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Q1) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cat's paw

A) A person used as a tool by another **B)** The most important attribute **C)** To attack someone **D)** Move at a fast pace

Correct Ans: A

Q2) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In the limelight

A) About to be successful **B)** A well kept secret **C)** The centre of attraction **D)** In a well lit up room

Correct Ans: C

Q3) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In the same breath

A) Say two contradictory things at the same time **B)** Practice breathing exercises **C)** Try and hold your breath

D) Able to get a foul smell

Correct Ans: A

Q4) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be hard up

A) Unable to calculate **B)** Have difficulty in climbing stairs **C)** Find it very difficult to wake up early **D)** Have very little money

Correct Ans: D

Q5) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On the wane

A) On the top **B)** On the decline **C)** On the way **D)** On the rise

Correct Ans: B

Q6) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A long shot

A) Very profitable **B)** A perfect aim **C)** Little chance of success **D)** A correct prediction

Correct Ans: C

Q7) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To take after

A) To mock someone **B)** To be similar in appearance **C)** To chase someone **D)** To change sides often

Correct Ans: B

Q8) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Foul play

A) A drama which is badly produced **B)** Unfair or dishonest behaviour **C)** Unpleasant weather for playing
D) A bad smelling theatre or playground

Correct Ans: B

Q9) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A hair in the butter



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A) A slippery road B) Easy to handle C) Sinking in debt D) A challenging situation

Correct Ans: D

Q10) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cool as a cucumber

A) Happy and excited B) Irritated and annoyed C) Calm and composed D) Nervous and fidgety

Correct Ans: C

Q11) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

When I asked for an expensive dress for my friend's wedding, my mother reminded me that money does not grow on trees.

A) Money is like leaves of a tree and freely available B) Money is freely available to spend

C) Money grows on shrubs and there's plenty D) Money is hard earned and limited

Correct Ans: D

Q12) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Lie low

A) Sit on a low chair B) Lie down and relax after a tiring day C) Fly a plane at a low altitude D) Try not to be noticed

Correct Ans: D

Q13) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To fight shy of

A) To attack without warning B) To struggle hard C) To try to avoid something D) To overcome one's weakness

Correct Ans: C

Q14) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Keep someone at arm's length

A) Avoid being friendly with someone B) Restrict someone to a small space to stand

C) Allow someone to talk only from a distance D) Make someone stay outside

Correct Ans: A

Q15) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Stone's throw

A) Short distance B) Hurt slightly C) Difficult problem D) Large hurdle

Correct Ans: A

Q16) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Dark horse

A) A mean person B) An unexpected winner C) A slow runner D) An honest fellow

Correct Ans: B

Q17) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To hold water

A) To be valid and reasonable B) To be large and deep C) To be unsteady and unsure D) To be sad and depressed

Correct Ans: A

Q18) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Play with fire



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A) To fight an opponent B) To do something dangerous C) To spread knowledge D) To be courageous

Correct Ans: B

Q19) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cake walk

A) Something easy B) Something sweet C) Something tasty D) Something enjoyable

Correct Ans: A

Q20) Select the option that gives the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The Chairman of our company takes care of the **rank and file** in the company.

A) Officers B) Documents and files C) Ordinary people D) Only the top rank people

Correct Ans: C

Q21) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Easy money

A) Collect someone's cash for them easily B) Make money without much effort, maybe illegally

C) Work hard to earn a large salary without telling anyone D) Have no difficulty in collecting money that is due

Correct Ans: B

Q22) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To bury the hatchet

A) To end a quarrel B) To bury old things C) To fight with someone D) To stop talking to someone

Correct Ans: A

Q23) Select the option that gives the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

My friends succeeded because they **left no stone unturned** in their search for an answer to the problem.

A) proposed good plans B) made every possible effort C) looked in different places D) depended on many people

Correct Ans: B

Q24) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hold the key

A) To keep a secret B) To have the right of succession C) To own a property D) To have control of something

Correct Ans: D

Q25) Select the option that gives the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

You have put me in **a tight corner** by telling me to keep quiet.

A) A difficult situation B) A secret place C) A comfortable situation D) An embarrassing situation

Correct Ans: A

Q26) Select the most appropriate meaning of the following idiom.

Nip in the bud

A) To cut the buds B) To destroy late C) To destroy early D) Not to destroy

Correct Ans: C

Q27) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Sticky fingers

A) An inclination to steal B) A habit of licking fingers C) A tendency to interfere D) A tendency to forget

Correct Ans: A

Q28) Select the option that gives the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The new electrician is **a green horn**, but will learn fast.

A) Proficient B) Professional C) Efficient D) Inexperienced

Correct Ans: D



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Q29) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Have a change of heart

A) Express happiness about something **B)** Undergo a surgery **C)** Fall in love with someone **D)** Change one's opinion

Correct Ans: D

Q30) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Back out

A) To throw **B)** To withdraw **C)** To explode **D)** To enquire

Correct Ans: B

Q31) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On purpose

A) Luckily **B)** Accidentally **C)** Intentionally **D)** Mischievously

Correct Ans: C

Q32) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Smooth sailing

A) Plain dress **B)** Easy progress **C)** Calm weather **D)** Comfortable place

Correct Ans: B

Q33) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Blow your own trumpet

A) Practise playing music **B)** Play on your instrument **C)** Keep away the dust from your instruments

D) Boast about one's own qualities

Correct Ans: D

Q34) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A snake in the grass

A) A hidden enemy **B)** A sudden death **C)** An unfortunate accident **D)** A good fortune

Correct Ans: A

Q35) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cold comfort

A) Unbearable weather **B)** Enjoyment in the hills **C)** Very soothing **D)** Very little satisfaction

Correct Ans: D

Q36) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Feast one's eyes on

A) Gaze at something with pleasure **B)** Arrange a delicious meal **C)** Notice something alarming **D)** Prepare a rare delicacy

Correct Ans: A

Q37) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hit a brick wall

A) Fight a powerful foe **B)** Not able to make any progress **C)** Demolish a brick wall **D)** Use physical force **Correct Ans: B**

Q38) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To sit on the fence

A) Occupy a bench next to a boundary **B)** Take a high seat **C)** Avoid taking sides **D)** Place something on a barrier

Correct Ans: C



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Q39) Select the option that gives the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

It is good to take into account all the important factors before making a decision.

A) consider B) select C) leave D) control

Correct Ans: A

Q40) Select the option that gives the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

I am working on too many projects. I think I have bitten off more than I can chew.

A) To find work dull B) To be happy to multitask C) To take on more than one can handle D) Not able to finish work

Correct Ans: C

Q41) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pay heed to

A) Disburse without partiality B) Repay old debts honestly C) Listen carefully with attention

D) Give back money with interest

Correct Ans: C

Q42) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

It was a lavish birthday party and I could see my friend eat like a horse.

A) hardly eating B) eating what horses eat C) eating excessively D) eating differently

Correct Ans: C

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Q1) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Like a cakewalk

A) Active B) Smooth surface C) Easy task D) Pleasant experience

Correct Ans: C

Q2) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

All eyes

A) Not watching at all B) Watching eagerly C) Watching with no interest D) Watching with anger

Correct Ans: B

Q3) Choose the correct meaning of the given idiom.

In weal and woe

A) In despair and failure B) In sad and gloomy days C) In prosperity and adversity D) In happiness and good times

Correct Ans: C

Q4) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A green horn

A) Uneducated person B) Inexperienced person C) Skilled person D) Clever person

Correct Ans: B

Q5) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom that can be substituted in the following sentence.

He was murdered in cold blood.

A) regrettably B) in cold weather C) when blood was cold D) deliberately

Correct Ans: D

Q6) Choose the correct meaning of the given idiom.

Bag and baggage



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A) Without any aim B) Without happiness C) With all of one's possessions D) With burden

Correct Ans: C

Q7) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Fly into a passion

A) To become angry suddenly B) To be always angry C) To become aggressive often D) To be aggressive at times

Correct Ans: A

Q8) Choose the correct meaning of the given idiom.

A skeleton in the cupboard

A) A popular fact to be kept secret B) An embarrassing fact not to be kept secret C) A popular fact which is not hidden

D) An embarrassing fact to be kept secret

Correct Ans: D

Q9) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Break the ice

A) Make people meeting first time feel uncomfortable B) Make people meeting first time feel sad

C) Make people meeting first time feel more detached D) Make people meeting first time feel more comfortable

Correct Ans: D

Q10) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Beat around the bush

A) Avoid using foul words to make someone uncomfortable B) Avoid saying what you mean, usually because it is not funny

C) Avoid praising someone and demean D) Avoid the main point by talking in a roundabout way

Correct Ans: D

Q11) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To smell a rat

A) To have reason to suspect B) To have reason to know the presence of a rat C) To learn the smell of a rat

D) To know the smell of a rat

Correct Ans: A

Q12) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Fair and square

A) Honestly B) Good looking C) Being vague D) Fair-skinned

Correct Ans: A

Q13) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Being an ardent professional, the lawyer always kept his clients at an arm's length.

A) At a distance B) Alert and prepared C) Under wraps D) Away from each other

Correct Ans: A

Q14) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cut a poor figure

A) To put a good impression B) In a poor state C) Bad physical form D) To put a bad impression

Correct Ans: D



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Q15) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bear the palm

A) To lose a game **B)** To bring joyful news **C)** To be a winner **D)** To advocate peace

Correct Ans: C

Q16) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

"Just add a bit of cheese to your pasta and Bob's your uncle!" Reena suggested to me over dinner last night.

A) It changes nothing **B)** It ruins everything **C)** It changes the appearance **D)** It becomes easily and quickly achievable

Correct Ans: D

Q17) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

When the District Attorney asked the convict about details of the day of the crime, he started beating about the bush.

A) Speaking in a confusing manner without giving a correct answer **B)** Being excessively aggressive
C) Trying to invoke sympathy **D)** Accusing others of the crime

Correct Ans: A

Q18) Select the idiom that can correctly replace the underlined part of the given sentence.

I know she really wants the promotion, but she really hit me below the hand by telling the boss about my personal problems.

A) hit me the bricks **B)** hit me below the bottle **C)** hit me below the books **D)** hit me below the belt

Correct Ans: D

Q19) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the italicised words in the given sentence.

I have been a vegetarian for a *very long time*.

A) donkey's years **B)** duck in the thunderstorm **C)** die in harness **D)** Damocles' sword

Correct Ans: A

Q20) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the italicised words in the given sentence.

He was sacked from his job because of a *grave error* on his part.

A) minding one's p's and q's **B)** raining cats and dogs **C)** picking holes in one's cot **D)** Himalayan blunder

Correct Ans: D

Q21) Select the idiom from the given options that gives the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted text in the following sentence.

The announcement of the new tourism policy of the government has **made some people excited or interested**.

A) Pull out all the stops **B)** Reach for the moon **C)** Run around in circles **D)** Quicken the pulse

Correct Ans: D

Q22) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In hot waters

A) To be in a hot climate **B)** To be in trouble **C)** To feel relaxed **D)** To dip in hot water

Correct Ans: B

Q23) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The lecture by the French professor seemed Latin and Greek to the young students.

A) Lucid **B)** Unbiased **C)** Interesting **D)** Incomprehensible

Correct Ans: D

Q24) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the italicised words in the given sentence.

Some people still feel that they have *very little freedom* to be innovative in their work.

A) an old lady **B)** an old head on young shoulders **C)** to make a pile **D)** elbow room

Correct Ans: D



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Q25) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On the ball

A) Doing a bad job **B)** To be alert **C)** Doing an average job **D)** To be lazy

Correct Ans: B

Q26) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

When the war breaks out, all the war mongering social media activists become yellow bellies.

A) Sceptics **B)** Zealots **C)** Upset stomachs **D)** Cowards

Correct Ans: D

Q27) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A rolling stone gathers no moss

A) A person who does not settle in one place for a long time, does not gain wealth, name or fame
B) A person who does not settle anywhere for a short time, and is always searching for gold
C) A person who settles for a long time and leads a boring and useless life
D) A person who settles for a short time and runs from place to place, enjoying his freedom

Correct Ans: A

Q28) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom that can be substituted in the following sentence.

The young boy was born with a silver spoon in his mouth.

A) born to riches and luxury **B)** born with a spoon that was not of gold **C)** born with a spoon stuck in his mouth
D) born to not so rich parents

Correct Ans: A

Q29) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the italicised words in the given sentence.

The world needs a global leader who can hold out a *gesture of peace*

A) a grass widow **B)** halcyon days **C)** an olive branch **D)** mother wit

Correct Ans: C

Q30) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom that can be substituted in the following sentence.

The game is now in full swing.

A) playing on the swings **B)** very passive **C)** very uninteresting **D)** very active

Correct Ans: D

Q31) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Nobody in the conference seemed to believe the cock and bull story about such a major movie star.

A) Secretive story **B)** Interesting story **C)** Factual story **D)** Wildly exaggerated or falsified story

Correct Ans: D

Q32) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Take something at face value

A) According to the appearance of something **B)** Show that you do not like something by making an unpleasant expression
C) Not laugh or change your expression even though you want to laugh
D) Accept something as it looks without thinking about whether it might, in fact, not be quite what it appears

Correct Ans: D

Q33) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The MD of the company let the cat out of the bag by telling her secretary, who got the much coveted promotion.



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A) secretly confide B) To allow a secret to be known, usually without intending to C) openly confess

D) Creating a false story

Correct Ans: B

Q34) Choose the correct meaning of the given idiom.

Turn over a new leaf

A) To begin again B) To plant a tree C) To take a break D) To stop finally

Correct Ans: A

Q35) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

A fair-weather friend can never be trusted in the times of exigency.

A) A close friend B) An old acquaintance C) A selfish friend D) A pen friend

Correct Ans: C

Q36) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cudgel one's brain

A) To think hard B) Not to think C) To overthink D) Thinking about a debate

Correct Ans: A

Q37) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

I bought some extra copies from the stationery shop. These may come in handy during exams.

A) Be useful B) Be sold C) Cause trouble D) Bring luck

Correct Ans: A

Q38) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Play it by ear

A) To do something without special preparation B) To plan C) To improve D) To listen carefully

Correct Ans: A

Q39) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On cloud nine

A) Floating B) Very happy C) Flying D) Dreaming

Correct Ans: B

Q40) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Someone's heart is in the right place

A) Share secret worries with someone else B) Suddenly feel so excited or frightened that your heart beats faster

C) Someone is good even if they sometimes behave in a wrong manner D) Change your opinion or the way you feel

Correct Ans: C

Q41) Sentences of a paragraph are given in jumbled order. Arrange the sentences in the correct order to form a meaningful and coherent paragraph.

A. Dozens of distinctly different regional languages are spoken in India, which share many characteristics such as grammatical structure and vocabulary.

B. India has had a longer exposure to English than any other country which uses it as a second language, its distinctive words, idioms, grammar and rhetoric spreading gradually to affect all places, habits and culture.

C. The historical background of India is never far away from everyday usage of English.

D. Since the early 1600s, the English language has had a toehold on the Indian subcontinent, when the East India Company established settlements in Chennai, Kolkata, and Mumbai, formerly Madras, Calcutta, and Bombay, respectively.

A) ABCD B) DCAB C) DBCA D) ADCB

Correct Ans: C



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Q42) Choose the correct meaning of the given idiom.

Down the tubes

A) Being informal **B)** Going to swim **C)** Failing completely **D)** Minting money

Correct Ans: C

Q43) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom that can be substituted in the following sentence.

I begged him to reconsider my application, but he put his foot down.

A) did not run **B)** refused to yield **C)** agreed to reconsider **D)** stamped his foot down

Correct Ans: B

Q44) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Fair-weather friends

A) A person who is friends with you during the night **B)** A person who is friends with you every day

C) A person whose friendship cannot be relied on in times **D)** A person who is friends with you in difficult times

Correct Ans: C

Q45) Select the sentence that uses the idiom correctly.

A) Walking bare feet on grass gave him cold feet. **B)** After too much cycling Arun got cold feet.

C) One can swim easily with cold feet. **D)** Ranita was not selected for the job as she got cold feet.

Correct Ans: D

Q46) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The new intern is a greenhorn and thus his superiors take advantage of him.

A) Inexperienced **B)** Sick **C)** Jealous **D)** Overenthusiastic

Correct Ans: A

Q47) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Lose your marbles

A) To handle stress **B)** To lower down anger **C)** To be patient **D)** To go insane

Correct Ans: D

Q48) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

After several years of cheating on his PhD work, the candidate finally had to face the music and lose the opportunity.

A) Be exposed **B)** To accept unpleasant consequences **C)** Accept ignorance

D) Choose another alternative that is uninteresting

Correct Ans: B

Q49) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

He's sitting on the fence

A) He can't do anything seriously **B)** He can't hide himself **C)** He can't take a decision **D)** He can't stop trying

Correct Ans: C

Q50) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The sailor tells great tales of adventure that you should take with a grain of salt.

A) Not take too seriously **B)** Great patriotism **C)** Great admiration **D)** Be afraid to refrain from

Correct Ans: A



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Q51) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The anxious duke was found strolling in the garden to and fro.

A) Forward and backward **B)** Upward and downward **C)** From west to east **D)** From north to south

Correct Ans: A

Q52) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

After the government interventions, the enrolment and retention of female students have increased by leaps and bounds.

A) Swiftly **B)** Intermittently **C)** Gradually **D)** Systematically

Correct Ans: A

Q53) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Eat humble pie

A) To enjoy life to the fullest **B)** To apologise humbly **C)** To live in penury **D)** To live a life of humility

Correct Ans: B

Q54) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom that can be substituted in the following sentence.

Let us know what you think in black and white.

A) in writing **B)** verbally **C)** in darkness and light **D)** in black and white paint

Correct Ans: A

Q55) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Red tape

A) Something unimportant that takes attention away from the main subject **B)** Have a negative amount in your bank balance
C) Catch someone at the moment they are doing something wrong
D) Official rules and bureaucracy that make it difficult to do something

Correct Ans: D

Q56) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Steer clear of

A) Be very easy **B)** Be mentally and physically exhausted **C)** Show someone how to do a job or activity
D) Avoid someone or something because it is dangerous for you

Correct Ans: D

Q57) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hold water

A) Appear to be of no value **B)** A diluted argument **C)** Appear to be valid or reasonable **D)** Stop emphasising a point

Correct Ans: C

Q58) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the italicised words in the given sentence.

My mother said, "*Make consistent progress for success.*"

A) make a habit **B)** in and outs **C)** do's and don'ts **D)** slow and steady

Correct Ans: D

Q59) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The intern aspired to understand the ins and outs of the operating systems of the institution.

A) Elaborate theories **B)** Prior conditions **C)** Stern regulations **D)** Detailed description

Correct Ans: D

Q60) Select the idiom from the given options that gives the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted text in the following sentence.



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A village fair is a place that contains many interesting objects. People of all age groups eagerly wait for this.

A) Aladdin's cave B) Ivory tower C) Road to Damascus D) Jewel in the crown

Correct Ans: A

Q61) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

I must tell you that it all went pear-shaped after you left the meeting in the middle.

A) Became very entertaining B) Turned out fine C) Went terribly wrong D) Became tragic

Correct Ans: C

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Q1) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Lily-livered

A) Brave B) Not brave C) Comical D) Naughty

Correct Ans: B

Q2) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Pooja tried to explain the problem, but soon she tied herself up in knots.

A) Become very confused when you are trying to explain something

B) Be forced to explain your actions and (probably) punished C) Make no progress in an argument or discussion

D) Won't modify an opinion or agree to even small changes that another person wants

Correct Ans: A

Q3) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Miss the boat

A) Missing good moments of your life B) Missing a good opportunity C) Being too late D) Missing your medium of travel

Correct Ans: B

Q4) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To kick the bucket

A) Be sad B) To die C) Be happy D) To be ill

Correct Ans: B

Q5) Select the appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

The police have not yet been able to solve the case; it seems to be _____.

A) in a pink B) turning over a new leaf C) a hard nut to crack D) in a nutshell

Correct Ans: C

Q6) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To bell the cat

A) To love cats B) To feed pets C) To face risk D) To play with kids

Correct Ans: C

Q7) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Sharp practice

A) Nearby B) Frequently C) Dishonesty D) Briefly

Correct Ans: C

Q8) Select the most appropriate idiom/phrase that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Vennela made a big fuss about a small problem.

A) A storm in a teacup B) Barking up the wrong tree C) Add insult to injury D) Get a taste of your own medicine



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Correct Ans: A

Q9) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Keep someone at arm's length

A) Avoid playing with someone B) Being someone's enemy C) Avoid becoming friendly with someone
D) Avoid becoming bitter with someone

Correct Ans: C

Q10) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom/phrase in the given sentence.

Today, the country's nationalists rule the roost and hand out the jobs.

A) To exploit someone B) To be prejudiced C) To be in charge D) To save a criminal

Correct Ans: C

Q11) Select the sentence that uses the given idiom correctly.

A dime a dozen

A) The antique store had some rare finds, but they were a dime a dozen.
B) The concert tickets were a dime a dozen and sold out quickly.
C) Her ideas were worth a dime a dozen and didn't impress the boss.
D) The restaurant had some delicious desserts that were a dime a dozen.

Correct Ans: C

Q12) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Scrape the barrel

A) To be forced to use one's last and weakest resource B) Using all the ways to achieve the desired result
C) Hiding something D) Trying to find something

Correct Ans: A

Q13) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Do not beat about the bush when you have anything to say.

A) To try to influence B) To argue C) To shift blame on others D) To avoid giving a definite answer or position

Correct Ans: D

Q14) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Back against the wall

A) Be in an easy situation from where escape is difficult B) Be in a difficult situation from where escape is difficult
C) Be in a difficult situation from where escape is easy D) Be in a relationship which one wants to escape

Correct Ans: B

Q15) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To prime the pump

A) Manipulate someone to achieve success B) Encourage the growth or action of something' C) To use a pump efficiently
D) Ask others to be ambitious

Correct Ans: B



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Q16) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bad iron

A) Bad luck **B)** Bad behaviour **C)** No steam **D)** Not hot

Correct Ans: A

Q17) Select the most appropriate idiom or phrase to fill in the blank in the given sentence.

Sweety has been _____ since her painting won first prize.

A) walking into the lion's den **B)** walking on eggshells **C)** walking on air **D)** waiting in the wings

Correct Ans: C

Q18) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

By the skin of your teeth

A) Confident of victory **B)** Just barely **C)** Kind towards the weak **D)** Determined to strike

Correct Ans: B

Q19) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Through thick and thin

A) Hope during trying times **B)** Only assist during good times **C)** In good times and in bad times **D)** Weak and lonely

Correct Ans: C

Q20) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

It turns out to be a blessing in disguise.

A) Has a good effect even though at first it seemed it would be bad

B) When things get better and better when least expecting it **C)** Has a very good effect on a situation or a thing

D) When a simple solution solves a problem very well

Correct Ans: A

Q21) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Has he lost his mind? He is falling foul of everybody.

A) Quite puzzled with **B)** Maintaining a sort of coldness **C)** Quarrelling with **D)** Having an amicable talk with

Correct Ans: C

Q22) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To be in two minds

A) To be dominated by someone else **B)** To be uncertain **C)** To be in a critical state **D)** To work on somebody else's advice

Correct Ans: B

Q23) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Gift of the gab

A) Fluency of speech **B)** Figures of speech **C)** First speech **D)** Freedom of speech

Correct Ans: A

Q24) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get into a scrape

A) Involved in a problem **B)** Solving a problem **C)** Creating a problem **D)** Explaining a problem

Correct Ans: A

Q25) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Blow something out of (all) proportion.

A) Leave someone at a time when they need you to stay and help them



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B) Behave as if something that has happened is much worse than it really is
C) Make things difficult for someone without reason D) Control the level of something in order to stop it increasing

Correct Ans: B

Q26) Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined word in the given idiom.

She is an awful bore; she is always blowing her own saxophone.

A) trumpet B) flute C) lyre D) violin

Correct Ans: A

Q27) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To go to the dogs

A) To win a race B) To become worse C) To stand on guard D) To win support

Correct Ans: B

Q28) Identify the idiom/phrase that can best substitute the underlined segment.

I'm going to be in trouble if I don't submit my homework to the teacher.

A) the lion's share B) up the creek C) off base D) a devil's advocate

Correct Ans: B

Q29) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go back to the drawing board

A) Start over B) Mediate a task C) Accomplish a task D) Leave a work unfinished

Correct Ans: A

Q30) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On the ball

A) Doing a job in a slow and incorrect manner B) Playing with a ball C) Exercising using a ball
D) Doing a job in a quick and competent manner

Correct Ans: D

Q31) Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation.

I was very excited about my new assignment. I sent the email without the required attachment. What have I done?

A) As swift as an eagle B) Shook a leg C) Jumped the gun D) Tested the waters

Correct Ans: C

Q32) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To face the music

A) Barring the entire audiences view at a concert B) To bear the negative consequences of wrongful actions
C) Not knowing the real chords in music D) Being challenged to a music competition

Correct Ans: B

Q33) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Stir up a hornets' nest

A) Create doubts B) Scare the birds C) Provoke trouble D) Resist a fight

Correct Ans: C

Q34) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Taking a bull by the horns

A) Wearing a skull cap B) To decapitate a bull for beef C) To make a stupid decision thinking it to be daring



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D) To deal with a difficult situation in a very direct or confident way

Correct Ans: D

Q35) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

It is raining cats and dogs means:

A) it is drizzling B) it is raining very heavily C) something that does not upset you D) there are showers

Correct Ans: B

Q36) Select the most appropriate idiom to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

The peasants worked the whole day in the fields and stopped working in the evening and went to their homes.

A) gave it a whirl B) called it a day C) ran around in circles D) put ice on it

Correct Ans: B

Q37) Identify the sentence that provides the meaning of the given idiom.

Under the cloud

A) The Red fort looks beautiful amidst the cloudy weather and cold atmosphere.

B) The classmates were dancing together under the rain.

C) The driver was under suspicion after the police found blood on his car.

D) It was the best place to sit under the sky with hands full of food.

Correct Ans: C

Q38) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Once in a blue moon

A) Very colorful B) Very ancient C) Very rare D) Very high

Correct Ans: C

Q39) Select the sentence that has the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bad blood

A) The gangster had some bitter relations with a local activist so he warned him to stay out of his business.

B) She is so scared of cockroaches that she fainted when she saw them crawling near her foot.

C) The doctor dropped the bad news to Ravi as he was suffering from a serious disease.

D) Sushant always gets in trouble for telling lies but he never learns anything.

Correct Ans: A

Q40) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A perfect storm

A) Pretty good judgement B) Healing from trauma C) The worst possible situation D) Appropriate for all occasions

Correct Ans: C

Q41) Select the most appropriate idiom/phrase that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Your career is now completely obsolete.

A) hanging by a thread B) dead even C) moving like a worm D) as dead as a doornail

Correct Ans: D

Q42) Select the correct idiom that can substitute the italicised group of words in the given sentence.

My business partners thought that I would simply accept their cheating, but they will soon realise that *I am more powerful than what they expected*.



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A) cutting a cloth B) they caught a tartar C) casting pearls before swine D) damsel in distress

Correct Ans: B

Q43) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hit the jackpot

A) Gaining a big success B) Receiving a reward C) Harm the opportunity D) Found a piece of gold

Correct Ans: A

Q44) Select the sentence that uses the given idiom correctly.

Cut corners

A) I always make sure to cut corners when I'm driving to save time.

B) The artist cut corners on the painting, and it ended up looking unfinished.

C) He cut corners on his homework and got a bad grade.

D) I cut corners to finish my project on time, and my boss praised me for my hard work.

Correct Ans: C

Q45) Select the most appropriate idiom/phrase that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

This incident occurred without a warning.

A) Ignorance is bliss B) Play devil's advocate C) Bolt from the blue D) On thin ice

Correct Ans: C

Q46) Identify the idiom/phrase that can best substitute the underlined segment.

You showed me your true personality when you asked me to get out of the house at midnight.

A) hot potato B) true colours C) bed of roses D) white elephant

Correct Ans: B

Q47) Select the most appropriate idiom/phrase that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Mahesh has learnt not to take things seriously.

A) Take it with a grain of salt B) That's the last straw C) Your guess is as good as mine D) Pull someone's leg

Correct Ans: A

Q48) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Vinay missed his flight but good luck came to him from bad circumstances as the flight crashed in the sea.

A) it was a tinker's curse B) it was counting his blessings C) it was a blessing and a curse D) it was a blessing in disguise

Correct Ans: D

Q49) Select the correct idiom to replace the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Harry always speaks his eye but he is not always very diplomatic!

A) speaks his tongue B) listens his ear C) reads his heart D) speaks his mind

Correct Ans: D

Q50) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pass the buck

A) Providing essential services B) Blaming another person C) Trying to calm down D) Saying something unpleasant

Correct Ans: B

Q51) Identify the option that can be substituted as the correct idiom for the underlined part of the given sentence.

As soon as the principal came to know about the inspection in the school, he put everything in perfect order.

A) Alley apple B) Apple of discord C) Apple pie order D) Apple of one's eye

Correct Ans: C



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Q52) Select the correct idiom that can substitute the italicised group of words in the given sentence.

Shelley has been *contemplating* for a few days but still has not decided to quit the job.

A) chewing the cud **B)** cooling one's heels **C)** getting into hot waters **D)** biting the dust

Correct Ans: A

Q53) Select the correct idiom that can substitute the italicised group of words in the given sentence.

You must not participate in the marathon this year without any training. It is *an unreal hope* on your part!

A) a pipe dream **B)** a will-o'-the-wisp **C)** carrying coal to new castle **D)** to lose one's temper

Correct Ans: A

Q54) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At cross purposes

A) Blindly following each other's ideas **B)** Disagreeing with each other's ideas **C)** Developing and amplifying ideas given
D) Finalising ideas and plans

Correct Ans: B

Q55) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

I just went to Bali on a backpacking trip and did everything by the ear without any itinerary.

A) by asking **B)** by spreading rumors **C)** by improvisation **D)** while criticising

Correct Ans: C

Q56) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

You snooze, you lose

A) If you oversleep, you are likely to lose a job **B)** You may lose your money if snoozing is not stopped
C) If you are not alert, you are likely to miss opportunities. **D)** Laziness is not good

Correct Ans: C

Q57) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Out of the blue

A) Unconcerned **B)** Undoubtedly **C)** Unexpectedly **D)** Unbelievably

Correct Ans: C

Q58) Select the most appropriate idiomatic expression to fill in the blank.

Anita keeps on repeating that she is innocent, but there is _____.

A) no pulling up of the socks **B)** no smoke without fire **C)** no rubbing of the shoulders **D)** no love lost between

Correct Ans: B

Q59) Select the option that can substitute the underlined segment with the correct idiom.

After finishing this assignment, the employees make it a day.

A) consider it a day **B)** call it a day **C)** stop it a day **D)** ring it a day

Correct Ans: B

Q60) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In a soup

A) To exhibit cowardice **B)** To get nothing **C)** Extremely short of money **D)** In trouble

Correct Ans: D

Q61) Select the most appropriate idiom/phrase that can substitute the given group of words.

The better you know someone the less you like him.

A) Spill the beans **B)** Familiarity breeds contempt **C)** The elephant in the room **D)** Save for a rainy day

Correct Ans: B



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Q62) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

I really don't want to pour cold water on your theory but it cannot be applied to real life situations.

- A)** To give goosebumps by showing a prospect **B)** To destroy someone's written piece of work
- C)** To take revenge on someone by destroying their lives' work under the pretext of bad quality
- D)** To be critical or doubtful of a plan that someone is excited about

Correct Ans: D

Q63) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hard nut to crack

- A)** To bid farewell **B)** A situation that can be altered **C)** A problem difficult to solve **D)** To leave an effect

Correct Ans: C

Q64) Select the most appropriate idiom for the given underlined segment in the sentence.

Riya always considers sincerity, devotion and dedication as the highest priority of a good employee.

- A)** Ever and anon **B)** Fair and square **C)** First and foremost **D)** Free and easy

Correct Ans: C

Q65) Select the most appropriate idiom or phrase to fill in the blank in the given sentence.

He is rich and famous and expects everyone to _____ on him.

- A)** give a song and dance **B)** dead duck **C)** tap dance like mad **D)** dance attendance

Correct Ans: D

Q66) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Treading on thin ice

- A)** Skating on ice fallen in a hailstorm **B)** Making a thin ice sculpture **C)** To be in a dangerous risky position
- D)** Playing with a sharp icicle

Correct Ans: C

Q67) Identify the option that can be substituted as the correct idiom for the underlined part of the given sentence.

My cousin sister Neetu had an aerial view of the trade fair from the top of the giant wheel.

- A)** A bird in the gilded cage **B)** Bird brain **C)** Bird's eye view **D)** Birds of same feather

Correct Ans: C

Q68) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get up on the wrong side of the bed

- A)** Someone who is having a good day **B)** Destroy or ruin a plan **C)** Go to bed or go to sleep
- D)** Someone who is having a horrible day

Correct Ans: D

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Q1) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To have bigger fish to fry

- A)** To have an interest in cooking **B)** To know different kinds of fishing techniques **C)** To take calculated risks
- D)** To have bigger things to take care of than the menial task at hand

Correct Ans: D



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Q2) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Break a leg

A) Give advice on maintaining physical health. **B)** Encourage someone to engage in risky activities.

C) Suggest taking a short break during work. **D)** Wish someone good luck before a performance.

Correct Ans: D

Q3) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Fatima was at her wits' end trying to decide on a serene place for spending the holidays in.

A) So worried, confused or annoyed that she does not know what to do next

B) So worried, confused or annoyed that she became unconscious

C) So calm and composed that she knows what to do next

D) So worried, confused or annoyed that she insulted others for no reason

Correct Ans: A

Q4) Which of the following idioms means 'to steal from a shop'?

A) Golden opportunity **B)** Green thumb **C)** Five-finger discount **D)** Black sheep

Correct Ans: C

Q5) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On the ball

A) Unaware of any changes or developments and lazy to react to them

B) Aware of any changes or developments but slow to react to them

C) Aware of any changes or developments and quick to react to them

D) Aware of any changes or developments but doing nothing

Correct Ans: C

Q6) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

I'm _____ about whether to accept the job offer or continue freelancing. Both options have their advantages.

A) on the fence **B)** cutting corners **C)** left out in cold **D)** up in arms

Correct Ans: A

Q7) What does the idiom 'Bite the bullet' mean?

A) Enjoy a delicious meal **B)** Face a difficult situation with courage **C)** Avoid confrontation

D) Give someone a piece of advice

Correct Ans: B

Q8) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Care a hang

A) Hanging clothes to dry **B)** Putting an outfit on a hanger **C)** Caring too much **D)** Showing no interest

Correct Ans: D

Q9) Substitute the underlined word-segment with most appropriate idiom.

The doctors tried very hard to save his mother but they were unsuccessful.



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A) faced the music B) drew the line C) moved heaven and earth D) ran like clockwork

Correct Ans: C

Q10) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hit the nail on the head

A) They are experiencing a headache. B) They have accurately identified or explained something.

C) They're uncertain about a decision. D) They hit a nail with a hammer.

Correct Ans: B

Q11) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To read between the lines

A) To underline some words B) To read differently C) To read aloud to public

D) To understand more than what the words suggest

Correct Ans: D

Q12) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Jump the gun

A) To start all over again B) Using a gun for sports C) To stop a process D) To do something too soon and too quickly

Correct Ans: D

Q13) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A dime a dozen

A) Variety of amenities B) Something common and not special C) Very wealthy D) A fair trade

Correct Ans: B

Q14) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Nobody's fool

A) Not easily deceived B) The wisest person C) A complete fool D) All are fools

Correct Ans: A

Q15) Read the sentence carefully and select the most suitable idiom to fill in the blank.

The renowned publisher decided to withdraw a book from the market. No one was interested in the book as the arguments presented were _____.

A) high and mighty B) out of the woods C) beside the mark D) under the rose

Correct Ans: C

Q16) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

In my new office, all employees were different, so I felt like a fish out of water.

A) Uncomfortable B) Homeless C) Frustrated D) Disappointed

Correct Ans: A

Q17) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Anand personally believes in the motto, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade."

A) Earn the maximum out of business B) Nourish health C) Enjoy the most when the season is favourable

D) Make the best out of difficult situations

Correct Ans: D

Q18) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Turned a deaf ear to



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A) Disregarded B) At intervals C) By any means D) Rebuked

Correct Ans: A

Q19) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A bad patch

A) A path that is untravelled B) A period of time when a person faces lots of troubles C) A person who takes a difficult path
D) A dangerous road to walk on

Correct Ans: B

Q20) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

All his friends admired him because he was a straight shooter.

