



## SSC Multi-Tasking Staff (Non Technical) Exam Mock Test -6 (General English)

**Directions:** Read the following passage carefully and choose the most suitable answer to each question:

When I came home from the hostel for the first time, I was looking quite pulled down and pale. There I had lost interest in food and this naturally showed in my lacklustre face and sunken eyes. I must have looked like a rogue when I stepped out of the tonga, for, my father, from the terrace, showered me with his patent set of fourletter words, "You buffoon", "good-for-nothing fellow", etc. He was an officer, yet his stock of fourletter words was rather limited and so he welcomed me with a softer set of words and did not care to see me again. But after the vacation when I set off for the hostel, there was a servant walking with me with a huge tin of home-made ghee and a large sack of super-fine rice. He cooked my food separately in the hostel. By and by I grew pink and hefty. I generally survived on rice and slept a lot. I am fond of sleep till date. Once I slept for thirtysix hours at a stretch. Having a short nap after the breakfast is my hobby almost. For that I have been missing my lunch too. At night also it is extremely painful for me to keep awake after dinner. Evenings have always appeared ominous to me; so this part of the day I spent either in making preparations for supper or in going for a film show. My interest in films has been of a classical kind, in items like who has produced the film, who all have acted in it, etc. Almost the same amount of time as I spent in viewing a film did I spend in procuring information about these. Raising a debate and making an issue of a non-issue is my favourite pastime.

**51. How did the author look when he returned home from the hostel?**

- (a) worthless
- (b) angry
- (c) depressed
- (d) None of these

**52. In the tone of the father, there was**

- (a) warmth
- (b) arrogance
- (c) affection
- (d) taunt

**53. The speaker had come home because of**

- (a) home-sickness
- (b) vacation
- (c) bad health
- (d) financial difficulties

**54. In whose company did he leave for the hostel?**

- (a) orderly
- (b) cook
- (c) servant
- (d) ma id-servant

**55. What was his hobby?**

- (a) to have a long sleep after lunch
- (b) to miss his lunch once a week
- (c) to go for a long walk after breakfast
- (d) to enjoy a short sleep after breakfast

**56. How did he spend his evening?**

- (a) in cursing himself
- (b) in making preparations for supper
- (c) in preparing his own food
- (d) in sleeping

**57. What does the expression 'classical kind' stand for?**

- (a) films as pure entertainment
- (b) critical approach to films
- (c) films as a means of information and entertainment
- (d) interest in all the aspects of films

**58. What was his favourite pastime?**

- (a) making an issue of a non-issue.
- (b) teasing/provoking people for nothing.
- (c) giving information about films.
- (d) None of these

**Directions :** Choose the one which best expresses the SAME meaning of the given words.

**59. Pulled down**

- (a) ugly
- (b) weak
- (c) miserable
- (d) worthless

**60. Set off**

- (a) invest money
- (b) start a business
- (c) begin a journey
- (d) run a race

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**Directions:** Choose the word OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word.

**61. Lack lustre**

- (a) bright
- (b) colourful
- (c) inspiring
- (d) evergreen

**62. Favourite**

- (a) opportunistic
- (b) timely
- (c) bitter
- (d) hateful

**Directions: Rearrange the following eight sentence A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H in a proper sequence to construct a meaningful paragraph. Then answer the questions given below.**

- (A) But there is a large middle ground, consisting of people who support privatisation as a policy.
- (B) So we hope he will not mind setting all the doubt at rest.
- (C) But they are increasingly worried by reports of rampant crony capitalism.
- (D) These are not questions that would probably disturb either ideological extreme-both camps have already made up their minds and no amount of argument is going to convince them otherwise.
- (E) However, some disturbing questions regarding BALCO remain.

(F) This group does not wish to needlessly impugn anyone's integrity.

(G) Disinvestment minister has been largely cooperative with the media,

(H) But this group would like to be sure that the government's dealings are completely above board.

**63. Which of the following should be EIGHTH statement after rearrangement?**

(a) A

(b) B

(c) C

(d) H

**64. Which of the following should be SECOND statement after rearrangement?**

(a) B

(b) A

(c) C

(d) H

**65. Which of the following should be FIFTH statement after rearrangement?**

(a) F

(b) E

(c) H

(d) G

**66. Which of the following should be SEVENTH statement after rearrangement?**

(a) D

(b) B

(c) G

(d) H

**67. Which of the following should be FIRST statement after rearrangement?**

(a) A

(b) C

(c) F

(d) E

**Directions: Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given.**

The feeling of insecurity among the people has increased even though there is 58 use of the paramilitary and the military. The excesses 59 by the two forces, particularly by the first, do not 60 the type of anger it should because they are seen 61 those who are trying to disintegrate the country. Even a 62 for more say in the administration is shouted down. Human rights organisations and civil liberty activists are considered a 63 if not unpatriotic. Even the 64 cases of cruelty are not pursued by the government 65 the inquiry should

66 the forces and 67 the instrument on which it has come to depend.

