

Idioms and Phrases



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1. The project advanced by leaps and bounds.

- a. rapidly
- b. slowly
- c. sharply
- d. simply

2. His speech fell short on the audience.

- a. Had no effect
- b. moved the audience
- c. Impressed the audience
- d. was quite short

3. The officer called for an explanation from the cashier for the shortage of cash.

- a. Asked
- b. begged
- c. served a notice
- d. demanded

4. He took his father's advice to heart.

- a. casually
- b. patiently
- c. seriously
- d. quietly

5. He is so innocent that he wears his heart on his sleeve.

- a. Wears dress that does not match
- b. Express his feelings openly
- c. Wears colourful dresses
- d. Express his feelings with the shape of a heart printed on his sleeve.

6. She denied point-blank her involvement in the crime.

- a. Directly
- b. desperately
- c. stubbornly
- d. rudely

7. The poor subordinates are made scapegoats by their superiors.

- a. Punished for others' misdeeds
- b. Developed poor relations
- c. Treated humbly and respectfully
- d. Scolded with arrogant reactions

8. The matter has been sorted out.

- a. revised
- b. supported

c. resolved

d. changed

9. I take exception to your statement that I am bad tempered.

- a. feel offended
- b. feel unhappy
- c. object
- d. feel angry

10. His friends beat the boy to pay off old scores

- a. To punish someone
- b. to take revenge
- c. to force him to be a scorer in a match
- d. because he had not scored well earlier

11. She is too fond of her own voice.

- a. loves singing
- b. very selfish
- c. very talkative
- d. does not listen properly to anyone else

12. Some people do not grease anybody's palm on any account.

- a. Bribe
- b. flatter
- c. cheat
- d. fight

13. I was so disappointed when my close friend left me in the lurch.

- a. Went away without waiting for me
- b. Helped me in difficult times
- c. Abandoned me when I needed help
- d. Stopped helping me in emergency

14. He was on the brink of disaster.

- a. At the top of
- b. at the point of
- b. On the side of
- d. on the back of

15. The boy felt like a fish out of water.

- a. Disgusted
- b. uncomfortable
- c. disappointed
- d. homeless

16. His speech was all Greek to me.

- a. strange
- b. incomprehensible
- c. inaudible
- d. uninteresting

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17. The poor man moved from pillar to post to get money.

- a. went to pillars
- b. tried his best
- c. went to money lenders
- d. moving from one place to another aimlessly

18. Raju was left alone to face the music.

- a. to bear the criticism
- b. to listen to a favourable comment
- c. to run away
- d. to compensate

19. They were offered six months' rent in lieu of notice to vacate the building.

- a. In spite of
- b. in place of
- c. despite of
- d. in addition to

20. The possession of Kashmir is a bone of contention between India and Pakistan.

- a. a subject of peace
- b. a subject of trade
- c. a subject of dispute
- d. a subject of exports

21. My friend turned a deaf ear to my tale of loss and refused to help me.

- a. went far away
- b. listened carefully
- c. paid no heed
- d. turned his ear away

22. Rahul fought tooth and nail to save his company.

- a. with weapons
- b. with all efforts
- c. using unfair means
- d. with strength and fury

23. He has made his mark in the field of science.

- a. attained notoriety
- b. ruined his wealth
- c. acquired wealth himself
- d. distinguished himself

24. We should guard against green-eyed friends.

- a. rich
- b. jealous
- c. handsome
- d. enthusiastic

25. She rejected his proposal point-blank.

- a. directly
- b. pointedly
- c. abruptly
- d. briefly

26. At Christmas, even the elderly people paint the town red.

- a. indulge in rioting
- b. to have a lively time
- c. Paint the houses red
- d. spill red wine

27. Sumit had to look high and low before he could find his scooter key.

- a. Everywhere
- b. nowhere
- c. always
- d. somewhere

28. Ram was left high and dry by his friends when he lost all his money.

- a. Isolated
- b. rejected
- c. wounded
- d. depressed

29. We should know the pros and cons of a thing before taking the final decision.

- a. for and against a thing
- b. foul and fair
- c. Ups and downs
- d. former and latter

30. The co-operation and esprit de corps between the soldiers and the officers was directly responsible for their victory.

- a. bravery
- b. loyalty
- c. unity
- d. adjustment

31. His dealings are all above board.

- a. simple
- b. open
- c. decent
- d. friendly

32. He is the sort of man who would do anything for a consideration.

- a. if he were paid to do it
- b. out of love
- c. if he found some time merit in it
- d. out of sympathy

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33. The company has been hand to the new masters, lock, stock and barrel.

- a. Completely
- b. financially
- c. administratively
- d. partially

34. Believe me, I am all at sea.

- a. Out of reach
- b. puzzled
- c. very happy
- d. drowning

35. Just because he had won the competition, he should not ride the high horse.

- a. Become abnormal
- b. appear arrogant
- c. Hate others
- d. indulge in dreams

36. We kept our fingers crossed till the final results were declared.

- a. felt scared
- b. was annoyed
- c. kept praying
- d. waited expectantly

37. The poor women do manual labour even when they are in the family way.

- a. In a domestic manner
- b. unwell
- c. injured
- d. pregnant

38. Never take up a fool's errand.

- a. To go with a message
- b. a useless undertaking
- c. One who takes a message
- d. an observation

39. The child pulled a long face when the sweets were over.

- a. look disappointed
- b. feel good
- c. retreat
- d. run away

40. All his efforts ended in smoke.

- a. To give no practical result
- b. to fall
- c. To catch fire
- d. ended in the destruction of the building

41. The result of the examination dashed my hopes.

- a. Frustrate
- b. kill someone
- c. failed
- d. bring great happiness

42. Don't rely on him. He is a fair-weather friend.

- a. friendly only in good time
- b. a successful friend
- c. a notable friend
- d. a jealous friend