A) Excellent shooter B) Complicated and confusing person C) Miserly and pessimistic individual
D) A thoroughly upright straightforward person

Correct Ans: D

Q21) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

My uncle lives in New York, so I only see him once in a blue moon.

A) Not very often B) Monthly C) Weekly D) Very often

Correct Ans: A

Q22) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Radhika stood by Monica's side through thick and thin.

A) Under easy situations wherein she could ensure Monica's safety and security
B) In all the happy moments, personally spending most of her time
C) Under all conditions, no matter how challenging or difficult
D) In the moments when Monica couldn't complete some simple tasks

Correct Ans: C

Q23) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

In those days, we did not expect luxuries; we were thankful if we could keep the wolf from the door.

A) Avoid starvation B) Wallow in poverty C) Relish food D) Encourage starvation

Correct Ans: A

Q24) Select the most appropriate meaning of the following idiom.

To bring to light

A) To engage in conversation B) To lighten C) To disclose D) To disengage

Correct Ans: C

Q25) Select the correct meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

Rina pulled a long face since her husband had not bought her a diamond necklace on their anniversary.

A) To be euphoric B) To be ecstatic C) To look saddened D) To be electrified

Correct Ans: C

Q26) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Easy does it

A) Used to tell someone to do something rarely B) Used to tell someone to do something violently
C) Used to tell someone to do something slowly and carefully D) Used to tell someone to do something horribly

Correct Ans: C



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Q27) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cut corners

A) Complete a work **B)** Do something in an inexpensive and easy way **C)** Find a suitable place **D)** Clear a space

Correct Ans: B

Q28) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill the blank in the given situation.

I thought Sadhna would always stick by me, but when I got into trouble, she turned out to be a/an _____.

A) hard nut to crack **B)** open secret **C)** fair-weather friend **D)** white elephant

Correct Ans: C

Q29) Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the idiom in the given brackets.

His PhD degree seems to be (Penelope's web).

A) An important task **B)** A difficult task **C)** A secret task **D)** An endless task

Correct Ans: D

Q30) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Creature of habit

A) A mean person **B)** A bad habit **C)** A faithful dog **D)** One who does same thing in the same way

Correct Ans: D

Q31) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hit the roof

A) To destruct a building **B)** To become very angry **C)** To jump high **D)** To play joyfully

Correct Ans: B

Q32) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Start from scratch

A) To start or create something from the very beginning **B)** To address an issue

C) To develop something out of waste material **D)** To point out something wrong

Correct Ans: A

Q33) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom/phrase.

I had heard of henpecked husbands and now, I felt that I saw one.

A) Controlling husband **B)** Bossy husbands **C)** Oppressed husband **D)** Dominating husbands

Correct Ans: C

Q34) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Roshan, it's time for you to give your speech to the whole school, wishing you luck to do well.

A) down in the dumps **B)** break a leg **C)** high five **D)** hands down

Correct Ans: B

Q35) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At a low ebb

A) In a depressed or weak state **B)** In a happy state **C)** In a critical moment **D)** In an unemployed mode

Correct Ans: A

Q36) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Off and on

A) Now and then **B)** Know something thoroughly **C)** Remind **D)** Object to

Correct Ans: A

Q37) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Left out in the cold



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A) To go underground B) To be in hiding C) To be ignored D) To be extremely negative

Correct Ans: C

Q38) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Break the ice

A) Nervousness before a performance B) Ill-feeling carried by a person over a period of time

C) Respect for someone's achievements

D) To say or do something that makes people feel more relaxed, especially at the beginning of a meeting, party

Correct Ans: D

Q39) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

Sejal visits the nearby temple off and on.

A) Periodically B) Constantly C) Continuously D) Regularly

Correct Ans: A

Q40) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

This year's budget is unlikely to pass as law since the president's proposed budgets typically face a jaundiced eye but this one has gotten even more scepticism.

A) Jealousy B) Confidence C) Resentment D) Good will

Correct Ans: C

Q41) Select the most appropriate idiom for the given group of words.

A time when money might unexpectedly be needed

A) A rainy day B) A raw deal C) A rash of something D) A rap over the knuckles

Correct Ans: A

Q42) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

Instead of confusing others, let us call a spade a spade in front of the audience.

A) Pretend superiority B) Remain silent C) Speak truthfully D) Be at strife

Correct Ans: C

Q43) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

Rahul won the extempore competition. He is lucky to be blessed with the gift of the gab.

A) An honest person B) A big surprise C) A lucky person D) A talent for speaking

Correct Ans: D

Q44) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

After months of dedication and effort, I finally completed the marathon. I can really _____ for this accomplishment.

A) eat like a horse B) up a creek without a paddle C) blow hot and cold D) pat myself on the back

Correct Ans: D

Q45) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

The leader of the Legislative Assembly won the hearts of the members through his maiden speech during the session in state council.

A) final speech B) closure speech C) first speech D) logical speech

Correct Ans: C

Q46) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Leela was in class when the big fight happened. So, if you want to know the details, You should ask her, you will get the truth given by somebody who is directly involved and therefore likely to be accurate.

A) with kid gloves B) shooting off the cuff C) calling a spade a spade D) straight from the horse's mouth

Correct Ans: D



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Q47) Select the correct idiom to substitute the underlined segment in the following sentence.

Due to her impoverished state, most of her relatives treated her with contempt.

A) Came in handy **B)** Turned up their nose at her **C)** Turned the corner at her **D)** Gave a wide space to her

Correct Ans: B

Q48) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Let the dust settle

A) To make use of a situation **B)** Wait for the other person to make a move **C)** To make a space tidy
D) To wait for a situation to become clear or certain

Correct Ans: D

Q49) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The company understood that these small protests of employees regarding low wages were just the tip of the iceberg.

A) A small, noticeable part of a problem, the total size of which is non-existent
B) A small, noticeable part of a problem, the total size of which is solvable
C) A large part of a problem which is really noticeable
D) A small, noticeable part of a problem, the total size of which is really much greater

Correct Ans: D

Q50) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Bincy's mother kept her cards close to her chest.

A) Decided to show more affection **B)** Informed that all the cards must be kept safe **C)** Kept her purse and money by herself
D) Kept her plans and thoughts hidden

Correct Ans: D

Q51) Select the correct meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

Lucy's conceited conduct with her colleagues has left her high and dry.

A) Helpless **B)** Superseding **C)** Impoverished **D)** Surrounded by people

Correct Ans: A



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Q1) Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the following sentence.

She was within a **hair's breadth** of winning.

A) accomplished **B)** certain **C)** narrow margin **D)** desirous

Correct Ans: C

Q2) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Grease someone's palm

A) Bribe someone **B)** Put in hard work **C)** Go to battle **D)** Be jealous of someone

Correct Ans: A

Q3) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Donkey's years

A) Good time **B)** Long time **C)** Leisure time **D)** Bad time

Correct Ans: B

Q4) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go to the wall

A) To fail **B)** To start **C)** To become strong **D)** To obtain protection

Correct Ans: A

Q5) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Crocodile tears

A) Pretended show of sorrow **B)** Sincere expression of sorrow **C)** Cruel presentation of sorrow **D)** Crying of a crocodile

Correct Ans: A

Q6) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

It's all Greek to me

A) I can understand the cause of something **B)** I am aware of the historical facts **C)** I cannot understand anything

D) I know this subject well

Correct Ans: C

Q7) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To hold good

A) To perform best **B)** To keep relations **C)** To keep an eye **D)** To remain valid

Correct Ans: D

Q8) Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

My friend was **playing the devil's advocate** in the discussion.

A) One who is good at judgement **B)** One who pits the culprit against the lawyer

C) One who argues against something just for the sake of arguing **D)** One who is composed at all times

Correct Ans: C

Q9) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Comparing apples with oranges

A) Calculation of proteins **B)** Unequal comparisons **C)** Comparison between two kinds of fruits **D)** To have a health issue



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Q10) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Back out

A) To pull over B) To stand out C) To withdraw from D) To move backwards

Correct Ans: C

Q11) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Beat around the bush

A) To search for a lost thing in vain B) To discuss minute details of something C) To avoid talking about what is important
D) To hope for something that is unattainable

Correct Ans: C

Q12) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Knock down

A) To re do B) To accept C) To succeed D) To demolish

Correct Ans: D

Q13) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Eat like a horse

A) Eat a lot of food B) Eat food while running C) Eat making sound D) Dislike food

Correct Ans: A

Q14) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Chip off the old block

A) Someone who makes the right decision B) Someone who tries to escape from their parents
C) Someone who spoils other's enjoyment D) Someone who resembles their parent

Correct Ans: D

Q15) Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

As the Director I had **to bite the bullet** in order to restore normalcy.

A) Force oneself to do something unpleasant B) Ensure equality C) To force people to do the right thing
D) To encourage the needy

Correct Ans: A

Q16) In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

The new music system is **too expensive for us to buy**.

A) Cut to the chase B) Hit the books C) Costs an arm and a leg D) At sea

Correct Ans: C

Q17) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To draw a blank

A) To win by chance B) To get revenge C) To fake something D) To be unsuccessful at eliciting a response

Correct Ans: D

Q18) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Jump the gun

A) There is always a cost to do something B) Start something too soon or act hastily C) Intentionally raise a false alarm



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D) Watch a person carefully

Correct Ans: B

Q19) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Man of letters

A) Dancer B) Singer C) Actor D) Scholar

Correct Ans: D

Q20) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hobson's choice

A) To choose the best option B) A choice forced upon someone C) To choose the worst option

D) A choice that is prejudiced

Correct Ans: B

Q21) Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

I was like a **fish out of water** in the new firm.

A) Always comfortable B) Very adventurous C) Nosy yet firm D) Being uncomfortable and restless

Correct Ans: D

Q22) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Dark horse

A) A person criticised B) Loved person C) A champion D) An unexpected winner

Correct Ans: D

Q23) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be like chalk and cheese

A) Be absolutely deceptive B) Be absolutely lonely C) Be absolutely different D) Be absolutely rich

Correct Ans: C

Q24) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

By leaps and bounds

A) Superb catch in a cricket match B) Very quickly C) Brisk walk D) Very slowly

Correct Ans: B

Q25) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Under the weather

A) Under debt B) Feeling ill C) Very angry D) Left by a loved one

Correct Ans: B

Q26) In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase

The coach **felt extremely nervous** on seeing the team performing poorly in the first quarter.

A) Crying Wolf B) Like a cakewalk C) Heart skipped a beat D) Raining cats and dogs

Correct Ans: C

Q27) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hit the books

A) To have a very long list B) Become very confused C) To study very hard D) To feel sorry about a mistake

Correct Ans: C

Q28) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A piece of cake



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A) An easy task B) An ambitious person C) A punishment D) An obstacle

Correct Ans: A

Q29) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hit the sack

A) Complete the assignment B) Confirm the target C) Go to sleep D) Miss the mark

Correct Ans: C

Q30) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be under a cloud

A) To be untrustworthy B) To have a hidden talent C) To be very happy D) To be gloomy

Correct Ans: A

Q31) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In queer street

A) Among scoundrels B) In prison C) In debt D) Lost your way

Correct Ans: C

Q32) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At one's elbow

A) Next to someone B) Strong bond C) Far away D) Strong grip

Correct Ans: A

Q33) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Lose your touch

A) Something being very difficult to find B) Not being as successful as previously

C) Doing someone a favour in hopes that the favour will be returned D) To be passed from one person to another

Correct Ans: B

Q34) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Blow up

A) To live up greatly B) To stand upright C) To destroy by an explosion D) To suffice

Correct Ans: C

Q35) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At loggerheads

A) At mercy B) Disagreeing with C) In one's absence D) To write down

Correct Ans: B

Q36) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pull the plug

A) Annoy someone B) Distract someone C) Launch something D) End something

Correct Ans: D

Q37) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Have a soft spot for someone

A) To show the true nature of someone B) To resolve a problem successfully C) To argue something with no effect

D) To like someone a lot

Correct Ans: D

Q38) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A snake in the grass

A) A timid person B) A deceitful person C) A talkative person D) A wealthy person

Correct Ans: B



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Q39) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Tit for tat

A) A wild guess **B)** Counter attack **C)** Prepare to leave **D)** Go smoothly

Correct Ans: B

Q40) Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the following sentence.

At supper, everyone was **in high spirits**.

A) anxious **B)** nervous **C)** drunk **D)** cheerful

Correct Ans: D

Q41) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Gear up for

A) Start off **B)** Put on **C)** Get ready for **D)** Pass into

Correct Ans: C

Q42) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Call upon

A) To order **B)** To stop **C)** To follow **D)** To adjust

Correct Ans: A

Q43) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

White elephant

A) Motivational possession **B)** Costly but useless possession **C)** Useful and expensive possession

D) Memorable possession

Correct Ans: B

Q44) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To put someone's back up

A) To help someone **B)** To irritate someone **C)** To deceive someone **D)** To flatter someone

Correct Ans: B

Q45) Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom

The actress' daughter is just a **chip off the old block**

A) console the dreary **B)** chip off the edges **C)** get into the enemy's territory **D)** Similar to one's parents in behaviour

Correct Ans: D

Q46) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Under duress

A) Under pressure **B)** Under confusions **C)** Under shelter **D)** Under support

Correct Ans: A

Q47) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Sum and substance

A) Difficulty **B)** Assessment **C)** Essence **D)** Deliberation

Correct Ans: C

Q48) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Apple of one's eye

A) Very dear **B)** Very harmful **C)** Very far **D)** Very useful

Correct Ans: A

Q49) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hard and fast



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A) Badly affected B) Quick witted C) Urgent D) Strict

Correct Ans: D

Q50) Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

It was a **Catch 22 situation** for the manager.

A) A positive outcome in a tough situation B) A difficult situation in which the solution to a problem is impossible
C) Worthy successor to the throne D) Hailed as the ultimate champion

Correct Ans: B

Q51) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Snake in the grass

A) Sensitive person B) Treacherous person C) Successful person D) Co-operative person

Correct Ans: B

Q52) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get one's dander up

A) Lose one's temper B) Rush into someone C) get into a difficult situation D) To glare venomously

Correct Ans: A

Q53) In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

The trainee **performed the task with extreme ease**.

A) A piece of cake B) At the eleventh hour C) Call it a day D) Swan song

Correct Ans: A

Q54) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A storm in a tea cup

A) The tea in which spices are added B) A lot of anger and worry about trivial things C) Tasty tea
D) To enjoy tea during a storm

Correct Ans: B

Q55) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Tell upon

A) To strike hard B) To write down C) To affect adversely D) to advise someone

Correct Ans: C

Q56) Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

The youth involved in the accident escaped **by the skin of his teeth**.

A) Deficiency of funds B) Barely managed to escape C) Very arrogant D) Always taking calculated decisions

Correct Ans: B

Q57) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Win laurels

A) To change B) To gain honour C) To punish D) To be decisive

Correct Ans: B

Q58) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Safe pair of hands

A) A person who can be trusted to do something efficiently B) A secret or hidden advantage C) Miss an opportunity
D) Speak rashly without thinking carefully



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Correct Ans: A

Q59) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Let down

A) To hire B) To nurse C) To fail D) To care about

Correct Ans: C

Q60) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A fly on the wall

A) Very intelligent person B) An unwelcome guest C) A vigilant security guard D) An unperceived observer

Correct Ans: D

Q61) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In the same boat

A) To gain undue advantage with others B) To go in the same direction as someone else
C) To be in the same difficult situation as someone else D) To share profits with someone else

Correct Ans: C

Q62) Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the following sentence.

The memory of all that blood was enough to **make my flesh crawl**.

A) drew my attention B) worried me C) frightened me D) confused me

Correct Ans: C

Q63) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Start from scratch

A) Start it from the previous situation B) Start from the given line C) Start something fast to finish it before a particular time
D) Start entirely from the beginning

Correct Ans: D

Q64) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Face up to

A) Look into face B) Personally C) Alter the face of D) To accept a difficult situation

Correct Ans: D

Q65) Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

The team members seem to be **running around in circles**.

A) Hardly any time to breathe B) To be very active but with few results C) Very dynamic and hardworking
D) To be extremely successful

Correct Ans: B

Q66) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hale and hearty

A) Strong and healthy B) Weak and ill C) Angry but happy D) Clumsy and calm

Correct Ans: A

Q67) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Red letter day

A) Holiday B) Birthday C) Rose day D) Memorable day

Correct Ans: D



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Q68) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A kick in the teeth

A) Extraction of a tooth B) Alcohol consumption C) Great disappointment D) Toothache

Correct Ans: C

Q69) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Read between the lines

A) Speak the truth even if it is unpleasant B) Understand something that is not said outright

C) Harm someone who trusts you D) Be afraid of doing something again

Correct Ans: B

Q70) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

The movers and shakers

A) Transportation company B) Labourers C) Travelling agency D) People who have a lot of power and influence

Correct Ans: D

Q71) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Snail's pace

A) Very slow B) Very active C) Very fast D) Very sharp

Correct Ans: A

Q72) Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

The employee took the manager's remark **with a pinch of salt**

A) Ever ready to condemn someone B) Doubt the truth or value of something C) Going for the truth

D) Distasteful and boring

Correct Ans: B

Q73) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Charley horse

A) Very fast B) Lucky C) Cramp D) Cunning

Correct Ans: C

Q74) Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the following sentence.

For the time being, the liberals seem to have **carried the day**.

A) popular B) winning C) unpopular D) despised

Correct Ans: B

Q75) Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the following sentence.

She is **green-eyed** with his success.

A) enthusiastic B) afraid C) worried D) jealous

Correct Ans: D

Q76) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Come about

A) To happen B) To explode C) To deduce D) To support

Correct Ans: A

Q77) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Every dog has his day

A) Celebration of dogs as man's best friend B) Everyone has good luck or success at a point of time

C) Every dog is treated well D) Dogs are faithful animals



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Q78) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To pay lip service

A) To pretend to be very old B) To face a risk C) To express loyalty, respect, or support for something insincerely
D) To ignore what someone is saying

Correct Ans: C

Q79) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Wipe the floor with someone

A) To help someone B) To defeat someone C) To criticise someone D) To cheat someone

Correct Ans: B

Q80) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get the axe

A) Lose the job B) Get the job C) Relaxed job D) Burdened job

Correct Ans: A

Q81) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Lion's share

A) Animal's share B) Largest share C) Limited share D) Forceful share

Correct Ans: B

Q82) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cut straight to the chase

A) Avoid the most important part of text B) Disallow important introduction and go to the least important part
C) Allow to introduce an unimportant part D) Avoid unnecessary introduction and go to the more important part

Correct Ans: D

Q83) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Up in arms

A) Begin fighting B) In rebellion C) Raise something D) In unity

Correct Ans: B

Q84) In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

The attitude of the culprit **made** the judge **extremely angry**.

A) Make one's blood boil B) Play by the ear C) Back to the drawing board D) Throw caution to the wind

Correct Ans: A

Q85) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Miss the boat

A) Miss the person B) Miss the goal of life C) Miss the journey D) Miss an opportunity

Correct Ans: D

Q86) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On cloud nine

A) Travel by airplane B) Heavy rain C) Good number D) Extremely happy

Correct Ans: D

Q87) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Break a leg



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A) Wish someone bad luck B) Wish someone good luck C) Work long hours D) Speak directly

Correct Ans: B

Q88) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Child's play

A) A restricted playground B) An easy task C) Cricket D) Children's drama

Correct Ans: B

Q89) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Tick all the boxes

A) To make a decision B) To make a bad situation worse C) To be extremely happy D) To fulfill the required norms

Correct Ans: D

Q90) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Once in a blue moon

A) At one time in space B) Very rarely C) Blue sky D) On a full moon night

Correct Ans: B

Q91) In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

His mentor **understood the deep anguish the student was going through** without him being informed about it.

A) Down for the count B) Break a leg C) In the fast lane D) Read between the lines

Correct Ans: D

Q92) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Strain every nerve

A) To try extremely hard to do something B) To have ill health C) To feel physical pain D) To fight with friends

Correct Ans: A

Q93) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Jump the gun

A) To do something stupid B) To waste your money C) To do something too soon D) To defeat an opponent

Correct Ans: C

Q94) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bed of roses

A) Pleasant condition of life B) Trying condition of life C) Testing condition of life D) Lethargic condition of life

Correct Ans: A

Q95) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pull a long face

A) To look sad B) To flatter someone C) To look angry D) To chide someone

Correct Ans: A

Q96) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To bite the bullet

A) To reject doing something difficult or unpleasant B) To be upset or annoyed C) To be brave in a difficult situation

D) To state your opinion openly



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Correct Ans: C

Q97) In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

He is **known for talking too frankly**.

A) Call a spade a spade **B)** Lose one's marbles **C)** Go the extra mile **D)** Snug as a bug in a rug

Correct Ans: A

Q98) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be at a loose end

A) On a turning point **B)** To have nothing to do **C)** In much trouble **D)** Defining moment

Correct Ans: B

Q99) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Between Scylla and Charybdis

A) Between two favours **B)** Between two dangers **C)** Between two charms **D)** Between two possibilities

Correct Ans: B

Q100) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get away

A) To leave **B)** To fall off **C)** To equalise **D)** To visit

Correct Ans: A

Q101) Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

The coach was trying to **twist the player's arm** by asking him to practice throughout the day.

A) To try to force someone to do something **B)** To refrain from resting **C)** To console the weak

D) To train someone in warfare

Correct Ans: A

Q102) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In your birthday suit

A) A suit which is designed for only birthday functions **B)** A suit which covers one's entire body **C)** Not wearing any clothes

D) Birthday celebrations

Correct Ans: C

Q103) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cast aside

A) To reject **B)** To blow up **C)** To bear with **D)** To display

Correct Ans: A

Q104) Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the following sentence.

The minister is a little **hard of hearing**.

A) insensitive **B)** partially deaf **C)** callous **D)** inaccessible

Correct Ans: B

Q105) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Donkey's years

A) Futile effort **B)** A worthless person **C)** A very long time **D)** A stupid argument

Correct Ans: C

Q106) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Elbow grease



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A) Mental disturbance B) Hard physical efforts C) Psychological pressure D) Relational difference

Correct Ans: B

Q107) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Upset the apple-cart

A) To be offended B) Consider unsatisfactory C) Withdraw D) Spoil careful plans

Correct Ans: D

Q108) In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

Reginald **betrayed his closest friend**. It was big shock for all.

A) A black sheep B) Every cloud has a silver lining C) Looking to your laurels D) Stab someone in the back

Correct Ans: D

Q109) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pocket an insult

A) Endure insult and protest B) Insult someone strongly C) Rebel against insult D) Tolerate insult without protest

Correct Ans: D

Q110) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

The best of both worlds

A) Being good in dreams and in reality B) An advantageous situation from two different things at a time

C) The best practices in both, ancient times and present times D) The best people on Earth and in heaven

Correct Ans: B

Q111) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Have a long face

A) Look unhappy or disappointed B) Look extremely happy C) Look very confident D) Portray an ugly expression

Correct Ans: A

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Q1) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Body and soul

A) To solve a difficulty B) Happiness and sorrow C) Life and death D) Wholly and entirely

Correct Ans: D

Q2) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Slap on the wrist

A) A mild punishment B) Criticize someone strongly and angrily C) Wild with excitement D) Misunderstand each other

Correct Ans: A

Q3) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To burn one's finger

A) To suffer a loss by acting rashly B) To accidentally touch a hot utensil C) A question without any agreed answer



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D) To have one's finger chopped

Correct Ans: A

Q4) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A shot in the dark.

A) Shooting in the night B) A blind man's cane C) Randomly doing something, the outcome of which is unknown

D) Looking at the stars

Correct Ans: A

Q5) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Take your eye off the ball

A) Take someone for granted B) Take an advice from a wrong person C) To stop paying attention for a moment

D) Deteriorating and headed for complete disaster

Correct Ans: C

Q6) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

A bull market

A) A market where cattle is traded B) To boast C) A fertile field D) Market where prices are rising

Correct Ans: D

Q7) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

A fish out of water

A) To criticize someone B) To kill somebody C) A person out of accustomed environment D) A dead person

Correct Ans: C

Q8) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To shake in one's shoes

A) To be afraid B) To leave no remark C) An unpleasant scenario D) To fail to understand

Correct Ans: A

Q9) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To be in two minds

A) To be less effective B) To migrate C) In a dilemma D) To be over confident

Correct Ans: C

Q10) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To meet one's waterloo

A) To face the reality B) To realize one's mistake C) To meet one's look alike D) To be badly defeated in a contest

Correct Ans: D

Q11) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

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A) To understand a hidden meaning B) To be very rude C) To make most effort D) To ease pressure on something

Correct Ans: D

Q12) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Pig in a poke

A) A brave man amongst all the cowards B) To obstruct someone's work C) To bring something to an end
D) Something that is bought without examining properly

Correct Ans: D

Q13) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Ace in the hole

A) To suffer an injury on the lower body. B) To create noisy disturbances so that competitors are unable to work.
C) To attempt to do the impossible. D) A major advantage that one keeps hidden until an ideal time.

Correct Ans: D

Q14) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Over and above

A) Highest rank B) To sum up the conversation C) In addition to D) Above all

Correct Ans: C

Q15) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Dead ringer

A) Game of race B) An exact duplicate C) In writing D) Detailed information

Correct Ans: B

Q16) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

For old time's sake

A) To be friends with an old person B) To consider the options C) Deliberately stop someone
D) Because of sentimental memories of the past

Correct Ans: D

Q17) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Water under the bridge

A) Someone else who takes the blame. B) Anything from the past that isn't significant or important anymore.
C) A paranormal sense that allows you to communicate with the dead. D) To be very sick.

Correct Ans: B

Q18) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To keep an eye on

A) To be able to understand everything B) To keep distance from C) To see someone in a bad light



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D) To watch over closely

Correct Ans: D

Q19) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Green light

A) To misunderstand B) To always compare C) To permit something to proceed D) To be lost and confused

Correct Ans: C

Q20) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

All and sundry

A) Advantages and disadvantages B) Holidays C) Full moon D) Everyone without distinction

Correct Ans: D

Q21) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Wear your heart on your sleeve

A) To suspect a trick B) To understand C) To go through a heart break D) To openly display one's emotions.

Correct Ans: D

Q22) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Sea change

A) Hatred B) Major transformation C) To pursue D) Jealousy

Correct Ans: B

Q23) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To twiddle one's thumbs

A) To be idle B) To waste one's resources C) To play safe D) To show no mercy

Correct Ans: A

Q24) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Give cold shoulder

A) Ignore, avoid or be unfriendly towards someone B) Think only of one thing

C) Start doing something before the appropriate time D) Be guiltless

Correct Ans: A

Q25) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To sleep like a dog

A) To make noise while sleeping B) To be less mindful C) To be insomniac D) To sleep soundly

Correct Ans: D

Q26) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Armed to the teeth

A) Fully armed, having many weapons B) Safeguard oneself in every possible way C) To have no weapon to fight

D) Different attacking techniques

Correct Ans: A



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Q27) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Once in a blue moon

A) Once a week **B)** Once in a day **C)** Frequently **D)** Rarely

Correct Ans: D

Q28) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Apropos of nothing

A) Having no relevance to any previous discussion or situation **B)** To be enraged

C) Almost everything and anything has been included **D)** Any difficult situation or obstacle

Correct Ans: A

Q29) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Lion's mouth

A) A large share **B)** Very talkative **C)** A dangerous situation **D)** Having no sense

Correct Ans: C

Q30) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A bolt from the blue

A) To get hold of someone **B)** An unexpected event **C)** An electric shock **D)** A sudden run

Correct Ans: B

Q31) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

At daggers drawn with

A) To help someone in time of need **B)** To accept someone **C)** To be bitterly hostile towards each other

D) At the lowest estimate

Correct Ans: C

Q32) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Neck of the woods

A) Valley **B)** Neighbourhood **C)** Highways **D)** Barren land

Correct Ans: B

Q33) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To bridge the gap

A) To push people apart **B)** To slander someone **C)** To mend a broken bridge **D)** To reduce differences and reconcile

Correct Ans: D

Q34) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Zero tolerance

A) To detect someone in the group is betraying the others **B)** Riding in the front passenger seat of a car

C) To escape and not have to pay **D)** A policy of not allowing any violations of a rule or law

Correct Ans: D



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Q35) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

In black and white

A) In trouble **B)** In brief **C)** In writing **D)** In suspense

Correct Ans: C

Q36) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bite the dust

A) To hate **B)** To grieve over **C)** To lose a fight **D)** To die

Correct Ans: D

Q37) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom

Pedal to the metal

A) To go full speed, especially while driving a vehicle. **B)** Avoid responsibility by giving it to someone else.

C) To enjoy yourself by going out. **D)** Very excessive.

Correct Ans: A

Q38) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Blessing in disguise

A) A good deed rewards as a blessing **B)** Something that happens very rarely **C)** Bad thing that turns out to be good

D) A good thing introduced into your life as a blessing

Correct Ans: C

Q39) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

The whole ball of wax

A) Everything **B)** Sagacious **C)** Meagre **D)** Complete disaster

Correct Ans: A

Q40) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

High and dry

A) Failed **B)** Abandoned **C)** Occasionally **D)** Perplexed

Correct Ans: B

Q41) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Dead lock

A) To be anxious **B)** A state in which progress is impossible **C)** To lose an important asset **D)** To attract

Correct Ans: B

Q42) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Method to my madness

A) To state a fact so that there are no doubts or objections.

B) Someone who is unpredictable and can cause damage if not kept in check. **C)** To get someone drunk.

D) Strange or crazy actions that appear meaningless but in the end are done for a good reason.

Correct Ans: D



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Q43) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To make one's mark

A) To attain success **B)** To prove a point **C)** To be indifferent **D)** To make no effort

Correct Ans: A

Q44) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To lay someone by the heels

A) To confine somebody in prison **B)** To praise someone **C)** To force someone for something **D)** To gain support

Correct Ans: A

Q45) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

In the flesh

A) To be near death **B)** To get a tattoo **C)** To talk **D)** In bodily form

Correct Ans: D

Q46) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Have people rolling in the aisles

A) Make an audience laugh uncontrollably **B)** To have a dispute with someone

C) To use false promises to pull people on one's side **D)** Willing to do something immediately

Correct Ans: A

Q47) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To breast the tape

A) To create problems **B)** To bring joy **C)** To shut someone's mouth **D)** To win a race

Correct Ans: D

Q48) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Piece of cake

A) Something which is very simple **B)** Intuition for something dangerous **C)** Extremely difficult **D)** Invitation for birthday

Correct Ans: A

Q49) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Good grief

A) An expression of surprise or frustration **B)** To try everything possible **C)** To dig a hole **D)** To be very systematic

Correct Ans: A

Q50) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To jump out of one's skin

A) To feel immense pain **B)** To argue with someone **C)** To be extremely surprised **D)** To show one's real side

Correct Ans: C



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Q51) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Get into hot water

A) To get into trouble **B)** To reach nowhere **C)** To get a costly gift **D)** A private end to serve

Correct Ans: A

Q52) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Penny wise and pound foolish

A) To act like a fool **B)** Careless with large amounts, but not small **C)** An intelligent person who behaves foolishly
D) Dissipating money without caring about consequences

Correct Ans: B

Q53) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Appeal to Caesar

A) Appeal to the highest possible authority **B)** To live in a false reality **C)** To expect good from a wrong person
D) An authority given to a foolish person

Correct Ans: A

Q54) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

All bark and no bite

A) Actions are stronger than mere words **B)** Full of talk, but low on action **C)** Not being able to understand anything
D) Someone who sticks to his words

Correct Ans: B

Q55) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To make a mountain of a mole hill

A) To make unnecessary comments **B)** To violate the rules **C)** To achieve big success **D)** To give great importance to trifles

Correct Ans: D

Q56) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

A bite at the cherry

A) An attempt or opportunity to do something **B)** To have a leverage over someone **C)** A wrong move **D)** A dog bite

Correct Ans: A

Q57) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Save your breath

A) To hold one's anger **B)** To make an effort that will be futile **C)** To be resentful **D)** To work hard

Correct Ans: B

Q58) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Burn your bridges

A) To have a fight **B)** To eliminate the possibility of return or retreat **C)** To disclose a secret **D)** To be puzzled



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Q59) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

A beast of burden

A) A liability **B)** A person who works hardly **C)** An animal that carries luggage **D)** A violent man

Correct Ans: C

Q60) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To lose one's head

A) To lose the track of time **B)** To have bad memory **C)** To reach nowhere **D)** To lose one's self-control

Correct Ans: D

Q61) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Cast someone adrift

A) To blame someone for one's mistakes **B)** Call someone repeatedly **C)** To change plan suddenly

D) To leave someone without any support or purpose

Correct Ans: D

Q62) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

New kid on the block

A) Nonsense or meaningless speech. **B)** Someone new to the group or area. **C)** Don't hurt anyone that helps you.

D) Savings set aside for future use.

Correct Ans: B

Q63) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To the manner born

A) To do something as though it is coming naturally **B)** To have high manners **C)** To give a ride to someone

D) To be sophisticated

Correct Ans: A

Q64) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To take the veil

A) To help someone **B)** To take a responsibility **C)** To become a nun **D)** To show interest

Correct Ans: C

Q65) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be my guest

A) Be with me **B)** Stop, don't go ahead **C)** Please do it **D)** Come with me

Correct Ans: C

Q66) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Buy a lemon

A) To work through the day and shop in the evening **B)** To buy something that is of much less value.

C) To give importance to little things **D)** To lose foundation



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Q67) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To have a nodding acquaintance

A) To have a great experience **B)** To neglect all the parameters **C)** To have nothing in common
D) Know somebody/something slightly

Q68) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To miss the bus

A) A problem in a situation **B)** Escape by a thin margin **C)** To lose an opportunity **D)** Short lived glory

Q69) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Backseat driver

A) To conclude proceedings. **B)** A person who offers unsolicited advice. **C)** To miss an appointed meeting.
D) Attempt to get control over someone.

Q70) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To play with fire

A) To abuse **B)** To take foolish risk **C)** Feel sick **D)** Show disappointment

Q71) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

The whys and wherefores

A) Circumstances **B)** Requirements **C)** References **D)** Reasons

Q72) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

As hard as nails

A) Physically or mentally tough **B)** To feel no pain **C)** Hard working **D)** To be stubborn

CHSL Exam 2023 Tier I

Q1) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

Brave people never hide at the moment of decision.

A) Turn back the hands of time **B)** Beat the clock **C)** A hell of time **D)** When the crunch comes

Q2) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The new electric car costs an arm and a leg.

A) Is very cheap **B)** Is very expensive **C)** Needs physical strength to drive **D)** Has no gears



Q3) Select the most appropriate idiom for the following statement.

It's better to get less than what you want than get nothing.

A) A storm in a teacup **B)** Half a loaf is better than none. **C)** Where there is smoke, there is fire. **D)** Waste not, want not.

Correct Ans: B

Q4) Select the most appropriate idiom for the following sentence.

The government arrested the opposition leader, making the situation worse.

A) To be on the last leg **B)** To cast pearls before swine **C)** To bite the dust **D)** To add fuel to the fire

Correct Ans: D

Q5) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Ashu is a dedicated guy, always ready to _____ for the betterment of his company.

A) go the extra mile **B)** lose his marbles **C)** rain on his parade **D)** snug as a bug in a rug

Correct Ans: A

Q6) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Play it by ear

A) Obey the rules blindly **B)** Act as suggested **C)** Discontinue impulsively **D)** Perform without any rehearsals

Correct Ans: D

Q7) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined words in the given sentence.

The candidate blamed the persistent traffic jam as reason of his being late and the interviewer believed him though he was not convinced.

A) did not judge the book by its cover **B)** changed his tune **C)** gave the benefit of doubt

D) thought err is human and to forgive is divine

Correct Ans: C

Q8) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Memory like sieve

A) Being healthy **B)** Poor memory **C)** Feeling ill **D)** Remembering everything

Correct Ans: B

Q9) Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation.

Aurangzeb, the famous Mughal ruler, found that he had caught someone more powerful than him in the form of the brave Maratha, Shivaji.

A) Blazing the trail **B)** Catching a tartar **C)** Nipping in the bud **D)** Changing the hands

Correct Ans: B

Q10) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bite the bullet

A) To endure a painful situation **B)** To criticise someone harshly **C)** To take a risk **D)** To enjoy something immensely

Correct Ans: A

Q11) Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation.

Geetika spoke a lot about her new movie. However, it came to nothing in the theatres.

A) To end in smoke **B)** To get into hot water **C)** To give the devil his dues **D)** To dig the grave

Correct Ans: A

Q12) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

Raima takes her classes very attentively.



