

**50 English Questions Challenge for SSC Exam 2018**

**Directions: (1-15) Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences.**

**Q1.** To lift or haul something heavy with great effort.

- (a) heave
- (b) shrimp
- (c) wimp
- (d) runt

**Q2.** A political leader who seeks support by appealing to popular desires and prejudices rather than by using rational argument.

- (a) rebel
- (b) radical
- (c) demagogue
- (d) anarchistic

**Q3.** The action of repeating something aloud from memory.

- (a) paraphrase
- (b) rendition
- (c) erudition
- (d) recitation

**Q4.** A trace or remnant of something that is disappearing or no longer exists.

- (a) memento
- (b) variable
- (c) glimmer
- (d) vestige

**Q5.** To disorder or disarrange (someone's hair), typically by running one's hands through it.

- (a) to tangle
- (b) to crumple
- (c) to ruffle
- (d) to crease

**Q6.** Courteousness and refinement of manner.

- (a) plaudit
- (b) adulation
- (c) urbanity
- (d) profanity

**Q7.** Involving immoral or dishonorable actions and motives.

- (a) redoubt
- (b) scrupulous
- (c) immaculate
- (d) sordid

**Q8.** A symbol that serves as an emblem of a group of people

- (a) obelisk
- (b) minaret
- (c) mast
- (d) totem

**Q9.** The way in which a substance holds together; thickness or viscosity

- (a) corpulence
- (b) consistency
- (c) exigency
- (d) exultancy

**Q10.** Based on random choice or personal whim

- (a) auxiliary
- (b) arbitrary
- (c) allegory
- (d) ambulatory

**Q11.** Involving or showing violence and bloodshed

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

**Q12.** To cut off a branch, limb, or twig from the main body of a tree

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

**Q13.** A tangled mass in something such as hair or wool

- (a) knot
- (b) vortex
- (c) snot
- (d) whorl

**Q14.** Relating to or characteristic of hell or the underworld

- (a) diabolical
- (b) execrable
- (c) elysium
- (d) infernal

**Q15.** The action of making amends for a wrong one has done

- (a) reparation
- (b) extortion
- (c) reclamation
- (d) retrieval

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**Directions (16-30):** Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

**Q16. SPAWN**

- (a) Destroy
- (b) Generate
- (c) Calm
- (d) Raze

**Q17. RAMPANT**

- (a) Restrained
- (b) Comprehensible
- (c) Unbridled
- (d) Complementary

**Q18. FAUX**

- (a) True
- (b) Sham
- (c) Noise
- (d) Roasted

**Q19. LIMBER**

- (a) Lissome
- (b) Stiff
- (c) LummoX
- (d) Luminary

**Q20. ABRADE**

- (a) Scold
- (b) Attach
- (c) Wear off
- (d) Twist

**Q21. DECAPITATE**

- (a) Behead
- (b) Decipher
- (c) Deploy
- (d) Delve

**Q22. PERVERSITY**

- (a) Cooperative
- (b) Accommodating
- (c) Waywardness
- (d) Reasonable

**Q23. THRONG**

- (a) Trickle
- (b) Multitude
- (c) Scantling
- (d) Expurgate

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**Q24. ENIGMA**

- (a) Attractive
- (b) Riddle
- (c) Flare-up
- (d) Dream

**Q25. RECEPTACLE**

- (a) Caliber
- (b) Hole
- (c) Container
- (d) Funeral

**Q26. INIMICAL**

- (a) Untidy
- (b) Harmful
- (c) Funny
- (d) Trial

**Q27. SPRUCE**

- (a) Lethargy
- (b) Elegant
- (c) Scruffy
- (d) Ragged

**Q28. TRUCULENT**

- (a) Ferocious
- (b) Luxurious
- (c) Luscious
- (d) Delicious

**Q29. PROPITIATE**

- (a) Conform
- (b) Appease
- (c) Influence
- (d) Approach

**Q30. RUMINATE**

- (a) Acclaim
- (b) Contend
- (c) Ponder
- (d) Abscond

**Direction (31-32):** 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'.

**Q31.** The single room tenement was bare and both (A)/ he and his wife lain out their only clean sheet, provided (B)/ my uncle a pillow and brought him fresh coffee. (C)/ No Error (D)

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

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- Q32.** The station master of the station, which was all of one (A)/ platform, noticed my uncle was tired and perhaps also sensed that (B)/ my uncle was unaccustomed to wait on a platform. (C)/ No Error (D)
- (a) A
  - (b) B
  - (c) C
  - (d) D