43. The leader had the lion's share of the booty.

- a. the larger part
- b. the worthy part
- c. the smaller part
- d. the stronger part

44. The place gives a bird's eye view of the green valley below.

- a. a beautiful view
- b. a narrow view
- c. an overview
- d. an ugly view

45. He always does things at the eleventh hour.

- a. To early
- b. too late
- c. immediately
- d. at the last moment

46. A red letter day

- a. a dangerous day in one's life
- b. A sorrowful day in one's life
- c. An important or joyful occasion in one's life
- d. Both a dangerous and sorrowful day in one's life

47. On the spur of the moment

- a. To act impulsively
- b. to ride a horse in a race
- c. To act deliberately
- d. to act at the appointed time

48. To eke out

- a. To subtract
- b. to supplement
- c. to etch
- d. to oust

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49. To be in the doldrums

- a. To be in low spirits
- b. to be within doors
- c. To praise loudly
- d. to be in a crisis

50. To keep the pot boiling

- a. To maintain interest
- b. to show anger
- c. To heat
- d. to do experiments

51. Lump in the throat

- To be hoarse
- b. wind-pipe
- c. food of the low type
- d. a highly emotional state

52. In vogue

- a. Total absence
- b. smooth
- c. fair
- d. in fashion

53. A wild goose chase

- a. A violent chase
- b. to hunt
- c. Foolish and useless enterprise
- d. to run fast

54. To draw the long bow

- a. To shoot
- b. to exaggerate
- c. to criticize
- d. to admire

55. Count on

- a. As a result of
- b. ceremonially
- c. Depend on
- d. to wait for the benefactor

56. A bird of passage

- a. A flying bird
- b. one who stays for a short time
- c. A unreliable person
- d. bed time

57. Pyrrhic victory

- a. Permanent victory
- b. defeat
- c. Easy victory
- d. victory at high cost

58. Rank and file

- a. Common people
- b. officers
- c. People of high rank
- d. army personnel

59. To have a jaundiced eye

- a. To have fever
- b. to have jaundice
- c. To lose colour
- d. to be prejudiced

60. To flog a dead horse

- a. To whip a dead horse
- b. attempt to do the impossible
- c. Waste one's efforts
- d. to take advantage of a weakness

61. To die in harness

- a. Premeditated murder
- b. dying young in an accident
- c. To die while in service
- d. to be taken by surprise

62. To feather one's nest

- a. To make a residential house
- b. something that lasts for a short time
- c. To profit in a dishonest way
- d. to take advantage

63. To steal the show

- a. Disappeared form the show
- b. won everybody's praise
- c. Crept into the show
- d. stole something from the show

64. Turn down

- a. Sent back
- b. twisted around
- c. refused
- d. handed over

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65. To take to one's heels

- a. To walk slowly
- b. to run away
- c. to march forward
- d. to hop and jump

66. To drink life to the lees

- a. To have the best of fun and fortune
- b. To enjoy a life of drinking and dancing
- c. To have a life full of adventures
- d. To have the best of life

67. Down in the mouth

- a. Very weak
- b. unable to speak
- c. very depressed
- d. very confused

68. To smell a rat

- a. To smell foul
- b. to see a rat
- c. To chase a rat
- d. to be suspicious

69. In cold blood

- a. Angrily
- b. deliberately
- c. excitedly
- d. slowly

70. To give up

- a. To stop
- b. to learn
- c. to continue
- d. to start

71. Put off

- a. Cancelled
- b. postponed
- c. advanced
- d. announced

72. White elephant

- a. Very huge item
- b. costly but useless possession
- c. Very expensive investment
- d. useful material

73. To take someone for a ride

- a. To deceive someone
- b. to give a ride to someone

c. To be idifferent

d. to disclose a secret

74. To beat the bush

- a. Wander across the words
- b. speak in a haphazard manner
- c. Speak in a round-aabout manner
- d. make use of irrelevant reference

75. To strain every nerve

- a. To make utmost efforts
- b. to feel weak and tired
- c. To be a diligent worker
- d. to be methodical in work

76. A forlorn hope

- a. A plan which has remote chances of success.
- b. hope of a single person
- c. Hope of a silly person
- d. Hope about unforeseeable fortune

77. Raw deal

- a. Unripe fruit
- b. early stage of business
- c. Unjust treatment
- d. contract not finally decided

78. In abeyance

- a. In absence
- b. in no time
- c. in suspension
- d. in a nutshell

79. To get at

- a. To reach
- b. to proceed
- c. to advance
- d. to escape

80. A fool's paradise

- a. To live in the past
- b. to have happy dreams
- c. To live in illusions
- d. paradise of idiots

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81. An axe to grind

- a. To indulge in evil conspiracies
- b. To catch a fish in disturbed water
- c. To make a personal profit out of a situation
- d. To aggravate the situation

82. To bell the cat

- a. To tie bell to a cat's neck
- b. To take lead in danger
- c. To be alert of the enemy
- d. To make noise

83. Rainy days

- a. Late hours of the night
- b. Unlucky time
- c. Critical time in any situation
- d. Small hours of the morning

84. The alpha and the omega

- a. The beginning and the end
- b. A nice act
- c. Assorted items
- d. Very costly items

85. Lay bare

- a. Expose
- b. take off all clothes
- c. destroy
- d. exploit

86. Stem from

- a. Kill
- b. induce
- c. originate
- d. ruin

87. Stir up a hornet's nest

- a. Money laid by
- b. create trouble
- c. Neighbourhood
- d. well-mannered people