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A) By blazing a trail B) By losing in a cloud C) Be all ears D) In accordance with

Correct Ans: C

Q13) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Make up one's mind

A) To leave B) To cheat C) To disturb D) To decide

Correct Ans: D

Q14) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Getting the long-awaited promotion is a milestone in her career.

A) Mishap B) Burden C) Important event D) Wonder

Correct Ans: C

Q15) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Coming from the movie around midnight, the boys hit the sack.

A) jumped with joy B) hit a wall C) shouted at parents D) went to sleep

Correct Ans: D

Q16) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Her son came from Europe to meet her _____ after 20 years.

A) stepping up his game B) out of the blue C) blowing off the steam D) like a cakewalk

Correct Ans: B

Q17) Select the most appropriate idiom for the given statement.

One who hurries up always gets the best.

A) Brevity is the soul of wit. B) The early bird catches the worm. C) Forewarned is forearmed.

D) His bark is worse than his bite.

Correct Ans: B

Q18) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

When I was in Italy for a tour, the tourist guide provided by Azim was _____. Because of him, the whole tour was successful.

A) armed to the teeth B) burning the midnight oil C) looking for a needle in a haystack D) worth his weight in gold

Correct Ans: D

Q19) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined words in the given sentence.

Ritika had a narrow escape as she was driving recklessly on the highway.

A) cock a snook B) cut both ends C) close shave D) come in handy

Correct Ans: C

Q20) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the given sentence.

The new entrant in the class felt uncomfortable as all were unfamiliar to him.

A) Left out in cold B) Buried his head in the sand C) Was not given a fig D) Was fish out of water

Correct Ans: D

Q21) Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation.

Shayam was accused of bribery, but he submitted proofs for his innocence.

A) Buying the pig in a poke B) Beating about the bush C) Cast pearls before they swine D) Chapter and verse

Correct Ans: D

Q22) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cutting corners

A) To follow the rules strictly B) To do something quickly or cheaply, often at the expense of quality or safety



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C) To be honest and fair D) To take the long way around

Correct Ans: B

Q23) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Forty winks

A) A short nap B) A small talk C) A precarious situation D) An opportunity in hand

Correct Ans: A

Q24) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cut to the chase

A) To take a shortcut B) To interrupt someone C) To get to the point D) To change the subject

Correct Ans: C

Q25) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the sentence given below.

Most of the people say that some people fight for the cause but most of them don't support it.

A) Pay only lip service B) Spare the rod and spoil the child C) Mind their P's and Q's D) Are out of frying pan onto the fire

Correct Ans: A

Q26) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Like a cat on a hot tin roof

A) Being in a state of agitation B) Being lazy C) Urging somebody not to worry about something D) Studying very hard

Correct Ans: A

Q27) Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.

The Greeks are considered to be a courageous race valuing the knowledge, beauty and wisidiom.

A) Wisidiom B) Valuing C) Knowledge D) Courageous

Correct Ans: A

Q28) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Head in the clouds

A) Being extremely tall B) Being absent minded C) Being extremely happy D) Being extremely sad

Correct Ans: B

Q29) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

We should protect ourselves from jealous people.

A) High-spirited B) Any Tom, Dick or Harry C) One trick pony D) Green-eyed

Correct Ans: D

Q30) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Devil's advocate

A) One who takes an opposing position for the sake of argument B) One who presents very logical arguments

C) One who never argues D) One who is very precise and accurate

Correct Ans: A

Q31) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Spill the beans

A) Liberate the controlled emotions B) Distribute food grains freely C) Open the flow of the stopped water

D) Disclose the secrets accidentally

Correct Ans: D



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Q32) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On the straight and narrow

A) The straightforward and ethically acceptable **B)** The unpredictable though genuine **C)** The honest but dubious
D) The unrefined and complicated

Correct Ans: A

Q33) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Never believe anything you hear from others. Try to get every bit of information _____, if possible.

A) fair and square **B)** in the fast lane **C)** straight from the horse's mouth **D)** down the line

Correct Ans: C

Q34) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A hard nut to crack

A) Any subject which several folks are talking about **B)** Something that people believe or accept as true without questioning it
C) An excessive enthusiasm or rage about a minor matter **D)** A problem that is difficult to solve

Correct Ans: D

Q35) Select the most appropriate idiom for the following sentence.

Her visits to her family are very rare because she lives out of the country.

A) All in all **B)** Egg on **C)** Beck and call **D)** Few and far between

Correct Ans: D

Q36) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

The servants know the secrets of the family they are working for.

A) Long and short **B)** Ins and outs **C)** Hornet's nest **D)** Latin and Greek

Correct Ans: B

Q37) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

Shruti is a strange person because of her attitude.

A) A one man **B)** Queer fish **C)** A straw man **D)** A scarlet woman

Correct Ans: B

Q38) Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation.

Mayank was speaking a lot about honesty, but when Rita reminded him about the money paid to him for the work, he behaved cowardly and left the place.

A) Going with his tail between his legs **B)** Falling flat **C)** Gliding the pill **D)** Flogging a dead horse

Correct Ans: A

Q39) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Fallen flat

A) To fail or be ineffective **B)** To do something ultimately **C)** To resolve **D)** To fall on the ground

Correct Ans: A

Q40) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Have a bash

A) to betray a close friend **B)** to put something on hold **C)** to spoil a moment **D)** to make an attempt

Correct Ans: D

Q41) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

Meera is not qualified much but has the art of speaking.

A) Gift of the gab **B)** A lick of paint **C)** Hope against hope **D)** An acid tongue

Correct Ans: A



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Q42) Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation.

Don't annoy or irritate Raghav, otherwise he will oppose our proposal in the meeting.

A) Loose the ground **B)** Pass the buck **C)** Pour oil on troubled water **D)** Rub in the wrong way

Correct Ans: D

Q43) Select the most appropriate idiom for the given statement.

Doing things in a hurry does not give fruitful results.

A) Haste is waste. **B)** Nothing succeeds like success. **C)** Wisdom is too high for a fool. **D)** Still waters run deep.

Correct Ans: A

Q44) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined words in the given sentence.

Playing fantasy games on internet is an easy way to make money quickly but it's risky.

A) not fair and square **B)** bigger fish to fry **C)** making a quick buck **D)** in for a penny in for a pound

Correct Ans: C

Q45) Select the most appropriate idiom for the following statement.

We should be together to fight any danger. Otherwise, separately, we won't be able to fight.

A) Well begun is half done. **B)** United we stand, divided we fall. **C)** A full purse makes the mouth speak.
D) Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

Correct Ans: B

Q46) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

The child played the video game as much as he wanted to.

A) To gild the pill **B)** To his heart's content **C)** To assume airs **D)** To kick the bucket

Correct Ans: B

Q47) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

Rohit is very mischievous and always annoys his teachers.

A) Leads up the garden path **B)** A storm in a tea cup **C)** Puts his shoulders to the wheel **D)** Gets in his teacher's hair

Correct Ans: D

Q48) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

The proud people forget the fact that the world is tangible.

A) Head and shoulders **B)** High and mighty **C)** Hard-nosed attitude **D)** Hobson's choice

Correct Ans: B

Q49) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Queer pitch

A) Spoil somebody's chance of doing something **B)** Make a weird request **C)** Make a lot of progress **D)** Act out of normal

Correct Ans: A

Q50) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the sentence given below.

Richa was provoking her neighbours against her maid Shanta who spoke against her but none of them responded.

A) Carrying the conviction **B)** Rising like a phoenix **C)** Smelling a rat **D)** Egging on

Correct Ans: D

Q51) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Having a chip on one's shoulder

A) Having an irritated and unfriendly attitude **B)** Having a proud and self-centred arrogance



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C) Showing great resistance to any adversities D) Having an unnecessary feeling of guilt

Correct Ans: A

Q52) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Turn his hand to

A) To try new things B) To resolve C) To adapt or apply to D) To try hard

Correct Ans: A

Q53) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined words in the given sentence.

Piyush is inexperienced in leather industry.

A) hang fire B) a sore thumb C) a greenhorn D) in great hands

Correct Ans: C

Q54) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Throw cold water on

A) To rinse thoroughly B) To encourage C) To show indifference D) To talk nicely

Correct Ans: C

Q55) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cry for the moon

A) To be extremely happy B) To have patience C) To desire the unattainable D) To start performing better

Correct Ans: C

Q56) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined words in the given sentence.

The childhood days are peaceful days of our life.

A) hard and fast days B) all years C) live wire days D) halcyon days

Correct Ans: D

Q57) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Have a narrow escape

A) Just manage to avoid danger or trouble B) Only just succeed in doing something C) Do something very risky

D) Likely to fall in the near future

Correct Ans: A

Q58) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the given sentence.

When he made fun of the sage, who was already infuriated, it made a bad situation worse.

A) Pulled someone's legs B) Made them at the loggerheads C) Added fuel to the fire D) Budged up

Correct Ans: C

Q59) Select the most appropriate idiom for the following sentence.

The recent strike of the employees left the factory and its machinery in disorder.

A) Need of the hour B) Out of gear C) Pin-money D) Lock and key

Correct Ans: B

Q60) Select the most appropriate idiom for the following statement.

The manager was punished for his negligence in work.

A) Bolt from the blue B) Bid defiance C) Bring to book D) Burn one's boats

Correct Ans: C

Q61) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

Everything in the mansion was in great confusion after the robbery.

A) Damp squib B) Turn over a new leaf C) Pick holes D) Pell-mell

Correct Ans: D



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Q62) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined words in the given sentence.

He was alone and knew the dangers ahead during his journey, but he tried to keep up his confidence.

A) made a sterner stuff **B)** wouldn't be caught dead **C)** whistled in the dark **D)** stepped up his game **Correct Ans: C**

Q63) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

Nitish's promotion is due.

A) With due respect **B)** On the cards **C)** Not worth his salt **D)** Done to death **Correct Ans: B**

Q64) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Costs an arm and a leg

A) To be moderately priced **B)** To be affordable **C)** To be free of charge **D)** To be very expensive **Correct Ans: D**

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Q1) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The realtors of the new venture sold plots like hot cakes.

A) Sold innovatively **B)** Sold quickly and in large numbers **C)** Sold illegally **D)** Sold with great difficulty **Correct Ans: B**

Q2) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Black and white

A) In dispute **B)** A false invention **C)** In writing **D)** Doubtful **Correct Ans: C**

Q3) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At one's fingertips

A) To be unaware of something **B)** To take revenge **C)** Out of reach **D)** To have complete knowledge **Correct Ans: D**

Q4) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Teja followed his friend's advice so now he is in deep water.

A) In deep thoughts **B)** In dilemma **C)** In trouble **D)** In good position **Correct Ans: C**

Q5) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Blowing smoke

A) To tease someone relentlessly **B)** To hide something **C)** To burn something important **D)** To lie to perplex others **Correct Ans: D**

Q6) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

The arrival of Pragati in the house brought disharmony among the family members.

A) Tenterhooks **B)** A cry in the wilderness **C)** Rift in the lute **D)** Hair breadth **Correct Ans: C**

Q7) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cost an arm and a leg

A) To be moderately priced **B)** To be inexpensive **C)** To be very expensive **D)** To be affordable **Correct Ans: C**

Q8) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Dog eat dog



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A) Ruthlessly competitive B) Tit for tat C) Being calculative D) Like-minded people connect better

Correct Ans: A

Q9) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Put in mind

A) To calculate B) To remind C) To forget D) To understand

Correct Ans: B

Q10) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Slip your mind

A) Forget about something B) Think about something for a short time C) Immediately think of something

D) Can't think of anything to say

Correct Ans: A

Q11) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Lose heart

A) To be suspicious of your success B) To get success by believing in yourself C) To stop believing that you can succeed

D) To believe in your success

Correct Ans: C

Q12) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

After a day long trek, we were so tired that we were ready to _____.

A) face the music B) get into deep water C) go from rags to riches D) hit the sack

Correct Ans: D

Q13) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

The two brothers _____ when their father died.

A) fell down B) fell out C) got the sack D) look down upon

Correct Ans: B

Q14) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On its last legs

A) Creeping on legs B) Last choice C) Slow movement D) In a bad condition

Correct Ans: D

Q15) Select the most appropriate idiomatic expression that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.:

It feels like I made a promise of more than my ability when I promised to complete this worksheet in one day.

A) beat my brain out B) beat the drum C) bit off more than I could chew D) burnt a hole in my pocket

Correct Ans: C

Q16) Select the appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Last resort

A) Last hotel on the way B) Last ride C) Last friend remaining D) Last course of action

Correct Ans: D

Q17) Choose the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Ace in the hole

A) A lot to do B) On the point of C) A second chance to do something D) A hidden advantage

Correct Ans: D

Q18) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Stick to one's guns



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A) To become a rebel B) To shoot at C) To become unfaithful to D) To remain faithful to

Correct Ans: D

Q19) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Have a bee in your bonnet

A) Be preoccupied or obsessed with something B) Unable to stay at a place for long C) To keep worrying about yourself
D) Having a cruel intention or grudge against someone

Correct Ans: A

Q20) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Around the clock

A) Something that is done at night B) Something that is done within one hour C) Something that is time bound
D) Something that goes on day and night

Correct Ans: D

Q21) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Best thing since sliced bread

A) Breaking news B) Something to be cautious about C) Extremely good, interesting D) Rated well amongst cooks

Correct Ans: C

Q22) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined word segment in the given sentence.

Delivering that furniture to the tenth floor without the lift and an incline is incredibly foolish and next to impossible

A) like a tree known by its fruits B) like nailing jelly to the tree C) as tight as the bark of the tree
D) like going between the bark and the tree

Correct Ans: B

Q23) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

This gun should be handled with care and _____.

A) nip in the bud B) shot for safety C) mince the matters D) kept at arm's length

Correct Ans: D

Q24) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

Independence Day is considered as a red-letter day in the history of India.

A) Regular day B) Uneventful day C) Memorable day D) Unimportant day

Correct Ans: C

Q25) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Vishnu and Vignesh are always like two peas in a pod.

A) Very similar to each other B) Smart and intelligent C) Happy and compassionate D) Good in every way

Correct Ans: A

Q26) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Prakash could not make up his mind about what to do with the project.

A) Abandon B) Think C) Abide D) Decide

Correct Ans: D



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Q27) Choose the option that best describes the meaning of the idioms and phrases underlined in the given sentence.

You can best identify the fair weather friends at the time of adversity.

- A)** Friends who come in good weather conditions
- B)** Best friends
- C)** Friends who bring good rain
- D)** Friend only at the time of prosperity

Correct Ans: D

Q28) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

I can't begin to talk on this situation right now; I am still wrapping my head around it.

- A)** Ignoring something completely
- B)** Understanding something complicated
- C)** Comparing two things that can't be compared
- D)** Revealing a secret nobody knows

Correct Ans: B

Q29) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A bolt from the blue

- A)** A sudden and unexpected event
- B)** Thunder and rain in a storm
- C)** Raining heavily
- D)** A spontaneous but expected event

Correct Ans: A

Q30) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Walk a tightrope

- A)** To walk on a narrow road
- B)** To act carefully in a difficult situation
- C)** To be tensed about something
- D)** To try and balance yourself

Correct Ans: B

Q31) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To be at daggers drawn

- A)** To be about to collapse
- B)** Ready to fight
- C)** Under suspicion
- D)** To be under control

Correct Ans: B

Q32) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To cost an arm and a leg

- A)** Someone is badly hurt
- B)** Something is very expensive
- C)** Someone does not have money to buy something
- D)** Someone has borne losses

Correct Ans: B

Q33) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The United Nations is working to eliminate the vicious cycle of poverty.

- A)** The barrier of poverty
- B)** One problem causes other
- C)** Loophole of something
- D)** Strength of something

Correct Ans: B

Q34) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bag and baggage

- A)** At the service
- B)** By force
- C)** With all goods
- D)** Fair and honest

Correct Ans: C



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Q35) Select the most appropriate idiomatic expression that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Last year art critics praised Animesh as if he were a master, but he turned out to be a pleasure for a short time.

A) a nine days' wonder **B)** a dish fit for Gods **C)** a house of cards **D)** a bull in a china shop

Correct Ans: A

Q36) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

bread and butter

A) An activity you do to get help others **B)** An activity you do with determination

C) An activity you do to improve your culinary skills **D)** An activity you do to get money for basic needs

Correct Ans: D

Q37) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Spill the beans

A) To help someone extraordinarily **B)** To leak a secret **C)** The act of loving beans **D)** Cook the beans carefully

Correct Ans: B

Q38) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

When I got an opportunity to start a new business, Ravikanth queered my pitch.

A) Supported me with money **B)** Helped me by standing beside me **C)** Ruined my plan **D)** Advised me

Correct Ans: C

Q39) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Fish out of water

A) To be out of place **B)** No knowledge of marine life **C)** To die soon **D)** Not good at swimming

Correct Ans: A

Q40) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bells and whistles

A) To take on a difficult task **B)** An innovative development **C)** At a serious disadvantage

D) Attractive but unnecessary features added to products

Correct Ans: D

Q41) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Sell like hot cakes

A) Extremely hot and humid **B)** Not bothering about money **C)** Selling out quickly **D)** Become very famous

Correct Ans: C

Q42) Which of the following idioms means 'going to sleep'?

A) Keep an ear to the ground **B)** Run around in circles **C)** Break new grounds **D)** Hit the sack

Correct Ans: D

Q43) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Where the shoe pinches

A) Unknown paths **B)** Difficult roads **C)** Where the difficulty lies **D)** Where the shoe hurts

Correct Ans: C

Q44) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Mala _____ by cheating on the exam to win her bet with Priya.



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A) get the sack B) look down upon C) hit below the belt D) fell out

Correct Ans: C

Q45) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To read between the lines

A) To grasp the hidden meaning B) To read without concentration C) To read aloud D) To whisper

Correct Ans: A

Q46) Select the sentence which gives the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A piece of cake

A) Despite the heavy rain, they managed to have a successful outdoor event.

B) The restaurant was crowded, but they found a table without any difficulty.

C) The puzzle was so challenging that it took hours for Sam to solve it.

D) After months of practice, Emily performed her piano piece flawlessly during the concert.

Correct Ans: B

Q47) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Under the weather

A) To feel secure B) To enjoy the weather C) To feel unwell D) To work against the weather

Correct Ans: C

Q48) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A wild goose chase

A) Ideal seeking B) Fruitless search C) Fruitful search D) On a hunt

Correct Ans: B

Q49) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

An old head on young shoulders

A) A young person who looks old. B) A young person who is lazy. C) A person who is slow at understanding things.

D) A young person who acts or speaks like an older person.

Correct Ans: D

Q50) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

He got medals time after time by following the instructions of his mentor.

A) Repeatedly B) Twice C) Rarely D) Once

Correct Ans: A

Q51) Select the sentence that brings out the most appropriate meaning of the idiom 'Dog in the manger'.

A) Mohit was so loyal and committed to his company that he rejected lucrative offers from different companies.

B) To prove this is not a trap, I want to check the credibility of your plan.

C) Rachit had some important work and so he cancelled the show tickets for everyone.

D) You are here just because you have recognised your hidden potential.

Correct Ans: C

Q52) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The technicians who were repairing the broken elevator called it a day.

A) Felt unhappy B) Shouted with anger C) Stopped to take a short break D) Stopped work for the day

Correct Ans: D



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Q53) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

Manish told Rounak time and again of the ill consequences of his habit of being late to the college.

A) Repeatedly **B)** Hardly ever **C)** At intervals **D)** Not often

Correct Ans: A

Q54) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill the blank in the given situation.

They were waiting for their family members who were returning from a pilgrimage. Therefore, they were _____ on the platform.

A) running behind time **B)** playing a joke **C)** pacing up and down **D)** rolling up their sleeves

Correct Ans: C

Q55) Select the most appropriate idiom to complete the given sentence.

With the increasing market prices and stagnant salaries, he is _____.

A) taking a break **B)** feeling the pinch **C)** beating the rap **D)** getting it off his chest

Correct Ans: B

Q56) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Costing an arm and a leg

A) Very attractive and cheap **B)** Very rough and tough **C)** Very costly and luxurious **D)** Very entertaining and jovial

Correct Ans: C

Q57) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Going through a sticky patch

A) To experience a bad period in life **B)** Try to paste something unsuccessfully **C)** To walk on a muddy road **D)** To feel sad

Correct Ans: A

Q58) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A sting in the tail

A) An unexpected, typically unpleasant or problematic end to something

B) Something which seems bad at first but contains a pleasant part at the end

C) To initiate a situation that is very complicated or problematic

D) A situation in which a large group has to do something to satisfy a small group

Correct Ans: A

Q59) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Gift of the gab

A) Witty **B)** Humorous **C)** Talent for speaking **D)** Talent for singing

Correct Ans: C

Q60) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined word segment in the given sentence.

I know Covid has made you terribly ill, but the good thing is that you have developed immunity against it for further infections.

A) the silver spoon **B)** the silver lining in the cloud **C)** being in the quicksilver **D)** crossing palms with silver

Correct Ans: B

Q61) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Out of the frying pan and into the fire

A) Things getting intense by the hour **B)** Being a horrible cook



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C) Being with someone through good times as well as bad times **D)** Things going from bad to worse

Correct Ans: D

Q62) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To throw dust in one's eyes

A) To talk in an abusive language **B)** To mislead someone by tricks **C)** To make someone blind forever

D) To hit someone with stone

Correct Ans: B

Q63) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Every piece of furniture in her house is in apple-pie order.

A) Very neatly arranged **B)** Painted in light colours **C)** Very delicately arranged **D)** Kept in a disorganised way

Correct Ans: A

Q64) Based on the situation in the sentence, select the most appropriate idiom.

After many years of rivalry, the two schools decided to _____ and participate in a National Event together.

A) bell the cat **B)** bury the hatchet **C)** go cold turkey **D)** be in the doldrums

Correct Ans: B

Q65) Choose the option that best describes the meaning of the idioms and phrases underlined in the given sentence.

A jack of all trades cannot survive in the world of specialisation.

A) A good communicator **B)** A person who can do many things but is not an expert in any **C)** An expert of many jobs

D) A businessman

Correct Ans: B

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Q1) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Twist someone's arm

A) persuade someone to do something **B)** handle a situation cleverly **C)** hurt someone by mistake
D) understand a problematic situation

Correct Ans: A

Q2) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At a snail's pace

A) rapidly **B)** very slowly **C)** carelessly **D)** peacefully

Correct Ans: B

Q3) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To call the shots

A) To shoot someone **B)** To call someone **C)** To take pictures **D)** To have control

Correct Ans: D

Q4) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Dry run

A) Running in a desert **B)** Rehearsal of an event **C)** Running without shoes **D)** Jogging in a park

Correct Ans: B

Q5) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Once and for all

A) Happily **B)** Effectively **C)** Finally **D)** Out of control

Correct Ans: C

Q6) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom/phrase.

Hanging by a thread/a hair

A) being extremely frightened **B)** continuing without giving up **C)** trying as hard as possible
D) being in a dangerous position

Correct Ans: D

Q7) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cross a bridge when you come to it

A) use different strategies to cross a bridge safely **B)** know all the dangers and difficulties likely to be faced and be prepared
C) plan to reach a place and then rest there **D)** deal with something when it happens, and not worry about it beforehand

Correct Ans: D

Q8) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

The black sheep

A) a black sheep in a herd of white sheep, standing out from the others **B)** a wolf in a black sheep's clothing
C) one who is not accepted as part of a family or group because of one's bad conduct
D) a black dot against a white background so that it is noticed



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Correct Ans: C

Q9) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In the same boat

A) doing something in a team B) sharing the same problem C) escaping something together D) getting married

Correct Ans: B

Q10) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pull yourself together

A) decide to fight for a cause alone B) gather people together for support C) control emotions and behave calmly
D) ensure a large number of people join you

Correct Ans: C

Q11) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To cut corners

A) To cut the corners of a cloth for stitching B) To save money and economise C) To remove sharp edges in furniture
D) To reduce corners in a building to save space

Correct Ans: B

Q12) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Under the weather

A) In good weather B) Bright and sunny C) Damp and wet D) Not feeling well

Correct Ans: D

Q13) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To get cold feet

A) To get frost bite in winter B) To become afraid to do something C) To dip one's feet in cold water D) Not to think clearly

Correct Ans: B

Q14) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To make up for

A) to replace something that is lost or damaged B) to prepare or arrange something C) to help to make something possible
D) to praise someone to get something for oneself

Correct Ans: A

Q15) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

The apple of someone's eyes

A) the apple a day that keeps the doctor away B) the special apple that someone has bought
C) the apple that is rotten and irritating one's eyes D) the person that someone loves and is proud of

Correct Ans: D

Q16) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Raise an alarm

A) create an alarming situation B) set the alarm clock to wake one up C) be punctual and disciplined



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D) warn of a dangerous situation

Correct Ans: D

Q17) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Take a cue from someone

A) treat someone as very important B) be strongly influenced by someone C) take someone's position in the queue

D) wait patiently to listen to someone

Correct Ans: B

Q18) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Chill out

A) Eat spicy food B) Feel very cold C) Relax completely D) Become stiff

Correct Ans: C

Q19) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bury the hatchet

A) start a conflict B) have enmity C) continue a fight D) make peace

Correct Ans: D

Q20) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hold one's tongue

A) To say a tongue-twister B) To be shocked C) To keep quiet D) To talk continuously

Correct Ans: C

Q21) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Throw caution to the wind

A) enjoy a good outing B) behave in a reckless manner C) not go out when it is windy D) act in a thoughtful manner

Correct Ans: B

Q22) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Vanish into thin air

A) postpone B) mix C) dilute D) disappear

Correct Ans: D

Q23) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get your act together

A) start taking action slowly B) organise your work in a better way C) take up a career in acting

D) decide to put on an act of innocence

Correct Ans: B

Q24) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hang up your boots

A) keep away your shoes carefully B) retire from playing a game C) be tired and go to sleep early

D) take good care of your shoes

Correct Ans: B

Q25) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In high spirits



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A) hopeful B) joyful C) mad D) angry

Correct Ans: B

Q26) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Take one's hat off to someone

A) display humility to someone B) express anger to someone C) show admiration for someone

D) indicate disapproval of someone

Correct Ans: C

Q27) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Make a beeline for

A) To stand patiently in a queue B) To move directly towards something C) To try and collect all the free items

D) To put bees in a line

Correct Ans: B

Q28) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hit the nail on the head

A) say something that is exactly right B) say or do something that is painful C) hit someone hard on the head

D) hurt someone with nails

Correct Ans: A

Q29) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hit a dead end

A) reach a situation that leads to nothing further B) look for a place that is quiet C) have a serious problem with someone

D) reach a place that is quite dead

Correct Ans: A

Q30) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

All ears

A) trying to listen B) not able to listen C) ready to listen D) not wanting to listen

Correct Ans: C

Stenographer Grade C and D Examination 2022

Q1) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Separate the wheat from the chaff

A) Farming barren lands with little water B) Cooking food during famine C) To separate the valuable from the worthless

D) Harvesting crops and cooking them

Correct Ans: C

Q2) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To be in the driving seat

A) To be able to drive a vehicle B) To avoid speaking up on something C) To allow other people to go past yourself



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D) To be in charge or control of a situation

Correct Ans: D

Q3) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hit the nail on the head

A) Do something exactly right B) Do something without having planned beforehand C) Take advantage of a good situation
D) Do something pointless

Correct Ans: A

Q4) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Cissy promised to turn over a new leaf and keep her room clean from now on.

A) To accept immediately B) To take a chance C) To start behaving in a better way D) To tease someone **Correct Ans: C**

Q5) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hit the sack

A) Go to sleep B) Achieve something C) Complete the task D) To harm someone

Correct Ans: A

Q6) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Break the ice

A) To begin a conversation to relieve the tension in an uncomfortable situation B) To discuss something worthless
C) To talk about something that is considered taboo D) To reveal a secret

Correct Ans: A

Q7) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To keep a good table

A) To have a luxurious home B) To offer sumptuous food to one's guests C) To keep one's home organised
D) To keep good company

Correct Ans: B

Q8) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Two peas in a pod

A) Look very similar in appearance or character B) Make a bad situation worse C) Talk about a problem
D) Treat people fairly

Correct Ans: A

Q9) Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Grandpa often likes to sit in the balcony and chew the fat with me.

A) Criticise people B) Gossip and make small talk C) Play a game D) Chew meat

Correct Ans: B

Q10) Choose the correct meaning of the given idiom.

By leaps and bounds

A) Stealthily B) Rapidly C) Abruptly D) Slowly

Correct Ans: B



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Q11) Choose the appropriate meaning of the underlying idiom.

They got into hot water when their tricks were revealed by their neighbour.

A) Landed in trouble **B)** Made fun of **C)** Were thoroughly familiar with **D)** Took the help of

Correct Ans: A

Q12) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Blow hot and cold

A) Vacillating **B)** Tormenting **C)** Critiquing **D)** Rebuking

Correct Ans: A

Q13) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Take away your breath

A) Falling in love **B)** Astonishing **C)** Killing **D)** Exhausting

Correct Ans: B

Q14) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At the eleventh hour

A) At night **B)** At the last moment **C)** In the morning **D)** In the evening

Correct Ans: B

Q15) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom that can be substituted in the following sentence.

He burnt his fingers interfering in others' problems.

A) got in good relations with **B)** caught his fingers in fire **C)** was happy **D)** got into trouble

Correct Ans: D

Q16) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To win laurels

A) To achieve honours and glory **B)** To secure a well-paying job **C)** To be fooled by others **D)** To win an easy battle

Correct Ans: A

Q17) Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom used in the given sentence.

The new production targets have stirred up a hornet's nest.

A) To preserve one's energy **B)** To raise controversy **C)** To gain prominence **D)** To confess without reserve

Correct Ans: B

Q18) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Break a leg

A) Good luck **B)** Sudden attack **C)** Bravery **D)** Accident

Correct Ans: A

Q19) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

You need to be aware of argus-eyed people in the organisation.

A) Kind **B)** Angry **C)** Content **D)** Vigilant

Correct Ans: D

Q20) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Break fresh/new ground

A) To build a new house **B)** To dig a well **C)** To do something that was not done before **D)** To talk to stranger

Correct Ans: C

Q21) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Chicken hearted

A) Someone who is hypocritical **B)** Someone who is brave and courageous



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C) Someone who lacks courage and is easily frightened D) Someone who cannot be won over

Correct Ans: C

Q22) Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The young athletes bore the palm in almost all the events.

A) Won B) Lost C) Compromised D) Fixed

Correct Ans: A

Q23) Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom used in the given sentence.

She's got a charley horse in her leg.

A) Being very mobile B) Cramp C) Assist someone D) Inertness

Correct Ans: B

Q24) Choose the correct meaning of the given idiom.

Go through fire and water

A) To pass through all types of hardships B) To pass through all types of luxury C) To pass through life

D) To fail in all types of hardships

Correct Ans: A

Q25) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Arunima is the apple of her mother's eye.

A) Annoying to her mother B) A person of whom her mother is extremely fond and proud C) Her mother's enemy

D) Spiteful person

Correct Ans: B

Q26) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

By the skin of your teeth

A) To get worried easily B) To just barely get by or make it C) To do difficult tasks D) Chewing food improperly

Correct Ans: B

Q27) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bite the bullet

A) To feel powerless because of fatigue B) To eat something unhealthy because of its taste

C) To get something over with because it is inevitable D) To buy ammunition because of upcoming danger

Correct Ans: C

Stenographer Grade C and D Examination 2023

Q1) Select the option that best expresses the meaning of the underlined idiom.

Irene pulled a face when she heard that John was coming for the meeting.

A) Show that you do not like something by making an unpleasant expression B) Show that you are relaxed and in control

C) Show that you are kind and empathetic D) Show that you get on extremely well with someone

Correct Ans: A



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Q2) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The old man started to blow his own trumpet at the meeting.

A) Deal with a troublesome person **B)** Come to nothing **C)** Have just enough money to spend on basic needs
D) Awkward situation

Correct Ans: C

Q3) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The old man started to blow his own trumpet at the meeting.

A) Be friendly **B)** Talk boastfully about oneself **C)** Make fun of **D)** Support one's cause

Correct Ans: B

Q4) In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

The judge **was extremely angry** at the attitude of the culprit.

A) Throw caution to the wind **B)** Play by the ear **C)** Back to the drawing board **D)** Make one's blood boil

Correct Ans: D

Q5) Select the most appropriate meaning for the given idiom.

Mincing walk

A) Show and tell arena **B)** Giant and huge garden **C)** Big and large house **D)** Small and delicate steps

Correct Ans: D

Q6) Select the idiom that best describes the underlined segment.

You shouldn't stress much. This unpleasant situation could be hiding something positive in it.

A) hit the nail on the head **B)** over the moon **C)** every cloud has a silver lining **D)** on cloud nine

Correct Ans: C

Q7) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Still waters run deep

A) Desperate measures made in order to come out of a difficult situation **B)** To be confused or not understand something
C) A very serious situation **D)** To have passion or great intelligence underneath a calm expression

Correct Ans: D

Q8) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hornet's nest

A) A treasure full of wealth **B)** Difficult and unpleasant situation **C)** Happy and enjoyable moments
D) Filthy and shabby appearance

Correct Ans: B

Q9) Select the most appropriate idiom to replace the underlined group of words in the given sentence.

It was apparent that she was faking sorrow at the death of her stepdaughter.

A) calling a spade, a spade **B)** shedding crocodile tears **C)** biting her own tongue **D)** cutting mustard

Correct Ans: B

Q10) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

It turned out to be a wild-goose chase for the police.

A) Fruitless pursuit or search **B)** Hastily jump to conclusions **C)** Fruitful pursuit or search **D)** Engage patiently

Correct Ans: A



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Q11) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In the blink of an eye

A) Become very confused **B)** Make someone confused **C)** Do something dangerous out of excitement
D) In an extremely short time

Correct Ans: D

Q12) Select the most appropriate option to complete the idiom in the given sentence.

I have been _____ over the two options in my head and I think we should go with the first one.

A) looking **B)** mulling **C)** seeing **D)** obsessing

Correct Ans: B

Q13) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

The constant noise from the construction site next door is starting to make me extremely angry.

A) drive me up the wall **B)** shove me under the table **C)** bringing me round **D)** driving me blind

Correct Ans: A

Q14) In question, four alternatives are given for the idiom under in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the underlined idiom.

Mr. Avinash is very nice and friendly, but his brother is very toffee-nosed.

A) A person who is arrogant and cruel **B)** A person who never trusts anyone
C) A person who thinks he is of a high social class and looks down on people of lower class
D) A person who thinks he is intelligent and perfect

Correct Ans: C

Q15) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

After much of efforts, I could finally hit the nail on the head and succeed.

A) Speak or act precisely **B)** Accidentally injure oneself **C)** Make an error **D)** Complete a task swiftly

Correct Ans: A

Q16) Select the option that can substitute the underlined word segment with the most appropriate idiom.

Denim jackets are in fashion these days.

A) in a nut-shell **B)** in lieu of **C)** in hand **D)** in vogue

Correct Ans: D

Q17) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Under the weather

A) Raining heavily **B)** Late to reach due to bad weather **C)** Minor sickness **D)** Surrounded by serious problems of job

Correct Ans: C

Q18) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Spill the beans

A) Act rudely to someone **B)** To make fun of someone **C)** Reveal a secret **D)** Not that difficult to comprehend

Correct Ans: C

Q19) Choose the most suitable idiom for the given situation.

They don't talk to him anymore as he brought disgrace to the family by robbing the bank. They have ousted him and consider him as insult to the family name. He is _____

A) a dark horse **B)** a black sheep **C)** a crying wolf **D)** a fish out of water

Correct Ans: B



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Q20) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To be in hot water

- A)** To get into a difficult situation in which you are in danger of being criticised or punished
- B)** To get into a difficult situation in which you are in danger of being burnt
- C)** To get into a difficult situation in which you are in danger of being drowned
- D)** To get into a difficult situation in which you are in danger of being choked to death

Correct Ans: A

Q21) Select the option that can substitute the underlined word segment with the most appropriate idiom.

26 January 1950 is a memorable day for the countrymen.

- A)** green thumb
- B)** red letter
- C)** black and white
- D)** out of the blue

Correct Ans: B

Q22) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

"I don't feel like hanging out today. I'm feeling a bit unwell."

- A)** near the horizon
- B)** under the weather
- C)** under the coat
- D)** over the moon

Correct Ans: B

Q23) Select the most appropriate idiom to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

I was undecided for a long time to select the right course of study after my senior secondary exam.

- A)** sitting on the fence
- B)** knocking around
- C)** beating around the bush
- D)** on fool's errand

Correct Ans: A

Q24) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

Qualifying for JEE Advanced has given Abhikriti a shot in the arm.

