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## TEST NO. <br>  <br> SSC TIER-II : ENGLISH LANGUAGE \& COMPREHENSION (Answer with Explanations)

| Answer Key |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1. (B) | 21. (C) | 41. (A) | 61. (D) | 81. (A) | 101.(A) | 121.(C) | 141.(A) | 161.(C) | 181.(B) |
| 2. (A) | 22. (D) | 42. (A) | 62. (B) | 82. (C) | 102.(C) | 122.(A) | 142.(C) | 162.(D) | 182.(C) |
| 3. (C) | 23. (A) | 43. (A) | 63. (A) | 83. (B) | 103.(B) | 123.(D) | 143.(B) | 163.(A) | 183.(D) |
| 4. (D) | 24. (C) | 44. (D) | 64. (D) | 84. (D) | 104.(A) | 124.(D) | 144.(B) | 164.(C) | 184.(B) |
| 5. (A) | 25. (B) | 45. (A) | 65. (A) | 85. (A) | 105.(B) | 125.(A) | 145.(B) | 165.(B) | 185.(D) |
| 6. (B) | 26. (D) | 46. (D) | 66. (B) | 86. (C) | 106.(C) | 126.(C) | 146.(C) | 166.(A) | 186.(A) |
| 7. (A) | 27. (C) | 47. (B) | 67. (D) | 87. (A) | 107.(A) | 127.(C) | 147.(A) | 167.(D) | 187.(C) |
| 8. (C) | 28. (C) | 48. (C) | 68. (A) | 88. (B) | 108.(A) | 128.(A) | 148.(C) | 168.(C) | 188.(D) |
| 9. (D) | 29. (B) | 49. (A) | 69. (C) | 89. (A) | 109.(C) | 129.(A) | 149.(A) | 169.(C) | 189.(B) |
| 10. (A) | 30. (A) | 50. (C) | 70. (A) | 90. (B) | 110.(B) | 130.(B) | 150.(B) | 170.(B) | 190.(D) |
| 11. (B) | 31. (C) | 51. (B) | 71. (B) | 91. (B) | 111.(A) | 131.(A) | 151.(C) | 171.(B) | 191.(B) |
| 12. (B) | 32. (D) | 52. (C) | 72. (A) | 92. (A) | 112.(D) | 132.(D) | 152.(A) | 172.(A) | 192.(C) |
| 13. (A) | 33. (D) | 53. (A) | 73. (D) | 93. (D) | 113.(A) | 133.(C) | 153.(D) | 173.(D) | 193.(B) |
| 14. (B) | 34. (C) | 54. (D) | 74. (D) | 94. (A) | 114.(D) | 134.(B) | 154.(B) | 174.(C) | 194.(D) |
| 15. (A) | 35. (B) | 55. (B) | 75. (C) | 95. (A) | 115.(B) | 135.(C) | 155.(A) | 175.(B) | 195.(A) |
| 16. (B) | 36. (C) | 56. (C) | 76. (A) | 96. (B) | 116.(C) | 136.(A) | 156.(A) | 176.(B) | 196.(A) |
| 17. (A) | 37. (C) | 57. (A) | 77. (A) | 97. (C) | 117.(B) | 137.(A) | 157.(C) | 177.(C) | 197.(C) |
| 18. (B) | 38. (B) | 58. (D) | 78. (C) | 98. (B) | 118.(D) | 138.(C) | 158.(D) | 178.(D) | 198.(D) |
| 19. (B) | 39. (A) | 59. (A) | 79. (B) | 99. (B) | 119.(C) | 139.(B) | 159.(B) | 179.(C) | 199.(B) |
| 20. (C) | 40. (B) | 60. (C) | 80. (D) | 100.(B) | 120.(D) | 140.(D) | 160.(A) | 180 (B) | 200.(A) |

## Answer key with explanations

1. (B) Change 'has' into 'have'. 'Inadequacies and certain lapses' is plural hence plural verb is required.
2. (A) Change 'his annual income' into 'their annual income'. The subject 'the working population' is plural hence plural possessive adjective is required.
3. (C) Change 'to' into 'with'. Preposition with will be used with standoff.

- Standoff means an argument, contest in which there is no winner.