88. To get along

- a. To manage to
- b. to go with
- c. To leave
- d. work helplessly

89. Make up

- a. Get about
- b. leave
- c. reveal
- d. reconcile

90. With might and main

- a. A big blow
- b. a hard blow
- c. With full vigour
- d. penetrating

91. An iron will

- a. Strong enmity
- b. strong determination
- c. To try one's best
- d. vigilant

92. Uphill task

- a. Easy task
- b. difficult task
- c. interesting task
- d. peaceful task

93. To turn the tables

- a. To expose
- b. To change the situation completely
- c. To escape
- d. To profit in a dishonest way

Q94. Turn a blind eye

- (a) Not able to see the obvious truth
- (b) Hide the ugly truth from someone
- (c) Pretend not to notice
- (d) Stay away from bad habits

Q95. Up a blind alley

- (a) Hiding something intentionally from another person
- (b) Not warning a person who is in danger
- (c) One can enjoy thrills only if one takes risk
- (d) Following a course of action that is certain to lead to an undesirable outcome

Q96. Blood is thicker than water

- (a) Relations are more important than merit
- (b) All crimes are not equal so punishment for murder is not same as that of theft
- (c) Family relationships and loyalties are the strongest and most important ones
- (d) Deceit from a family member hurts more than being cheated by strangers

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Q97. The squeaky wheel gets the grease

- (a) The most noticeable problems are the ones most likely to get attention
- (b) One unfortunate child always keep getting punished
- (c) The person who complains the most is hated the most
- (d) The favourite child or student gets the most attention

Q98. Run out of steam

- (a) To lose impetus or enthusiasm
- (b) To work quickly like a machine
- (c) To give up easily
- (d) No more money to spend

Q99. To go for broke

- (a) To risk everything in an all-out effort
- (b) Failure in relationship or partnership
- (c) Losing all money in an effort to revive a failing business
- (d) To start again after failing in a business

Q100. To sleep with the fishes

- (a) Always be in a dream world
- (b) To make absurd excuses
- (c) To sleep peacefully
- (d) To be dead

Q101. To go down like a lead balloon

- (a) Losing all the money while gambling
- (b) An idea on which one has a lot of hope, but it falls
- (c) Failure in business or venture
- (d) A speech, proposal, or joke that is poorly received

Q102. To get one's walking papers

- (a) One has the right to entry within a country or community

(b) One is discharged from a hospital or mental asylum

- (c) One can leave
- (d) One is free of imprisonment

Q103. There's no such thing as a free lunch

- (a) It isn't possible to get something for nothing
- (b) There is no genuine kindness in this world
- (c) Even a mother will expect something for her love
- (d) Those who are tempted by free things, end up spending more

Q104. Beating about the bush

- (a) Not accepting the real issue and solving minor problems
- (b) To avoid getting to the point of an issue
- (c) To run around in circles and never accomplishing results
- (d) Avoiding coming face to face with a problem, escaping

Q105. To beat a dead horse

- (a) To revive interest in hopeless issue
- (b) A cruel master will expect a slave to work even after his death
- (c) To extract everything from a resource till it fails
- (d) Doing a cruel act

Q106. To chew someone out

- (a) To bore someone by talking ceaselessly
- (b) To discourage someone who is going to start a new venture
- (c) Reprimand someone severely
- (d) To save someone

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Q107. To chip on his shoulder

- (a) To have huge responsibilities on one's shoulders
- (b) Uniform decorated with stars and medals
- (c) Wearing your battle scars like medals
- (d) Holding a grudge or grievance that readily provokes a fight

Q108. To shoot the breeze

- (a) To do random acts hoping one will be successful
- (b) To have a casual conversation
- (c) To release stomach gases
- (d) To brag about some mild achievement

Q109. Get someone's goat

- (a) To improvise (b) To annoy someone
- (c) To do something special for someone
- (d) To explain something to someone in a very clear way with details

Q110. Spick and Span

- (a) High and Low (b) Dark and Light
- (c) Neat and Clean (d) Happy and Sad

Q111. The thin end of the wedge

- (a) In strict vigilance
- (b) Start of harmful development
- (c) Be aware of the trick
- (d) Not a worthy possession

Q112. Get your walking papers

- (a) Compromise (b) Get fired from the job
- (c) To be received gracefully
- (d) To sign on papers

Q113. Know the ropes

- (a) Unable to understand (b) Main support
- (c) To understand the details

(d) To climb on a rope

Q114. On tiptoe

- (a) Greatly excited (b) To be disappointed
- (c) To be in a confusing state
- (d) To be doubtful

Q115. Have kittens

- (a) To pet kittens (b) Be worried
- (c) To have a successful outcome
- (d) To be carefree

Q116. While away

- (a) Spend time uselessly
- (b) To utilize time efficiently
- (c) To be on time (d) To be late

Q117. Turn up

- (a) Disappear (b) Appear
- (c) To take a right side (d) To get lost

Q118. By a long chalk

- (a) Majority (b) Occasionally
- (c) Suddenly (d) A case of emergency

119. A purple weight -

- A. a dark spot
- B. a blemish in otherwise good work
- C. multicolored decoration
- D. ornate portion in a literary work

120. A pyrrhic victory -

- A. a victory which is not possible
- B. devastating victory
- C. a victory that brings more loss than gains
- D. a quid pro quo

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121. A quid pro quo –

- A. Something done in revenge or retaliation
- B. give up
- C. selfless service
- D. selfish act of revenge

122. Under a cloud –

- A. experiencing cloudy weather
- B. enjoying favourable luck
- C. under suspicion
- D. under observation

123. Flogging a dead horse-

- A. repeating our request
- B. making him see reason
- C. beating about the bush
- D. wasting time in useless effort

124. Face the music –

- A. get finished
- B. get reprimanded
- C. feel sorry
- D. listen to the music

125. Sweeping statement-

- A. rash statement
- B. unpremeditated statement
- C. thoughtless statement
- D. generalized statements

