

## Homonyms

### SSC CHSL 2023 Tier - 2

**Q.1.** Select the most appropriate homonym to fill in the blanks of the given sentences.

A. I use a \_\_\_\_\_ to weigh my ingredients while cooking.

B. The mountaineer is going to \_\_\_\_\_ the rocky hills.

SSC CHSL Tier II (02/11/2023)

(a) horn (b) crawl (c) scale (d) climb

#### Solutions :-

##### Sol.1.(c) scale

In Sentence A, 'scale' refers to an instrument used to measure the weight. In Sentence B, 'scale' means to climb or ascend, especially a rocky surface. 'Scale' makes both the sentences meaningful. Hence, 'scale' is the most appropriate answer.

### SSC CHSL 2023 Tier - 1

**Q.2.** Select the most appropriate homophone to fill in the blank.

Even animals find it difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ the loss of their loved ones.

SSC CHSL 02/08/2023 (1st Shift)

(a) bear (b) wear (c) where (d) bare

**Q.3.** Select the most appropriate homophones to fill in the blanks.

Kindly accept my \_\_\_\_\_ on your new haircut. It \_\_\_\_\_ your personality.

SSC CHSL 02/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

(a) compliment; complaints  
(b) compliment; complements  
(c) compliment; compliments  
(d) complement; complements

**Q.4.** Select the most appropriate homonym in the context of the following sentence to fill in the blank.

My birthday will \_\_\_\_\_ on a Friday this year.

SSC CHSL 02/08/2023 (4th Shift)

(a) fall: to go down onto the ground suddenly  
(b) fall: to come at a particular time or happen in a particular place  
(c) fall: to change to a particular condition  
(d) fall: to be beaten or defeated

**Q.5.** Select the most appropriate homophone to fill in the blank.

The dog took \_\_\_\_\_ during his walk and lifted his \_\_\_\_\_ to indicate that he was tired.

SSC CHSL 03/08/2023 (1st Shift)

(a) pause; pours (b) pours; pores

(c) paws; pause (d) pause; paws

**Q.6.** Select the most appropriate homonym in the context of the following sentence to fill in the blank.

He was convicted of assaulting a police officer, but he got off with a \_\_\_\_\_ sentence.

SSC CHSL 04/08/2023 (1st Shift)

(a) light: any device serving as a source of illumination  
(b) light: not serious or profound  
(c) light: the energy from the sun  
(d) light: lightly; with few burdens

**Q.7.** Select the most appropriate homophone to fill in the blank.

The doctors gave him more powerful drugs in the \_\_\_\_\_ hope that he might recover

SSC CHSL 07/08/2023 (4th Shift)

(a) when (b) vein (c) wane (d) vain

**Q.8.** Select the most appropriate homonym in the context of the following sentence to fill in the blank.

The key was hanging on a \_\_\_\_\_ by the door.

SSC CHSL 08/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

(a) nail: to catch someone, especially when they are doing something wrong, or guilty  
(b) nail: a small metal spike, driven into wood to join things together or to serve as a hook  
(c) nail: a thin, hard area that covers the upper side of the end of each finger and each toe  
(d) nail: to do something successfully

**Q.9.** Select the most appropriate homophones to fill in the blanks.

He was criticised for the \_\_\_\_\_ leadership of his team. His casual body language seemed \_\_\_\_\_ for a leader.

SSC CHSL 08/08/2023 (3rd Shift)

(a) inapt; inapt (b) inapt; inept  
(c) inept; inapt (d) inept; inept

**Q.10.** Select the most appropriate homophone to fill in the blank.

Developers \_\_\_\_\_ the old buildings on the site to make way for new construction.

SSC CHSL 09/08/2023 (1st Shift)

(a) raze (b) rays (c) raise (d) rase

**Q.11.** Select the most appropriate meaning of the homonym in the context of the following sentence to fill in the blank.

They do not say anything but stalk furiously out of the room.

