper the flow of (B)/ information but also powerful corporate houses. (C)/ No Error (D)**

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

**S41. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Replace 'not' with 'not only or not just'. As the correct conjunction pair to connect clauses is 'not only' ..... 'but also'.

**Q42. The author's vision suffused by (A)/ an innocence and warmth, may not correspond (B)/ to the country as it is today (C)/ No Error (D)**

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

**S42. Ans.(a)**

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

**Q43. I now realize that public speaking (a) / requires as much courage (b) / and confidence as to dance (c) / No Error (d)**

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

**S43. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Confidence as dancing' is the right usage as same Gerund form (V1 + ing) will be used before and after the connector 'and'.

**Q44. Tired I was I had to (a) / keep on working till (b) / the wee hours of the morning (c) / No Error (d)**

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

**S44. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The beginning of sentence is meaningless and hence we need to use conjunction 'Though' in the beginning.

Though: despite the fact that.

**Q45. We must go (a) / and congratulate him for (b) / his brilliant success (c) / No Error (d)**

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

**S45. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Congratulate him 'on' is the right usage. Therefore, replace 'for' with 'on'.

**Q46. The fight for liberation (A) / brings out the best and (B) / a noblest quality in mankind (C) / No error (D)**

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

**S46. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The superlative degree of adjective takes article 'the' before it.

Hence replace 'a' with 'the' before noblest.

**Q47. The General Manager of the industry has felt (A) / that there is no use of (B) / discussing about the problems with labourers (C) / No error (D)**

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

**S47. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Remove 'about' after discussing as the use of 'about' is superfluous.

**Q48. He looked upon me (A) / eye to eye for a few moments (B) / before he spoke (C) / No error (D)**

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

**S48. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** Replace 'looked upon me' with 'looked at me'.

Look upon: to regard someone /something in a certain way.

While look at: to direct eyes towards something.

**Q49. The Statesman has the (A)/ larger circulation (B)/ of all English details (C)/ No Error (D).**

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

**S49. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Replace 'larger' by 'largest'.

'Superlative degree of adjective' is qualified with definite article 'the' before it not the 'comparative degree'

**Q50. Two of my intimate friends called on me (A)/ on yesterday when I was (B)/ away from home (C)/ No Error (D)**

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

**S50. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Remove 'on' before yesterday.

As 'yesterday', the day before yesterday, today, tomorrow etc. don't take 'on' or 'in' before them.



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