126. To a hair –

- A. vaguely
- B. to some extent
- C. exactly
- D. not the like of

127. Let the grass grow under one's feet –

- A. to accept responsibility
- B. to engage in useless talk
- C. to be trifled with
- D. to remain idle

128. Fights shy of –

- A. afraid of
- B. frightened
- C. avoids from a feeling of mistrust
- D. quarrels bitterly with

129. Sink or swim

- a) Start a swimming training
- b) Stay dead or alive
- c) Fail or succeed entirely by one's own efforts
- d) To live or die

130. Know the ropes

- a) Have a lot of knowledge about threads
- b) Remain silent in one's comfort zone
- c) Get involved in an avoidable fight
- d) Be informed about the details of a situation or task

131. cut the mustard

- a) Operate in a satisfactory manner
- b) Achieve goals in unconventional ways
- c) Expand the horizon with a broader perspective
- d) Look out for minute details

132. Vote with one's feet

- a) Cover a good distance by one feet
- b) Participate in elections by hook and crook
- c) To show one's displeasure by walking out
- d) Get engulfed in a lot of activities at the same time

133. Bell the cat

- a) Deprived of basic fundamental rights
- b) To undertake a risky or impossible task
- c) To behave cruelly with cat
- d) Love someone's cat

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134. Touch and go

- a) A desired outcome possible but very uncertain
- b) A venture started secretly
- c) Participate in time restraining activities
- d) Waste of time

135. A Benjamin's portion

- a) A scientific part
- b) Leftover part after use
- c) A large portion
- d) Curse someone

136. To put one's hand to plough

- a) Start an agricultural venture
- b) Take care a lot many things at the same time
- c) To participate in a fun event
- d) To set to work

137. Reading between the lines

- a) Nerd's paradise
- b) Look for a meaning that is implied rather than explicitly stated
- c) Be present at the right moment in a meeting
- d) Enhance your skill set in an unconventional way

138. Beating about the bush

- a) Avoid the main topic
- b) To disclose a secret
- c) Remove obstacle from your way
- d) Being dedicated towards a greater goal

139. To move heaven and earth

- a) Sway the momentum to turn the table
- b) To do everything you can to achieve something
- c) Rely on preconceived notions to get the work done

d) Participate in an unconventional way

140. To pour oil on troubled waters

- a) To initial conversation with a stranger
- b) Sideline someone because of understanding
- c) Spread the existing dispute
- d) To make peace on a dispute or disagreement

141. Open Pandora's Box

- a) Build momentum to wave path for immediate success
- b) Ruling out the myths about a mystery
- c) To find a source of great troubles and problems
- d) To everyone happy by distributing the share equally

142. Give cold shoulder

- a) intentionally ignore someone
- b) Had a monstrous fight with someone
- c) To spread a false rumor about someone
- d) To accept defeat without even trying

143. Break the ice

- a) Point out someone's fault deliberately
- b) Point out distress among a specific community
- c) To initiate a social conversation or interaction
- d) To make arrangement for a feast

144. It takes two to tango

- a) Restrict the movement
- b) Went on a trip in a group of two
- c) To hear rumors about something or someone
- d) Actions and communications need more than one person

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145. Icing on the cake

- a) To learn something formally
- b) An attractive but inessential addition or enhancement.
- c) To follow the rules strictly
- d) To make something useful by using waste products

146. Devil's advocate

- a) An accomplice in crime
- b) Someone who presents a counter-argument
- c) Someone who supports a criminal
- d) A cruel person

147. Blessing in disguise

- a) Something good that isn't recognized at first
- b) A talented person c) A kindhearted person
- d) Something which was not expected

148. Cat got your tongue

- a) Speechless b) One who talks a lot
- c) One who is scared of very small things
- d) One who is daring to take risks

149. Read the riot act

- a) To reprimand someone harshly.
- b) To learn something formally.
- c) To ask someone to know the rules properly before making a comment.
- d) To follow the rules strictly.

150. Out of the woods

- a) Lacking in knowledge.
- b) To have passed a dangerous phase successfully.
- c) To be reduced to a shadow of one's former self.

d) To make something using forest based raw materials.

151. Be in the black

- a) To be sick.
- b) To get involved in a legal hassle.
- c) To attend a funeral.
- d) To make more than the expenditure

152. Give stick

- a) To help b) To praise
- c) To punish d) To criticize

153. Chew the fat

- a) To eat tasty food
- b) To chat or gossip for a long time
- c) To work hard d) To engage in a quarrel

154. Bread and butter

- a) Edible items b) Itemized deductions
- c) Start afresh d) Main source of income

155. Bury the hatchets

- a) Risk your integrity to get the work done
- b) Assign significant importance to someone
- c) End a conflict and become friendly
- d) Kill an enemy

156. Bed of thorns

- a) Full of difficulties b) Extreme patriotism
- c) Supporting anti-incumbency movements
- d) Work half-heartedly towards a definite goal

157. Back on one's feet

- a) Venturing into different avenues
- b) To be healthy again after sickness
- c) Portray sophisticated tantrums
- d) Early taste of success

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158. Bronx cheer

- a) To cheer with vigour
- b) To punish someone
- c) To cheer sarcastically
- d) To cheer for an opponent team recognizing their play

159. Neck of the woods

- a) A thickly forested area
- b) To be in deep trouble
- c) Just the beginning of something
- d) A neighbourhood

160. Beet red

- a) To thrash someone mercilessly
- b) To be embarrassed or angry
- c) To be saddened by a bitter experience
- d) To beat the opponent by a good margin

161. Kitty corner

- a) A place where useless stuff is stored.
- b) A place assigned to someone who is important.
- c) A place that is diagonally opposite to the given place.
- d) A place that is isolated and located far away.