'Stalk' here means \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC CHSL 10/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

(a) the stem or main axis of a plant  
(b) to walk in an angry or proud way  
(c) to go through an area in search of prey  
(d) recur constantly and spontaneously

**Q.12.** Select the most appropriate homophone to fill in the blank.

I will \_\_\_\_\_ any job offer \_\_\_\_\_ for the one that requires me to work on weekends.

SSC CHSL 10/08/2023 (4th Shift)

(a) except; accept (b) expect; except  
(c) expect; accept (d) accept; except

**Q.13.** Select the most appropriate homophone to fill in the blank.

The shareholders are planning to \_\_\_\_\_ control of the company from the current directors.

SSC CHSL 11/08/2023 (4th Shift)

(a) roost (b) roast (c) wrest (d) rest

**Q.14.** Select the most appropriate homophones to fill in the blanks.

I got \_\_\_\_\_ while replacing the \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC CHSL 14/08/2023 (4th Shift)

(a) tyre; tire (b) tyred; tire  
(c) tired; tier (d) tired; tyre

**Q.15.** Select the most appropriate homonym to fill in the blank.

Should we go shopping for a \_\_\_\_\_ fan for our new house?

SSC CHSL 17/08/2023 (1st Shift)

(a) ceiling (b) sealink  
(c) sealing (d) selling

**Q.16.** Select the most appropriate homophone to fill in the blank.

Ants \_\_\_\_\_ food during the summer and save it for winter.

SSC CHSL 17/08/2023 (4th Shift)

(a) horde (b) hoard (c) heard (d) herd

#### Solutions :-

##### Sol.2.(a) bear

'Bear' means to accept something painful or unpleasant. The given passage states that even animals find it difficult to bear the loss of their loved ones. Hence, 'bear' is the most appropriate answer.

##### Sol.3.(b) compliment; complements

'Compliment' means to politely congratulate or praise and 'complement' means to enhance something. In the given sentence, the speaker is praising the new haircut, and it enhances the person's personality. Hence, 'compliment; complements' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.4.(b)** Fall - to come at a particular time or happen in a particular place.

**Sol.5.(d) pause; paws**

'Pause' means to temporarily stop and 'paws' is the soft, padded part of an animal's feet. The given sentence states that the dog stopped briefly during his walk and raised its paws to show that it was tired. Hence, 'pause; paws' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.6.(b) light:** not serious or profound.**Sol.7.(d) vain**

'Vain' means without success or producing no result. The given sentence states that the doctors used stronger drugs in the hope of the patient recovering, but it was unlikely to succeed. Hence, 'vain' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.8.(b) nail:** a small metal spike, driven into wood to join things together or to serve as a hook.

**Sol.9.(c) Inept; inapt**

'Inept' means lacking skill or ability & 'Inapt' means not suitable or appropriate. The given sentence states that he was criticised for lacking skills of leadership and his casual body language seemed inappropriate for a leader. Hence, 'inept; inapt' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.10.(a) Raze**

'Raze' means to completely destroy an old building or town. The given sentence states that developers raze the old buildings on the site to make way for new construction. Hence, 'raze' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.11.(b)**

to walk in an angry or proud way

The given sentence states that they do not say anything but walk furiously out of the room. Hence, 'to walk in an angry or proud way' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.12.(d) accept; except**

'Modal verbs' are auxiliary verbs(also called helping verbs) like can, will, could, shall, must, would, might, and should. However, after a modal verb, we generally use the first form of the verb (V<sub>1</sub>). Hence, 'accept (V<sub>1</sub>); except ' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.13.(c) wrest**

'Wrest' means to forcibly take or obtain something. The given sentence states that the shareholders are planning to forcibly take control of the company from the current directors. Hence, 'wrest' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.14.(d) tired; tyre**

'Tired' means feeling a need to rest & 'tyre' means a rubber ring placed over the rim of a wheel. The given sentence states that I got tired while replacing the tyre. Hence, 'tired; tyre' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.15.(a) Ceiling**

'Ceiling' means the upper surface of a room. The given sentence states a question, asking about going shopping for a ceiling fan. Hence, 'ceiling' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.16.(b) hoard**

'Hoard' means to store large amounts of something. The given sentence states that ants store a large amount of food during the summer and save it for winter. Hence, 'hoard' is the most appropriate answer.