68. (a) reduced (b) little (c) free (d) generous

69. (a) displayed (b) condoned (c) committed (d) cleared

70. (a) suppress (b) convey (c) evoke (d) provoke

71. (a) fighting (b) supporting (c) ignoring (d) denying

72. (a) desire (b) plea (c) prayer (d) demand

73. (a) boon (b) help (c) threat (d) nuisance

74. (a) new (b) concealed (c) blatant (d) minor

75. (a) lest (b) till (c) for (d) because

76. (a) degrade (b) demoralise (c) derail (d) disperse

77. (a) lose (b) change (c) raise (d) blunt

**Directions :** Read the 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.

78. They usually comes (a)/to our house (b)/whenever they pass (c)/No error (d)

79. Poonam used to (a)/work for almost ten (b)/ hours in the organisation (c)/where she has employed. (d)

80. The scooter would (a)/not start even though (b)/he tried (c)/No error (d)

81. Janaki was waving (a)/to us but we could (b)/ not see her (c)/at that distance. (d)

82. Neither Munna nor (a)/his assistants was present (b) / at the party (c)/though all were invited. (d)

**Directions:** Pick out the most effective word to fill in the blank to make the sentence complete.

83. Vikas had to \_\_\_some money by doing part-time work.

(a) get

(b) collect

(c) accept

(d) adjust

84. Dileep was \_\_\_\_\_ late when he reached school that day.

(a) fully

(b) very

(c) always

(d) adjust

85. The children \_\_\_ crackers to celebrate the victory of their team.

(a) released

(b) fired

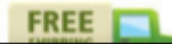
(c) shot

(d) broke



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**86. Sanjeev is always very \_\_\_\_\_ in the classroom and answers most of the questions correctly.**

- (a) lost
- (b) uneasy
- (c) moving
- (d) concentrated

**87. Hari's factory can \_\_\_\_\_ out around 100 pieces per day, so by Tuesday he can complete the order.**

- (a) turn
- (b) produce
- (c) prepare
- (d) complete

**Directions: Find out the wrongly spelt word in each question given below.**

**88. (a) morality**

- (b) jewelery
- (c) paragraph
- (d) rattling

**89. (a) claimant**

- (b) generation
- (c) concurrent
- (d) disiple

**90. (a) shoot**

- (b) subtle
- (c) thrift
- (d) slight

**Directions:** In each of the following sentences there are two blank spaces. Below each sentence there are five pairs of words denoted by numbers (a), (b), (c), and (d). Find out which pair of words can be filled up in the blanks in the sentence in the same sequence to make it meaningfully complete.

**91. The new policy will lay \_\_\_\_\_ on the removal of disparities and equalise educational \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) hand, criteria
- (b) guidelines, area
- (c) emphasis, opportunities
- (d) stress, curriculum

**92. Our nation is characterized by a \_\_\_\_\_ of cultural traditions and \_\_\_\_\_ of languages.**

- (a) number, depth
- (b) variety, multiplicity
- (c) range, host
- (d) genre, plethora

**93. At present no solution to the problem is in \_\_\_ and the region is a threat to peace.**

- (a) possibility, dangerous
- (b) perspective, wild
- (c) pipeline, grave
- (d) sight, potential

**94. Bureaucracy plays a leading role in the \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ of all policies in our democracy.**

- (a) framing, execution
- (b) nature, jurisdiction
- (c) implementing, drawing
- (d) making, grafting

**95. The old values and practices that \_\_\_\_\_ in the way of progress should be \_\_\_\_\_ with.**

- (a) obstruct, rejected
- (b) hamper, decried
- (c) deviate, superseded
- (d) figure, dispersed

**96. It is said that woman \_\_\_ the second line of defence in the battle of life while man against circumstances.**

- (a) raises, persuades
- (b) constitutes, wages
- (c) operates, performs
- (d) evolves, battles

**97. The problem of malnutrition \_\_\_\_\_ its \_\_\_\_\_ in India to the ignorance of our masses.**

- (a) serves, ground
- (b) spreads, wings
- (c) beholds, root
- (d) owes, existence ,

**98. Despite the success of democracy in India doubts and fears have been \_\_\_\_\_ about its\_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) expressed, future
- (b) generated, experiment
- (c) concerned, sustenance
- (d) shaped, approaching



99. The of multi-party system lends colour and charm to Indian politics instead of \_\_\_\_\_ a menace to Indian democracy.

- (a) election, throwing
- (b) emergence, countering
- (c) rule, gearing
- (d) presence, posing

100. If we really wish to \_\_\_\_\_ peace on this earth, the dangers to world peace will have to be \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) pursue, responded
- (b) usher, suppressed
- (c) ensure, eliminated
- (d) pray, challenged



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