4. (D) No error.
5. (A) Remove 'to'. Use of 'to' after than is not required.
6. (B) Change 'why did she cry' into 'why she cried'. We use verb + subject + in Interrogative sentences while 'Subject + verb' in assertive sentences.
7. (A) Remove 'that'. The use of 'that' here is superfluous. We do not use 'that' after 'ask/ enquire/ want to know when a 'wh family' question follows.
8. (C) Change 'till' into 'yet'.

- Till - तब तक


9. (D) No error.
10. (A) Change 'has gone' into 'went'. 'Three weeks ago' into the sentence indicates that the sentence should be in Past Indefinite.
11. (B) Change 'for' into 'with' We use sympathise with others. (दू सा के स स्रा नु ${ }^{2} T_{\text {a }}$ ति हा' ना )
12. (B) Change 'are' into 'have been'. 'For long' in the sentence indicates that the sentence should be in Present Perfect Continuous Tense.
13. (A) Remove 'for'. We can use wait for. But using 'for' with 'await' is incorrect.
14. (B) Change 'asked' into 'asking'. Asking will be the parallel structure with visiting, collecting (See chapter Parallelism of English Vol. 1)
15. (A) Change 'Had I not taken ill' into 'Had I not been ill'.
16. (B) Change 'has' into 'had'. The sentence is of Past Tense.
17. (A) Change 'was understanding' into 'understood'. Understand is a Nonactional verb hence we cannot use 'ing' with 'it'.

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18. (B) Change 'to familiaries' into 'to familiarise ourselves'. We use familiarise oneself with something/ somebody.
19. (B) Change 'that' into 'as'. The structure of the sentence is based an 'so .... as'.
20. (C) Change 'by' into 'with'.

Substitute $_{(\mathbf{N})}$ takes 'for' and
Substitute $_{(\mathrm{v})}$ takes 'with'
21. (C) 'Conventional' is the correct option. Conventional means used and accepted by most people, usual or traditional.
22. (D) 'growth' is the correct option. We use term 'population growth'. Growth means the process of forming or developing something.
23. (A) 'at' is the correct option. 'At the top of one's voice' is an idiom which means extremely loudly.
24. (C) 'Fanned' is the correct option. Fan means 'to move air on' (हवा दे ना, उ ₹ करना ) or 'to incite'.
25. (B) 'China' is the correct option.

Bull in the China shop means one who is out of place in a delicate situation. (ज) जाह के अनु कू लन हॉ')
32. (D) 'Rehearsal' is the correctly spelt word. Rehearsal means a private performance for a public appearance.
33. (D) 'Massacre' is the correctly spelt word. 'Massacre' means the violent killing of many people.
34. (C) 'Medicore' is the correctly spelt word. 'Medicore' means not very good.
97. (C) 'Otherwise you will' is the correct option. The sentence starting with conjunction 'otherwise' takes the verb will/may.
98. (B) 'Lend me a few rupees' is the correct option.

- Few - hardly any
- A few - some but not many
- The few - Not many but all available.

99. (B) 'Jolted to a halt' is the correct option.

Halt means to stop during a journey (य $亠 \uparrow$ के बी चर्कना ) while Jolt means a sudden, rough movement. Jolted to a halt means झट के के सा थT र्कगय ।
100. (B) Perspective is the correct option. Perspective means the angle or direction in which a person looks at an object (दृ षिट्ट का' प )
Perception means the way you think about or understand someone or something. (स्मझ, ज्ञान)
101. (A) 'through' is the correct option.

Through indicates via(medium)/ indicates movement from one end to the other end. We use 'through' to pass something via door, passage, tube, hole etc.
102. (C) 'from every' is the correct option. We use 'from every point of view'. (हर दृ षिट का प
103. (B) 'Accustom yourself to' is the correct option. Accustom takes preposition 'to'.

- Accustomed to - usual or regular (आ दी हा' ना )
froft. (A) 'not last' is the correct option. We use$\mathrm{Sub}+$ shall/ will + not $+\mathrm{V}_{\text {b.f. }}$ in Simple Future.

105. (B) 'as welcoming as' is the correct option. We use as ... as in Positive degree.
106. (C) 'had been leaked' is the correct option. The sentence is of Past of the past. Hence it should be in Past Perfect Tense.
107. (A) 'was hurrying' is the correct option. The sentence should be in Past Continuous Tense according to the meaning of the sentence.
108. (A) 'was almost negligible' is the correct option.

- Negligible means very small or unimportant.
- Neglected means not given proper or necessary care or attention.
- Neglected is not the correct word to use in the contest of the meaning of the sentence. The sentence is of Past.