- A)** A boost or stimulant
- B)** A dose of medication
- C)** Put in trouble
- D)** A trivial annoyance

Correct Ans: A

Q25) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

After having worked on the study non-stop for twenty-three years, Harvey finally called it a day last week.

- A)** Honed a new skill
- B)** Started a new job
- C)** Stopped working on something
- D)** Decided to revise

Correct Ans: C

Q26) Select the most appropriate meaning for the given idiom.

Fall into line

- A)** Fuming and shouting
- B)** Straight road to walk
- C)** Searching something
- D)** Adhere to rules

Correct Ans: D

Q27) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined word segment.

Low count of sales, despite the sincere efforts of the sales executive, has put her team in a very difficult situation to escape from.

- A)** Bury the hatchet
- B)** In a tight corner
- C)** Cut to the chase
- D)** Right off the bat

Correct Ans: B

Q28) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Up in arms

- A)** Ready to fight
- B)** Doing exercise
- C)** Unable to do something
- D)** Standing tall

Correct Ans: A

Q29) In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

The trainee **performed the task with extreme ease**.

- A)** Call it a day
- B)** At the eleventh hour
- C)** A piece of cake
- D)** Swan song

Correct Ans: C



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Q30) Choose the most suitable idiom for the given situation.

Your friend has already told me everything about your secret surprise that you were planning for the last two weeks.

A) To spill the beans **B)** To keep something under your hat **C)** Behind closed doors **D)** My lips are sealed **Correct Ans: A**

Q31) Select the most appropriate idiom for the given phrase.

Completely mistaken

A) Hunger pangs **B)** All wet **C)** Though thick and thin **D)** Bite the bullet

Correct Ans: B

Q32) Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation focusing on the underlined segment.

You are wasting time by arguing just for the sake of argument and that too just the opposite of what we confirm.

A) Beat around the bush **B)** The devil is in the details **C)** Play devil's advocate **D)** Throw caution to the wind

Correct Ans: C

Q33) In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

He is **too afraid of heights** after the bungee jumping experience.

A) Once bitten twice shy **B)** Pour out one's heart **C)** Break the bank **D)** Light at the end of tunnel

Correct Ans: A

Q34) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Read between the lines.

A) Misunderstand a message **B)** Read text in an unknown language **C)** Look for implied meaning **D)** Read a poem

Correct Ans: C

Q35) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

He escaped the train disaster by the skin of his teeth.

A) Inconsistency in statements **B)** By a huge margin **C)** Entrust someone with everything **D)** By a very narrow margin

Correct Ans: D

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Q1) Choose the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To get wind of

A) To get into difficulty **B)** To hear a piece of information that someone was trying to keep secret

C) To recover from something **D)** To escape so that you don't have to pay

Correct Ans: B

Q2) Read the sentence carefully and select the most suitable idiom to fill in the blank.

Extreme inflation in the country has led to a hike in the price of day-to-day commodity. It has made it difficult to _____.

A) costs an arm and a leg **B)** a blessing in disguise **C)** keep body and soul together **D)** break a leg

Correct Ans: C

Q3) Identify the meaning of the idiom used in the following sentence.

I am feeling a bit under the weather.



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A) feeling angry B) feeling slightly ill C) feeling energetic D) feeling lazy and bored

Correct Ans: B

Q4) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Our neighbour told my brother to keep an eye on their pet dog in their absence.

A) To ignore something or someone B) To look after something or someone C) To wait for something that is disturbing
D) To accomplish something too ambitious

Correct Ans: B

Q5) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

He goes hard with one and all.

A) To remain neutral B) To be difficult C) To be unreliable D) To be busy over trifles

Correct Ans: B

Q6) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Unless sales improve next month, the company will be in a critical position in which failure seems imminent.

A) a damp squib B) up against the wall C) a mare's nest D) hitting the sack

Correct Ans: B

Q7) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A bird's eye view

A) A clear impression of what is happening B) To move or rise into sight, especially from a distance
C) To hold a negative or pessimistic opinion on something D) A limited understanding of something

Correct Ans: A

Q8) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Diamond in the rough

A) Unpolished diamonds B) An industry of star-struck actors C) An unsophisticated person with potential D) A top model

Correct Ans: C

Q9) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Your guess is as good as mine

A) To guess an incredible idea B) To have no idea of the answer C) To predict a disaster D) To be superstitious

Correct Ans: B

Q10) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Weal and woe

A) Hot and cold B) Simplicity and complexity C) Early and late D) Joy and sorrow

Correct Ans: D

Q11) Select the phrase/idiom that will improve the underlined part of the given sentence.

Our defence minister has shown his silver will by introducing this scheme.

A) diamond will B) iron will C) golden will D) stony will

Correct Ans: B

Q12) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Loose cannon

A) Someone who is well known and respected in society
B) Someone who is enthusiastic and very eager to take responsibilities



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C) Someone who is quiet and reserved in social situations D) Someone who is unpredictable and liable to cause problems

Correct Ans: D

Q13) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Though the speaker used flowery expressions to convince the audience, they were intelligent enough to find out his ulterior intentions.

A) to read between the lines B) to be under somebody's thumb C) to not judge a book by its cover

D) to cast pearls before swine

Correct Ans: A

Q14) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A storm in a teacup

A) Unnecessary anger or worry B) An easy and pleasant job C) More than expected or required D) A hidden advantage

Correct Ans: A

Q15) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Nipped in the bud

A) To stop something immediately so that it does not become a worse problem B) To remove unnecessary items

C) Very promising at a young age D) To cut the bud

Correct Ans: A

Q16) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The sergeant ordered the soldiers to be armed to the teeth as he expected it to be a tough fight.

A) Active without any goals B) Separated from the worthless C) Working in a great hurry D) Well-equipped or prepared

Correct Ans: D

Q17) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To flog a dead horse

A) To waste one's energy on a lost cause B) To escape from the situation C) To achieve something easily

D) To remain valid

Correct Ans: A

Q18) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At the eleventh hour

A) At the present time B) At the distance C) At the break of the day D) At the last possible moment

Correct Ans: D

Q19) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The winner's performance was head and shoulders above all other participants' in the dance competition.

A) Caught between two alternatives B) Worse than others C) Well informed of current trends D) Much better than others

Correct Ans: D

Q20) Select the phrase/idiom that will improve the underlined part of the given sentence.

I do not pay heed to walking excuses of the students.



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A) lame excuses B) deaf excuses C) sleeping excuses D) blind excuses

Correct Ans: A

Q21) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

All eyes and ears

A) to be attentive B) to be mistaken C) to be helpful D) to be restless

Correct Ans: A

Q22) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Turned a deaf ear

A) To defeat B) To disregard C) Trying to hear from the deafened ear D) To depend on

Correct Ans: B

Q23) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On the ball

A) To not understand a situation well B) To be unaware of any changes happening around C) To be inattentive

D) To be aware of any changes or developments and quick to react to them

Correct Ans: D

Q24) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Made his mark

A) To make a colourful exit B) To take a stand C) To fail in the task D) To distinguish himself

Correct Ans: D

Q25) Select the most appropriate meaning of the following idiom.

Milk of human kindness

A) Compassion B) Bravery C) Victory D) Luck

Correct Ans: A

Q26) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

It was just an action in the nick of time that prepared all of us for further arrangements.

A) Just in time B) Delayed as expected C) Unnatural happenings D) Forceful labour

Correct Ans: A

Q27) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To have sticky fingers

A) To punish for a crime B) To have a tendency to steal C) To remain joyful in a difficult situation D) To be suspicious

Correct Ans: B

Q28) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Call it a day

A) To reach the destination B) To stop worrying over something C) To decide to stop doing something

D) To avoid meeting someone

Correct Ans: C

Q29) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Meera wanted to prove to those around her that she was not a fair-weather friend.

A) Helping and caring companion B) Friend for all situations C) Unreliable friend in difficult times

D) Reliable friend in tough times

Correct Ans: C



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Q30) Select the most appropriate idiomatic expression that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Today's managers' meeting has given me a lot to think about as I decide whether or not to stay with this company.

A) bird's eye view **B)** belle of the ball **C)** roll with the punches **D)** food for thought

Correct Ans: D

Q31) Substitute the underlined word-segment with the most appropriate idiom.

Lack of funds is the main obstacle for the company's growth.

A) storm in the teacup **B)** odds and ends **C)** stumbling block **D)** uphill battle

Correct Ans: C

Q32) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get your act together

A) Behave in a rude way **B)** Write a letter **C)** Speak properly **D)** Get organised and work efficiently

Correct Ans: D

Q33) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Ron always blows his own trumpet by mentioning his academic achievements.

A) To ignore someone in the presence of others **B)** To talk proudly about one's success **C)** To blow air into an instrument
D) To save one's money with great effort using different means

Correct Ans: B



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Q1) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

My cousin's office is at a stone's throw from my house.

A) A short distance **B)** In a dangerous situation **C)** Near the forest **D)** A long route

Correct Ans: A

Q2) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Set the wheels in motion

A) To end a discussion **B)** To initiate a chain of events **C)** To drive very fast **D)** To end a journey

Correct Ans: B

Q3) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

He is foaming at the mouth about the committee's decision.

A) to cause damage to someone **B)** to not recognize something good

C) to be upset about something that happened in the past **D)** To be enraged and show it

Correct Ans: D

Q4) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Back on one's feet

A) Forced to begin something again **B)** To support the losing side **C)** Relive previous moments **D)** Well or successful again

Correct Ans: D

Q5) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

I accidentally let the cat out of the bag about your promotion.

A) To state the wrong facts **B)** To reveal a secret **C)** To discourage someone **D)** To say something unrealistic

Correct Ans: B

Q6) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In the heat of the moment

A) To share information that was previously concealed **B)** Keep something away from everyone

C) In a confused or befuddled state of mind **D)** Saying or doing something without thinking due to anger

Correct Ans: D

Q7) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Chew the scenery

A) To beautify **B)** To mismanage **C)** To underestimate **D)** To act overly emotional

Correct Ans: D

Q8) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

One's cup of tea

A) One's general principle **B)** One's perception about someone **C)** One's hard-earned money

D) One's chosen or preferred thing



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Q9) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Half a million dollars is only a **drop in the bucket** to what is required for this industry.

A) a person or situation having no hope of positive change B) unity and functioning together to achieve a goal

C) An unreliable person D) A very small part of something big or whole

Q10) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Stop **flogging a dead horse** and concentrate on your career.

A) To go on trips repeatedly B) To waste time on useless things C) To fall in love quickly D) To make no progress

Q11) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Does my name **ring a bell** for you?

A) To sound familiar B) To be very frightened C) To mock someone D) To take advantage

Q12) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Kick someone when they are down

A) To reject or disown friends B) To create a disturbance deliberately C) To be angry with or disappointed in someone

D) To cause further trouble to someone already in a difficult situation

Q13) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In a nutshell

A) Under protection B) Very briefly C) Extremely pale D) Without delay

Q14) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Tricks of the trade

A) An easy task B) Special skills or knowledge C) A particular profession D) A trick to deceive

Q15) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Change of heart

A) To narrowly escape disaster B) An unfair attack C) Different opinion about someone or something

D) Very similar in appearance

Q16) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

An eye wash

A) A rare event B) In writing C) A pretence D) Avoid talking

Q17) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Once in a blue moon

A) Frequently B) Incessantly C) Occasionally D) Very rarely



Q18) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hit the nail on the head

- A)** To be extremely hard working
- B)** To be exactly right about something
- C)** To injure someone fatally
- D)** To be extremely cautious

Correct Ans: B

Q19) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To smell a rat

- A)** To suspect something
- B)** To leave things undisturbed
- C)** To catch someone during a crime
- D)** To detect a dead rat

Correct Ans: A

Q20) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Samuel accused Jane of **stealing the thunder** on the capital punishment issue.

- A)** Go on a futile search
- B)** Pass wrong judgments
- C)** Fail miserably at something
- D)** Get praise for doing something before someone

Correct Ans: D

Q21) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

You better **gird up your loins** as we are going to meet my family.

- A)** To look smart and charming
- B)** To ask for someone's help
- C)** To prepare oneself for a difficult situation
- D)** To earn more money

Correct Ans: C

Q22) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

An eye opener

- A)** A small opening
- B)** A shocking revelation
- C)** A difficult task
- D)** A tough decision

Correct Ans: B

Q23) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Ron added a **feather in his cap** by winning that international tournament.

- A)** An achievement to be proud of
- B)** An expression of extreme annoyance
- C)** To feel well and healthy
- D)** To take advantage of one's position

Correct Ans: A

Q24) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Water under the bridge

- A)** A problem which has been existing and will continue to exist in the future
- B)** Something which happens all the time
- C)** Something that does not affect the past
- D)** Anything from the past that is not significant or important anymore

Correct Ans: D

Q25) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Crocodile tears

- A)** False tears
- B)** Totally different
- C)** Hopeless situation
- D)** Of less worth

Correct Ans: A



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Q26) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Have a whale of a time

A) Immediate involvement of everyone present **B)** Have an exceptionally fun or exciting experience

C) A good thing that seems bad at first **D)** Be extremely busy with work

Correct Ans: B

Q27) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bolt from the blue

A) To win a large sum of money **B)** To get good news **C)** To receive unexpected news **D)** To get lucky

Correct Ans: C

Q28) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

By hook or by crook

A) By mistake **B)** By default **C)** By any means **D)** By a narrow margin

Correct Ans: C

Q29) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hold someone or something at bay

A) Trap or corner a person or animal being hunted or chased **B)** Prevent someone or something from moving closer

C) To thrive or to grow very successfully **D)** To seek punishment for a person or group

Correct Ans: B

Q30) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Chase rainbows

A) To pursue unrealistic goals **B)** To lose one's patience **C)** To judge someone **D)** To be unprepared for something

Correct Ans: A

Q31) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

I want you to give me this contract **in black and white**.

A) quickly **B)** in the morning **C)** at night **D)** in writing

Correct Ans: D

Q32) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Long in the tooth

A) Too uncomfortable for words **B)** Extremely dangerous **C)** Too wise for people **D)** Too old to do something

Correct Ans: D

Q33) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

I always **smell a rat** when John says that he is going out for extra classes.

A) Reveal a secret **B)** Say something stupid **C)** Trust completely **D)** Suspect trickery or deception

Correct Ans: D

Q34) Select the idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Roy's customers think that the council has **become irrational**.

Correct Ans: A

Q35) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

If your son has lied to me, then he has to **face the music**.



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A) To accept consequences B) To relocate C) To work hard D) To sacrifice oneself

Correct Ans: A

Q36) Select the idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

He was bragging about how he bullied the newcomers, I told him in a sarcastic manner that nobody cared.

A) to put a rose on the nose B) he was dressed to kill C) it was a blessing in disguise D) that when it rains it pours

Correct Ans: A

Q37) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Beyond the shadow of a doubt

A) live in fear and uncertainty B) With certainty; for sure C) Forget all past problems D) located in a remote area

Correct Ans: B

Q38) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

All eyes and ears

A) Full of bluster B) To believe everyone C) To be attentive D) To threaten someone

Correct Ans: C

Q39) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Heart and soul

A) Loudly B) Completely C) Suddenly D) Quickly

Correct Ans: B

Q40) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A leopard cannot change its spots

A) It is impossible to change who you are B) It is possible to complete a tedious job

C) Working with full devotion.brings results D) being ready to do anything is not common

Correct Ans: A

Q41) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Keep an eye on your sister as she might run away.

A) To stop caring B) To watch over attentively C) To act superior to someone D) To help someone

Correct Ans: B

Q42) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

No spring chicken

A) A person who is no longer young B) A person who is courageous C) A person who steals D) A person who lies

Correct Ans: A

Q43) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

I had never seen him lose his temper, and he governed our company with an iron hand.

A) At the service B) In anxiety C) To any degree D) strict and harsh control

Correct Ans: D

Q44) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Come rain or shine, I will go to Paris tomorrow.

A) At the last moment B) To decide later C) To come before the decided time D) Whatever happens

Correct Ans: D

Q45) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

I tried to tell him to think of the good times, that every cloud has a silver lining.



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A) Doing something with thoroughness and passion B) Every difficult situation has a hopeful aspect to it
C) Don't cry over what has happened as it cannot be fixed D) Treat people the same way as you want to be treated

Correct Ans: B

Q46) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pull someone's legs

A) To protect someone B) To wish someone luck C) To tease someone D) To make someone angry

Correct Ans: C

Q47) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

An arm and a leg

A) A large amount of money B) At the service C) Willing to do something immediately D) In a backward and forward motion

Correct Ans: A

Q48) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

All Greek to me

A) obvious B) incomprehensible C) familiar D) Invisible

Correct Ans: B

Q49) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Castle in the air

A) Acquire something honestly B) Polluted air C) Very expensive D) Unrealistic plan

Correct Ans: D

Q50) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

The last straw

A) The only option left after a series of unsuccessful attempts B) The last financial resource

C) The final problem in a series of problems that makes the situation intolerable

D) The last ray of hope in an unfortunate situation

Correct Ans: C

Q51) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get cold feet

A) To escape from something B) To feel nervous about doing something C) To be in a bad mood D) To get no results

Correct Ans: B

Q52) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To blaze the trail

A) To mark the end of the movement B) To oppose all criticism C) To start a movement D) To cause the failure of

Correct Ans: C

Q53) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

If you keep dodging your manager's call, you will be on thin ice.

A) Perform adequately B) Change plans in the middle of a process C) In a risky situation D) Go to jail

Correct Ans: C

Q54) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Spill the beans



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A) To get a new idea B) Give away a secret C) To drop something D) To find out something

Correct Ans: B

Q55) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Keep body and soul together

A) Live happily B) Stay alive during hard times C) Be mentally and physically fit D) Live as long as possible

Correct Ans: B

Q56) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Below the belt

A) Very quickly B) Without any effort C) Cruel and unfair D) Suspiciously

Correct Ans: C

Q57) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hold the fort

A) To finish something before time B) To take responsibility for a situation temporarily

C) To avoid being found guilty of a crime D) To stop talking about something

Correct Ans: B

Q58) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

This Louis Vuitton bag costed me an arm and a leg.

A) has no warranty B) is very expensive C) is a fake product D) is very cheap

Correct Ans: B

Q59) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Draw the line

A) To accept someone's idea B) To give a second chance C) To move on from a past relationship

D) To set a limit on something

Correct Ans: D

Q60) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Out for the count

A) Prepared for battle B) Very expensive C) In a deep, insensible sleep D) Ready for scrutiny

Correct Ans: C

Q61) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To lead one by the nose

A) To have the freedom to choose B) To control someone completely C) To try again after failing at something

D) To be anxious to start something

Correct Ans: B

Q62) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Play with fire

A) To waste time on worthless things B) To please someone C) To do something risky D) To play a game honestly

Correct Ans: C

Q63) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Stop crying for the moon and start coming up with some sensible demands.



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A) To make money unfairly B) To understand the hidden meaning C) To praise one's efforts

D) To make an impractical or unreasonable request

Correct Ans: D

Q64) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Move the goalposts

A) To move the goalpost after an attempt has been made to score a goal

B) To do your research and understand clearly what your goals are C) To put a lot of effort into something

D) Unfairly alter the conditions or rules of a procedure during its course

Correct Ans: D

Q65) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

That ship has sailed

A) Too extreme to follow B) To reach safely C) Too late to do something D) To arrive early

Correct Ans: C

Q66) Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

My mother is **in raptures** over her new stove.

A) extremely angry B) completely dissatisfied with C) working vigorously D) extremely delighted

Correct Ans: D

Q67) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

A child in an art museum is like **a bull in a China shop**.

A) A talkative person B) A clumsy person in a delicate situation C) A person with no moral values

D) A person who cries for everything

Correct Ans: B

Q68) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bury the hatchet

A) To change the plans B) To hide something controversial C) To make secret preparations to attack D) To settle disputes

Correct Ans: D

Q69) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

An iron hand

A) Alone, without assistance B) Straight talk C) Memorising lessons D) Strict control

Correct Ans: D

Q70) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Out of the blue

A) Found commonly B) Act cleverly C) Go away secretly D) Completely unexpectedly

Correct Ans: D

Q71) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Drop in the bucket

A) An extreme overreaction to something very small or insignificant

B) Something small and unimportant, especially when compared with something else

C) To be involved in or be a part of something great or revolutionary



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D) An alarming or unexpected announcement, especially an unpleasant one

Correct Ans: B

Q72) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A piece of cake

A) A dangerous situation B) A thoughtful mind C) A very easy task D) A hidden enemy

Correct Ans: C

Q73) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Make a living

A) To abuse someone B) To earn enough money for things you need C) To make excuses for everything

D) To rely on corrupt money

Correct Ans: B

Q74) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To take with a grain of salt

A) To take seriously B) To accept wholeheartedly C) To have total disbelief D) To believe with some scepticism

Correct Ans: D

Q75) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Barking up the wrong tree

A) Make an enemy of someone B) Pursue a course of action that will most likely be futile C) Pursue one's agenda

D) Respectfully disagree with someone

Correct Ans: B

Q76) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Add fuel to the fire

A) Add wrong ingredients B) To abuse someone C) Worsen an already bad situation D) Encourage someone to do right

Correct Ans: C

Q77) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To foot the bill

A) To make payment B) To reveal a secret C) To be friendly D) To hold grudges

Correct Ans: A

Q78) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

My elder brother is so innocent that winning an argument against him is like shooting fish in a barrel.

A) Indulge in an illegal activity B) Exceptionally easy to do C) Making someone uneasy D) Asking for charity

Correct Ans: B

Q79) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Leave no stone unturned

A) Make all possible efforts B) To get fired from the job C) Not willing to accept the ideas of others

D) To act in a strange manner

Correct Ans: A



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Q80) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A pipe dream

A) An illusory plan **B)** A clever strategy **C)** A secret **D)** A realistic dream

Correct Ans: A

Q81) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

The lion's share

A) The most challenging goal of many **B)** The most expensive item **C)** The most important person

D) The biggest and best part of a whole

Correct Ans: D

Q82) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Neha stood beside my sister through thick and thin.

A) under all circumstances **B)** Without any result **C)** In a strange manner **D)** in good times only

Correct Ans: A

Q83) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The eldest sister received the lion's share of her father's property.

A) no portion at all **B)** the smallest part **C)** the entire amount **D)** the largest portion

Correct Ans: D

Q84) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Through thick and thin

A) With great pride **B)** To work hard to the point of exhaustion **C)** In every possible way **D)** In good and bad times

Correct Ans: D

Q85) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Give someone a taste of their own medicine

A) Make fun of someone **B)** Mistreat someone in the same way they have treated others **C)** Show someone their faults

D) Sell something back to someone

Correct Ans: B

Q86) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

He was on cloud nine after passing the test.

A) Busy at work **B)** Very happy **C)** Very depressed **D)** Not educated

Correct Ans: B

Q87) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

When those thugs come near you, run at the drop of a hat.

A) Be dressed for a party **B)** With all your belongings **C)** Go on a short trip **D)** Without delay

Correct Ans: D

Q88) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To walk the tight rope

A) Be well trained **B)** Be an expert **C)** Be very cautious **D)** Be very nervous

Correct Ans: C

Q89) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bite someone's head off

A) Guessing or estimating without full information **B)** Respond to someone with anger that is often sudden or unprovoked

C) Ignoring something that is evidently wrong or unavoidable **D)** Cause something to be done in a new way



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Q90) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Kill two birds with one stone

A) Act cordially despite conflict B) To achieve two things by doing a single action C) Make peace after an argument
D) Face several problems at a time

Correct Ans: B

Q91) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A gut feeling

A) An instinct or intuition B) A suppressed feeling C) A liability D) False attempt

Correct Ans: A

Q92) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go the extra mile

A) Going in search of something better B) Going above and beyond whatever is required for the task at hand
C) Wasting time in unnecessary efforts D) Overwhelming the competitors

Correct Ans: B

Q93) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

It was raining cats and dogs when I reached there.

A) To rain very heavily B) Not raining at all C) Place full of animals D) Lots of appreciation

Correct Ans: A

Q94) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Ignorance is bliss

A) To remain ignorant of things that may cause stress B) To want something that has been denied
C) To have rage underneath a calm expression D) To gain attention and be the topic of conversation

Correct Ans: A

Q95) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To raise a dust

A) To cause disruption or confusion B) To meet one's defeat C) To be satisfied with what you have achieved
D) To be secretly or inwardly amused

Correct Ans: A

Q96) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

That lady must have an axe to grind that's why she is not reporting your crime.

A) To delay one's actions B) To have a tedious job C) To have a crucial information D) To have an ulterior motive

Correct Ans: D

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Q1) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.



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Break sweat

A) To be caught stealing B) To lie C) To make a futile attempt D) To use a lot of energy or effort

Correct Ans: D

Q2) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Born with silver spoon in one's mouth

A) To accomplish two tasks in one attempt B) A work which needs tremendous energy C) Born in a very rich family
D) Useful for one's purpose

Correct Ans: C

Q3) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Wet behind the ears

A) To place a bad bet B) To be young and without experience C) A sudden change in fortune due to a windfall
D) To win a bet

Correct Ans: B

Q4) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To have the heart of stone

A) Not being able to make a decision B) To feel no pity C) To be fearless D) To have a hidden agenda

Correct Ans: B

Q5) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To have a foot in the grave

A) To trip somebody over B) To hire a contract killer C) To be near death D) To take risks

Correct Ans: C

Q6) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Fit as a fiddle

A) In a very good physical condition B) To drink alcohol regularly C) To be firm D) To be in love

Correct Ans: A

Q7) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Loaves and fishes

A) Material gain B) To let bygones be bygones C) Accidentally kill someone D) To bury the dead

Correct Ans: A

Q8) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

On the job

A) In the war B) Avoiding the work C) On the contrary D) Working at a particular job

Correct Ans: D

Q9) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To kill two birds with one stone

A) A work which needs tremendous efforts B) To achieve two things with a single effort



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C) To accidentally hurt someone's feelings D) The weak point in a person

Correct Ans: B

Q10) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Know the ropes

A) To understand the details B) To fight without any reason C) To reveal a secret D) To break the rules **Correct Ans: A**

Q11) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To scratch one's head

A) To lose all the wealth B) To think about good days C) To come up with an idea D) To think hard in a puzzled way

Correct Ans: D

Q12) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To work against the clocks

A) To die while still working B) To work fast C) To fill one with terror D) To move anti-clockwise

Correct Ans: B

Q13) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

On account of

A) To make excuses B) Because of C) To mark one's territory D) To settle dues

Correct Ans: B

Q14) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To button one's lips

A) To advance in harmony B) To keep silence C) To kidnap somebody D) To rain heavily

Correct Ans: B

Q15) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To bear the brunt of

A) To endure the impact of something B) An inexperienced person C) For one's sake D) To become free from

Correct Ans: A

Q16) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

At all costs

A) An expensive purchase B) Whatever is needed to achieve something C) To be master of D) Not to be trifled with

Correct Ans: B

Q17) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Rolling in cash

A) To borrow a costly attire B) Buying things on interest C) Have a large quantity of money D) A business magnate



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Q18) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To go a long way

A) To join a foreign company **B)** To avoid short cuts **C)** To become successful in life **D)** To go on a long drive

Q19) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Pros and cons

A) To advance in harmony **B)** Arguments for and against something **C)** Doubtful **D)** Undecided on a topic **Correct Ans: B**

Q20) In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Cold fish

A) A dead body **B)** To retract one's statements **C)** To make a lot of money **D)** A person lacking in sympathy

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Q1) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Sell like hot cakes

A) Quick sell out **B)** Being ignored **C)** Selling cakes **D)** Eating hot cake

Q2) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Call the shots

A) To be a follower that makes less important decision **B)** To be in a position to make decisions that influences a situation
C) To be in a neutral position **D)** To be in a powerless position that follows orders

Q3) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Let sleeping dogs lie

A) To fall sick intentionally **B)** To care for the pet **C)** Leave an existing situation as it is **D)** To let somebody sleep

Q4) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The council president is known to play devil's advocate often.

A) To play risky games **B)** Make one's own destiny **C)** To argue, just for the sake of it **D)** To allow others to rise

Q5) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cup of tea

A) A cup brimming with tea **B)** Something one likes/excels in **C)** Long held desire **D)** Favourite pastime



Q6) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The company was on thin ice.

- A)** Forcing itself to collaborate **B)** In a precarious or risky situation **C)** In a situation of comfort
- D)** Depending on business competitors

Correct Ans: B

Q7) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The executives were running around in circles, without any success.

- A)** Suffering huge profits and losses **B)** Achieving maximum mileage **C)** Successfully accomplishing the target
- D)** Putting efforts into something that does not give a worthwhile result

Correct Ans: D

Q8) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Call it a day

- A)** To stop working **B)** To refer to something as something else **C)** To have the greatest day ever
- D)** To be very straightforward

Correct Ans: A

Q9) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Spill the beans

- A)** Excellent health **B)** Things always get worse **C)** To reveal a secret information unintentionally
- D)** Behave or speak in a rash manner

Correct Ans: C

Q10) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The police inspector knows the ins and outs of the murder case.

- A)** laws **B)** all the witnesses **C)** lawyers and judges **D)** full details

Correct Ans: D

Q11) Select the most appropriate idiom from the given options to fill in the blank.

We broke the traffic rules unknowingly while coming back from the party, now we have to _____ sooner or later.

- A)** bid defiance **B)** face the music **C)** cry for the moon **D)** look sharp

Correct Ans: B

Q12) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

I ordered a dozen doughnuts, but the kind baker gave me a baker's dozen.

- A)** A group of 12 bakers **B)** A group of 13 **C)** A group of 12 **D)** A group of 12 bakery items

Correct Ans: B

Q13) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

Tim joined the family business as he failed in his final degree examination. Seeing the growth of the family business now, it seems like Tim's earlier failure was a blessing in disguise.

- A)** A difficult time **B)** A mistake **C)** A good decision **D)** Something good that isn't recognised at first

Correct Ans: D

Q14) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

My friend's business has grown by leaps and bounds.



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A) aimlessly B) perfectly C) rapidly D) slowly

Correct Ans: C

Q15) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Rajat is known for his notorious nature. He will be friendly to your face but likes _____.

A) to stab you in the back B) to blow his trumpet C) to get all bent out of the shape D) to paint the whole town red

Correct Ans: A

Q16) Select the most appropriate idiom for the following sentence.

Shweta organises the sale of handmade pottery at a cheap rate.

A) Hush money B) Making a fuss out of something C) Go for a song D) Having one's cake and eating it too

Correct Ans: C

Q17) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Barking up the wrong tree

A) Getting a good start is important B) To make a bad situation worse

C) To be mistaken, to be looking for solutions in the wrong place D) Provoke trouble

Correct Ans: C

Q18) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

The play I saw last night was a _____.

A) hit the road B) smash hit C) hit the roof D) hit the hay

Correct Ans: B

Q19) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To cut someone some slack

A) To not manage someone very strictly or critically B) To criticise someone very strictly C) To get the conversation going

D) Avoid talking about problems till the very end

Correct Ans: A

Q20) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Beat around the bush

A) To be direct and formal B) To be impatient and short-tempered C) To be persistent in pursuing a goal

D) To avoid addressing a topic correctly

Correct Ans: D

Q21) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Blessing in disguise

A) Something that seems good but is harmful for you B) Something that cannot be hidden from anyone

C) Something that remains hidden from everyone D) Something that seems bad but provides some benefit

Correct Ans: D

Q22) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Our trainer asked for _____ on her for the next informative session.

A) going bananas B) chasing rainbows C) being around the bend D) all eyes and ears

Correct Ans: D



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Q23) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The actor decided to live life in the fast lane.

A) A life of extreme speed **B)** A life filled with excitement **C)** Dropping charges of crime **D)** Racing away to the moon

Correct Ans: B

Q24) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

I asked my friend to _____ against her employers who are doing wrong to her.

A) fight fire with fire **B)** fight the good fight **C)** finders keepers, losers weepers **D)** fine words butter no parsnips

Correct Ans: A

Q25) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Rina's house is at a stone's throw from the school.

A) A very short distance **B)** Next to **C)** Not very close to **D)** A very long distance

Correct Ans: A

Q26) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

After years of rivalry, the two families decided to bury the hatchet.

A) To end a quarrel by never talking to each other **B)** To start a new quarrel **C)** To continue an old quarrel
D) To end a quarrel and become friendly

Correct Ans: D

Q27) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Jane, please don't tell me fairy tales; I just want to know the real matter _____.

A) in the long run **B)** in a nutshell **C)** in the cold **D)** in a fortnight

Correct Ans: B

Q28) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Day and night

A) Clumsily **B)** Diligently **C)** Continuously **D)** Adversely

Correct Ans: C

Q29) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The shopkeeper was sly as a fox and tried to sell off the old stock.

A) suspicious **B)** in confusion or disagreement **C)** smart and clever **D)** slow

Correct Ans: C

Q30) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Break the ice

A) To say something that makes people excited for a group project **B)** To say something mean to people in a group

C) To say something that makes people who are meeting for the first time more comfortable

D) To say something that makes strangers uncomfortable

Correct Ans: C

Q31) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To keep one's temper

A) To meet with disaster **B)** To become angry **C)** To remain calm **D)** To become impatient

Correct Ans: C



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Q32) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To get cold feet

A) To run for life **B)** To fall sick **C)** To be indifferent **D)** To be afraid

Correct Ans: D

Q33) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

I don't think you should go out in the rain, it's _____.

A) rain on cats and dogs **B)** raining cats and dogs **C)** raining dogs and puppies **D)** storming cats and dogs

Correct Ans: B

Q34) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bigger fish to fry

A) To barely get something done **B)** To be similar to one's parents in some way

C) Having something more important to take care of **D)** Having work more than one's capacity

Correct Ans: C

Q35) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A storm in a teacup

A) Easy money **B)** Suffering in silence **C)** A signal for upcoming storm **D)** Much excitement over something trivial

Correct Ans: D

Q36) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The Indian team had its back against the wall, but managed to fight back.

A) Forced to indulge in propaganda **B)** Throwing the opposition off guard **C)** Stuck in a difficult circumstance with no escape

D) In extreme joy or exhilaration

Correct Ans: C

Q37) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

After having invested so much time and energy into the project, we are now back to square one.

A) In the same city **B)** Having to start all over again **C)** Fighting with each other **D)** Not ready for the consequence

Correct Ans: B

Q38) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get your act together

A) To stay together **B)** To act in a play **C)** Get organised and do things better **D)** To have patience

Correct Ans: C

Q39) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Mary is a ball of fire and is always engaged in something creative.

A) A dull and insipid person **B)** To be good and beneficial for someone **C)** A talkative person

D) An active and energetic person

Correct Ans: D

Q40) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

By living in a rural area with access to the city, she gets _____.



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A) the best of both worlds B) in for a penny in for a pound C) on cloud nine D) to keep an ear to the ground

Correct Ans: A

Q41) Select the most appropriate idiom from the given options to fill in the blank.

Being a journalist, your first duty is to _____ or else your colleagues might surpass you.

A) keep your ear to the ground B) build castles in the air C) have an axe to grind D) eat a humble pie

Correct Ans: A

Q42) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The judge wanted to hear straight from the horse's mouth.

A) In close vicinity to the juror B) Directly from the person involved C) Having ears which never fail

D) Directly from the lawyer

Correct Ans: B

Q43) Select the most appropriate idiom from the given options to fill in the blank.

Greta Thunberg _____ when she dared to question about accountability with respect to global warming and climate change.

A) sowed wild oats B) gave the devil his due C) hit the nail on the head D) kept the pot boiling

Correct Ans: C

Q44) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be like chalk and cheese

A) To be very similar to each other B) To have a close relation with another person

C) To be completely different from each other D) To be distantly related to each other

Correct Ans: C

Q45) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

He was on cloud nine when he got admission in Cambridge University.

A) unsettled B) involved in useless journey C) very happy D) available to be called to go to work

Correct Ans: C

Q46) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

As phony as a three-dollar bill

A) Something that is disgusting B) Something that is attractive C) Something that is genuine D) Something that is fake

Correct Ans: D

Q47) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Ramesh always blows his own trumpet.

A) criticises himself B) praises himself C) does his own work D) depends on others

Correct Ans: B

Q48) Choose the option which best expresses the meaning of the given idiom.

By fair means or foul

A) To work without planning B) To find difficulty in completing some work C) To provoke someone into quarrelling

D) To get one's way with honesty or dishonesty

Correct Ans: D



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Q49) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

Buying a home in the city centre will cost you an arm and a leg.