**Directions (33-34):** 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.

- Q33.** Many of these locations are still \_\_\_\_\_ in intrigue, with their goings-on staying behind closed doors.
- (a) shrieked
  - (b) debatable
  - (c) parched
  - (d) shrouded

- Q34.** Still a \_\_\_\_\_ of spots across the globe are entirely forbidden to outside travelers.
- (a) cast
  - (b) bloat
  - (c) slew
  - (d) stench

**Directions (35-36):** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

- Q35.** Make a dent in
- (a) To accept something exactly the way it appears to be
  - (b) To make noticeable progress in a task
  - (c) To use vigorous action to bring something into a proper specified state
  - (d) To declare or issue a challenge

- Q36.** Over the hill
- (a) To extract, remove, or take someone from something
  - (b) To collect information
  - (c) Too old to be of much value
  - (d) To be oblivious of something important

**Directions: (37-38)** Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences.

- Q37.** Part- song for several voices without instrumental accompaniment
- (a) Ostler
  - (b) Madrigal
  - (c) Quill
  - (d) Reticule

- Q38.** A person held in custody.
- (a) Deist
  - (b) Dilettante
  - (c) Detenu
  - (d) Decalogue

**Directions (39-40): In the following questions, four words are given out of which one word is correctly spelt. Select the correctly spelt word.**

**Q39.**

- (a) Doyen
- (b) Devieous
- (c) Dissentomb
- (d) Deflaction

**Q40.**

- (a) Grovell
- (b) Pervisive
- (c) Hermetic
- (d) Utterence

**Directions (41-45): A passage is given with five questions following it. Read the passage carefully and select the best answer to each question out of the given four alternatives.**

Corruption is not a uniquely Indian phenomenon. It is witnessed all over the world in developing as well as developed countries. It has spread its tentacles in every sphere of life, namely business administration, politics, officialdom, and services. In fact, there is hardly any sector which can be characterized for not being infected with the vices of corruption. Corruption is rampant in every segment and every section of society, barring the social status attached to it. Nobody can be considered free from corruption from a high-ranking officer.

To root out the evil of corruption from society, we need to make a comprehensive code of conduct for politicians, legislatures, bureaucrats, and such code should be strictly enforced. Judiciary should be given more independence and initiatives on issues related to corruption. Special courts should be set-up to take up such issues and speedy trial is to be promoted. Law and order machinery should be allowed to work without political interference. NGOs and media should come forward to create awareness against corruption in society and educate people to combat this evil. Only then we would be able to save our system from being collapsed.

**Q41.** According to the passage where does corruption has spread its tentacles?

- (a) officialdom
- (b) politics
- (c) business administration
- (d) All of these

**Q42.** What kind of status is being barred by the corruption?

- (a) social
- (b) economic
- (c) mental
- (d) physical

**Q43.** According to the passage, who is free from corruption?

- (a) high ranking officers
- (b) politicians
- (c) bureaucrats
- (d) None of these

**Q44.** Which of the following measure is not mentioned in the passage to root out the evil of corruption from society?

- (a) private sector should create awareness against corruption
- (b) media should come forward to create awareness and educate people to combat this evil
- (c) judiciary to be given more independence and initiative in relation to corruption
- (d) comprehensive code of conduct for politicians, legislature and bureaucrats

**Q45.** According to the passage, which of the following is INCORRECT?

- (a) corruption is prevalent only in developing countries
- (b) corruption is rampant in every segment and section of society
- (c) to combat corruption, law and order should be allowed to work without political interference
- (d) corruption is not a uniquely Indian phenomena

**Directions (46-50):** In the following questions, out of the four alternatives select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

**Q46.** Take stock

- (a) To be engaged in a profitable venture in business.
- (b) To become unsteady or flustered due to having a strong emotional reaction
- (c) To be progressing or finding success in some area of one's life
- (d) To make an appraisal, estimation, or assessment of something

**Q47.** Palm off

- (a) Clearly visible
- (b) Uneasy with something
- (c) To dispose off with the intent to deceive
- (d) Conceal

**Q48.** Wipe the nose of

- (a) To Abuse
- (b) To Cheat
- (c) To Slap
- (d) To pull the nose

**Q49.** Make a beeline

- (a) To go online
- (b) To rush
- (c) To be doubtful
- (d) To refuse

**Q50.** Pay on the nail

- (a) To pay after a long time
- (b) To pay small amount
- (c) To pay nothing
- (d) To pay promptly

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