162. Get the boot

- a) Join the Military
- b) Get promoted
- c) Get fired
- d) Do the preparatory work for a task to be accomplished

163. Ace in the hole

- a) A crucial resource that is hidden till its use is required.

b) A talented person who is chained by his circumstances.

c) A person who is considered a doyen in his field.

d) A person whose capabilities are limited to a particular field.

164. Run helter-skelter

- a) Risking life for unnecessary adventures
- b) Dream about tidy situations
- c) Reaching the venue at the last moment
- d) A carelessly hurried situation

165. Throw out of gears

- a) Get excited about unplanned adventures
- b) Lose control overgrowth
- c) Disturb the working of the existing system
- d) Speed up the growth

166. Turn the tables

- a) Get into an argument
- b) Reverse the situation
- c) Showing aggressive characteristics
- d) Disturbing the working of the existing system

167. Quite the thing

- a) Very fashionable and popular
- b) Friendly attitude towards relatives
- c) Audacious mind
- d) Significant importance

168. All mouth no trousers

- a) A poor man
- b) To talk boastfully without any intention of acting on one's words
- c) An empty threat
- d) A responsible man

Idioms and Phrases



169. Be in the air

- (a) Harmful gaseous effluents from a factory.
- (b) To fly like a bird or a plane.
- (c) When an emotion or idea is on everyone's mind.
- (d) To be likely to happen.

170. Children should be seen and not heard

- (a) The voice of children is often drowned in company of adults.
- (b) Some children will seek attention by crying.
- (c) Children should not speak in the presence of adults.
- (d) Those children are likable who dress neatly.

171. Ease somebody's mind

- (a) Alleviate someone's anxiety.
- (b) Listen to somebody's grievances.
- (c) Have the capacity to understand the other person's thoughts.
- (d) Keep thinking about some person.

172. An axe to grind

- (a) One cannot cut wood with a blunt axe.
- (b) To have important jobs to do.
- (c) Have an ulterior motive.
- (d) A weapon is useful only when it is sharp.

173. At the eleventh hour

- (a) At the last moment
- (b) Very late at night.
- (c) At a very odd time.
- (d) Luckily have sufficient time to wrap up things.

174. The nitty-gritty

- (a) The low level dirty job which is left to the lowermost subordinates.
- (b) Those with grit and determination will not be defeated

(c) The most important aspects or practical details of a subject or situation

(d) Some people are born tough

175. To quit on someone

- (a) To fire someone from a job.
- (b) To cheat with someone.
- (c) To give up on a difficult person.
- (d) To stop helping someone, especially when, the support is needed.

176. Excuse my French

- (a) Used to apologize for swearing.
- (b) Said when one cannot speak the language of the other person correctly.
- (c) Used to make a flimsy excuse.
- (d) Used when you give up easily.

177. Chicken out

- (a) Quickly move from one position to another in a game of chess or war.
- (b) Be a lover of non-vegetarian delicacies.
- (c) Be easily confused over small issues.
- (d) To decide not to do something because you are too frightened.

178. A bad hair day

- (a) A day which has a bad start will eventually become better.
- (b) A day on which everything seems to go wrong.
- (c) Don't worry over hair loss or else you lose more.
- (d) A day when you forget to comb your hair.

Idioms and Phrases



179. A penny for your thoughts

- a. A way of asking what someone is thinking.
- b. Another way of saying pennywise pound foolish.
- c. An idea is less worth a penny unless it is executed successfully.
- d. Willing to share a secret only at a price.

180. All in a day's work

- a. Even in routine work one can find instances of fun.
- b. Something unusual or difficult accepted as part of someone's normal routine.
- c. A lot of work which is done in just one day.
- d. Work all day on a job that you love.

181. Blessing in disguise

- a. Good fortune always follows bad; that is the way of fate.
- b. An apparent misfortune that eventually has good results.
- c. If a curse makes one stronger than it is a blessing.
- d. A life of hardship does wonders for a person's character.

182. A picture paints a thousand words.

- a. An image of a subject conveys its meaning more effectively than a description does.
- b. No words can do justice to masterpiece.
- c. A great poem or script recreates a complete imagery.
- d. Your mind will create fanciful images.

183. To bid defiance

- a. To disregard recklessly
- b. To apologize
- c. To act in a like manner
- d. To bribe

184. A fool's paradise

- (a) An average person appears smart in company of fools.
- (b) A state of happiness based on a person's not knowing about potential trouble.
- (c) A paradise is ruined when fools enter it.
- (d) Pretending that everything is going fine when actually all is being lost.

185. Get on somebody's nerves

- (a) To calm an anxious person
- (b) To be an irritant
- (c) Be angry with yourself but take out the anger on somebody else.
- (d) To crack jokes at somebody's expense.

186. Eyebrow raising

- (a) Pretend to like something or someone even when you dislike.
- (b) Look up in defiance as a show of rebellion.
- (c) A person finally getting due punishment.
- (d) Something which surprises, shocks, or offends people.

187. Be glad to see the back of

- (a) Be always welcome whenever you go bad
- (b) Talk bad about somebody you hate behind their back.
- (c) Be happy when a person leaves.
- (d) Feel happy that you backed off from a fruitless plan.

188. With bated breath

- (a) In dispute
- (b) In anxiety
- (c) In full detail
- (d) In happy mood

Idioms and Phrases



189. Add insult to injury

- (a) To further a loss with mockery or to worsen an unfavourable situation.
- (b) A disgrace becomes worse when friends and family disown you.
- (c) The world usually slanders a fallen person rather than help him.
- (d) A suffering is compounded if you are hurt at the same place again.

190. Tie the knot

- (a) Get into a fight. (b) Get angry.
- (c) Get more complicated. (d) Get married.