A) A large amount of money **B)** Nothing extra **C)** Physical pain **D)** A small amount of money

Correct Ans: A

Q50) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The detective went the whole nine yards in his investigation.

A) Measuring every step **B)** Close affinity with the law **C)** Taking the distant call **D)** Everything, all the way

Correct Ans: D

Q51) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

From scratch

A) From a skin disease **B)** From utter disorder **C)** From the beginning **D)** From death

Correct Ans: C

Q52) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Into hot water

A) Came to nothing **B)** In favour with **C)** Not on good terms **D)** Into trouble

Correct Ans: D

Q53) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

"Do not turn a blind eye to all the mischief your child is up to", the teacher told the young parent.

A) Take pride in **B)** Pretend not to notice **C)** Close the door **D)** Give rewards

Correct Ans: B

Q54) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Have egg on your face

A) To be made to look foolish or embarrassed **B)** Defeat someone thoroughly **C)** Reveal a secret

D) Making a choice between two unpleasant choices

Correct Ans: A

Q55) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bite the dust

A) To remain calm **B)** To fall asleep **C)** To fall from a height **D)** To suffer a defeat

Correct Ans: D

Q56) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pay an arm and a leg for something

A) Pay a lot of attention to an incident **B)** Pay a lot of money for something **C)** Give a lot of love and care to someone

D) Be devoted to unwanted things

Correct Ans: B

Q57) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Please tell me about the meeting _____.

A) in a spin **B)** in a stew **C)** in a nutshell **D)** in a huff

Correct Ans: C

Q58) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

A man of character, he stuck to his guns even in the most difficult situations.

A) To find a treasure **B)** To do things that would please people **C)** To stand firm against all difficulties and challenges

D) To behave disrespectfully



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Q59) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

Riddhi believes in wearing her heart on her sleeve. That is why she has so many friends.

A) To criticise everybody **B)** To talk aloud **C)** To wear a badge of honour **D)** To openly and freely express one's emotions

Q60) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

You are an intellectual with a professional degree; you can do wonders as _____.

A) you can say it again **B)** the world is your oyster **C)** you are playing with fire **D)** your mileage may vary **Correct Ans: B**

Q61) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

The deal was _____ for three months.

A) broken the ice **B)** tipped of the iceberg **C)** cut no ice **D)** put on ice

Q62) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To cross swords

A) To arrange **B)** To kill **C)** To fight **D)** To defend

Q63) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

It's risky to invest all your savings in one company; it's like _____.

A) breaking a leg **B)** putting all your eggs in one basket **C)** biting the bullet **D)** going down in flames

Q64) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Naina has six children, and I always _____ with their names.

A) get mixed up **B)** get away clean **C)** get cold feet **D)** get rid of

Q65) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

Irrespective of the chaos in the classroom, our class teacher stays cool as a cucumber.

A) Stays calm and composed **B)** Develops a fever **C)** Scolds all the students in the classroom **D)** Behaves like a vegetable

Q66) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Castles in the air

A) Unexpected change in the climate **B)** Realistic and possible plan **C)** Strong hope to get success

D) Unrealistic and impossible plan

Q67) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

She told me, _____, that she was going to live in New York.

A) once in a blue moon **B)** blue blood **C)** black and blue **D)** out of the blue

Q68) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bone to pick

A) Putting in extra effort **B)** To not give up **C)** To stop trying hard **D)** To be angry about something and want to discuss it



Q69) Select the appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Grasping at straws

A) Wasting time enjoying and relaxing B) Futile attempts to win C) Desperate attempt to succeed
D) Holding the last strands of straw

Q70) Select the most appropriate idiom for the following sentence.

He made the business profitable from unprofitable in about a year of joining.

A) Easy come, easy go B) Still waters run deep C) Where there is a will, there is a way D) Throw up

Q71) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Beat around the bush

A) To talk about important things B) To avoid talking about what is important C) To avoid people D) To have patience

Q72) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Rahul speaks easily in front of a small group, but he seems _____ before a large audience.

A) think ill of B) ill at ease C) ill-disposed to D) man of ill repute

Q73) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

By the skin of your teeth

A) Saved by others B) To be less affected by criticisms and rebuffs C) Very protective D) By a very narrow margin

Q74) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The two neighbours will probably stop fighting when pigs fly.

A) When their families meet B) When there is magic C) When it rains D) Something that is impossible

Q75) Choose the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

As soon as Rohan learned that he had topped the examination, he was on cloud nine.

A) Very confused B) Very sad C) Very tense D) Very happy

Q76) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

The apple of one's eye

A) Very pleasing B) Very dear C) Very nice D) Very cheerful

Q77) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

The CEO has _____ than worrying about individual customer complaints.

A) been walking on thin ice B) bigger fish to fry C) taken a rain check D) thrown caution to the wind

Q78) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Keep someone at arm's length

A) To avoid becoming too close or friendly with someone B) To ruin someone's plans
C) Having energy again after being tired D) Angry about something



Correct Ans: A

Q79) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Jack took on three jobs at once but soon realised he had _____.

A) bitten off more than he could chew **B)** cut corners **C)** played by the ear **D)** taken it with a grain of salt

Correct Ans: A

Q80) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

I know it was wrong to distract his friends, but _____.

A) all's fair in the world **B)** all's unfair in love and war **C)** all's fair in love and war **D)** all's unfair in the world

Correct Ans: C

Q81) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Instead of answering the question directly, the politician kept _____.

A) beating around the bush **B)** crying over spilt milk **C)** spilling the bean **D)** pointing at his laurels

Correct Ans: A

Q82) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

My manager forced me to resign from my job as a chef since I underwent a spine surgery. I was depressed and had lost all hope. Later my father motivated me to open my own café and showed me ways to be independent.

After all it is true that one should not _____.

A) cry over spilt milk **B)** blow hot and cold **C)** grease the palm **D)** blow one's own trumpet

Correct Ans: A

Q83) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

He managed to save his father's business by the sweat of his brow.

A) tricks and strategies **B)** any way possible **C)** hard work **D)** incidentally

Correct Ans: C

Q84) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

He was quaking in his boots when he had to give a speech on the stage.

A) To shake in happiness **B)** To tremble in excitement **C)** To tremble with fear **D)** To shake in excitement

Correct Ans: C

Q85) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The entrepreneur decided to throw caution to the wind.

A) In extreme windy conditions **B)** Take a risk **C)** Take the best option **D)** Think innovatively

Correct Ans: B

Q86) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The mother requested the nurse to keep an eye on the baby while she went for tea.

A) Keep informed **B)** Watch and take care **C)** Watch for the arrival or appearance **D)** Mistreat

Correct Ans: B

Q87) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Child's play

A) Weakness **B)** Just behaviour **C)** Something very easy **D)** In someone's role

Correct Ans: C

Q88) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Spill the beans

A) To believe something as it seems **B)** To tell a secret **C)** To do things in a fair way **D)** To cry over what is done

Correct Ans: B



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Q89) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Today's question paper felt like a cakewalk.

A) Very easy **B)** Very tasty **C)** Very difficult **D)** Very sweet

Correct Ans: A

Q90) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Beauty of it

A) Quite ordinary **B)** Good points **C)** Make things worse **D)** Cause for dispute

Correct Ans: B

Q91) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

We prefer going to movies once in a blue moon.

A) Very rarely **B)** Very often **C)** Very amazingly **D)** Very diligently

Correct Ans: A

Q92) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

The decision to go on a trip after my vacations was the _____.

A) apple on the cake **B)** icing on the brownie **C)** icing on the cake **D)** ice on the cake

Correct Ans: C

Q93) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

It's easy to say that you'll start exercising every day, but it is _____.

A) like fish out of water **B)** crying wolf **C)** going the extra mile **D)** easier said than done

Correct Ans: D

Q94) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

These things are very hard to swallow.

A) difficult to eat **B)** difficult to believe **C)** difficult to speak **D)** difficult to resist

Correct Ans: B

Q95) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Sameera has been in _____ since she got selected for a highly paid job at a multinational company.

A) seventh heaven **B)** the dark **C)** a cold day in July **D)** all the rage

Correct Ans: A

Q96) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

If Peter said he would get that book for you, he will do it. He always _____.

A) keeps his shirt on **B)** keeps him at arm's length **C)** keeps his word **D)** keeps under his hat

Correct Ans: C

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Q1) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A piece of cake

A) A cake that broke into pieces **B)** Easy to do or achieve **C)** A cake which is sold as a piece **D)** A slice of cake for eating

Correct Ans: B

Q2) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

She is someone who always discourages our enthusiasm; therefore, we have decided to keep our distance from her.

A) a nine days' wonder **B)** a cash cow **C)** a fish out of water **D)** a wet blanket

Correct Ans: D

Q3) Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom from the options given below.

To show the white feather



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A) To act cowardly B) To act bravely C) To show anger D) To maintain peace

Correct Ans: A

Q4) Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank and complete the phrase/idiom.

When Jane realised that she had made a serious mistake at work, she knew she had to face the _____ and take responsibility for her actions.

A) fun B) band C) music D) mirror

Correct Ans: C

Q5) You overhear someone say, "He's always on cloud nine." What does this idiom mean in the given context?

A) Always busy B) Often absent C) Frequently daydreaming D) Extremely happy

Correct Ans: D

Q6) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

When pigs fly

A) Something that spoils relationships B) Something terrible C) Something unplanned D) Something that will never happen

Correct Ans: D

Q7) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Apple of one's eye

A) Very stubborn B) Very strong C) Very docile D) Very precious

Correct Ans: D

Q8) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Run errands

A) To do something incorrectly or erroneous in haste B) To finish running before the end point

C) To participate in a race through unfair means D) To go out to buy or do something

Correct Ans: D

Q9) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

He gnashed his teeth at his son's actions.

A) expressed sadness B) expressed joy C) expressed rage D) expressed disappointment

Correct Ans: C

Q10) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

This is going to be overwhelming for you as you have taken on work beyond your capabilities.

A) at the eleventh hour B) put something on ice C) called it a day D) bitten off more than you can chew

Correct Ans: D

Q11) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The situation was out of hand. So, the manager called the police station for help.

A) To be uncontrollable B) In an undecided state C) To be abrupt D) To be serious

Correct Ans: A

Q12) Select the appropriate option that can substitute the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The entire audience was all ears when the Indian-born American economist started giving a speech.

A) was willing to exit the show B) was keen to listen C) was arguing in favour of both sides D) was eager to speak plainly

Correct Ans: B

Q13) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Bheem has been shown in the popular culture as someone who eats in large quantity.

A) eat humble pie B) eat like a bird C) chews the fat D) eats like a horse

Correct Ans: D



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Q14) Select the most appropriate idiom/phrase to fill in the blank.

My car _____ on the way to college yesterday.

A) broke in **B)** broke down **C)** broke out **D)** broke up

Correct Ans: B

Q15) Select the appropriate option that can substitute the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Everyone says that waking up early in the morning is beneficial for our health and overall well-being. But it is easier said than done.

A) to start performing better than before **B)** a step towards better health **C)** not as easy as it seems to be
D) a life filled with excitement

Correct Ans: C

Q16) Based on the situation in the given sentence, select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment.

Having known to the facts, the manager disregarded the arguments of the customer.

A) Turned against **B)** Bite the Bullet **C)** Turned out **D)** Turned a deaf ear

Correct Ans: D

Q17) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Clear as mud

A) A dirty surrounding **B)** A clean surface **C)** Very easy to understand **D)** Very difficult to understand

Correct Ans: D

Q18) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

The gift of the gab

A) Life full of quarrels **B)** The ability to speak easily and confidently **C)** Just at the last moment **D)** Impossible

Correct Ans: B

Q19) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

The comedian's jokes were so funny that the audience was laughing uncontrollably.

A) as easy as pie **B)** in stitches **C)** on the ball **D)** in bits and pieces

Correct Ans: B

Q20) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Knuckle down

A) To crush someone to the extent that they cannot get up **B)** To start working or studying hard
C) To make others do their share of hard work using power **D)** To engage in street fighting

Correct Ans: B

Q21) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

I cannot call him directly as I have lost his support.

A) am quite at sea with him **B)** am in character **C)** am in my own light **D)** am out of favour with him

Correct Ans: D

Q22) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Burn the midnight oil

A) To waste time **B)** To sleep early **C)** To work late into the night **D)** To set things on fire

Correct Ans: C

Q23) Based on the situation in the given sentence, select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment.

There are several people who find themselves a dominating person in a group



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A) A bone of contention B) A white elephant C) A man of his words D) Cock of the walk

Correct Ans: D

Q24) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

All in the same boat

A) When a task can be accomplished together B) When everyone has to start all over again

C) When everyone is dealing with the same situation D) When everybody is travelling in the same vehicle

Correct Ans: C

Q25) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined words in the given sentence.

His sudden resignation left the company in a very difficult situation and to have to make a hard decision as they scrambled to find a replacement.

A) on cloud nine B) in the dark C) with a silver lining D) between a rock and a hard place

Correct Ans: D

Q26) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

an open book

A) someone who gives advice based on theory not practice B) a helpful person

C) a person or thing that is easy to learn about and understand D) a person of whom her mother is extremely proud

Correct Ans: C

Q27) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A dime a dozen

A) Very rare B) To take revenge C) To be in a difficult situation D) Very common

Correct Ans: D

Q28) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Lisa was very excited about her promotion; she was very happy and delighted.

A) on the attack B) under the weather C) on cloud nine D) on the ball

Correct Ans: C

Q29) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Brought to light

A) To burn B) In favour of C) To seem likely D) To disclose

Correct Ans: D

Q30) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

She finally spilled the beans about the surprise party.

A) Prepared a bean dish B) Revealed a secret or disclosed information C) Dropped a container of beans

D) Caused a mess

Correct Ans: B

Q31) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Sushant looked blue in the face after the marathon.

A) good B) exhausted C) sad D) happy

Correct Ans: B

Q32) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Caught in a time warp

A) To be extremely happy B) To avoid talking about what's important C) To make extra effort



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D) To remain unchanged from a time in the past

Correct Ans: D

Q33) What is the correct substitution for the word 'screw' in the idiom 'Hit the screw on the head'?

A) Crew B) Tack C) Nail D) Bolt

Correct Ans: C

Q34) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Getting a sudden promotion and increment in my current profile was like _____.

A) a foul play B) a bolt from the blue C) a ballpark figure D) a fish out of water

Correct Ans: B

Q35) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Once in a blue moon

A) A pleasant surprise B) A frequent event C) A regular activity D) A rare occurrence

Correct Ans: D

Q36) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined words in the given sentence.

I heard management is planning to transfer me to another department and demote me. I need to confirm if this is true by hearing it directly from the person involved and from my manager.

A) on pins and needles B) bearing a grudge C) straight from the horse's mouth D) in the seventh heaven

Correct Ans: C

Q37) Select the correct idiom to substitute the underlined segment in the following sentence.

Sean is notorious for revealing the secrets about the company.

A) Biting the bullet B) Being in bad blood C) Biting the dust D) Spilling the beans

Correct Ans: D

Q38) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Despite their differences, the counties found common ground and buried the hatchet.

A) To continue a conflict B) To disagree publicly C) To seek revenge in the future D) To settle a dispute peacefully

Correct Ans: D

Q39) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Green thumb

A) Being good at growing plants B) To visit the vegetable market C) Preparing for war D) Indulging in corruption

Correct Ans: A

Q40) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

It's raining cats and dogs.

A) It's a perfect day for a picnic. B) The rain is very light. C) There are cats and dogs in the rain. D) It's raining very heavily.

Correct Ans: D

Q41) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Beat around the bush

A) To avoid getting to the point of an issue B) To speak rashly C) To speak convincingly D) To speak abusively

Correct Ans: A

Q42) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Most women are facing the same problem when it comes to job satisfaction because of the pay parity in institutions.



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A) comparing apples to oranges B) armchair experts C) a drop in the ocean D) in the same boat

Correct Ans: D

Q43) Select the appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At the drop of a hat

A) Become easily frightened B) Willingness to do something instantly C) Reveal a secret carelessly

D) Crying without any reason

Correct Ans: B

Q44) select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank to complete the idiom and make the sentence meaningful.

During the interview, the candidate was challenged to provide chapter and _____ on his proposed plan.

A) lines B) cover C) verse D) page

Correct Ans: C

Q45) Select the most appropriate idiom to replace the underlined segment.

He thinks his new plan will undoubtedly produce the desired result.

A) bear fruit B) go suck a lemon C) sour grapes D) go pear-shaped

Correct Ans: A

Q46) Based on the context of the given sentence, select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

After spending hours working non-stop on the project, the team decided to _____ and go home.

A) run out of steam B) call it a day C) hit the books D) take it easy

Correct Ans: B

Q47) Select the most appropriate idiom to substitute the underlined word segment in the given sentence.

If the two families could forget their past quarrels forever, both could benefit immensely.

A) do a good turn B) cut to the quick C) catch a tartar D) bury the hatchet

Correct Ans: D

Q48) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Sarvana failed in the examination last week and is in extreme depression these days.

A) In the lurch B) In the doldrums C) In the red D) In cold blood

Correct Ans: B

Q49) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Head in the clouds

A) Being impractical B) Thinking about the sky and clouds C) Working hard D) Being punctual and sincere

Correct Ans: A

Q50) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

'Hold someone's feet to the fire'

A) Insist that someone fulfil their promises or obligations B) Agree upon a shared venture with full conviction

C) Think over a new proposal D) Take big risks without knowing the consequences

Correct Ans: A

Q51) Select the most appropriate idiom that can complete the given sentence.

Recent research says that most of our cottage industries lack finance. Thus, they are _____.

A) under a cloud B) taking somebody for a ride C) worn and torn D) thrown out of gear

Correct Ans: D

Q52) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Let the cat out of the bag



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A) To reveal a secret B) To not allow a cat into the bag C) To release a cat out of a bag D) To buy a cat and a bag

Correct Ans: A

Q53) Based on the situation in the sentence, choose the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

You cannot _____ before replicating your successes and achievements multiple times; otherwise, people will deem your success a stroke of dumb luck.

A) sit on the fence B) cut to the chase C) rest on your laurels D) play devil's advocate

Correct Ans: C

Q54) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

The new employee is really trying to fit in, but sometimes he feels out of place and uncomfortable.

A) a needle in a haystack B) a diamond in the rough C) a fish out of water D) a bird of a feather

Correct Ans: C

Q55) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

The manager decided to disclose a secret and address the issue at the team meeting.

A) bury the hatchet B) hit the nail on the head C) sweep it under the rug D) spill the beans

Correct Ans: D

Q56) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Out of spirits

A) Gloomy B) Cheerful C) Obsolete D) Hurt

Correct Ans: A

Q57) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

We hear the judges from their _____ that only CNG buses should run in Delhi.

A) look sharp B) square meal C) ivory tower D) melting pot

Correct Ans: C

Q58) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Like a dying duck in a thunderstorm

A) Bad swimmer or practitioner B) Fearful or scared of water C) Harmful or vigilant D) Dejected or hopeless

Correct Ans: D

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Q59) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

We talked over the matter for two hours; unfortunately, we could not reach a decision.

A) Argued B) Debated C) Quarrelled D) Discussed

Correct Ans: D

Q60) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Rain cats and dogs

A) Very rarely B) Do something unplanned C) Raining heavily D) Doing something pointless

Correct Ans: C

Q61) If someone mentions that 'the ball is in your court', what does this idiom imply?

A) It's your turn to make a decision or take action. B) It's time for a break. C) It's a reference to tennis.
D) It's time to play a sport.

Correct Ans: A

Q62) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A blue-eyed boy

A) a miser B) one who is favourite C) an unperceived observer D) an unwelcome intruder

Correct Ans: B



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Q63) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Crocodile tears

A) To not behave in a fair way B) An insincere display of grief C) To please everyone D) An irrevocable step

Correct Ans: B

Q64) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hornet's nest

A) A house built with great difficulty B) A troublesome or hazardous situation C) A bee's nest D) A difficult task

Correct Ans: B

Q65) Select the correct idiom to substitute the underlined segment in the following sentence.

His remarks made the matter worse.

A) Made a splash B) Added fuel to the fire C) Killed two birds with one stone D) Spilled the beans

Correct Ans: B

Q66) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Grease someone's palm

A) To flatter someone B) To bribe someone C) To beat someone D) To abuse someone

Correct Ans: B

Q67) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the highlighted words in the given sentence.

His sudden departure left us in a difficult situation; it was like he **suddenly took away important support from us**.

A) pulled the rug out B) got his act together C) hit the sack D) hit the nail on the head

Correct Ans: A

Q68) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

An axe to grind

A) To have a selfish reason that influences the actions B) To make a supreme effort C) Bitterly hostile

D) To tackle a problem in a bold and direct fashion

Correct Ans: A

Q69) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Despite the setbacks, the team decided to persevere and keep working on the project, believing it could be a _____ for their company.

A) beat around the bush B) game-changer C) needle in a haystack D) wild goose chase

Correct Ans: B

Q70) Select the correct idiom to substitute the underlined segment in the following sentence.

Roma was the dearest child of her parents.

A) At sixes and sevens with her parents B) The body and soul of her parents C) The star of her parents' eyes

D) The apple of her parents' eyes

Correct Ans: D

Q71) Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom from the options given below.

A square peg in a round hole

A) a person who is criminal by nature B) a person who fits the job C) a person who does not fit the job

D) a person who is bankrupt



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Q72) Select the most appropriate idiom to replace the underlined segment in the given sentence.

We were asked to vote for the candidates by raising our hands to indicate voting for or against a proposition.

A) tipping our hands **B)** getting out of hand **C)** a show of hands **D)** changing hands

Correct Ans: C

Q73) select the most appropriate idiom/phrase to fill in the blank and complete the sentence.

It was all _____. He did not really mean what he said.

A) a storm in a tea cup **B)** tongue in cheek **C)** tuck in **D)** blue in the face

Correct Ans: B

Q74) Select the idiom that can substitute the bracketed word segment correctly and complete the given sentence meaningfully.

The negotiations reached a point where both parties had to (confront the consequences of their actions) and make tough decisions.

A) cut corners **B)** get cold feet **C)** break a leg **D)** face the music

Correct Ans: D

Q75) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

My old car was pressed into service as an emergency vehicle for my ailing grandmother.

A) To use for a particular purpose when a special need occurs. **B)** Used to take someone to the hospital
C) Cared for by old people **D)** Asking for special maintenance

Correct Ans: A

Q76) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Catch someone's eye

A) To physically capture someone's gaze and hold it, making them unable to look away
B) To surprise someone with unexpected behaviour **C)** To irritate or annoy someone intentionally
D) To attract someone's attention or to be noticed by them

Correct Ans: D

Q77) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Baker's Dozen

A) Choosing quality over quantity **B)** A pile of bread **C)** When shopkeepers put something extra
D) One unit extra with one dozen

Correct Ans: D

Q78) Your sibling accidentally broke your favourite vase. Which of the following idioms might you use to tell them not to worry about it?

A) "You're walking on air!" **B)** "Shallow brooks are noisy" **C)** "Don't cry over spilt milk!" **D)** "Bite the bullet!"

Correct Ans: C

Q79) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On the back foot

A) At a disadvantage **B)** In a hurry **C)** Situated farther away **D)** In a relaxed state

Correct Ans: A



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Q80) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Skeleton in the cupboard

- A) A popular and known fact
- B) An embarrassing and hidden fact
- C) An interesting and thoughtful fact
- D) A famous and hidden fact

Correct Ans: B

Q81) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Mary appeared for the test. She was waiting anxiously for the test result.

- A) a piece of cake
- B) jumping through hoops
- C) hitting the nail on the head
- D) on pins and needles

Correct Ans: D

Q82) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Through thick and thin

- A) To possess both thick and thin clothes
- B) To be supportive in both good and bad times
- C) To travel through thick and thin clouds
- D) To pass through thick and thin air

Correct Ans: B

Q83) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To throw caution to the wind

- A) To do something with care and attention
- B) To roam here and there aimlessly
- C) To give answer with utmost attention
- D) To do something without worrying about risk

Correct Ans: D

Q84) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Clear the decks

- A) To remove unnecessary things for further work
- B) Prepare for an event or course of action by dealing with anything that might hinder progress
- C) To draw something down
- D) To take something away

Correct Ans: B

Q85) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment.

Despite the difficulties, Sarah started her business with great energy and hard work, and performed remarkably well in the industry.

- A) hit the hay
- B) hit the ground running
- C) let sleeping dogs lie
- D) spilled the beans

Correct Ans: B

Q86) Select the most appropriate idiom for the highlighted text in the given sentence.

The company was **rapidly deteriorating** when the chairman and some top officials were accused of fraud.

- A) hell in a handbasket
- B) hitting the sack
- C) holding your horses
- D) head over heels

Correct Ans: A

Q87) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The poet had to draw on his fancy to write all his sonnets.

- A) use his money
- B) use his memory
- C) use his clothes
- D) use his imagination

Correct Ans: D



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Q88) Based on the context of the given sentence, select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Siri was feeling _____ after receiving praise from her professor for completing the project ahead of schedule.

A) on top of the world **B)** in the dark **C)** under the weather **D)** in the same boat

Correct Ans: A

Q89) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom from the alternatives.

Rajiv will understand some day that all his friends are fair weather friends.

A) A friend who stays only when times are convenient **B)** A friend who meets you only during pleasant weather
C) Friends generally have similar characteristics **D)** True friends help you when you need them

Correct Ans: A

Q90) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

We often go camping, but I have never been to that particular part of town or country before.

A) neck of the woods **B)** get it in the neck **C)** knock on wood **D)** risk one's neck

Correct Ans: A

Q91) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Straight from the horse's mouth

A) Directly from the person involved **B)** Directly eating from the provider **C)** Giving no expression at all
D) Rumours begin at home

Correct Ans: A

Q92) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Straight from the horse's mouth

A) Hearing something that is untrue or a lie **B)** Hearing something from a reliable and credible source
C) Hearing something that is difficult to understand **D)** Hearing something coming from a horse's mouth

Correct Ans: B

Q93) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

After the long and tedious project, Sarah felt like she was at the limit of her patience.

A) finishing line **B)** tip of the iceberg **C)** end of her rope **D)** crossroads

Correct Ans: C

Q94) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To look black

A) To give an approving expression **B)** To seem unfavourable **C)** To cry bitterly **D)** To roll on ice

Correct Ans: B

Q95) Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom from the options given below.

To accept the gauntlet

A) To accept a challenge **B)** To suffer financial loss **C)** To suffer a great insult **D)** To accept failure

Correct Ans: A

Q96) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the highlighted text in the given sentence.

The minister was **in partnership** with the queen in poisoning the King.

A) at one's beck and call **B)** in cahoots **C)** run amok **D)** in the blues

Correct Ans: B



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Q97) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Dig up dirt

A) To uncover negative information about someone or something. **B)** Hide and protect vital evidence
C) Enquire about a missing person **D)** Find and disclose evidence

Correct Ans: A

Q98) Select the option that best expresses the meaning of the given idiom.

When pigs fly

A) In unity **B)** Just impossible **C)** Correct approach **D)** In due course of time

Correct Ans: B

Q99) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

My hands are full

A) To panic **B)** To go directly towards something **C)** To be very busy **D)** To dislike someone

Correct Ans: C

Q100) Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank and complete the given idiom.

That's great! You keep everything under your _____.

A) eyes **B)** thumb **C)** hands **D)** legs

Correct Ans: B

Q101) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom/phrase.

Throw in the towel

A) To prepare to fight **B)** To take responsibility for a situation while another person is temporarily absent
C) To give up or surrender **D)** To cause an activity or process to continue

Correct Ans: A

Q102) Select the appropriate option that can substitute the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The interns explained the whole issue to the coordinator in a nutshell.

A) in a brief manner **B)** in a secret way **C)** in a discouraging manner **D)** in an uncertain way

Correct Ans: A

Q103) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pay off old scores

A) To be successful **B)** To have one's revenge **C)** To score good marks **D)** To clear one's debt

Correct Ans: B

Q104) Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined idiom/phrase in the given sentence.

The salesman informed the customers that if they had any questions, they could drop a line.

A) come back with the items **B)** complain against him **C)** call his secretary **D)** send a brief letter

Correct Ans: D

Q105) Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank to complete the idiom and make the sentence meaningful.

Her company's new product launch was a real _____ squib.

A) deaf **B)** dirty **C)** dear **D)** damp

Correct Ans: D

Q106) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pull someone's leg

A) To avert a great danger **B)** To tease or play a joke on someone **C)** To take a situation seriously or earnestly
D) To physically pull the legs of a person



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Q1) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cutting corners

A) Investing in MNCs to get better returns and exchange **B)** Stitching clothes with a unique design

C) Cutting the edges to make it small and round **D)** Doing something poorly in order to save time or money

Correct Ans: D

Q2) Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

With two toddlers to handle and no house help at her disposal, Shilpa can never put her house in apple-pie order.

A) Smell-proof **B)** Completely arranged **C)** Ready for guests **D)** Completely messy

Correct Ans: B

Q3) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To make matters worse

A) Sometimes situation can become worse **B)** Make the situation worse **C)** Matters can be worse

D) No matter can become worse

Correct Ans: B

Q4) Select the correct meaning of the idiom in bold and italics.

I had a ***close shave*** this morning – my car was hit badly by a bull.

A) To request someone to stay calm and not get annoyed **B)** To be carrying a wild look **C)** A narrow escape

D) In a position where one might receive severe criticism

Correct Ans: C

Q5) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Call it a day

A) Call it as a bad day **B)** Stop thinking in daytime **C)** Call it as a good and productive day **D)** Stop working on something

Correct Ans: D

Q6) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Heart and soul

A) With complete honesty **B)** Front to front **C)** Feeling sympathy for someone **D)** With all the effort you can put

Correct Ans: D

Q7) Select the most appropriate idiom from the following options that can substitute the underlined part of the given sentence.

He is the most successful businessman. One of his traits is to take risk.

A) Talk through his hat **B)** Fill somebody's shoes **C)** Tighten his belt **D)** Throw caution to the wind

Correct Ans: D

Q8) Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Blue blood is not necessarily a guarantee of one's public decorum.



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A) A person belonging to a middle-class family B) A person belonging to a poor family

C) A person belonging to a high family D) A person belonging to an honest family

Correct Ans: C

Q9) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

True colours

A) Light colours B) Real character C) Bright colours D) Black and white

Correct Ans: B

Q10) Select the idiom that can correctly replace the underlined part of the given sentence.

It was a very important meeting, but I stayed cool as ice because I knew our product was the best.

A) cool as a cake B) cool as a cucumber C) cool as a cabbage D) cool as a carrot

Correct Ans: B

Q11) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

When grandmother found her granddaughter's collection like her numismatist daughter's, she knew her granddaughter is a chip off the old block.

A) A person who is similar in behaviour or actions to his/her parents B) Damaged C) Getting obsessed D) Changed

Correct Ans: A

Q12) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be on the breadline

A) Be very poor B) Find a successful way of making money C) Earn a lot of money very easily D) Having plenty of money

Correct Ans: A

Q13) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Beside oneself

A) In the secret B) Under all conditions C) Almost out of one's senses D) To stand for one's own fault

Correct Ans: C

Q14) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To give someone the cold shoulder

A) To be carried on someone's back B) To ignore someone C) To listen to someone with empathy

D) To carry the burden of everyone

Correct Ans: B

Q15) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A mare's nest

A) Complicated situation B) Deep crisis C) Simple and interesting work D) Area of law

Correct Ans: A

Q16) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Belly laugh

A) Laughing with inhibition B) A loud and unrestrained laugh C) Mocking someone

D) To be subjected to mockery and ridicule

Correct Ans: B



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Q17) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Crying wolf

A) To frighten someone in your comfort zone **B)** To cry over little things that don't matter
C) To ask for help when you don't need it **D)** To be in pain by getting hit by something

Correct Ans: C

Q18) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Rajeshwar has a vision for capturing beautiful pictures of nature.

A) A high horse **B)** An eagle eye **C)** A cat nap **D)** Cry wolf

Correct Ans: B

Q19) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Snowed under

A) Lazy **B)** Calm **C)** Busy **D)** Silent

Correct Ans: C

Q20) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Salt of the earth

A) Discovered after a lot of searching **B)** Choose one at random **C)** Do anything possible
D) A very good and honest person

Correct Ans: D

Q21) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The mother-in-law deliberately rained on the new bride's parade when she asked her to change the dress of her choice.

A) To spoil a moment **B)** Save one from embarrassment **C)** Force traditions upon someone
D) Make someone tearful out of viciousness

Correct Ans: A

Q22) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At the drop of a dime

A) Extremely easy to understand **B)** Something that can happen very fast without hesitation
C) Something that is not popular **D)** A way of saying that you are happy to see someone

Correct Ans: B

Q23) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

He burnt his fingers by getting into others' problems.

A) To burn ones fingers **B)** To get into trouble **C)** To get rewarded **D)** To get rid off

Correct Ans: B

Q24) Select the most appropriate idiom from the following options that can substitute the underlined part of the given sentence.

It is his first interview, so he has a nervous feeling.

A) Icing on the cake **B)** Tug at his heartstrings **C)** A slap on the wrist **D)** Butterflies in his stomach

Correct Ans: D

Q25) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To pull someone's leg



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A) To push a person B) To joke with someone C) To talk something good about someone

D) To talk something bad about someone

Correct Ans: B

Q26) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

All ears

A) To scold someone bitterly B) To listen attentively C) To not be vocal D) To listen to everyone

Correct Ans: B

Q27) Select the sentence that uses the idiom correctly.

A) Flowers bloom under the weather. B) She missed the exam as she felt under the weather.

C) Reena was walking on the lawn under the weather. D) Trees shed their leaves under the weather.

Correct Ans: B

Q28) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Even when the child accused the relative of inappropriate behaviour, the parents continued to play perfect hosts at the party instead of addressing the elephant in the room.

A) A big problem everyone is ignoring or afraid to talk about B) Revealing the secrets

C) Punishing someone for inappropriate behaviour D) Ignoring someone who seeks attention through false stories

Correct Ans: A

Q29) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At sea

A) At a loss or perplexed B) To blunder C) Obsolete D) To overcome

Correct Ans: A

Q30) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To stand one's ground

A) To maintain one's position B) To fight for the same position C) To stand in one's own land D) To stand up

Correct Ans: A

Q31) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

He was beaming from ear to ear.

A) Smiling broadly B) Criticising bitterly C) Working D) Playing

Correct Ans: A

Q32) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Some colleagues at a workplace are really hard nuts to crack.

A) Hardcore traditions in a family B) An inflexible person who is hard to convince

C) An easy-goer who can be easily convinced D) Someone showing extra concern over little things

Correct Ans: B

Q33) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the italicised words in the given sentence.

You get a *good and comprehensive idea* of the town from the clock tower situated in the centre of the town.

A) blind date B) body and soul C) blind alley D) bird's eye view

Correct Ans: D



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Q34) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A slap on the wrist

A) A very mild punishment. **B)** Beating someone too much on the wrist. **C)** Punishment to an innocent.
D) Suggest something secretly.

Correct Ans: A

Q35) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the given sentence.

The evidence put forward could not confirm his guilt.

A) Bear up **B)** Bring up **C)** Blow off **D)** Break down

Correct Ans: A

Q36) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A lot on one's plate

A) To have a serious ailment **B)** To serve all dishes on one plate **C)** To eat a lot **D)** A lot to do

Correct Ans: D

Q37) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

He is in high spirits today.

A) Drunk **B)** Disturbed **C)** Cheerful **D)** Annoying

Correct Ans: C

Q38) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A lame excuse

A) Weak excuse **B)** No excuse **C)** Explanation **D)** Strong excuse

Correct Ans: A

Q39) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

In the movie 'Encanto', the family thought Bruno was a black sheep.

A) Unloved by the family **B)** Disgrace for the family **C)** Unrelated to the family **D)** Danger to the family

Correct Ans: B

Q40) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Toffee-nosed

A) A solid, respectable and respected member of society
B) A person who seems impolite/of low education at first, but who is usually of good character
C) A person who thinks he is of a high social class and looks down on people of lower class
D) Continue to live at the same social standard we have lived at, even though we have money problems

Correct Ans: C

Q41) Select the correct meaning of the idiom in bold and italics.

Our **hearts go out to** the families of the victims of this terrible tragedy.

A) To receive or express praise for a job well done **B)** To wish for things does not yield to anything
C) To feel sympathy for someone when they are distressed **D)** Well wishes for a deceased person

Correct Ans: C

Q42) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To be on thin ice

A) To be in limited scope **B)** To be in faulty situation **C)** To be in a risky situation **D)** To be in marginalised situation



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Q43) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the given sentence.

The dacoit was shot from up close by the police officer.