**SSC CGL 2023 Tier - 1**

**Q.17.** Select the most appropriate homonym to fill in the blank.

The hunter dogs followed the hyena's\_\_\_\_\_.

SSC CGL 14/07/2023 (1st shift)

(a) sense (b) scent (c) cense (d) cents

**Q.18.** Select the most appropriate homonym of the underlined word to fill in the blank.

He was complimented for his appearance.

His shirt \_\_\_\_\_ his trousers perfectly.

SSC CGL 17/07/2023 (1st shift)

(a) competed (b) complement  
(c) commented (d) complemented

**Q.19.** Select the correct homonym to fill in the blank in the given sentence.

I will just \_\_\_\_\_ some figures for comparison.

SSC CGL 19/07/2023 (1st shift)

(a) cete (b) cite (c) site (d) sight

**Q.20.** Select the most appropriate homonym to fill in the blank.

The villagers kept \_\_\_\_\_ the out, to collect the rain water.

SSC CGL 20/07/2023 (1st shift)

(a) crus (b) cruse (c) crews (d) cruise

**Q.21.** Identify the option that defines the homonyms 'gate' and 'gait' most appropriately.

SSC CGL 21/07/2023 (2nd shift)

(a) Gate means to achieve or receive, and gait means a person's manner of walking.  
(b) Gate means a hinged barrier used to close an opening in a wall, fence or hedge, and gait means a person's manner of walking.

(c) Gate means general agreement on tariff and excise, and gait means a person's manner of talking.

(d) Gate means a hinged barrier used to close an opening in a wall or fence, and gait means a cloth or leather leg covering reaching from the instep to above the ankle or to the mid-calf or knee.

**Q.22.** Select the most appropriate homonym to fill in the blank.

Please \_\_\_\_\_ more sugar to the juice so that it becomes sweeter.

SSC CGL 25/07/2023 (2nd shift)

(a) aide (b) ad (c) aid (d) add

**Q.23.** Select the nearest homonym of the given word.

**Accept**

SSC CGL 25/07/2023 (3rd shift)

(a) Accent (b) Expect  
(c) Except (d) Expert

**Q.24.** Select the most appropriate homonym to fill in the blank.

The children enjoyed the \_\_\_\_\_ very much.

SSC CGL 26/07/2023 (1st shift)

(a) feer (b) fear (c) fere (d) fair

**Q.25.** Select the most appropriate homophone to fill in the blank.

In many road accidents people break their bones mainly because their vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ fails.

SSC CGL 26/07/2023 (2nd shift)

(a) broke (b) brow (c) brake (d) bleak

**Q.26.** Select the most appropriate homonym to fill in the blank.

He confessed about his affairs as the \_\_\_\_\_ made him sleepless.

SSC CGL 26/07/2023 (3rd Shift)

(a) gilled (b) gild (c) guild (d) guilt

**Q.27.** Select the most appropriate homonym to fill in the blank.

What \_\_\_\_\_ of a movie is this?

SSC CGL 26/07/2023 (4th Shift)

(a) can (b) keen (c) con (d) kind

**Q.28.** Fill in the blanks with appropriate homonym.

If you want to \_\_\_\_\_ the world, you should be the one to take the first step.

SSC CGL 27/07/2023 (1st Shift)

(a) change (alter)  
(b) change (loose money)  
(c) change (transfer)  
(d) change (switch)

**Q.29.** Fill in the blanks with the correct homophone.

I \_\_\_\_\_ some essential items from the supermarket.

SSC CGL 27/07/2023 (2nd Shift)

(a) bout (b) bought (c) boat (d) bot

### Solutions :-

#### Sol.17.(b) scent

'Scent' means a smell that is pleasant. The given sentence states that the hunter dogs followed the hyena's scent. Hence, 'scent' is the most appropriate answer.

#### Sol.18.(d) complemented

'Complemented' means to make a good combination with something. The given sentence states that the shirt and trousers made a perfectly good combination. Hence, 'complemented' is the most appropriate answer.