191. Easier said than done

- (a) A task which is expected to be difficult turns out to be easy.
- (b) Intentionally tell some one that a difficult task is easy.
- (c) Be more easily talked about than put into practice.
- (d) Once a difficult task is done it feels easy.

192. A red rag to a bull

- (a) A few inspirational words can do wonderful things.
- (b) An object, utterance, or act which is certain to provoke someone.
- (c) A signal or symbol used to warn a person.
- (d) All prepared and waiting for the signal to start.

193. Be under no illusions

- (a) Not be duped by a cheater.
- (b) Get out of a magic spell.
- (c) Don't have the habit of daydreaming.
- (d) Be fully aware of the true state of affairs.

194. Level playing field

- a. A game played where the weaker side is given an advantage to make it a fair fight.
- b. A situation in which everyone has a fair and equal chance of succeeding.
- c. A game where you progress level by level.
- d. A game which appears unfair but is actually fair.

195. To gird up the loins

- (a) To be unable to decide
- (b) To one's liking
- (c) To be at strife (d) To prepare for hard work

196. Evil twin

- (a) Getting punished for the deeds of another, person who is just like you.
- (b) An imaginary double humorously invoke to explain or excuse uncharacteristic or reprehensible behaviour.
- (c) When two people are alike then one will be good and the other evil.
- (d) To show behaviour which randomly switches between good and evil.

197. Be in the red

- (a) Be the top performer
- (b) To be in a loss or debt
- (c) Be in the list of people who are never invited.
- (d) Be in the bad books of a person.

198. In cahoots with

- (a) A marriage made in heaven.
- (b) A group of criminals
- (c) With lot of determination
- (d) In an alliance or partnership with

Idioms and Phrases



199. Come True

- a. Pray hard for your wished
- b. To happen in the way you had hoped.
- c. Day dream about success.
- d. He finally proved that you were right.

200. Catch red-handed

- a. Apprehend someone in the course of wrongdoing
- b. Successfully accomplish a difficult
- c. Catch someone with colour on his hands
- d. Be warned of imminent danger.

201. Spill the beans

- A. To tell people about someone's secrets
- B. As a low priority
- C. Everyone gets a chance eventually
- D. Once in a life-time

202. To feel blue

- A. To work hard and stay up very late night
- B. To feel very sad
- C. To have faith in god
- D. To commit a blunder

203. No strings attached

- A. An agreement without conditions
- B. Enjoy different opportunities at a single time
- C. To be judged as acceptable
- D. Worried for frivolous things

204. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush

- A. Something is better than nothing
- B. To give credit to a disagreeable person
- C. Only just
- D. To sniff something wrong

205. A doubting Thomas

- A. An skeptical person

B. To keep people at a distance

- C. To interfere in someone's affairs
- D. To regret in vain that can't be undone.

206. Pass the buck

- A. To tell people about someone's secrets
- B. To pass the blame
- C. Everyone gets a chance eventually
- D. Once in a life-time

207. Put a brave face

- A. To work hard and stay up very late night
- B. To feel very sad
- C. To act confident in a difficult situation
- D. To commit a fraud

208. Take a back seat

- A. An agreement without conditions
- B. Enjoy different opportunities at a single time
- C. Take a subordinate position
- D. Worried for frivolous things

209. A Hobson's choice

- A. Something is better than nothing
- B. To give credit to a disagreeable person
- C. The only choice
- D. To sniff something wrong

210. To lose ground to somebody/something

- A. An skeptical person
- B. To keep people at a distance
- C. To interfere in someone's affairs
- D. To lose a sustained share/position

Idioms and Phrases



211. To kick the bucket

- A. To pass away
- B. To keep people at a distance
- C. To interfere in someone's affairs
- D. To lose a sustained share/position

212. A long face

- A. Something is better than nothing
- B. To look disappointed for something
- C. The only choice
- D. To sniff something wrong

213. Make someone the scapegoat for something

- A. To make to bear the sins for others
- B. Enjoy different opportunities at a single time
- C. Take a subordinate position
- D. Worried for frivolous things

214. Icing on the cake

- A. Getting extra than expectations
- B. To feel very sad
- C. To act confident in a difficult situation
- D. To commit a fraud

215. Keep your chin up

- A. To tell people about someone's secrets
- B. To encourage someone in his bad times
- C. Everyone gets a chance eventually
- D. Once in a life-time

216. To poke one's nose into someone's affairs

- A. More people are required to finish a difficult task
- B. Scarcely available
- C. To interfere in someone's affairs
- D. Wining everything coming your way

217. Going to the dogs

- A. Reaching a bad state
- B. Reaching success after much efforts
- C. Very annoyed
- D. To sniff something wrong

218. A storm in a tea-cup

- A. To see signs of plague epidemic
- B. To get back to previous state without results
- C. To hide oneself
- D. Worried for frivolous things

219. A fly in the ointment

- A. To bring good luck
- B. To rush for something
- C. To speak indirectly or evasively
- D. A spoilsport

220. A leopard can't/doesn't change its spots

- A. Hard to live alone
- B. Hard to change a character
- C. Impossible to get success
- D. A situation of lawlessness

221. Take something with a pinch of salt

- A. Believing something with a doubt
- B. To keep people at a distance
- C. To interfere in someone's affairs
- D. To lose a sustained share/position

222. To cut corners

- A. Something is better than nothing
- B. To look disappointed for something
- C. To take short-cuts
- D. To sniff something wrong

Idioms and Phrases



223. From the horse's mouth

- A. To make to bear the sins for others
- B. From an authoritative or dependable source
- C. Take a subordinate position
- D. Worried for frivolous things

224. On the rocks

- A. likely to fail
- B. To feel very sad
- C. To act confident in a difficult situation
- D. To commit a fraud

225. To go overboard

- A. To tell people about someone's secrets
- B. To encourage someone in his bad times
- C. To do too much of something
- D. Once in a life-time

226. Bend over backwards

- A. To try very hard to do something, especially for someone
- B. To keep people at a distance
- C. To interfere in someone's affairs
- D. To regret in vain that can't be undone.