A) Bullet proof **B)** Smell a rat **C)** Milksop **D)** Point blank

Correct Ans: D

Q44) Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Saira is unable to sustain friendships because she always has too many axes to grind.

A) To have one's own interests to serve **B)** To believe in selflessness **C)** To use weapons carefully **D)** To work for others

Correct Ans: A

Q45) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

The family's meeting on property dispute begins today and I'm just sitting down with a cup of coffee, enjoying _____.

A) the better of **B)** the corridors of power **C)** the bottom line **D)** the calm before the storm

Correct Ans: D

Q46) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

By hook or by crook

A) Using whatever methods are necessary **B)** Making more of an effort **C)** Using a lot of energy and effort to do something
D) Probably possible, but it will be difficult

Correct Ans: A

Q47) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Up in the air

A) Something that is tossed up in the air **B)** Something that is unknown entirely
C) Something that is invisible and unattainable **D)** Something that is certain and decided

Correct Ans: B

Q48) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Wild goose chase

A) Doing something crazy **B)** Futile search **C)** To betray someone **D)** Working very hard for something

Correct Ans: B

Q49) Select the most appropriate idiom from the following options that can substitute the underlined part of the given sentence.

Sometimes doing something that makes it impossible to return to the previous situation later strengthens you.

A) Painting the town red **B)** Knocking your socks off **C)** Burning your bridges **D)** A red-letter day

Correct Ans: C

Q50) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Once in a blue moon

A) Often **B)** Occasionally **C)** Rarely **D)** Continuously

Correct Ans: C

Q51) Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The accident site had become a bear garden by afternoon.

A) A peaceful place **B)** A soothing environment **C)** A place of noise and disturbance **D)** Unclean and dirty

Correct Ans: C



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Q52) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hand and glove

A) Oppressive **B)** Under all conditions **C)** Very intimate terms **D)** Decided

Correct Ans: C

Q53) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

Nine times out of ten, he tells lies.

A) All the time **B)** In most cases **C)** Sometimes **D)** Hardly

Correct Ans: B

Q54) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Left, right and centre

A) To have been happening for a long time and there is a lot of activity **B)** Happening in a lot of places or to a lot of people
C) The news went from one person to the next **D)** Start well

Correct Ans: B

Q55) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get a second wind

A) To get a second chance **B)** To have renewed energy **C)** To commit the same mistake **D)** To retell the same story

Correct Ans: B

Q56) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Against the clock

A) In a great hurry, as fast as possible **B)** Race with others to win **C)** Running faster without a clock
D) Running faster with a clock in hand

Correct Ans: A

Q57) Select the most appropriate idiom for the sentence given below.

The detective suspected Shyam because of his odd behaviour while investing in the scam.

A) To bite the dust **B)** To hang fire **C)** A dog in the manger **D)** To smell a rat

Correct Ans: D

Q58) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

So far so good

A) Things are going well so far **B)** No improvement in the work being done **C)** Good things can go far away
D) Not impressed with how things are

Correct Ans: A

Q59) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hang in there

A) To give up completely **B)** To spend time with people **C)** To persist in a difficult situation **D)** To remain unresolved

Correct Ans: C

Q60) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Spill the beans

A) Reveal a secret **B)** Reveal a plan **C)** Reveal a mystery **D)** Reveal a crime

Correct Ans: A



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Q61) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To beat a retreat

A) To solve a situation **B)** To face a situation **C)** To make a situation **D)** To leave a situation

Correct Ans: D

Q62) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get on like a house on fire

A) Feel a lot of affection for one particular person, often without knowing why **B)** Get on extremely well with someone

C) Do something good for someone you have done something bad to in the past **D)** Like someone immediately

Correct Ans: B

Q63) Select the most appropriate idiom from the following options that can substitute the underlined part of the given sentence.

He is a disgrace to his family.

A) A fish out of water **B)** A black sheep **C)** A lone wolf **D)** A white elephant

Correct Ans: B

Q64) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the given sentence.

I took a quick trip to my cousin's house before going on vacation to Africa.

A) Lived out of a suitcase **B)** Break the journey **C)** Paid a flying visit **D)** Float one's boat

Correct Ans: C

Q65) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

It is wise to sit on the fence and not become a party to another World War.

A) A person's lack of decisiveness, neutrality or hesitance to choose between two sides in an argument or a competition

B) Become a peacemaker between two fighting or competing parties. **C)** Defending the no man's land

D) Overtaking the thing of interest that the other parties are fighting for while they are fighting

Correct Ans: A

Q66) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be hard hit

A) Severely affected by something unpleasant **B)** To hit someone hard **C)** To speak something unpleasant

D) An extreme struggle

Correct Ans: A

Q67) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

A wise man remains aware of fair-weather friends.

A) A person from an area of pleasant weather **B)** A person with good knowledge of weather

C) A person not reliable in difficult time **D)** A helpful person

Correct Ans: C

Q68) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To throw caution to the wind

A) To do something with caution **B)** To do something carefully **C)** To do something after thinking about the result

D) To do something without worrying about the risk



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Q69) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In a nutshell

A) Constructively B) Scrupulously C) Knotty D) Briefly

Correct Ans: D

Q70) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go round in circles

A) Be forced to explain your actions and probably be punished
B) Believe something good about someone even though you could believe either good or bad
C) Become very confused when you are trying to explain something D) Make no progress in an argument or discussion

Correct Ans: D

Q71) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In seventh heaven

A) Seven-day birthday ceremony B) Extremely happy C) In the presence of God D) Extremely sad

Correct Ans: B

Q72) Select the correct meaning of the idiom in bold and italics.

Sometimes I just have to resort to ***the carrot and stick*** approach with my children.

A) Waste one's efforts by pursuing the wrong thing or path B) Practically identical in appearance
C) Mixture of rewards and punishments D) To be optimistic or enthusiastic

Correct Ans: C

Q73) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

As good as gold

A) A person who is good like gold but not better B) A person who is obedient and well-behaved C) A golden person
D) A person who loves gold

Correct Ans: B

Q74) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hold your horses

A) To tell someone to stop and consider carefully B) To keep the horse chain intact
C) Holding and keeping things by yourself D) Give time to others for some rest

Correct Ans: A

Q75) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At the eleventh hour

A) Very late in the evening B) A state of confusion C) Time for debate D) Just before the deadline

Correct Ans: D

Q76) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To judge a book by its cover

A) To be good at evaluating people B) To evaluate people's worth by their outward appearance C) To strictly follow the rules
D) To understand a difficult situation



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Q77) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Wet blanket

A) One who acts stupidly B) One who cannot be trusted C) One who is frequently ill D) One who spoils other people's fun

Q78) Select the correct meaning of the idiom in bold and italics.

Look, ***the devil is beating his wife***. Do you think we'll see a rainbow?

A) One who presents a counter argument B) The sun is shining while it rains
C) If you have nothing to do, you are likely to do some mischief
D) When someone comes in unexpectedly while being talked about

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Q1) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

That's all she wrote

A) There is nothing more to be said B) Limited information C) One-sided story D) An unreal and imaginary story

Q2) Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The trip to Europe cost us an arm and a leg!

A) Was cheap B) Was very expensive C) Was more than assumed D) Cost nothing

Q3) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Chew the fat

A) To eat a large meal B) To make a difficult decision C) To get into an argument D) To gossip or chat casually

Q4) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To crow over something

A) To be sensitive over something B) To revel boastfully over something C) To cry over defeat D) To interfere in something

Q5) Select the idiom that can substitute the underlined group of words.

All the candidates have strong determination to succeed

A) Flash in the pan B) Fire in their bellies C) Raise the roof D) Food for thought

Q6) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Fly off the handle

A) To make a mistake while performing a task B) To fly somewhere in hurry
C) To lose one's temper suddenly and unexpectedly D) To forget something important



Q7) Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

My friend was **playing the devil's advocate** in the discussion.

A) One who is composed at all times B) One who argues against something just for the sake of arguing

C) One who is good at judgement D) One who pits the culprit against the lawyer

Q8) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Some look to legislation to hasten the progress of social reforms.

A) peek at B) rely on C) ignore D) see

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Q1) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bend over backwards

A) Using wrongful means B) Working hard to try to impress C) Going backward D) Working slowly and lazily

Q2) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Left out in the cold

A) To leave in hurry B) To be ignored C) To serve stale and cold food D) To bear extreme weather condition

Q3) Select the most appropriate idiomatic expression that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Both Nitin and Uday are of the same interests.

A) different kettles of fish B) blowing smoke without fire C) birds of the same feather D) under the weather

Q4) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

The best of both worlds

A) Better to show than tell B) An ideal situation C) Make people comfortable D) Good things come after bad things

Q5) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A leopard can't change his spots

A) Someone who is cherished above all others B) Something good that isn't recognised at first

C) You cannot change who you are D) A visual presentation is far more descriptive than words

Q6) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

I hate to get off on the wrong foot.

A) To start something with positive factors B) To start something with neutral factors



C) To start a relationship or activity badly D) To start something with an injury on the wrong foot

Correct Ans: C

Q7) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

We dodged a bullet when we didn't fall for the agents' words.

A) To give something a try B) To be out of your comfort zone C) To start performing better D) To narrowly avoid situation

Correct Ans: D

Q8) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Students often burn the midnight oil to qualify for competitive examinations.

A) sleep well B) want to be at a place full of light C) work until late at night D) put the things on fire at night

Correct Ans: C

Q9) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

An arm and a leg

A) To be lost and bewildered B) A large amount of money C) Everything is ready D) To ask for too much **Correct Ans: B**

Q10) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

More people in Turkey are on the breadline now than thirty years ago.

A) Be very poor B) Are well educated C) Earn a lot of money D) Be very expensive

Correct Ans: A

Q11) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Choosing not to pursue a degree in computer engineering was _____, as the market for them is extremely limited nowadays.

A) a blessing in disguise B) an elevator pitch C) a cut above D) airy fairy

Correct Ans: A

Q12) Select the correct idiom to replace the underlined segment in the given sentence.

We should ask Emily to join our team. She is as keen as butter.

A) as keen as mustard B) as keen as a bee C) as keen as sugar D) as keen as salt

Correct Ans: A

Q13) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

I think we should _____ before buying this car.

A) hold our horses B) stop to change horses C) eat like a horse D) get off our high horse

Correct Ans: A

Q14) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

What a small world!

A) What a coincidence! B) What a beautiful place! C) The world is great. D) The world is a village.

Correct Ans: A

Q15) Choose the most suitable idiom for the given situation.

Ravi has a strong desire to be in college hockey team this year and he is working hard to gain such skills to fulfill his goal of life. He has clearly made up his mind to achieve his target.

A) To make the cut B) Set sights on C) To move the goal posts D) To rise to the occasion

Correct Ans: B

Q16) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Crack someone up

A) To force someone to commit a mistake B) To make someone angry C) To criticise someone D) To make someone laugh



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Q17) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

All my efforts went in vain. The project on which I was working for the last two months has failed and we are _____.

A) on the fly **B)** around the bend **C)** all in the seventh heaven **D)** back to square one

Correct Ans: D

Q18) Select the correct idiom to substitute the underlined word segment in the following sentence.

She trusted her husband but he stabbed her in the neck when he usurped her inheritance.

A) stabbed her in the back **B)** stabbed her prospects **C)** snapped her in the neck **D)** stabbed her with a fork

Correct Ans: A

Q19) Select the correct idiom that can substitute the italicised group of words in the given sentence.

He really stinks and *smells foul* after a hard session at the gym.

A) pen and ink **B)** an old flame **C)** lame excuse **D)** an iron will

Correct Ans: A

Q20) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Keep a straight face

A) Make more of an effort **B)** Become very confused

C) Not laugh or change your expression even though you want to laugh **D)** Get on extremely well with someone

Correct Ans: C

Q21) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

He made a mess of that bookcase he was supposed to be repairing.

A) made a pig's ear **B)** had a butcher hook **C)** made a clean breast **D)** brought a dog's breast

Correct Ans: A

Q22) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Grasping at straws

A) Trying to find manipulative ways to succeed

B) Trying to find some way to succeed when nothing you choose is likely to work

C) Trying to find some way to succeed when you see others are also doing the same

D) Trying to find the best way to compete with others when nothing you choose is likely to work

Correct Ans: B

Q23) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Face the music

A) To have the problems with money **B)** To be cheated by someone you trust **C)** To work every possible way to succeed

D) To accept punishment for some mistake which you have done

Correct Ans: D

Q24) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A plum job

A) A job involving extensive travelling **B)** An easy and pleasant job **C)** A rare job **D)** A difficult job

Correct Ans: B



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Q25) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Keep count of

A) To accept an invitation **B)** To remember a total **C)** To remind of a deadline **D)** To act more politely

Correct Ans: B

Q26) Select the most appropriate idiom or phrase to complete the given sentence.

I like her because she never likes to make _____.

A) a quick buck **B)** a drop in the bucket **C)** a slap on the wrist **D)** a bed of roses

Correct Ans: A

Q27) Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined idiom/phrase in the given sentence.

You cannot throw dust into my eyes.

A) terrify me **B)** abuse me **C)** mislead or deceive me **D)** hurt me

Correct Ans: C

Q28) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

I was going to mention it, but it _____.

A) bore in mind **B)** slipped my mind **C)** brought to mind **D)** changed my mind

Correct Ans: B

Q29) Select the most appropriate idiomatic expression to substitute for the underlined segment in the given sentence.

I had to work late in the night for nearly three months to write my first book.

A) to look through coloured glasses **B)** to burn the midnight oil **C)** to take a back seat **D)** to blow a fuse

Correct Ans: B

Q30) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Boil the ocean

A) Something very big **B)** Try to do something impossible **C)** Something which gets hot gradually

D) To make someone very angry

Correct Ans: B

Q31) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

We've sent a very strong protest letter. That should make them sit up and take notice.

A) Attend **B)** Observe **C)** Consider **D)** Follow

Correct Ans: C

Q32) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom that can be substituted in the following sentence.

Right now, my hands are full.

A) My hands are filled up **B)** I'm very busy **C)** My hands are swollen **D)** I'm very tired

Correct Ans: B

Q33) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Open your heart

A) Share your deepest feelings **B)** Feel relieved because the stress is removed **C)** Immediately think of something

D) Could do something very easily

Correct Ans: A

Q34) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

You must lie in the bed you have made.

A) Be contended always **B)** Sleep in your own bed **C)** Face the unpleasant consequences of your own acts

D) Sleep on the bed you made yourself



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Q35) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Burn one's bridges

A) Working very hard **B)** Impossible to return to an earlier state **C)** Attack on one's enemy **D)** Having an overnight success

Q36) Select the most appropriate idiomatic expression to fill in the blank.

Our Director took a meeting and asked us to express our views on _____ of the new HR policy.

A) the hook **B)** the ups and downs **C)** the bandwagon **D)** the pros and cons

Q37) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

He got a burst of energy and started digging again.

A) a fancy of someone **B)** took bull by the horns **C)** second wind **D)** heart on the sleeve

Q38) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

The company had some initial problems, but now it is _____.

A) flying the nest **B)** flying a kite **C)** flying high **D)** flying like a rock

Q39) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Part and parcel

A) Passing blame to someone else **B)** Basic or essential element **C)** A payment system for parcels

D) Agreement with someone

Q40) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A snowball effect

A) Trick someone completely **B)** An accelerating growth of magnitude **C)** Cold and uncomfortable **D)** Slow movement

Q41) Select the most appropriate idiom to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

My final round of Spell Bee Competition is coming up and to win this event, I need to study hard from today.

A) burn the books **B)** hit the books **C)** cut to the chase **D)** pour my heart out

Q42) Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation.

He started with an online company and became a millionaire. Then, he sold it and invested in the share market and earned more money. Now, he has invested in the transportation industry and is generating huge wealth.

What does he have?

A) As genuine as a three-dollar bill **B)** Sticky fingers **C)** Rule of thumb **D)** Midas touch

Q43) Choose the idiom that can best substitute the underlined part of the given sentence.

Shelley ignored her father's wish of studying arts and instead took admission in commerce.

A) Big fish **B)** Beyond the pale **C)** Bid defiance to **D)** Blew over

Q44) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The office management was in dire straits after the financial crash.



A) Being direct or fair B) To be extremely happy C) In a very bad situation D) To walk on already trodden paths

Correct Ans: C

Q45) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get your act together

A) To get the conversation going B) To organise yourself so that you can do something properly C) To ruin one's plans
D) To understand something complicated

Correct Ans: B

Q46) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Do you believe that you have a possibility of getting that job?

A) stand a chance B) shoot the breeze C) snow job D) spill the beans

Correct Ans: A

Q47) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

There are others waiting to grab an opportunity; if you don't act fast, you are going to _____.

A) miss the boat B) be in the same boat C) push the boat out D) a full boat

Correct Ans: A

Q48) Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation focusing on the underlined segment.

The modern era statistics data provides useful advantage to the players at competent level.

A) Grist to the mill B) Play it by ear C) Put something on ice D) Cost an arm and a leg

Correct Ans: A

Q49) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

He ate the whole bunch of grapes under the nose of all of us.

A) Secretly B) After much persuasion C) In full view of somebody D) Sharing equally

Correct Ans: C

Q50) Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom in the given sentence.

Nancy held a grudge against her teacher for a long time, but she finally decided to **let bygones be bygones**.

A) Take revenge B) Flatter someone C) Ignore the past D) Change the past

Correct Ans: C

Q51) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To burn the midnight oil

A) To be relaxed and calm B) To waste time C) To stay up late working or studying D) To overthink

Correct Ans: C

Q52) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Steer clear of

A) Be kind and empathetic to someone B) Show someone how to do a job or activity

C) Avoid someone or something because it is dangerous for you D) Loose temper and react furiously to someone

Correct Ans: C

Q53) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

Rahim had to eat a humble pie in starting a row with his neighbour over a trifle.

A) To remain without food B) To feel sorry and apologise for a mistake C) To be punished for doing something wrong
D) To take simple food

Correct Ans: B



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Q54) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Step up to the plate

A) Plan for better performance **B)** Take control of a situation **C)** Implement a plan **D)** Think about a crisis **Correct Ans: B**

Q55) Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation.

You wanted to speak but you controlled yourself and became patient. What have you done?

A) Held your horses **B)** Pin drop silence **C)** Herculean task **D)** Dragged your feet

Correct Ans: A

Q56) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Yamini is a great singer. She will make it big one day.

A) Succeed and become famous **B)** Become financially sound **C)** Migrate and settle **D)** Educated and rich

Correct Ans: A

Q57) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Fit as a fiddle

A) To ignore what someone is saying **B)** To betray a close person **C)** In good health **D)** At the last moment

Correct Ans: C

Q58) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Fit as a fiddle

A) To be extremely excited and energetic **B)** Something is perfect **C)** A good and useful invention **D)** To be in good health

Correct Ans: D

Q59) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Come what may

A) No matter what happens **B)** To be among the latest **C)** Meeting someone **D)** To get frightened

Correct Ans: A

Q60) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To hit the nail on the head

A) To miss an opportunity **B)** To hit something accurately **C)** To be indecisive **D)** To express an idea with great precision

Correct Ans: D

Q61) Select the option that best expresses the meaning of the underlined idiom.

Christy should discuss this with her face to face.

A) With another person in their presence rather than, say, by phone or letter **B)** Almost always

C) Remained normal and realistic **D)** Came to fully accept or understand something

Correct Ans: A

Q62) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Apple of discord

A) Bone of contention **B)** Centre of attraction **C)** Distant love **D)** Practical

Correct Ans: A

Q63) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Sanchit stands by his friends through thick and thin.



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A) In favourable situations B) In winter and summer C) Under all circumstances D) In crowded areas

Correct Ans: C

Q64) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Break a leg

A) To love someone B) To avoid someone C) To wish someone good luck D) To hurt someone

Correct Ans: C

Q65) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

I did not even listen to him; he was only talking through his hat.

A) Talking garrulously B) Talking non-stop C) Talking nonsense D) Talking ignorantly

Correct Ans: C

Q66) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To let the cat out of the bag

A) To hide the truth B) To reveal a secret C) To be in a hurry D) To be careful

Correct Ans: B

Q67) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank and complete the meaning of the sentence.

Most of the ministers are concerned with the _____ of office than the service of man.

A) leaps and bounds B) loaves and fishes C) Herculean task D) wear and tear

Correct Ans: B

Q68) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Doctors are raising hue and cry against the RTH bill.

A) Enquire B) Abandon C) Postpone D) Protest

Correct Ans: D

Q69) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Technology has become a part and parcel of modern lifestyle.

A) an integral part B) an obstacle C) a useless part D) a myth

Correct Ans: A

Q70) Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation focusing on the underlined segment.

I know every detail of his accident because I heard the facts directly from him.

A) Get something out of your system B) Straight from horse's mouth C) Pour one's heart out D) Speak of the devil

Correct Ans: B

Q71) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hear someone out

A) Let someone complete what they are saying B) Dismiss someone from listening to you C) Hear from far away

D) Keep someone out

Correct Ans: A

Q72) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pull yourself together

A) Calm down after an upsetting incident B) Discourage the orphans C) Encourage the rich D) Feel agitated

Correct Ans: A

Q73) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bite your tongue

A) To drink very heavily B) To have something explored C) To avoid saying something D) To scold someone verbally



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Correct Ans: C

Q74) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Build castles in the air

A) To make useless efforts B) To build a palatial house C) To talk pointlessly D) To make imaginary schemes

Correct Ans: D

Q75) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined word segment.

He seems to be undecided about whether to move to another city for better prospects.

A) Counting down the days B) Running out of steam C) Bouncing off the walls D) Sitting on the fence

Correct Ans: D

Q76) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Spill the beans

A) To ruin someone's plan B) To talk randomly C) To reveal secret information D) To make anything visible

Correct Ans: C

Q77) Replace the underlined segment with the most appropriate idiom/phrase from the following options.

This is the critical point of the issue. One should always be focused on it.

A) Don't cry over spilt milk B) A black sheep C) The crux of the matter D) Chip off the old block

Correct Ans: C

Q78) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom that can be substituted in the following sentence.

The new routine will suit you to a T.

A) exactly B) very poorly C) nicely D) a little bit

Correct Ans: A

Q79) Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom in the given sentence.

She said she liked my hair, but it turned out to be a **left handed compliment**.

A) A praise B) A joke C) A flattery D) An insult

Correct Ans: D

Q80) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Spill the beans

A) Give away a secret B) Fail to make an impact C) Sound familiar D) To be very expensive

Correct Ans: A

Q81) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

I have all the technical and communication skills necessary to crack any interview; it will be _____.

A) a chip on my shoulder B) a piece of cake for me C) a storm in a tea cup D) a hard nut to crack

Correct Ans: B

Q82) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bite the bullet

A) Decide to do what is good B) Decide to do the inevitable which you were avoiding C) To bite something very hard
D) Decide to take the easier way out

Correct Ans: B

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Q1) Select the most appropriate option to complete the given idiom.

cool as _____

A) air **B)** a river **C)** a cucumber **D)** ice

Correct Ans: C

Q2) Select the meaning of the given idiom.

forty winks

A) a long leave **B)** a secret signal **C)** a short sleep **D)** a deep sleep

Correct Ans: C

Q3) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

a mare's nest

A) a refreshing situation **B)** a confused situation **C)** a familiar situation **D)** a new situation

Correct Ans: B

Q4) Select the meaning of the given idiom.

split one's sides

A) meet with an accident **B)** undergo a surgery **C)** be extremely amused **D)** scream in pain

Correct Ans: C

Q5) Select the meaning of the given idiom.

lose your marbles

A) go insane **B)** be nervous **C)** miss an opportunity **D)** lose respect

Correct Ans: A

Q6) Select the meaning of the given idiom

bring to book

A) support someone **B)** calm someone **C)** teach someone **D)** punish someone

Correct Ans: D

Q7) Select the meaning of the given idiom.

cut from the same cloth

A) to share resources **B)** to come from the same source **C)** to be of a similar nature **D)** belong to the same family

Correct Ans: C

Q8) Select the meaning of the given idiom.

bad blood

A) felling of brotherhood **B)** family of ill-repute **C)** hostility between people **D)** poor blood circulation

Correct Ans: C

Q9) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Rock the boat

A) divert someone's attention **B)** overcome a difficult situation **C)** disturb a stable situation **D)** pester and irritate someone

Correct Ans: C

Q10) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

have your heart in your mouth

A) to be extremely frightened **B)** to behave in a foolish manner **C)** to be extremely jealous **D)** to get worse and worse

Correct Ans: A

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Q1) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

By leaps and bounds

A) Slowly **B)** Rapidly **C)** Unknowingly **D)** Normally

Correct Ans: B

Q2) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Yeoman's service

A) Fraudulent service **B)** Working under a cruel master **C)** Excellent work done **D)** A thankless and tedious job

Correct Ans: C

Q3) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined part in the given sentence:

Sohan was very much perplexed to find that his younger brother Mohan had taken poison.

A) At any rate **B)** At logger heads **C)** At his disposal **D)** At his wit's end

Correct Ans: D

Q4) Select the sentence that uses the given idiom correctly.

Skating on thin ice

A) He was on thin ice after making a controversial statement. **B)** They were on thin ice due to the icy conditions on the road.
C) They were on thin ice when they skated on the frozen lake. **D)** She was on thin ice while trying to balance on a tightrope.

Correct Ans: A

Q5) Identify the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bread and butter

A) Comfortable living **B)** Means of livelihood **C)** Money making **D)** The breakfast

Correct Ans: B

Q6) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be in seventh heaven

A) To be ignored **B)** To be in a state of extreme happiness **C)** To start performing better
D) To avoid talking about what's important

Correct Ans: B

Q7) Based on the situation in the sentence, select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment.

After the Pandemic, his business crumbled and he is in a difficult situation.

A) Be in a tight corner **B)** Give a cold shoulder **C)** Bolt from the blue **D)** Pull the last straw

Correct Ans: A

Q8) Choose the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At the drop of a hat

A) Eventually **B)** Immediately **C)** Certainly **D)** Consecutively

Correct Ans: B

Q9) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go down in flames

A) To crash and burn **B)** To destroy completely **C)** To fail spectacularly **D)** To burn down completely

Correct Ans: C

Q10) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Read the books of APJ Abdul Kalam, who was a scholar.

A) a dare devil **B)** a queer fish **C)** a man of straw **D)** a man of letters

Correct Ans: D



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Q11) Identify the meaning of the idiom in the given situation.

I will always stand by my friend.

A) Support in difficult situation **B)** Stand next to **C)** Work together **D)** Be in a queue

Correct Ans: A

Q12) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Only those having blue blood can dethrone the evil autocrat and restore equilibrium.

A) Bitter relations **B)** Vigilant nature **C)** Political ideology **D)** Aristocratic lineage

Correct Ans: D

Q13) Select the phrase/idiom that will improve the underlined part of the given sentence.

After two hours of wandering in the desert, we realised we were on a wild horse race.

A) wild carpet rug **B)** wild jackal hunt **C)** wild goose chase **D)** wild shadow chase

Correct Ans: C

Q14) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Ignoring his father's warnings, he said, "an elephant in the room" to his mother.

A) There is an obvious problem **B)** Someone hiding in the room **C)** The elephant got stuck in the room
D) Someone begins to suspect

Correct Ans: A

Q15) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

The players like the coach because he is honest, realistic and practical in dealing with them.

A) far and wide **B)** down to earth **C)** sick and tired **D)** by and large

Correct Ans: B

Q16) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Popular cosmetics brands in India are very expensive.

A) take it with a pinch of salt **B)** cost an arm and a leg **C)** up in arms **D)** flog a dead horse

Correct Ans: B

Q17) Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation focusing on the underlined words.

I invited them to my anniversary dinner but they had other plans, so they decided to politely decline with the implication that they may come at a later date.

A) Took it with a grain of salt **B)** To take a rain check **C)** To spoil a moment **D)** Call it a day

Correct Ans: B

Q18) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence and complete the sentence correctly.

It is important to take this opportunity to make a name for yourself – beat around the bush.

A) fight tooth and claw **B)** bare the foot **C)** pass with flying colours **D)** strike while the iron is hot

Correct Ans: D

Q19) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Gift of the gab

A) A talent for singing **B)** A talent for lying **C)** A talent for speaking **D)** A gift for a person named Gab

Correct Ans: C

Q20) Select the most appropriate idiomatic expression that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

He is very strict with his students but good-natured.

A) he has a big mouth **B)** his heart is in the right place **C)** his heart misses a beat **D)** his eyes are bigger than his stomach



Q21) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

When I went to Egypt and lost my wallet and passport, I was _____.

- A)** rolling up my sleeves **B)** working my fingers to the bone **C)** putting my nose to the grindstone
- D)** up in a creek without a paddle

Q22) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

John was always _____ about becoming a millionaire without doing any hard work.

- A)** building castles in the air **B)** eating like a horse **C)** having an ace up his sleeve **D)** a storm in a tea cup **Correct Ans: A**

Q23) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To leave no stone unturned

- A)** To treat someone/something as if of no importance **B)** To control a person completely
- C)** To win everything that is available **D)** To do everything possible to achieve something

Q24) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined words in the given sentence.

It's Christmas and everything looks so beautiful. It makes me believe that life is wonderful and pleasant.

- A)** I'm facing the music **B)** I'm changing my tune **C)** life is a bowl of cherries **D)** I'm up in the air

Q25) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Beat around the bush.

- A)** To talk about something important. **B)** To go around the bush. **C)** To live around the bush.
- D)** To avoid talking about what is important.

Q26) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

I don't know which career he will choose. He delays making strong decisions.

- A)** is as clean as a whistle **B)** sits on the fence **C)** spills the beans **D)** turns a blind eye

Q27) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

We need to make sure that criminals like these get more from the authorities than a very mild punishment.

- A)** a taste of their own medicine **B)** an axe to grind **C)** a blessing in disguise **D)** a slap on the wrist

Q28) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Despite multiple obstacles, she continued with her endeavour, demonstrating that she has nerves of steel.

- A)** The capacity to maintain composure when stressed **B)** Extraordinary beauty **C)** An absence of fear or anxiety
- D)** Relentless determination

Q29) In question four alternatives are given for the underlined Idiom/Phrase in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.



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In life, there will be many situations where you have to choose between the devil and the deep blue sea.

A) To be in dilemma to choose B) To be in a good condition C) To be in the deep sea D) To choose wisely

Correct Ans: A

Q30) Select the sentence that uses the given idiom correctly.

Have your head in the clouds

A) They had their heads in the clouds by looking up at the sky during a meteor shower.
B) The pilot had his head in the clouds while flying a plane. C) He had his head in the clouds during an important meeting.
D) She had her head in the clouds by wearing a cloud-shaped hat.

Correct Ans: C

Q31) Based on the situation in the sentence, select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment.

He always takes up difficult tasks – those which are beyond his capabilities.

A) Bite off more than you can chew B) Pull someone's leg C) No pain no gain D) Miss the boat

Correct Ans: A

Q32) Select the most appropriate idiom from the options to replace the underlined segment in the given sentence.

After his business failed, he had to reduce spending and adjust to a frugal lifestyle.

A) let the cat out of the bag B) hit the nail on the head C) kick the bucket D) tighten his belt

Correct Ans: D

Q33) Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined word in the given idiom.

A goose's eye view

A) bird's B) hornet's C) fool's D) dog's

Correct Ans: A

Q34) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

When pigs fly

A) Something that will never happen B) Something that will never deviate C) something that will get completed
D) Something that will never last long

Correct Ans: A

Q35) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Sacred cow

A) Unquestionable B) Interrogate C) Hateful D) Harmful

Correct Ans: A

Q36) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Black sheep

A) Disreputable B) Miscreant C) Intelligent D) Naive

Correct Ans: A

Q37) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined part in the given sentence:

Amar was left in a difficult situation by his business partners.

A) Heart and soul B) Hard and fast C) High and dry D) Head and shoulders above

Correct Ans: C

Q38) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get itchy feet

A) Judge something primarily on appearance B) Join a popular trend or activity



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C) Learn something by memorising it without a thought to what is being learnt

D) To start to want to travel or do something different

Correct Ans: D

Q39) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On thin ice

A) On an investigating job B) On a summer vacation C) Communicating with friends D) In a risky position

Correct Ans: D

Q40) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bread and butter

A) Breakfast B) Party C) Livelihood D) Sharing

Correct Ans: C

Q41) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Even after becoming bankrupt, Charlie is able to maintain an outward show.

A) bell the cat B) cut a sorry figure C) bring down the house D) keep up appearances

Correct Ans: D

Q42) Select the option that best explains the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

A team's captain always keeps a level head, even in the most challenging situations.

A) Keeps his head protected with a helmet B) Prefers to keep his head covered with a cap

C) Maintains an equal number of players on the field D) Remains calm and composed

Correct Ans: D

Q43) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Reena decided not to go to work today because she was feeling sick.

A) sitting on the fence B) fit as a fiddle C) going down in flames D) under the weather

Correct Ans: D

Q44) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Keep your pants on

A) To keep calm and quiet B) To wear the dress neatly C) To work like a tailor D) To make things proper

Correct Ans: A

Q45) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Nip in the bud

A) To suppress something at an early stage B) To publicise a long-kept secret

C) To complete a prolonged or unfinished work D) To stop something from growing beyond limit

Correct Ans: A

Q46) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

From cradle to grave

A) To achieve something you needed B) Buying something very cheap or very expensive

C) Giving directions and telling someone to follow D) During the whole span of one's life

Correct Ans: D



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Q47) Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given idiom.

A piece of biscuit

A) Toast **B)** pastry **C)** cake **D)** tart

Correct Ans: C

Q48) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Chip on the shoulder

A) Elated **B)** Emotional **C)** Happy **D)** Offended

Correct Ans: D

Q49) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Spill the beans

A) Accomplish a lot **B)** Tremble at possibilities **C)** Cornered by someone **D)** Reveal a secret

Correct Ans: D

Q50) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

See eye to eye

A) To agree with someone **B)** To get upset with something **C)** To do something pointless **D)** To ignore someone

Correct Ans: A

Q51) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

She now has more than a year as minister_____.

A) under her belt **B)** on her thin ice **C)** in the fast lane **D)** down for the count

Correct Ans: A

Q52) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bite the bullet

A) To help someone achieve their goals **B)** To eat something unpleasant **C)** To face a difficult situation

D) To avoid a situation

Correct Ans: C

Q53) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined words in the given sentence.

I have been living without a lot of money since I lost my job.

A) living hand to mouth **B)** receiving a kickback **C)** keeping my chin up **D)** as genuine as a three-dollar bill

Correct Ans: A

Q54) Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom in the given sentence.

She's feeling under the weather today.

A) She's feeling happy and energetic. **B)** She's feeling worried about something. **C)** She's not feeling well or is a bit sick.

D) She's feeling adventurous and ready for a challenge.

Correct Ans: C

Q55) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Through thick and thin

A) Always supporting someone even if there are problems or difficulties **B)** Never giving up a friendship

C) Sometimes thin, sometimes thick **D)** Never giving up on a goal

Correct Ans: A



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Q56) Select the phrase/idiom that will improve the underlined part of the given sentence.

When our principal said she was leaving the company, I played out the opportunity to fill the job.

A) glided at the opportunity **B)** ran to the opportunity **C)** started at the opportunity **D)** jumped at the opportunity

Correct Ans: D

Q57) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Beat around the bush

A) To take on a task that is way too big **B)** To await an explanation **C)** To do something without any hesitation
D) To avoid talking about what is important

Correct Ans: D

Q58) Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined word in the given idiom.

At the last hour

A) twelfth **B)** eleventh **C)** sixth **D)** half

Correct Ans: B

Q59) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

The best of both worlds

A) Everyone gets a chance **B)** Stay strong in a difficult situation **C)** Do a perfectly good job **D)** Good in every way

Correct Ans: D

Q60) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A vicious cycle

A) a situation in which one problem creates another one, making the original problem easy to forget.
B) a situation in which several problems merge and become one extremely complex problem.
C) a situation in which one problem causes another one, making the first one easy to solve.
D) a situation in which one problem causes another one, making the original problem impossible to solve.

Correct Ans: D

Q61) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

The team always _____ to come up with unique advertisements for all its clients.

A) thinks outside the box **B)** throw caution to the winds **C)** take a back seat **D)** turn the tables

Correct Ans: A

Q62) Choose the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Back to back

A) Present and discuss the details of something. **B)** Try to get something.
C) Something follows immediately after something else. **D)** Do something very fast or with great energy.

Correct Ans: C

Q63) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

I sometimes accept excess work to please my manager, so I take more responsibilities than one can manage.