#### Sol.19.(b) cite

'Cite' means to refer to a source as evidence for a statement. The given sentence states that I will just cite some figures for comparison. Hence, 'cite' is the most appropriate answer.

#### Sol.20.(b) cruse

'Cruse' means a small container or jar used for holding liquids. The given sentence states that the villagers kept the cruse out, to collect the rainwater. Hence, 'cruse' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.21.(b) 'Gate'** means a hinged barrier used to close an opening in a wall or fence, and 'Gait' means a person's manner of walking.

#### Sol.22.(d) Add

The given sentence states that please add more sugar to the juice so that it becomes sweeter. Hence, 'add' is the most appropriate answer.

#### Sol.23.(c) Except

'Homonyms' are words that have the same spelling or pronunciation but different meanings. 'Accept' And 'Expect' are homonyms as they sound the same but have different meanings and spellings. Hence, 'except' is the most appropriate answer.

#### Sol.24.(d) fair

'Fair' means an event with amusements and activities. The given sentence states that the children enjoyed the fair very much. Hence, 'fair' is the most appropriate answer.

#### Sol.25.(c) brake

"Brake" means component of a vehicle used to stop the vehicle. The given sentence states that people break their bones mainly because their vehicle brake

fails. Hence, "brake" is the most appropriate answer.

#### Sol.26.(d) Guilt

'Guilt' means the fact or state of having done something wrong or committed a crime. The given sentence states that he confessed about his affairs as the guilt made him sleepless. Hence, 'guilt' is the most appropriate answer.

#### Sol.27.(d) kind

'Kind' means a group of things having similar characteristics. The given sentence is a question about the kind of movie. Hence, 'kind' is the most appropriate answer.

#### Sol.28.(a) change (alter)

"Alter" means to make some changes to something. The given sentence states if you want to alter the world, you should be the one to take the first step. Hence, "alter" is the most appropriate answer.

#### Sol.29.(b) bought

'Bought' is the second form ( $V_2$ ) of 'buy', which means to get something by paying money for it. The given sentence states that I bought some essential items from the supermarket. Hence, 'bought' is the most appropriate answer.

## SSC CGL 2022 Tier - 2

**Q.30.** Select the correct homonym from the given options to fill in the blank.

Which \_\_\_\_\_ does the minister take to reach the Assembly?

SSC CGL Tier II (02/03/2023)

(a) root (b) rot (c) route (d) riot

**Q.31.** Select the correct homonym from the given options to fill in the blank.

The wind \_\_\_\_\_ so powerfully that the door closed.

SSC CGL Tier II (03/03/2023)

(a) blow (b) blew (c) blues (d) blue

**Q.32.** Select the most appropriate homonym to fill in the blank.

The farmers grow \_\_\_\_\_ in their fields.

SSC CGL Tier II (06/03/2023)

(a) maze (b) may (c) mase (d) maize

**Q.33.** Select the most appropriate homonym to fill in the blank.

The authorities \_\_\_\_\_ the unregistered companies.

SSC CGL Tier II (06/03/2023)

(a) seize (b) sees (c) seas (d) cease

**Q.34.** Select the correct homonym from the given options to fill in the blank.

The athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ was badly injured due to a fall on the track.

SSC CGL Tier II (07/03/2023)

(a) toad (b) toe (c) tow (d) to

### Solutions: -

**Sol.30.(c) 'Route'** means a way to go from one place to another. The given sentence states the route(the way) which the minister takes to reach the assembly. Hence, 'route' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.31.(b) 'Blew'** means to cause something to move. The given sentence states that the wind blew so powerfully that the door closed. Hence, 'blew' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.32.(d) 'Maize'** is a tall plant that produces yellow grains in a large mass. The given sentence states that the farmers grow maize in their fields. Hence 'maize' is the most appropriate answer.

#### Sol.33.(d) cease

'Cease' means to put a stop or end to something. The given sentence states that the authorities put an end to the unregistered companies. Hence, 'cease' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.34.(b) 'Toe'** is one of the small parts like fingers at the end of each foot of a human. The given sentence states that the athlete's toe was badly injured due to a fall on the track. Hence, 'toe' is the most appropriate answer.