227. A blessing in disguise

- A. A favourable situation under the pretense of an unlucky one
- B. To give credit to a disagreeable person
- C. Only just
- D. To sniff something wrong

228. Best of both worlds

- A. To win a victory over
- B. Enjoy different opportunities at a single time
- C. To be judged as acceptable
- D. Worried for frivolous things

229. To burn the candle at both ends

- A. To work hard and stay up very late night
- B. To contribute money for a party
- C. To have faith in god
- D. To commit a blunder

230. Every dog has its day

- A. Almost too late
- B. As a low priority
- C. Everyone gets a chance eventually
- D. Once in a life-time

231. die in harness.

- A) die with honour
- B) die on a horse back
- C) die while still working
- D) die in the battle field

232. take people in.

- A) amuse people
- B) understand people
- C) cheat people
- D) accommodate guests

233. Rift in the lute.

- A) brought about disharmony
- B) brought about a disciplined atmosphere
- C) caused unnecessary worries
- D) caused a pleasant atmosphere

234. Beat about the bush.

- A) Put any blame on others
- B) pretend to be unaware of the matter
- C) approach the matter in a round about way
- D) try to impress me with your arguments

235. Making a mountain of a molehill.

- a) Exaggerating
- b) boasting
- C) taking undue advantage of a favourable opportunity
- D) giving great importance to tries

Idioms and Phrases



236. Has no bearing

- A) Has no relationship with
- B) is not affected by
- C) provides no evidence to
- D) has no impact on

237. Take the rough with the smooth.

- A) be tough in order to be successful
- B) use pleasant words to make things smooth
- C) accept unpleasant as well as pleasant things
- D) make unpleasant things better

238. came to a head

- A) reached a crisis
- B) settled amicably
- C) took a turn for the better
- D) resulted in a senseless violence

239. over head and ears

- A) secretly
- B) openly
- C) completely
- D) sufficiently

240. see through the design

- A) learn the aim
- B) know the antecedents
- C) know the secret
- D) be aware of the trick

241. to a hair.

- A) not at all
- B) vaguely
- C) to some extent
- D) exactly

242. in a nutshell

- A) as objectively as possible
- B) in a simple and brief manner
- C) an actual experience described vividly
- D) to take into consideration

243. carry the can.

- A) get into trouble
- B) accept the blame
- C) face the repercussions

D) share the responsibility

244. It is high time

- A) auspicious moment
- B) desired occasion
- C) appropriate time
- D) already late

245. At the eleventh hour

- A) one hour before twelve
- B) right at the end
- C) at the last minute
- D) when in trouble

246. red tape.

- A) accepting bribes
- B) formal procedures
- C) corruption
- D) dishonesty

247. like a fish out of water.

- A) disappointed
- B) frustrated
- C) uncomfortable
- D) homeless

248. backseat driving.

- A) teasing others
- B) offering advice without responsibility
- C) interfering in others affairs
- D) being critical of the work being done by others

249. bee in bonnet.

- A) crazy/obsessed with one thing
- B) ambitious
- C) overconfident
- D) frustrated

250. hard of hearing.

- A) inaudible
- B) disinterested
- C) deaf
- D) insensitive

251. a real white elephant.

- A) an expensive one
- B) a big one
- C) a useless one
- D) a rare one

Idioms and Phrases



252. chequered career

- A) indulged in odd jobs
- B) a career which helped him make lot of money
- C) a variety of jobs and experiences
- D) is jobless

253. carried off his feet.

- A) became delirious
- B) danced on his toes
- C) was dizzy
- D) surprised

254. in a flutter

- A) frightened
- B) very angry
- C) in a jovial mood
- D) in a state of nervousness

255. ended in smoke.

- A) Fructified gradually
- B) came to nothing
- C) were discarded
- D) were partially carried out

256. turned the tables

- A) behaved hospitably towards
- B) hit
- C) created obstacle for
- D) changed possible defeat into victory

257. held in camera.

- A) a secret
- B) in strict vigilance
- C) not open to the public
- D) amidst great security

258. prodigal son

- A) given into bad habits
- B) poor and miserly
- C) extravagant
- D) step-son

259. tight corner

- A) in a closed room
- B) in a small house
- C) in a difficult situation
- D) in a meadow

260. wild goose chase.

- A) fruitful hunting
- B) futile search

C) ideal seeking

D) genuine effort

(261) Leave no stone unturned

- (a) Search for the hidden treasure
- (b) Do a futile task

(c) Be known for achieving a tremendous feat

(d) Try every possible course of action in order to achieve something

262. I am fed up with his false promises.

- a) Furious
- b. disgusted
- c. pleased
- d. hopeful

263. Many people in our country like to feather their own nest form the money they raise for social work.

- A) Provide comforts in one's house
- B) Enrich oneself by dishonest means
- C) Achieve something and be proud of it
- D) Make one's family comfortable

264. Don't take it seriously. He was simply pulling your leg.

- A) speaking in a harsh tone
- B) playing a joke with someone
- C) trying to comfort someone
- D) scolding someone for nothing

265. He has set up his business now as he knows the ins and outs of it.

- a. difficulties
- b. usefulness
- c. importance
- d. details

266. After getting the news of his promotion, he was in high spirits.

- a. drunk
- b. joyful
- c. hopeful
- d. mad

Idioms and Phrases



267. A friend is no friend if he leaves you in the lurch.

- a. make a fool of someone
- b. leave someone in a helpless condition
- c. take advantage of someone
- d. leave for one's own work