A) burn my boats **B)** get a taste of my own medicine **C)** bite off more than I can chew
D) hear it straight from the horse's mouth



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Q64) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Make waves

A) To have patience B) To cause difficulty C) To take it easy D) To give up

Correct Ans: B

Q65) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Spill the beans

A) To have happy period of your life B) To be in a state of shock C) To expose a secret D) To have an excuse

Correct Ans: C

Q66) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Up the ante

A) Mediocre B) Increase demands C) Expensive D) Cost cutting

Correct Ans: B

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Q1) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

He backed up his friend's claim.

A) supported B) collected C) added to D) withdrew

Correct Ans: A

Q2) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Better late than never

A) Timely and efficient B) Better to arrive late than not to come at all C) Always be on time

D) Better to equip yourselves to be quick

Correct Ans: B

Q3) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Let sleeping dogs lie

A) Making sleep mandatory B) Taking sleep for granted C) Stop discussing an issue D) Discuss a burning issue

Correct Ans: C

Q4) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Call it a day

A) Stop working on something B) Calling out facts C) Reflecting on past success D) Stop depending on effort

Correct Ans: A

Q5) Select the idiom that can substitute the underlined group of words.

My manager is very angry

A) Pulls a face B) Fat cat C) Loses face D) Has a face like thunder

Correct Ans: D

Q6) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hit the nail on the head

A) Hit the wrong note B) Get something exactly right C) Win something by chance D) Making too many errors



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Q7) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Add insult to injury

A) To make a bad situation worse B) Humiliated badly C) Worst attitude due to humiliation
D) Injured due to a road accident

Q8) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

The elephant in the room

A) Embracing problems B) The hazards of negligence C) A happy situation D) The problem people are avoiding

Q9) Select the most appropriate idiom or phrase to complete the given sentence.

It is easier to learn how a machine works from pictures rather than descriptions, since _____.

A) it takes a picture B) it is pretty as a picture C) a picture paints a thousand words D) its face is a picture

Q10) Select the idiom that can substitute the underlined group of words.

My old phone finally stopped working.

A) Broke a leg B) Came up swinging C) Hit the hay D) Gave up the ghost

Q11) Select the most appropriate idiom or phrase to complete the given sentence.

I failed this semester, but now I am _____.

A) giving a penny for your thoughts B) going to bite the bullet C) back to the drawing board D) going to miss the boat

Q12) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bread and butter

A) Comfortable luxurious living B) Means of livelihood C) Feeling extra hungry D) Running after money

Q13) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Spill the beans

A) To lose a golden opportunity B) To crumble under pressure C) To give away a secret D) To handle tough times

Q14) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hang in there

A) Always go for the gold B) Don't give up C) Give up just in time D) Don't be resilient

Q15) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A blessing in disguise

A) To be successful at everything B) A rare happening C) A good thing that seemed bad at first D) To train for success



Q16) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

When it rains, it pours

A) Both good and bad news conveyed at the same time **B)** Extremely poor weather **C)** Problems are part of life
D) Problems seem to happen together

Correct Ans: D

Q17) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Blaze the trail

A) To get into trouble **B)** To escape narrowly **C)** To burn an evidence **D)** To start a movement

Correct Ans: D

Q18) Select the most appropriate idiom based on the situation given below.

The government is keen to end the disagreement and offer peace after the death of several innocent people.

Hence, they decided to _____ to the terrorists.

A) hit the jackpot **B)** hit the nail on the head **C)** have a brush with **D)** hold out an olive branch

Correct Ans: D

Q19) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Play devil's advocate

A) To argue the opposite, just for the sake of argument **B)** Influenced by the devil **C)** A good advocate
D) Arguing in favour of the right

Correct Ans: A

Q20) In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

He is **facing the consequences** of his corrupt practices.

A) Beat around the bush **B)** Break new ground **C)** Your guess is as good as mine **D)** Facing the music

Correct Ans: D

Q21) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

By and by

A) On the whole **B)** Altogether **C)** One after the other **D)** Gradually

Correct Ans: D

Q22) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Stabbed in the back

A) Betraying someone **B)** Injuring someone **C)** Killing someone **D)** Criticising someone

Correct Ans: A

Q23) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

If you think you can buy everything with money, you are still in a fool's paradise.

A) In another planet **B)** In a village of fools **C)** A real world **D)** A state of imaginary happiness

Correct Ans: D

Q24) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Between Scylla and Charybdis

A) Choice between two avoidable alternatives **B)** Choice between two unpleasant alternatives
C) Choice between two unavoidable alternatives **D)** Choice between two pleasant alternatives

Correct Ans: B



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Q25) Select the most appropriate idiom or phrase to complete the given sentence.

I _____ after a good walk along the beach. The sea air really stimulates my appetite!

A) eat humble pie **B)** have a full plate **C)** eat like a horse **D)** eat like a bird

Correct Ans: C

Q26) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bite off more than you can chew

A) To be too greedy for food **B)** A heavy eater on occasions **C)** Take on a project that you cannot finish

D) Accomplish targets on time

Correct Ans: C

Q27) Select the idiom that can substitute the underlined group of words.

Shyam is a very small part of a big organisation.

A) Zero in on **B)** Bad egg **C)** A cog in the machine **D)** Swan song

Correct Ans: C

Q28) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

ABC of something

A) Simply natural **B)** Essential fact **C)** Chief support **D)** Human instinct

Correct Ans: B

Q29) Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

The condition of the Russian economy is **in dire straits**.

A) Unduly harsh **B)** Hard to comprehend **C)** Very optimistic **D)** In a very bad or difficult situation

Correct Ans: D

Q30) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Neck and crop

A) To and for **B)** Forward and backward **C)** Totally and completely **D)** In and out

Correct Ans: C

Q31) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bosom Friend

A) Enemy **B)** College friend **C)** Fake friend **D)** Close friend

Correct Ans: D

Q32) Select the most appropriate idiom or phrase to complete the given sentence.

Some of the students often _____ before exams.

A) are dog tired **B)** burn the midnight oil **C)** talk chalk and cheese **D)** burn their fingers

Correct Ans: B

Q33) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A mare's nest

A) A false invention **B)** Source of irritation **C)** Fair and honest **D)** With many distinctions

Correct Ans: A

Q34) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Jump on the bandwagon

A) Take a joy ride **B)** Hurry things up **C)** Do what everyone else is doing **D)** Not follow the leader

Correct Ans: C

Q35) Select the most appropriate idiom or phrase to complete the given sentence.

They indeed live _____ as they always dream about making a huge fortune overnight

A) in a fool's paradise **B)** to pull someone's leg **C)** to eat my hat **D)** on a bed of thorns

Correct Ans: A



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Q36) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

The best of both worlds

A) Worldly success **B)** An ideal situation **C)** Trying times **D)** An inescapable situation

Correct Ans: B

Q37) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hold up one's head

A) Move forward **B)** Be confident **C)** Be proud **D)** Make one proceed

Correct Ans: C

Q38) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Milk and water

A) Essential goods **B)** Small items **C)** Remaining goods **D)** Weak ideas

Correct Ans: D

Q39) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pull someone's leg

A) To joke with someone **B)** To pull the trigger **C)** To refrain from humour **D)** To tightly cling on to someone

Correct Ans: A

Q40) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

I take a dim view of that law.

A) approve of **B)** view **C)** disapprove of **D)** see off

Correct Ans: C

Q41) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

God's ape

A) God's messenger **B)** Timid person **C)** Brave man **D)** Born fool

Correct Ans: D

Q42) Select the idiom that can substitute the underlined group of words.

In this organization, Kamal's position has lesser importance than anybody else's.

A) Child's play **B)** Plays a second fiddle **C)** Foul play **D)** Goes the extra mile

Correct Ans: B

Q43) Select the most appropriate idiom or phrase to complete the given sentence.

When my father lost his job, we had to live on my mother's earnings. Then we really started to _____.

A) measure half **B)** put two and two together **C)** keep the ball rolling **D)** feel the pinch

Correct Ans: D

Q44) Select the most appropriate idiom or phrase to complete the given sentence.

I know you didn't mean to break my phone, so there's no use in _____.

A) crying over spilt milk **B)** crying off **C)** crying wolf **D)** crying your eyes out

Correct Ans: A

Q45) Select the most appropriate idiom or phrase to complete the given sentence.

The thief _____ when he thought he heard someone coming.

A) was behind one's back **B)** took to his heels **C)** upset the apple cart **D)** had a tight spot

Correct Ans: B

Q46) Select the most appropriate idiom or phrase to complete the given sentence.

The final round contestants at the Miss Thailand pageant will be tested for brains because _____.

A) of their polished performance **B)** they bring to book **C)** beauty is only skin deep **D)** they hit the nail on the head

Correct Ans: C



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Q47) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hornet's nest

A) Dangerous idea **B)** Unpleasant result **C)** Raising controversy **D)** Secret policy

Correct Ans: C

Q48) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Give someone the cold shoulder

A) Bullying people who are good **B)** Injured badly **C)** Ignore someone **D)** Unaffected by the surroundings **Correct Ans: C**



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Q1) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Keep one's head

A) Be honest **B)** Remain calm **C)** Respect oneself **D)** Become conceited

Correct Ans: B

Q2) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On cloud nine

A) To be extremely happy **B)** To be extremely shaky **C)** To be extremely sad **D)** To be extremely cautious **Correct Ans: A**

Q3) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A wet blanket

A) A person who is enthusiastic **B)** An unpleasant experience **C)** An unwelcome guest

D) A person who spoils other people's fun

Correct Ans: D

Q4) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To draw a blank

A) To forget someone close **B)** To win a lottery **C)** To become unconscious **D)** To get no results

Correct Ans: D

Q5) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A cock and bull story

A) A foolish and concocted story **B)** A true story **C)** A story of animals **D)** A children's story

Correct Ans: A

Q6) Select the sentence that has the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Kill two birds with one stone

A) Maya decided to clean the house but at the end of the day, she realised it was a great workout.

B) Today's fishing session was a success as both the fishermen were working together.

C) He ruined his chances of getting into college as he got distracted while studying for two different entrance tests and not perfecting even a single one.

D) He was so unlucky that he never won a single coin toss in the entire tournament.

Correct Ans: A

Q7) Select the sentence that has the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Die a dog's death

A) The old businessman died in peace after meeting his whole family on his deathbed.

B) Yesterday, a poor vegetable seller died in an unfortunate accident.

C) Wars compel people to starve to death and they are helpless.

D) The doctor who used illegal methods to conduct experiments on humans must die a shameful death.

Correct Ans: D



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Q8) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go back to the drawing board

A) Work hard to succeed **B)** Go backwards as the road is closed **C)** Start planning all over again

D) Have a totally different strategy

Correct Ans: C

Q9) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Give someone the cold shoulder

A) Treat someone nicely **B)** Press hard **C)** Treat cruelly **D)** Ignore someone

Correct Ans: D

Q10) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

I don't buy it

A) Purchasing should be controlled **B)** I am not convinced **C)** Only good decisions can be agreed on **D)** I do not like to buy

Correct Ans: B

Q11) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pull yourself together

A) Calm down **B)** Help the needy **C)** Fight violently **D)** Work overtime

Correct Ans: A

Q12) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hand and glove

A) Discourage **B)** Enemy **C)** Intimate **D)** Oppressive

Correct Ans: C

Q13) Select the idiom that gives the most appropriate meaning of the underlined phrase in the following sentence.

My neighbour has decided to join the air force.

A) Made his own way **B)** Made a fuss **C)** Made up his mind **D)** Made a clean sweep

Correct Ans: C

Q14) Identify the idiom that best expresses the meaning of the underlined group of words.

He is in a very bad situation after being caught with drugs at school.

A) Last resort **B)** Square an account **C)** In dire straits **D)** At cross purposes

Correct Ans: C

Q15) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom/phrase in the given sentence.

Henry said he would help with the rent, but he left me in the lurch.

A) To desert someone **B)** To blame someone **C)** To impersonate someone **D)** To comfort someone

Correct Ans: A

Q16) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Those were only crocodile tears.

A) Pretended sadness **B)** Very gloomy **C)** Mild regret **D)** A weeping sign

Correct Ans: A

Q17) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To go down in flames

A) To fail miserably at something **B)** To take risks whole heartedly **C)** To burn completely **D)** To mend permanently

Correct Ans: A



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Q18) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Ruffle someone's feathers

A) Make more of an effort **B)** Make someone annoyed **C)** Be relaxed and in control **D)** Do something very easily

Correct Ans: B

Q19) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Throw caution to the wind

A) To be too strict or rigid in following rules **B)** To take a big risk or be reckless
C) To be indecisive or unsure about a decision **D)** To be overly cautious or hesitant

Correct Ans: B

Q20) Select the idiom that gives the most appropriate meaning of the underlined phrase in the following sentence.

Chanda always annoys everyone by praising herself all the time.

A) Crying over the spilt milk **B)** Facing the music **C)** Catching one's eyes **D)** Blowing her own trumpet

Correct Ans: D

Q21) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Through the grapevine

A) Succeeded brilliantly **B)** Extremely ill **C)** Through difficulties **D)** Via gossip

Correct Ans: D

Q22) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get out of hand

A) Keep control of hand **B)** Go out of control **C)** Hands should be crossed **D)** Fall from hand

Correct Ans: B

Q23) Select the idiom that gives the most appropriate meaning of the underlined phrase in the following sentence.

'Honesty is the best policy' does not remain valid in the present times of corruption and greed.

A) Hold good **B)** Put up **C)** Keep pace with **D)** Go through thick and thin

Correct Ans: A

Q24) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

He brought his servant to book for breaking the beautiful showpiece.

A) Scolded his servant **B)** Relieved his servant **C)** Sent his servant away **D)** Rewarded his servant

Correct Ans: A

Q25) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To show a clean pair of heels

A) Show clean shoes **B)** To clean shoes fast **C)** To run fast **D)** Show clean feet

Correct Ans: C

Q26) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Easier said than done

A) Not as difficult as it appears to be **B)** Not as easy as it appears to be **C)** Not as moderate as it appears to be
D) Not as restricted as it appears to be

Correct Ans: B

Q27) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Take a toll

A) To take notice **B)** To warn someone **C)** To harm or damage **D)** To ring a bell

Correct Ans: C



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Q28) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Learn the ropes

- A)** To pretend one is trained in something
- B)** To be good with rope exercises
- C)** To learn how to do a job or activity
- D)** To have a talent for magic tricks

Correct Ans: C

Q29) Identify the idiom that best expresses the meaning of the underlined group of words.

There are a number of things that the country needs to improve but the main part of the problem is corruption.

- A)** Last resort
- B)** Dodged a bullet
- C)** Crux of the matter
- D)** Grasping at straws

Correct Ans: C

Q30) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

We must draw the line somewhere as living expenses are increasing daily.

- A)** Draw a straight line
- B)** Fix the limit
- C)** Fix the broken line
- D)** Line up expenses

Correct Ans: B

Q31) Select the idiom that gives the most appropriate meaning of the underlined phrase in the following sentence.

Our secretary is always in the mood for an argument. He must learn to keep quiet.

- A)** To take off
- B)** To go through
- C)** To turn up
- D)** To hold his tongue

Correct Ans: D

Q32) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A piece of information received by word of mouth has no authenticity.

- A)** in written form
- B)** in spoken form
- C)** through an official order
- D)** through rumours

Correct Ans: B

Q33) Select the idiom that gives the most appropriate meaning of the underlined phrase in the following sentence.

I finally understood how to operate the new smart television.

- A)** Hit the sack
- B)** Cast aside
- C)** Figured out
- D)** Don't know

Correct Ans: C

Q34) Identify the idiom/phrase that can best substitute the underlined segment.

They discussed everything in the meeting and finalised the next step.

- A)** the home stretch
- B)** the whole nine yards
- C)** through thick and thin
- D)** the eleventh hour

Correct Ans: B

Q35) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Speak of the devil

- A)** The person we were talking about never appeared
- B)** The person we were talking about was guilty
- C)** The person we were just talking about showed up
- D)** The person we were talking about was a devil in disguise

Correct Ans: C

Q36) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A blessing in disguise

- A)** Get an advantage
- B)** Get a surprisingly good result
- C)** A bad thing that becomes good later
- D)** A good thing that seemed bad at first

Correct Ans: D

Q37) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

It's a piece of cake



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A) It's horrible B) It's easy C) It's tasty D) It's tough

Correct Ans: B

Q38) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

I am of two minds about whether I should go to the convention.

A) holding a clear opinion B) holding a negative opinion C) holding a positive opinion D) holding conflicting opinions

Correct Ans: D

Q39) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

He got a job in the Railways through the back door

A) Without appearing to others B) The main door is under repair C) Entered the office through the back entrance

D) In an indirect or unfair way

Correct Ans: D

Q40) Select the most appropriate idiom from the following options that can substitute the underlined part of the given sentence.

Dheerubai, a source of inspiration to the present generation, started life very poor and then later in life became very rich.

A) Dragged his feet B) Felt the pinch C) Went from rags to riches D) Got it off his chest

Correct Ans: C

Q41) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

All eyes turned to him because he was the only person who could stave off the impending war.

A) prevent B) draw C) invoke D) provoke

Correct Ans: A

Q42) Select the most appropriate idiom or phrase to complete the given sentence.

I'm not coming to office today, I'm _____.

A) not playing with the full deck B) taking a back seat C) letting sleeping dogs lie D) feeling a bit under the weather

Correct Ans: D

Q43) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The rope gave way while the workmen were hauling up the iron pillar.

A) lulled B) repressed C) snapped D) stifled

Correct Ans: C

Q44) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Clear the air

A) To reduce pollution B) To use aroma to sweeten the air C) To switch off fans

D) To deal openly with misunderstandings to get rid of them

Correct Ans: D

Q45) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Nothing ventured, nothing gained

A) One has to make every effort in order to achieve something B) Doing nothing is the best thing

C) Through hard work one can receive nothing D) Nothing can be gained with ventures

Correct Ans: A



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Q46) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The question came up before the Municipal Corporation last week.

A) cleared up **B)** departed **C)** was raised **D)** was left

Correct Ans: C

Q47) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go the extra mile

A) To do rigorous exercise **B)** To make an extra effort **C)** To work for long hours **D)** To show off physical strength

Correct Ans: B

Q48) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hang in there

A) Don't give up **B)** Let go off your stand **C)** There is no chance **D)** put your ego aside

Correct Ans: A

Q49) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Out of spirits

A) To blunder **B)** Gloomy or sad **C)** To disclose **D)** Cheerful or joyful

Correct Ans: B

Q50) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hard cash

A) Notes and coins as opposed to cheques and ATM cards **B)** Currencies that can be paid only in gold

C) Cash that cannot be transformed into liquid cash **D)** Cash in the form of gold

Correct Ans: A

Q51) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A bone of contention

A) A settlement **B)** A push **C)** A dispute **D)** An agreement

Correct Ans: C

Q52) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Stand in one's own light

A) With all power **B)** To act against one's own interest **C)** In favour with **D)** To disclose

Correct Ans: B

Q53) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get your own way

A) Do everything they tell you to do, whenever they tell you to do it

B) Allow them to decide how to act, do not control or supervise them

C) Accept the blame or responsibility alone, even though other people were responsible

D) Persuade other people to let you do what you want

Correct Ans: D

Q54) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bid fair

A) To pay handsomely **B)** Said or done correctly **C)** To assume **D)** To seem likely

Correct Ans: D



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Q55) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pull yourself together

A) Calm down **B)** Stand by your opinion **C)** Pull your clothes **D)** Pull your hair

Correct Ans: A

Q56) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Under the weather

A) Rainy and cloudy weather **B)** Having bad weather **C)** Feeling sick **D)** Having good weather

Correct Ans: C

Q57) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A dead loss

A) Are likely to develop into **B)** Is slightly better than **C)** Crude and lacking sophistication **D)** Completely useless

Correct Ans: D

Q58) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Throw cold water

A) Met with a cold reception **B)** To discourage by showing indifference **C)** Challenge **D)** Flooded

Correct Ans: B

Q59) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Out of the blue

A) Completely unexpected **B)** Emerge victorious **C)** Belonging to nobility **D)** Carefully planned

Correct Ans: A

Q60) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Everybody was surprised to see that he fell flat even after arduous efforts.

A) Succeed without hassles **B)** Fail to win applause **C)** Win a difficult race **D)** Fall from a height

Correct Ans: B

Q61) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

His old car has become a financial burden on him now.

A) An eyesore **B)** A rare bird **C)** A white elephant **D)** An apple of one's eye

Correct Ans: C

Q62) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Midhuna was nineteen years old, too young to buy the farm.

A) Own a property **B)** Spend money **C)** Possess anything **D)** Stop living

Correct Ans: D

Q63) Select the most appropriate meaning of the following idiom.

At sixes and sevens

A) In disorder **B)** Heavy rains **C)** Having dispute **D)** In happy mood

Correct Ans: A

Q64) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

We should teach our wards not to look down upon anybody in human society.

A) Talk leniently **B)** Kneel down **C)** Despise somebody **D)** Guess on something

Correct Ans: C

Q65) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Many unavoidable situations were avoided only because someone had our back.

A) Without help **B)** In consultation **C)** To support **D)** Within reach

Correct Ans: C

Q66) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

The imposition of lock down proved to be a _____ for many students who were not prepared for the



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examinations.

A) blessing in disguise B) piece of cake C) feather in cap D) chip on their shoulder

Correct Ans: A

Q67) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Call it a day

A) Start working on something B) Stop working on something C) Start a day badly D) The time at the end of the day

Correct Ans: B

Q68) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Gift of the gab

A) Talent for speaking B) Very beautiful C) Attached to God D) Someone's precious gift

Correct Ans: A

Q69) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined words in the given sentence.

I know you have been really busy with your work, but can you just give me a few minutes?

A) through thick and thin B) jumped on the bandwagon C) on cloud nine D) snowed under

Correct Ans: D

Q70) Select the idiom that gives the most appropriate meaning of the underlined phrase in the following sentence.

Our Principal looked disappointed when no one expressed the willingness to join the trip.

A) Gave a single shot B) Pulled a long face C) High and dry D) Made a comeback

Correct Ans: B

Q71) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Break a leg

A) Wish good luck B) Hurt yourself C) Wish bad luck D) Sprain a leg

Correct Ans: A

Q72) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The employees made a noticeable hue and cry to get their demands raised to the board of Directors.

A) Celebrate an event B) Protest something C) Participate in sports D) Lie lifeless

Correct Ans: B

Q73) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined words in the given sentence.

I know you're blaming me for all that has happened but I wasn't at fault alone.

A) it is always darkest before the dawn B) make hay while the sun shines C) it takes two to tango

D) leave no stone unturned

Correct Ans: C

Q74) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined words in the given sentence.

Sharon doing the work all by herself? Seems like it is possible, but is very unlikely to happen.

A) a bad egg B) a piece of cake C) pie in the sky D) bent out of shape

Correct Ans: C

Q75) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Rohit laid down his proposal, and told Rohit that the ball was now in his court.

A) It is Rohit's responsibility to take the next action or decision B) He had to continue the remaining time in court

C) The captaincy of the team was on his shoulders D) He had to play the game and win the match

Correct Ans: A



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Q76) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To make both ends meet

A) To live within one's income **B)** To take back what you have said **C)** Quite worthless **D)** To anticipate **Correct Ans: A**

Q77) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The boss of our organisation is considered a jack of all trades.

A) Doing several different jobs instead of specialising in one **B)** Innocence about everything
C) Knowing nothing but boasting **D)** Engaged in gambling

Correct Ans: A

Q78) Select the idiom that means the same as the underlined segment in the given sentence.

She forgot to apply for her internship abroad due to the ongoing marriage preparations she had to help with and now that opportunity is lost.

A) Burning the midnight oil **B)** Beat about the bush **C)** Treading on thin ice **D)** Missing the boat

Correct Ans: D

Q79) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Full of hot air

A) Self-important **B)** Hot-headed **C)** Energetic **D)** Nervous

Correct Ans: A

Q80) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Flex one's muscles

A) show one's muscular strength **B)** give or make a show of one's strength
C) beat someone physically with muscle strength **D)** show that one has more muscles than another

Correct Ans: B

Q81) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given underlined idiom.

The construction of the office building of the company was taking place in leaps and bounds.

A) Progressing very quickly **B)** Stopped due to some legal issues **C)** Moving very slowly **D)** Broken because of negligence

Correct Ans: A

Q82) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A snake in the grass

A) A man with a straightforward attitude **B)** A worthless person **C)** A man of ability **D)** A secret or hidden enemy

Correct Ans: D

Q83) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

_____ , French was the most difficult language for Shruti.

A) Be in the air **B)** Bear out **C)** By far **D)** Break into

Correct Ans: C

Q84) In the following question a sentence has been given with a blank. You are required to choose the correct idiom to fill in the blank.

I'm _____ until my family arrives from their holiday. I cannot wait to see them.

A) getting myself into a mess **B)** counting down the days **C)** losing ground **D)** bearing the gift of the gab **Correct Ans: B**



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Q85) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Apple of discord

A) Cause of happiness **B)** Matter of dispute **C)** Solution of dispute **D)** Disruption of communication

Correct Ans: B

Q86) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

All Greek to me

A) Something that is ancient and classic **B)** Something that is harmful to all **C)** Something that is fancy and classy

D) Something that is not understandable

Correct Ans: D

Q87) Select the sentence that uses the given idiom correctly.

Eat like a bird

A) Overeating is the most obvious reason for gaining weight quickly.

B) The colonial powers colonised small countries by exploiting them and stealing their resources.

C) Nobody can eat with Jerry at the same table as he is so messy.

D) Pinky is on a diet so she is too picky about the food she eats.

Correct Ans: D

Q88) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Shah called Saeed a hard nut to crack, and described him as cool, but intelligent.

A) Someone with good will **B)** Someone who is difficult to deal with **C)** Considerate person **D)** Moderate person

Correct Ans: B

Q89) Based on the situation in the sentence, select the most appropriate idiom.

Although Greta Thunberg gave a moving speech at the UN about environmental damage, it could _____.

A) cut no ice **B)** be the icing on the cake **C)** break the ice **D)** walk on thin ice

Correct Ans: A

Q90) Select the most appropriate option to complete the idiom in the following sentence.

I have a _____ thumb and I love gardening.

A) red **B)** yellow **C)** green **D)** blue

Correct Ans: C

Q91) Select the most appropriate idiomatic expression that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

He wanted to be a professional basketball player but given his height, luck was against him.

A) his health was not in his favour **B)** his principles were against him **C)** the ball was against him

D) the cards were stacked against him

Correct Ans: D

Q92) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

No one even thought that Sheila's success would burst the bubble.

A) Change her into arrogance **B)** Suddenly end **C)** Break the border **D)** Last for ever

Correct Ans: B



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Q93) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

Dinisha visits her mother once in a blue moon.

A) Very rarely **B)** Every week **C)** Every month **D)** Very frequently

Correct Ans: A

Q94) Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Taking the summer job proved to be _____ for Anand's visa applications.

A) come in high **B)** a blessing in disguise **C)** come up **D)** on the contrary

Correct Ans: B

Q95) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

His grandfather always laughs like a drain.

A) Laugh fearfully **B)** Laugh silently **C)** Laugh bitterly **D)** Laugh loudly

Correct Ans: D

Q96) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

In his speech on dowry, he set forth his views at length.

A) explained **B)** hid **C)** ran **D)** started

Correct Ans: A

Q97) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Sit tight

A) Be conscious **B)** Wait patiently **C)** Sit straight **D)** Walk slowly

Correct Ans: B

Q98) Select the correct meaning of the idiom in bold and italics.

The scheme says nothing new; it doesn't ***break new ground***.

A) To do something innovative **B)** Out of operational conditions **C)** To do something that you should not be doing
D) To look into your own matter

Correct Ans: A

Q99) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Gift of the gab

A) A talent of speaking well **B)** Gift from a friend **C)** A very poor gift **D)** A talent of lying well

Correct Ans: A

Q100) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Better late than never

A) It is better not to attend if late **B)** It is not good to reach late **C)** It is better to reach late than never arrive
D) It is bad to read late

Correct Ans: C



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Q1) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Play for time

A) To make excuses or do things to gain time **B)** To play music in the time provided

C) To play something for the sake of old times **D)** To do something in the stipulated time

Correct Ans: A

Q2) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To breathe one's last

A) To die **B)** To make a plot **C)** To give final verdict **D)** To take a major decision

Correct Ans: A

Q3) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Tickled pink

A) Fond of pink **B)** Very sensitive **C)** Very pleased **D)** Easily teased

Correct Ans: C

Q4) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To be on the same page

A) To read a book together **B)** To agree on something **C)** To be published together **D)** To understand what the other says

Correct Ans: B

Q5) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Come to blows

A) Get into a fight physically **B)** Return a favour **C)** Insult someone **D)** Agree on a plan

Correct Ans: A

Q6) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cool as a cucumber

A) Wise **B)** Scared **C)** Calm **D)** Lazy

Correct Ans: C

Q7) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To get out of hand

A) To act irresponsibly **B)** To lose courage **C)** To be indecisive **D)** To become uncontrollable

Correct Ans: D

Q8) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Down in the dumps

A) In a depressed state of mind **B)** In a state of fury **C)** In a high spirit **D)** In a very happy mood

Correct Ans: A

Q9) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To beat around the bush

A) To avoid the main issue **B)** To discuss the main topic **C)** To avoid noticing someone **D)** To explain something in detail

Correct Ans: A



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Q10) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Drop names

- A)** Name famous people to impress others **B)** Show disrespect to someone's name **C)** Assume a false name
- D)** Delete someone's name from a list

Correct Ans: A

Q11) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To break new ground

- A)** To disturb or interrupt **B)** To start digging somewhere else **C)** To innovate or pioneer **D)** To look for a new building

Correct Ans: C

Q12) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To break into tears

- A)** To be afraid of **B)** To fidget **C)** To cry suddenly **D)** To panic

Correct Ans: C

Q13) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Big bucks

- A)** A big loss **B)** A lot of money **C)** A big bucket **D)** A big function

Correct Ans: B

Q14) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To break loose

- A)** To escape **B)** To set free **C)** To let go **D)** To untie

Correct Ans: A

Q15) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

The apple of one's eye

- A)** Someone very rich **B)** A person who is very dear **C)** A fierce opponent **D)** A jolly fellow

Correct Ans: B

Q16) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Blow a fuse

- A)** To react very angrily **B)** To feel sick **C)** To feel tired **D)** To work hard aimlessly

Correct Ans: A

Q17) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

All and sundry

- A)** None **B)** Very few **C)** Everywhere **D)** Everyone

Correct Ans: D

Q18) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hold your horses

- A)** Be patient **B)** Run fast **C)** Take control **D)** Make a profit

Correct Ans: A

Q19) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To kick the bucket

- A)** To play **B)** To die **C)** To fight **D)** To lose

Correct Ans: B

Q20) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To pull a fast one on someone



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A) To enchant someone B) To drive very fast C) To cheat someone D) To win against someone

Correct Ans: C

Q21) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Wee hours of the day

A) Dawn B) Midnight C) Noon D) Dusk

Correct Ans: A

Q22) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Chicken hearted

A) Easily scared B) Readily available C) Slightly risky D) Visibly pleased

Correct Ans: A

Q23) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To give up the ghost

A) To pretend to be a ghost B) To scare away a ghost C) To stop working D) To speak lies

Correct Ans: C

Q24) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Not breathe a word

A) To be quiet not knowing what to say B) To be quiet because you are angry C) To decide not to talk to someone

D) To remain silent about some secret

Correct Ans: D

Q25) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To do the dishes

A) To make a great effort B) To fulfil one's goal C) To eat out in a restaurant D) To wash and dry dishes

Correct Ans: D

Q26) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Wear and tear

A) Destroy after using B) Refuse to use because of rip C) Repair to be able to use D) Damage caused by use

Correct Ans: D

Q27) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To aim for the stars

A) To go into space B) To set high goals C) To see shooting stars D) To be dizzy

Correct Ans: B

Q28) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Keep in touch

A) Be sincere B) Search closely C) Maintain contact D) Trust someone

Correct Ans: C

Q29) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pass the baton

A) pass on belongings to the heirs B) shift responsibility to others C) take part in a relay race

D) share a reward with someone

Correct Ans: B

Q30) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To bear fruit



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A) To put in hard work B) To be creative C) To accept the truth D) To produce positive results

Correct Ans: D

Q31) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Eagle eye

A) An eye with sharp visual powers B) An eye with sense of admiration C) An eye full of curiosity
D) An eye full of suspicion

Correct Ans: A

Q32) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Elephant in the room

A) An obvious issue left unaddressed due to its sensitivity B) A wild untamed animal left to wander astray
C) A pretty affair which is kept a secret D) An extremely fat person sitting all alone in a room

Correct Ans: A

Q33) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hands down

A) With sufficient strength B) Without any weapons C) Easily and without doubt D) Very weakly and slowly

Correct Ans: C

Q34) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At a snail's pace

A) Carelessly B) Quickly C) Very slowly D) Peacefully

Correct Ans: C

Q35) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Spick and span

A) Safe and secure B) Far from each other C) Over and over again D) Very neat and clean

Correct Ans: D

Q36) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hand in hand

A) In totality B) Easily C) Vigorously D) Together

Correct Ans: D

Q37) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Toe the line

A) Finish first B) Follow the rules C) Start early D) Touch the feet

Correct Ans: B

Q38) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To be on pins and needles

A) To be attacked from both sides B) To be in an agitated state of suspense C) To avoid making a decision
D) To sit on a box of pins

Correct Ans: B

Q39) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Having a soft spot for

A) Being too ridiculous B) Having soft skin C) Being fond of D) Being angry

Correct Ans: C



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Q40) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Child's play

A) Playful attitude **B)** Mischievous behaviour **C)** Something that is very easy **D)** Fair behaviour

Correct Ans: C

Q41) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To take pains

A) To be involved in **B)** To wait anxiously **C)** To make efforts **D)** To get injured

Correct Ans: C

Q42) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Gift of the gab

A) Ability to speak confidently and clearly **B)** Ability to please others **C)** Ability to draw sketches
D) Ability to speak in a sarcastic tone

Correct Ans: A

Q43) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Blue blood

A) Noble birth **B)** Bad mood **C)** Rare sight **D)** Weak person

Correct Ans: A

Q44) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In the same boat

A) Having fun **B)** In a similar situation **C)** To be calm **D)** Sharing a ride

Correct Ans: B

Q45) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Feel at sea

A) To travel always by sea **B)** To feel exhausted **C)** To experience sea for the first time **D)** To feel lost or confused

Correct Ans: D

Q46) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At the eleventh hour

A) At 11:00 am **B)** One hour before noon **C)** At the very last minute **D)** Too late in the night

Correct Ans: C

Q47) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To put something on hold

A) To procure something **B)** To postpone something **C)** To cancel something **D)** To transfer something

Correct Ans: B

Q48) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Monkey business

A) Actions that imitate other animals **B)** Dealing in the supply of monkeys **C)** Carrying out business related to monkeys
D) Behaviour that is not acceptable or is dishonest

Correct Ans: D

Q49) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In the long run

A) Regularly **B)** Ultimately **C)** Immediately **D)** Occasionally

Correct Ans: B



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Q50) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Once and for all

A) Finally B) Immediately C) Rarely D) Gradually

Correct Ans: A

Q51) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Under the weather

A) Extremely active B) Able to face the cold C) Ready to go out D) Slightly ill

Correct Ans: D

Q52) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To take the bull by the horns

A) To try to accomplish things B) To take revenge on enemies C) To be stubborn in every matter
D) To deal with difficult situations courageously

Correct Ans: D

Q53) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Down in the mouth

A) To be angry B) To be happy C) To feel hungry D) To be depressed

Correct Ans: D

Q54) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To lag behind

A) To fail to maintain the pace or progress B) To follow someone as a spy C) To chase someone for long
D) To imitate someone closely

Correct Ans: A

Q55) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Lap up

A) Move up very fast B) Accept eagerly C) Go around a circle D) Eat something slowly

Correct Ans: B

Q56) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bite someone's head off

A) Ask someone the same question again and again B) Speak angrily without any reason
C) Scold someone for misbehaving D) Go on repeating the same point

Correct Ans: B

Q57) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Once in a blue moon

A) Happening usually B) Doing something very often C) When the moon rises D) Taking place very rarely

Correct Ans: D

Q58) Select the option that is closest in meaning to the underlined idiom/phrase in the given sentence.

Losing my job was **a blessing in disguise** because I got to spend more time with my family.