109. (C) 'had told me of' is the correct option. The sentence is of conditional we use - If + sub + had + $\mathrm{V}_{3}$, Sub + would + have $+\mathrm{V}_{3}$ (See chapter conditional sentence of English Vol. 1)
110. (B) 'have been staying in' is the correct option. The sentence is of Present Perfect Continuous Tense. We use - Sub + has/ have + been + ing + object + for / since + time.

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111. (A) 'large number' is the correct option. People is countable noun hence number should be used.
112. (D) 'if my car was safe' is the correct option. We do not use that after asked in interrogative Indirect sentence.
113. (A) 'of owning' is the correct option. We use - dream of something.
114. (D) No improvement. 'Set up' means the way that something is done or organised. (स थ T T प्तिक्रनJ 'Than' is followed by ' $\mathrm{V}_{1}+$ ing'.
115. (B) 'rather' is the correct option.
116. (C) 'dealt out' is the correct option. Dealt in means to buy and sell (something) as a business (亏 य प र करना )

- Deal out - to give out (something) to approprite individuals

117. (B) 'no different from that of the' is the correct option. Here comparison is being done between advice, that of the has been used.
118. (D) No improvement off and on - irregular (की T- क\% T T र)

## TEST NO. (VOCABULARY)



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| Infeasible | not practical | अ० य वहा रिक |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Infectious | capable of causing infection | सं क्रा मक |
| Limber | bending easily | लची ला，पुर ती＇ला |
| Limp | Lacking strength walking unevenly | लं गड． I कर चलना |
| Limpid | perfectly clear | सुस पषट |
| Liturgy | a religious rite or body of rites | ध fर्म करी ति |
| Macabre | involving death or violence in a way that is strange， frightening，or unpleasant | ${ }^{2} \mathrm{I}$ य वह，ड रा वना |
| Mansion | A large impressive house | ल，बड． I बं गला |
| Martinet | a person who is very strict and demands obedience from others | ठ र र अनु प T सक |
| Mnemonic | Helping you to remember something | सा यक |
| Modus Operandi | a usual way of doing something | का य－प्र प T ली |
| Nemesis | an opponent or enemy that is very difficult to defeat | विरो धे ज़्म हरा ना कठठ |
| Offend | to do wrong | करना |
| Opulent | decorated with expensive materials | मती वस्तु आं से समा |
| Palaeography | The study of ancient writing systems | प्रा ची न शि ला ले खा |
| Palaver | excitement and activity caused by something that not important | \％ाtग－दt゙ ड． |
| Paleontology | science dealing with the life of past geological periods as known from fossil remains | ज वा सिकी |
| Panegyric | Osteopathy | गु प गा $T$ न |
| Panorama | a clear complete view in every direction | परिद् सरचि ${ }^{\text {T }}$ |
| Persistent | continuing to act or exist longer than usual | लगा ता र |
| Placate | Make someone less energetic or hostile | श $\square^{\text {® }}$ त करना |
| Poverty | the state of being poor | गरी बी |
| Remit | to send（money）as a payment |  |
| Sabotage | Intentional damage to arrest production | ता＇ड．－पi｀ड．करो巾 |
| Sangfroid | the ability to stay calm in difficult or dangerous situations | ¢ ¢ म म य |
| Sceptre | an ornamented staff carried by rulers on ceremonial occasions as a symbol of sovereignty | रा जी यस्स $T$ |
| Scourge | someone or something that causes a great amount of trouble or suffering | विर्पत् 1 |
| Seditious | disposed to arouse or take part in or guilty of sedition | उ प्द्र वी |
| Splendour | magnificent and splendid appearance；grandeur | प T नदा र |
| Stormy | relating to，characterized by，or indicative of a storm | तु प T नी |
| Stupendous | so large or great that it amazes you | आ श्रय जाक |
| Suffrage | The right to vote in political elections | वा｀ट दे ने का अंक्या |
| Sullen | used to describe an angry or unhappy person who does not want to talk，smile，etc． | बदरमजा ज |
| Tether | a line by which something is fastened so as to limit where it can go | बा ध था |
| Treason | The crime of betraying one＇s country | दे श द्र 「 ह |
| Valiant | a valiant person | प。 रवी र |
| Vehement | showing strong and often angry feelings，very emotional | ज＇पी ला，प्र चं ड |