A) event that seemed bad at first but resulted in something good later B) a good thing that happened only once
C) task that appeared difficult at first but became easy later D) a joyful event that made everybody happy



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Correct Ans: A

Q59) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To lose one's head

A) To become upset or angry B) To be robbed C) To take responsibility D) To be happy

Correct Ans: A

Q60) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To take stock of

A) To discuss B) To think carefully C) To measure D) To count

Correct Ans: B

Q61) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To get out of hand

A) To get out of control B) To get angry C) To get an award D) To get in a trouble

Correct Ans: A

Q62) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Full steam ahead

A) Make a train journey B) Move very noisily C) Move onward with determination D) Miss the train before reaching

Correct Ans: C

Q63) Select the option that is closest in meaning to the underlined idiom/phrase in the given sentence.

Please cut down on your expenses now or you will face difficulties in the future.

A) raise B) refuse C) reduce D) recover

Correct Ans: C

Q64) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Flea market

A) A place where fish and marine animals are sold B) A place where antiques and second-hand goods are sold

C) A place where vegetables and fruits are sold D) A place where stolen goods are sold

Correct Ans: B

Q65) Select the option that is closest in meaning to the underlined idiom/phrase in the given sentence.

I will always be grateful to my friend because she has been with me through thick and thin.

A) in your own place and other places B) over a long period of time C) during different stages of life

D) in both, good times and bad times

Correct Ans: D

Q66) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Out of the blue

A) Unexpectedly B) From the sky C) Sorrowfully D) Without a uniform

Correct Ans: A

Q67) Select the option that is closest in meaning to the underlined idiom/phrase in the given sentence.

The manager moved heaven and earth to help the factory workers who had lost their jobs.

A) offered good advice B) travelled to distant places C) did everything possible D) wasted a lot of time

Correct Ans: C

Q68) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In the long run



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A) Eventually B) Repeatedly C) On condition D) In case

Correct Ans: A

Q69) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On cloud nine

A) Very far B) Very angry C) Very worried D) Very happy

Correct Ans: D

Q70) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A can of worms

A) A difficult person to deal with B) A complicated situation or problem C) A good source of money

D) A plan kept back to be used later

Correct Ans: B

Q71) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Over and over again

A) Work very hard B) Do something repeatedly C) Start something new D) End of something important

Correct Ans: B

Q72) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Mark up

A) Put a clear label B) Increase the price C) Accidentally stain D) Deliberately smear

Correct Ans: B

Q73) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Worked like a dream

A) Worked in a lazy mood B) A plan succeeded perfectly C) A plan failed miserably D) Worked without a plan

Correct Ans: B

Q74) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Alive and kicking

A) Healthy and doing well B) Strict and non-flexible C) Money earned in return for little work D) Stout and chubby

Correct Ans: A

Q75) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

From far and wide

A) From somewhere B) From a far off place C) From a nearby place D) From all directions

Correct Ans: D

Q76) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In a fix

A) In a difficult situation B) Under repairs C) In a closed space D) Under observation

Correct Ans: A

Q77) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Open-ended

A) Ending is happy B) Ending is twisted C) Never ending D) Having no planned ending

Correct Ans: D

Q78) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

See the light of day

A) Become publicly known B) Work during daytime C) Have a long life D) Feel very hot

Correct Ans: A



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Q79) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Ins and outs

A) Brief points **B)** Some details **C)** Hidden facts **D)** Complete facts

Correct Ans: D

Q80) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To go round in circles

A) To waste one's time and energy doing trivial things **B)** To play a game which makes you run a lot

C) To run round a circular stadium very fast **D)** To be unable to draw a circle properly

Correct Ans: A

Q81) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To blow one's own horn

A) To praise oneself **B)** To become angry **C)** To calm oneself **D)** To breathe deeply

Correct Ans: A

Q82) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A dog's life

A) A sheltered life **B)** A miserable life **C)** A meaningful life **D)** A luxurious life

Correct Ans: B

Q83) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To catch someone's fancy

A) To dress up fashionably **B)** To catch an infection **C)** To imagine things **D)** To appeal to someone

Correct Ans: D

Q84) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To let someone off

A) To scold someone severely **B)** To allow someone **C)** To punish someone lightly **D)** To thank someone

Correct Ans: C

Q85) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Storm in a teacup

A) Too little tea poured in a cup **B)** Anger or fuss about something trivial **C)** Making a habit of breaking teacups

D) Thunder and storm during meal time

Correct Ans: B

Q86) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On the cards

A) Will happen **B)** Not likely to happen **C)** Likely to happen **D)** Written down

Correct Ans: C

Q87) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Having the gift of the gab

A) Has the best gift **B)** Possessive in nature **C)** Talks well and persuasively **D)** Not ready to share belongings with others

Correct Ans: C

Q88) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Raining cats and dogs

A) Cat and dog fight **B)** Raining lightly **C)** Too crowded **D)** Raining heavily

Correct Ans: D



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Q89) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Between Scylla and Charybdis

A) Dividing into equal shares B) Choice between two unpleasant alternatives C) Winning a competition
D) Choice between two pleasant alternatives

Correct Ans: B

Q90) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A fine state of affairs

A) An uncanny situation B) A pleasant situation C) An unpleasant situation D) A punishable case

Correct Ans: C

Q91) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

For good

A) Forever B) For a short time C) Just in time D) For someone's well-being

Correct Ans: A

Q92) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Out of the blue

A) Caught in a fight B) Completely unexpectedly C) Coming out of a blue box D) Always dressing up in blue clothes

Correct Ans: B

Q93) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hang up one's boots

A) Retire from a sport B) Challenge someone C) Tease an opponent D) Show disrespect

Correct Ans: A

Q94) Select the option that is closest in meaning to the underlined idiom/phrase in the given sentence.

My room is always **spick and span**.

A) dark and messy B) used and dirty C) bright and well-ventilated D) neat and tidy

Correct Ans: D

Q95) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Come of age

A) Be too young B) Earn money C) Reach maturity D) Grow old

Correct Ans: C

Q96) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Odd man out

A) Person who is useless B) Person with a hereditary disease C) Person having no knowledge
D) Person who doesn't fit into a group

Correct Ans: D

Q97) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To be off the hook

A) To be trapped B) To be close to the target C) To be in trouble D) To escape a difficult situation

Correct Ans: D

Q98) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Dig up dirt on someone

A) Take revenge on somebody B) Protest against someone C) Bury the dead in the ground
D) Discover damaging information about someone



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Correct Ans: D

Q99) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To land a job

A) To plough the land **B)** To be hired **C)** To do farming **D)** To be dismissed

Correct Ans: B

Q100) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Game is up

A) New scheme has been launched **B)** Deception is at an end **C)** Game is over and winner declared

D) Plan has been executed

Correct Ans: B

Q101) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Drag one's feet

A) Find it difficult to walk fast **B)** Do something deliberately at a slow pace **C)** Have a disability in the feet

D) Be hurt badly on the foot

Correct Ans: B

Q102) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To know what's what

A) To be overconfident **B)** To know the facts of a situation **C)** To be very rude **D)** To be in a difficult situation

Correct Ans: B

Q103) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To rub salt in someone's wound

A) To use salt as a remedy for a painful wound **B)** To help in bandaging a wound

C) To make a bad or painful situation worse **D)** To make a medicine for wounds

Correct Ans: C

Q104) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Think on your feet

A) Adjust quickly to changes and make fast decisions **B)** Be interested in trekking and running a race

C) Be ready to take up all the challenges that you face **D)** Stand up to be able to solve a problem

Correct Ans: A

Q105) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go through the roof

A) Rise very high **B)** Be very happy **C)** Find a secret route **D)** Fall down flat

Correct Ans: A

Q106) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Loaded words

A) Words that common people cannot understand **B)** Words or language that is impolite and rude

C) Words that have been used by well-known writers **D)** Words that carry more significance than their literal meaning



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Q107) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pain in the neck

A) Someone who is always depressed B) Someone who is always angry C) Some who is forever ill
D) Someone or something that is annoying or a nuisance

Q108) Select the option that is closest in meaning to the underlined idiom/phrase in the given sentence.

The owners of the company keep **the lion's share** of the profit for themselves.

A) the oldest part B) the best part C) the largest part D) the smallest part

Q109) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Crack up

A) Find fault B) Laugh out loud C) Grow old D) Become wise

Q110) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go with the flow

A) Control a situation B) Flatter someone in authority C) Swim in deep water D) Do what others are doing

Q111) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To have a yen for

A) To have a very strong and continuous desire or craving for something
B) To have many friends who want to teach one new things C) To want to earn money to go to Japan
D) To have a lot of Japanese money to spend

Q112) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To beat the clock

A) To brag about oneself B) To perform a task within the time limit C) To be very angry for being late
D) To race against time

Q113) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

As thick as two short planks

A) Extremely angry B) Extremely intelligent C) Extremely stupid D) Extremely ugly

Q114) Select the option that is closest in meaning to the underlined idiom/phrase in the given sentence.

The teacher couldn't **make head or tail of** the student's answer.

A) overlook B) recommend C) appreciate D) understand

Q115) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Out of question



A) Wishful B) Difficult C) Doubtful D) Impossible

Correct Ans: D

Q116) Select the option that is closest in meaning to the underlined idiom/phrase in the given sentence.

My mother said, "Think carefully about your life's goal and then don't give up till you achieve it."

A) postpone it B) examine it C) accept it D) stop doing it

Correct Ans: D

Q117) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hit the sack

A) Work hard B) Find a treasure C) Go to bed D) Fool someone

Correct Ans: C

Q118) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Take up room

A) Rent a place B) Use mildly C) Occupy space D) Feel choked

Correct Ans: C

Q119) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Draw first blood

A) Take a blood test early in the morning B) Be the first to gain an advantage or score against an opponent

C) Agree to accompany someone for the diagnosis of an illness D) Be the first to donate blood to help a friend

Correct Ans: B

Q120) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To get wind of

A) To learn something secret B) To enjoy a nice weather C) To gain something unfairly D) To be clear about something

Correct Ans: A

Q121) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get out of hand

A) Calm down B) Lose control C) Work hard D) Slow down

Correct Ans: B

Q122) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A dime a dozen

A) Something which is not expensive B) Something which can be bought only in dozens C) Something which costs a dime

D) Something very common or of little value

Correct Ans: D

Q123) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Maiden speech

A) Unprepared speech B) First speech C) Madam's speech D) Last speech

Correct Ans: B

Q124) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To take up the gauntlet

A) To deny the challenge B) To suffer humiliation C) To face failure D) To accept a challenge

Correct Ans: D

Q125) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To spill the beans



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A) To give away a secret B) To throw away something important C) To work very hard D) To do something very difficult

Correct Ans: A

Q126) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Vanish into thin air

A) Postpone finally B) Mix permanently C) Disappear completely D) Dilute entirely

Correct Ans: C

Q127) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A cold fish

A) A boring person B) A sensitive person C) An unemotional person D) A nervous person

Correct Ans: C

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Q1) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A night owl

A) Someone who has good eyesight B) Someone who never works C) Someone who works very hard

D) A person who prefers to be awake late at night

Correct Ans: D

Q2) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At your beck and call

A) To call someone and then deny B) To call someone respectfully C) To have absolute control over someone

D) To have no control over someone

Correct Ans: C

Q3) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bed of roses

A) A pleasant condition of life B) With all of one's belonging C) Be bound to obey D) As one wishes

Correct Ans: A

Q4) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bag and baggage

A) With all belongings B) Lots of bags C) To make a beginning D) Close friends

Correct Ans: A

Q5) Select the correct pair of words for the blanks in the given sentence.

My cousin likes _____ root and _____ around the bush is one of the idioms in English.

A) beet; beet B) beet; beat C) beat; beat D) beat; beet

Correct Ans: B

Q6) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

After one's own heart

A) Having likes and dislikes similar to one's own B) Having likes and dislikes far to one's own

C) Having a face as one's own D) Having likes and dislikes dissimilar to one's own

Correct Ans: A



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Q7) Select the most appropriate idiom to substitute the underlined group of words in the given sentence.

Once in a year, the management of the institute surveys the whole situation.

A) makes a mark **B)** comes to the front **C)** take stock of **D)** perplexed with

Correct Ans: C

Q8) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

The whys and wherefores

A) Minute observation **B)** Summary **C)** Underlying reason **D)** Interrogation

Correct Ans: C

Q9) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To call in question

A) Challenge **B)** Show indifference **C)** Dislike the arrangement **D)** Take a resolute stand

Correct Ans: A

Q10) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Siraj-ud Daula's defeat can be attributed to a snake in the grass.

A) A deceitful person **B)** A coiled serpent **C)** A devoted attendant **D)** A disloyal soldier

Correct Ans: A

Q11) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In dire straits

A) Crumble under autocracy **B)** Futuristic hope **C)** Very bad situation **D)** Eliminate doubts and fears

Correct Ans: C

Q12) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the italicised words in the given sentence.

It was *a difficult task* to complete a relay run of 5 km in minutes yet our team managed to do it successfully.

A) seeing pink elephants **B)** kangaroo court **C)** a Herculean effort **D)** the heels of Achilles

Correct Ans: C

Q13) Select the correct idiom that can substitute the italicised group of words in the given sentence.

Soma has *made a mess* of her financial affairs.

A) made both ends meet **B)** made a hash of **C)** made a mountain out of a molehill **D)** made up one's mind

Correct Ans: B

Q14) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Steal someone's thunder

A) To find it difficult to choose between two alternatives **B)** To follow a successful person's instructions

C) To take the credit for something someone else did **D)** To imitate others

Correct Ans: C

Q15) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Flash in the pan

A) Something that looks promising in the beginning but fails to deliver anything in the end

B) Someone who helps others when they are in need, with no discussion for compensation, and no thought of a reward

C) Not willing or wanting to change from your normal way of doing something

D) A place where people gather to buy and sell inexpensive goods

Correct Ans: A



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Q16) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go the extra mile

A) Do much more than required **B)** Spend more money than required **C)** Talk more than required

D) Walk more than required

Correct Ans: A

Q17) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

An axe to grind

A) Extra effort for solving problems **B)** Personal and selfish reason **C)** To act justly **D)** Handling sharp items

Correct Ans: B

Q18) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get the picture

A) To buy something **B)** To watch with own eyes **C)** To understand what's happening **D)** To control something

Correct Ans: C

Q19) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Light at the end of tunnel

A) An opening at the end of a matter **B)** Something that signals the end of a difficult situation **C)** Preparing for examinations

D) New light coming out from darkness

Correct Ans: B

Q20) Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom in bold in the given sentence.

Because the shop is closing down, most of the stock is going **for a song**.

A) Incredibly expensive **B)** Receive punishment **C)** Incredibly inexpensive **D)** Something that is soothing to your ears

Correct Ans: C

Q21) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Fit as a fiddle

A) To be of perfect size **B)** Emergency situation **C)** In good health **D)** Limited in scope

Correct Ans: C

Q22) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Take it with a grain of salt

A) To calculate things with utmost precision **B)** To misinterpret that the real situation is hidden

C) To imagine that someone is working against you **D)** To understand that something is likely to be untrue

Correct Ans: D

Q23) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Wild goose chase

A) Competing fiercely **B)** To hunt wild animals **C)** Going on world tour **D)** To do something pointless

Correct Ans: D

Q24) Select the appropriate idiom that can replace the underlined phrase in the following sentence.

As he is never on time, he regrets uselessly on missing the flight.



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A) cries for the moon B) cries wolf C) cries over split milk D) finds fault with

Correct Ans: C

Q25) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Blow one's own trumpet

A) To be confused B) To disgrace oneself C) To praise oneself D) To be very keen

Correct Ans: C

Q26) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Add fuel to the flames

A) Performing a desirable action B) At the slightest signal or provocation C) Making a bad situation even worse

D) On the point of dying

Correct Ans: C

Q27) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hang in there

A) Don't give up B) Overcoming joy C) Don't rake up a controversy D) A wise decision

Correct Ans: A

Q28) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To put a spoke in one's wheel

A) To receive cold reception B) To leave someone without any provision C) To thwart someone in execution of one's design

D) Narrating a false story

Correct Ans: C

Q29) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bite off more than you can chew

A) Too courageous B) Overcome gluttony C) Take on a task that you cannot finish D) Destructive power

Correct Ans: C

Q30) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Lose your marbles

A) To waste the resources B) To be hopeful C) To lose the wealth D) To become insane

Correct Ans: D

Q31) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

The best thing since sliced bread

A) A thoroughly examined food B) A sincerely made apology C) An openly performed confession D) A really good invention

Correct Ans: D

Q32) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To be in the doldrums

A) To be in helpless condition B) To be in utter confusion C) To be in high energy and happiness

D) To be in low and dull spirits

Correct Ans: D

Q33) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom that can be substituted in the following sentence.

She knows Spanish after a fashion.

A) to only a certain extent B) in a certain fashion C) only after the fashion is done D) in a fashionable way



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Q34) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A herculean task

A) A simple work **B)** An important work **C)** A machine work **D)** A tough job

Correct Ans: D

Q35) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

The local police were working hand in glove with Federal Bureau of Investigation to find the reasons behind the murder.

A) To have liking for each other **B)** To progress at equal rate **C)** To be in close association **D)** In keeping with

Correct Ans: C

Q36) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bounce something off someone

A) Distribute materials to the poor and the needy **B)** Throw stones at others without any reason

C) Select members for something without their consent **D)** Discuss ideas with someone to get their views

Correct Ans: D

Q37) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Level playing field

A) Forgetting conflicts **B)** Lack of intelligence **C)** Avoiding differences **D)** A fair competition

Correct Ans: D

Q38) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Raining cats and dogs

A) A very heavy downpour **B)** To escape from the situation **C)** At the exact time **D)** Cats and dogs getting wet in rain

Correct Ans: A

Q39) Select the appropriate idiom that can replace the underlined word/phrase in the following sentence.

Grandmother revealed the secret.

A) let things slide **B)** let the cat out of the bag **C)** let the chips fall where they may **D)** let the chance slip by

Correct Ans: B

Q40) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

An arm and a leg

A) Too much criticism **B)** Willing to work **C)** Too much bothering **D)** Very expensive

Correct Ans: D

Q41) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In the blink of an eye

A) Happen fast and instantaneously **B)** To allow someone to move fast **C)** To flourish **D)** To make progress

Correct Ans: A

Q42) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Miss the boat

A) Boat will leave on time **B)** Fail to take advantage of an opportunity **C)** It is late for the boat

D) Opportunity never knocks twice



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Correct Ans: B

Q43) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Rain on someone's parade

A) To test and check a brilliant student **B)** To blame and hurt an innocent child **C)** To spoil and ruin a happy moment
D) To restore the disturbed law and order situation

Correct Ans: C

Q44) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bone to pick

A) Having a complaint that needs to be discussed **B)** Making a feast **C)** Having a fond memory to tell
D) Cleaning the floor for any garbage

Correct Ans: A

Q45) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom that can be substituted in the following sentence.

The fate of the accused hangs in the balance.

A) gets an unfair decision **B)** remains undecided **C)** gets a very fast decision **D)** gets a fair decision

Correct Ans: B

Q46) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hit the sack

A) To go to bed in order to read **B)** Go to bed in order to sit **C)** To go to bed in order to sleep
D) To go to bed in order to write

Correct Ans: C

Q47) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Out of the woods

A) Always happy **B)** Being arrogant **C)** Not in danger **D)** Risking life

Correct Ans: C

Q48) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

She had to break the bank to buy that purse.

A) To rob a bank **B)** To buy something exclusive **C)** To be very expensive **D)** To go beyond one's means

Correct Ans: C

Q49) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On the ball

A) Aware of any changes or developments but avoid to react to them
B) Unaware of any changes or developments and lazy to react to them
C) Aware of any changes or developments and quick to react to them
D) Sceptic of changes or developments and thoughtful to react to them

Correct Ans: C

Q50) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bear a grudge

A) To entertain the guests with utmost happiness **B)** To feel satisfied with the achievements



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C) To feel angry against somebody for a past incident D) To consider people with kindness and care

Correct Ans: C

Q51) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Gate-crasher

A) A cobra that lives in gardens B) Thick grass C) A person who enters an event without any invitation D) A blind person

Correct Ans: C

Q52) Select the appropriate idiom that can replace the underlined phrase in the following sentence.

Geet talks incessantly about cycling in her town.

A) put a bee on someone B) gives a buzz C) has a bee in her bonnet D) makes a bee line

Correct Ans: C

Q53) Choose the appropriate meaning of the underlying idiom.

She wants to reach the target by hook or by crook.

A) Very rapidly B) Without deception C) By one or the other means D) With all of one's (her) belongings

Correct Ans: C

Q54) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The husband promised the earth to his wife.

A) Promised an impossible thing B) Promised an inexpensive thing C) Promised a necklace D) Promised land

Correct Ans: A

Q55) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The businessman agreed to grease the palm of the bank manager for a loan.

A) To thank B) To bribe C) To cooperate D) To remind

Correct Ans: B

Q56) Select the correct idiom to substitute the underlined word segment in the following sentence.

When the teacher asked him about the homework, he started speaking vaguely to avoid talking about it.

A) searching around the room B) writing in the bush C) searching the bird in the bush D) beating around the bush

Correct Ans: D

Q57) Select the appropriate idiom that can replace the underlined phrase in the following sentence.

He is straightforward and honest and that's why everyone appreciates him.

A) an open book B) a big hit C) bad blood D) an apple of one's eyes

Correct Ans: A

Q58) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Beside oneself

A) Feeling overwhelming fear or worry B) Very shocked or distraught C) To remain silent D) To be happy

Correct Ans: A

Q59) Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom in bold in the given sentence.

I am going to **take a leaf out of your book** and start packing my own lunches.

A) Imitate or emulate someone in a particular way B) A book containing a list of secret contacts

C) Be in somebody's favour or good opinion D) To study very hard

Correct Ans: A



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Q60) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Risk life and limb

A) Making unnecessary fuss **B)** Something that happened unexpectedly **C)** In danger of death or serious injury
D) Seriously ill

Correct Ans: C

Q61) Select the most appropriate meaning of the italicised idiom in the given sentence.

“Hold your horses !” said Mom as I reached for a cookie. “They are still too hot to eat.”

A) Be docile **B)** Be in a hurry **C)** Be in a rage **D)** Be patient

Correct Ans: D

Q62) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Throw caution to the wind

A) Careful **B)** Be cautious **C)** Ignore the risk **D)** Carefree

Correct Ans: C

Q63) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Lay hands on

A) To gently lay one's hand on someone **B)** To give up **C)** To try new things
D) To touch or grasp someone, often with the threat of violence

Correct Ans: D

Q64) Select the correct idiom that can substitute the italicised group of words in the given sentence.

To succeed in competitive exams is not *an easy task*.

A) a bed of thorns **B)** cat's paw **C)** child's play **D)** a black sheep

Correct Ans: C

Q65) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Wrangle for an ass's shadow

A) Fighting for a just cause **B)** Losing temper easily **C)** Making false allegations **D)** Argue over petty issues

Correct Ans: D

Q66) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Snake in the grass

A) Treacherous person **B)** Loyal person **C)** Friendly person **D)** Clever person

Correct Ans: A

Q67) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

Keep an eye on the situation around, and take your decision accordingly.

A) Observe continually and carefully **B)** Ignore **C)** Be aggressive with red eyes **D)** Cries over spilt milk

Correct Ans: A

Q68) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom that can be substituted in the following sentence.

My son was disappointed with his failure, but he took heart and tried again

A) cried miserably **B)** loved dearly **C)** was deeply affected **D)** felt encouraged

Correct Ans: D

Q69) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bury the hatchet

A) To end a quarrel **B)** To convince someone **C)** To be in fear **D)** To face a risk

Correct Ans: A



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Q70) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Chew someone out

A) To scold someone **B)** Make someone laugh **C)** To tackle a difficulty **D)** To eat

Correct Ans: A

Q71) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

The pot calling the kettle black

A) Preparing the tea without boiling water **B)** People are guilty of the very fault they identify in others

C) Making things ready quickly **D)** Speaking strangely in an official meeting

Correct Ans: B

Q72) Select the correct idiom that can substitute the italicised group of words in the given sentence.

Will humanity overcome the greed of leaders all around the world? This is the *most important issue to be discussed* today.

A) burn the candle at both ends **B)** burn one's fingers **C)** burn a hole in the pocket **D)** burning question

Correct Ans: D

Q73) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Spinning one's wheels

A) To make a lot of effort without achieving anything **B)** To talk about random things

C) To talk about oneself for achieving something **D)** To do a lot of work for achieving something

Correct Ans: A

Q74) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Explore all avenues

A) To discover new ideas **B)** To discover new things **C)** To discover new routes **D)** Try out every possibility to get a result

Correct Ans: D

Q75) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Grease someone's palm

A) To lend money to an official **B)** To bribe one discreetly **C)** To give a loan to someone

D) To borrow money from an official

Correct Ans: B

Q76) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A man of means

A) Someone who has earned a lot of fame **B)** A well-mannered man with noble behaviour

C) A wealthy man with lots of money and assets **D)** Someone who is an iconic personality for youngsters

Correct Ans: C

Q77) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Done for

A) Ruined **B)** Retreated **C)** Finished a job **D)** Depreciated

Correct Ans: A



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Q88) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Sow wild oats

A) Engaging in rebelliousness or promiscuity B) Engaging in fighting C) Engaging in disobedience
D) Engaging in planning

Q89) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Even though his car was badly damaged in the accident, Rohan did not turn a hair.

A) Change the hairstyle B) Understand anything C) To show no outward emotion D) Demand compensation

Q90) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pull yourself together

A) Calm down B) Enervate the downtrodden C) Transform society D) Brew new problems

Q91) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom that can be substituted in the following sentence.

The robber showed a clean pair of heels when the policeman came nearer.

A) showed how clean the heels were B) ran away C) stole and ran away with heels D) stood so as to show the heels

Q92) Select the correct idiom that can substitute the italicised group of words in the given sentence.

Prof. Ram Prasad was an environmental activist, and apparently, he became *annoying and irritating* to leather factories over the years.

A) a thorn in the flesh B) a vexed question C) a slow coach D) an uphill task

Q93) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Face the music

A) Music for peace and health B) To face the unpleasant consequences of one's actions
C) Listening to melodies from music albums D) Dance according to the tune

Q94) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Royal road

A) Achieving something by truth B) Achieving something by birth C) Achieving something trouble free
D) Achieving something by false means

Q95) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Public enemy number one

A) A person who always smiles B) The opposition party leader C) One who helps the poor
D) Someone who is the greatest threat to a group or community



Q96) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Silver tongue

A) Speaking to discourage people B) Speaking to bore people C) Speaking with an eloquent expression to convince people
D) Speaking to annoy people

Q97) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Where the shoe pinches

A) Where the difficulty lies B) Expensive shoes C) Tight fitting shoes D) Where the comfort is more

Q98) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The second wave of the pandemic left everyone in the doldrums.

A) In deep sympathy B) In need of help C) In low spirits and despair D) In confusion

Q99) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Penny wise and pound foolish

A) Serious about wealth but never working hard B) Good at spending but bad at earning
C) Careful in trivial matters but wasteful in large D) Writing powerfully but speaking poorly

Q100) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In the fast lane

A) In great excitement B) In terrific speed C) In perfect discipline D) In complete fear

Q101) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Spick and span

A) To be untidy B) To leave a place quickly C) To be neat and clean D) To be in trouble

Q102) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Blaze the trail

A) To receive fame B) To cause a damage C) To be defeated D) Be first to do something important

Q103) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Keep a straight face

A) When a plan suddenly fails B) To pretend to be cheerful C) Look serious though you want to laugh D) To be stingy

Q104) Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom in the given sentence.

The marriage of my elder brother has been **on the cards** for some time now.

A) Improbable B) Probable C) Certain D) Stuck

Q105) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At the drop of a hat

A) Refuse to do something B) Do something immediately without hesitation



C) Force someone to behave in a disciplined manner D) Extremely pleased about something

Correct Ans: B

Q106) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be riding high

A) A drunken person B) A person who is a pilot C) To be very successful D) To be in good mood

Correct Ans: C

Q107) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A vicious cycle

A) Victorious efforts B) Cyclical relationships C) Series of fortunate events D) When one problem causes another problem

Correct Ans: D

Q108) Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

He has got this notorious reputation of teasing and making fun of people.

A) pulling someone's leg B) falling prey C) cutting corners D) pulling oneself together

Correct Ans: A

Q109) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom that can be substituted in the following sentence.

He is not a great leader but, he has the gift of gab.

A) gift of speaking B) gift to gamble C) gift of sleeping D) gift of a leader

Correct Ans: A

Q110) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Will-o-the-wisp

A) Being greedy for money B) Having a strong will C) A splendid dream D) An unrealistic or unattainable goal

Correct Ans: D

Q111) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Better the devil you know than the devil you don't.

A) Being good is better with evil people.

B) It is easier to be in a known bad situation than being in an unknown worse situation.

C) Being cruel is better with known people. D) Do not trust unknown and known devils.

Correct Ans: B

Q112) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Like oil and water

A) Two people who like each other B) Two people who are similar to each other

C) Two people who are different from each other D) Two people who like to work with each other

Correct Ans: C

Q113) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

White elephant

A) A big lie that is concealed from all B) Something very rare and precious

C) Something that costs a lot of money but has no useful purpose D) A business company in bankruptcy

Correct Ans: C



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Q114) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Has bigger fish to fry

A) Has greater plans to discuss **B)** Has more important work to do **C)** Has easier plans to solve the issue
D) Has better choice of food

Correct Ans: B

Q115) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A cakewalk

A) An unexpected twist **B)** A precious memory to cherish **C)** An easy task or victory **D)** A stylish walk **Correct Ans: C**

Q116) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom that can be substituted in the following sentence.

I am at sea after listening to the arguments.

A) stuck in the seas **B)** totally relaxed **C)** sailing on the seas **D)** perplexed **Correct Ans: D**

Q117) Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment.

I thought I finished my work but I realised that all of my work is faulty. I have to start it over again.

A) break new ground **B)** break the back of something **C)** go back to the drawing board **D)** get a pat on the back

Correct Ans: C

Q118) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The child made a wry face when he was denied entry into the museum.

A) A disappointed look **B)** An offending remark **C)** An earnest request **D)** An obscene gesture **Correct Ans: A**

Q119) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be in seventh heaven

A) To support someone strongly **B)** To be impossible to understand **C)** To be prepared for trouble
D) To be extremely happy

Correct Ans: D

Q120) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Taste of your own medicine

A) Extremely pleased and excited about something **B)** Try to manage something which went wrong
C) Try everything possible **D)** Have the same bad treatment that you have given to others

Correct Ans: D

Q121) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To go through fire and water

A) To punish **B)** To tolerate **C)** To face many challenges **D)** To do something easy **Correct Ans: C**

Q122) Select the appropriate idiom that can replace the underlined phrase in the following sentence.

It was a great chance. You missed out an opportunity.

A) are in the middle of nowhere **B)** are a blessing in disguise **C)** are dead as a dodo **D)** missed the boat **Correct Ans: D**



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Q123) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Forty winks

A) To do something forty times **B)** To take a short nap **C)** To hurry and rush **D)** To be worried

Correct Ans: B

Q124) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A Penelope's web

A) An important job **B)** An endless job **C)** A daily job **D)** A meaningless job

Correct Ans: B

Q125) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

If the linguistic minority refuses to vote, it may rock the boat.

A) Upset the balance **B)** Topple the government **C)** Restore the equilibrium **D)** Lead to protests

Correct Ans: A

Q126) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Once in a blue moon

A) Very rarely **B)** To agree reluctantly **C)** Moon in the night **D)** A quick response

Correct Ans: A

Q127) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Head over heels

A) To be madly in love **B)** To have dispute **C)** To be very angry **D)** To have immense patience

Correct Ans: A

Q128) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Have your heart in your mouth

A) Not being of your kind **B)** Doing immediately **C)** Accusing someone of faults which you have

D) Feeling extremely nervous

Correct Ans: D

Q129) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A chip on one's shoulder

A) Being appreciated **B)** Injured shoulder **C)** Huge achievement **D)** An attitude that leads one to become easily angered

Correct Ans: D

Q130) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pour out one's heart

A) To create a record **B)** To challenge **C)** To express openly **D)** To ask for something

Correct Ans: C

Q131) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

He had to bite the bullet when the doctor told him that his injured foot had to be amputated.

A) Refuse to do something **B)** To accept a difficult or unpleasant situation **C)** Commit suicide **D)** Expedite the procedure

Correct Ans: B

Q132) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A slap on the wrist

A) A wrist watch **B)** A small punishment **C)** A secret alliance **D)** A tiny gift

Correct Ans: B



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Q133) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In the long run

A) In the end **B)** Careful running **C)** Purposeful refusing **D)** Simultaneously

Correct Ans: A

Q134) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Armed to the teeth

A) Very difficult to do **B)** Carrying a lot of weapons **C)** Decide to continue in spite of difficulties **D)** Very frustrated

Correct Ans: B

Q135) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The matrimonial alliance between the two kingdoms was actually a Judas kiss.

A) Made through intense bloodshed **B)** Incestuous relationship **C)** A strong bond **D)** Deceitful pretence of friendship

Correct Ans: D

Q136) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

One can always start off with a clean slate for a new and better life.

A) An innocent man who has nothing to spend **B)** Situation in which you can start again

C) A person with no crimes to his record **D)** Provide a clear record to one's superiors

Correct Ans: B

Q137) Select the correct idiom that can substitute the italicised group of words in the given sentence.

My mother ensures every corner of our home is *clean and organised* before my grandmother arrives.

A) a rainy day **B)** root and branch **C)** a queer fish **D)** spick and span

Correct Ans: D

Q138) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On the fence

A) Undaunted by anything **B)** On very intimate terms **C)** Under all conditions **D)** Halting between two options

Correct Ans: D

Q139) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Wear your heart on your sleeve

A) Wearing untidy clothes intentionally **B)** Expressing emotions very openly **C)** Imagining unreal things about others

D) Spreading scandals mercilessly

Correct Ans: B

Q140) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To add fuel to fire.

A) To speak against someone **B)** To fight over trivial thing **C)** To make a bad situation worse **D)** To start the conversation

Correct Ans: C

Q141) Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

An ox on their tongue was the only way officers would have allowed him to carry on the unlawful activities he was involved in.



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A) Telling lies B) Bribed to remain silent C) Being frank D) Getting no appreciation

Correct Ans: B

Q142) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Up a creek without a paddle

A) In an unfinished mission B) In a troublesome and serious situation C) In a satisfied and calm atmosphere
D) In a partially complete construction work

Correct Ans: B

Q143) Substitute the underlined word segment with most appropriate idiom.

They had to cancel their trip at the last minute due to bad weather.

A) at a stone's throw B) at somebody's beck and call C) at the eleventh hour D) at sixes and sevens

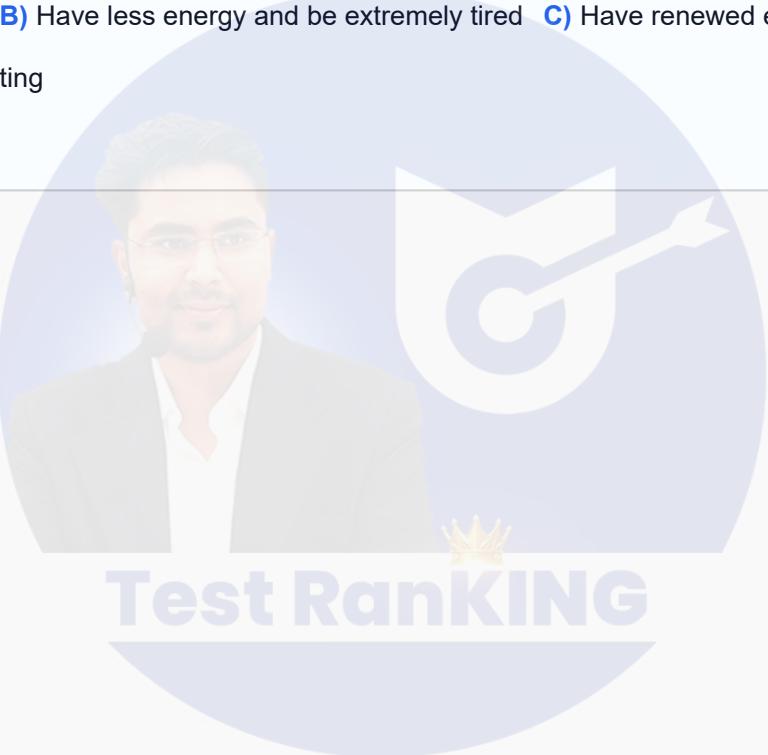
Correct Ans: C

Q144) Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get a second wind

A) Have two different choices B) Have less energy and be extremely tired C) Have renewed energy after having been tired
D) Having less energy after resting

Correct Ans: C



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