268. Take heart

- a. to rebuke
- b. to feel grieved
- c. to assess the situation
- d. to take courage

269. get a gold star

- a. to compliment someone
- b. to earn a merit point for doing well
- c. to get killed in war
- d. to obtain possession of something

270. Donkey's years

- a. having long ears
- b. a very long time
- c. instantly
- d. once in a while

271. the icing on the cake

- a. something that delays action
- b. Something that is essential but difficult
- c. something that makes one happy
- d. something that makes a good situation even better

272. The whole nine yards

- a. An act of kindness
- b. an enjoyable situation
- c. An essential part
- d. the entirety of something

273. hit the nail on the head

- a. to assess the situation immediately
- b. to make the precisely correct point
- c. to hit someone on the head

d. to handle a difficult situation

274. get out of hand

- a. to act irresponsibly
- b. to become uncontrollable
- c. to lose courage
- d. to be indecisive

275. to give the slip

- a. to hide
- b. to hit someone
- c. to escape
- d. to keep low

276. In a nutshell

- a. in serious trouble
- b. in disgrace
- c. in control
- d. in short

277. A fish out of water

- a. in the absence of something
- b. feeling sick
- c. in unfamiliar circumstances
- d. ready to die

278. a sea change

- a. a fast change
- b. a radical change
- c. a nominal change
- d. a slow change

279. A stone's throw

- a. a short distance
- b. an easy task
- c. a faraway place
- d. a memorable place

280. a lot on your plate

- a. having a large meal
- b. having many responsibilities
- c. having something which causes envy
- d. having wealth in abundance

281. a safe pair of hands

- a. a person who does many jobs
- b. a happy person
- c. a person who guards someone
- d. a reliable person

Idioms and Phrases



282. A hot potato

- a. an offensive remark
- b. a tasty snack
- c. a memorable thing
- d. a controversial issue

283. to leave no stone unturned

- a. to comprehensively arrange things
- b. to make all possible efforts
- c. to completely renovate an old building
- d. to fully revise something produced

284. to pigeon hole

- a. to blindly accept someone
- b. to typecast someone
- c. to call someone names
- d. to hurriedly reject someone

285. to hold a brief for

- a. to support someone's cause
- b. to write a speech for someone
- c. to wait for someone
- d. to upset someone's campaign

286. to blow hot and cold

- a. to exhale heat and inhale cold
- b. to show favour and disfavour alternately
- c. to work like bellows and blow air
- d. to be friendly and unfriendly at the same time

287) Get up on the wrong side of the bed

- (a) Make a wrong decision and regret it for the rest of the life
- (b) Start the day in a bad mood, which continues all day long
- (c) Have a sleepless night especially due to worries
- (d) Suffer an uncomfortable stay at an unfamiliar place

288. to make no bones about

- a. to state something clearly
- b. to make something unsubstantial
- c. to consume only the fleshy part
- d. to reveal the hidden structure

289. A wolf in sheep's clothing

- a. A celebrity dressed as a commoner
- b. A scholar learning how to act as the fool
- c. A dangerous person pretending to be harmless
- d. A cunning man in a leather coat

290. Flash in the pan

- a. Gold discovered only once during panning
- b. An early promise that fails to materialize
- c. Something that offers hope, like a light in a tunnel
- d. Sudden discovery or a surprise element

291. Keep under one's hat

- (a) Keep all your wealth in your home
- (b) To keep something a secret
- (c) Steal and hide something
- (d) Take care of somebody else's valuables given to you for safe keeping

292. Hit the nail on the head

- a. drive a nail into a wall
- b. hurt a person by telling the truth
- c. say or do something exactly right
- d. punish someone for a heinous crime

293. Back seat driving

- a. Commenting on players from the sidelines
- b. Interfering in affairs without having knowledge
- c. Instructing husbands over the phone about what to buy
- d. Attempting to teach a cab driver how to drive.

Idioms and Phrases



294. Carry a chip on one's shoulder

- a. Carrying multiple stars over the lapel
- b. Entertaining a grudge over a past event
- c. Having a plate inserted to fix the collar bone
- d. Moving daintily across rooms

295. "If it's not one thing, it's another.

- a. when one thing goes wrong. then another, and another
- b. when we entertain one guest, then there are many more coming
- c. when we know a cause, then there isn't another to be looked for
- d. when a machine is not functional, it makes others also malfunction

296. Don't count your chickens before they hatch".

- a. do not count on something that is not going to happen
- b. do not wish for something that has not yet happened
- c. do not count on a good timing that has not yet happened
- d. do not expect something good to happen

297. finding their feet

- a. beginning to understand the work and feeling confident
- b. getting comfortable and getting a good salary
- c. buying and using comfortable foot wear
- d. making people fall at their feet, accepting defeat

298. Lend me your ears.

- a. to politely ask for someone's hearing-aid
- b. to politely ask for someone's speakers
- c. to politely ask for someone's full attention

d. to politely ask for someone's headphones

299. Get down to brass tacks

- a. come back to the tracks and start again
- b. become angry about something that is not done
- c. start taking up the most important facts of a situation
- d. examine the thumb tacks used to fix a notice

300. Go against the grain.

- a. Something that is ugly and unpopular
- b. Something in conflict with one's value system
- c. Something that we can accept with difficulty
- d. Something done deliberately

301. To beat a dead horse

- a. A significant effort
- b. A futile effort
- c. A deliberate effort
- d. A joint effort

302. Bite the bullet

- a. to restrain yourself from doing something unpleasant
- b. to force yourself to do something unpleasant
- c. to amuse yourself by doing something unpleasant
- d. to dislike yourself for having done something unpleasant

303. Caught red-handed

- a. To discover a murderer using the clues
- b. To catch a thief who steals red paints
- c. To catch someone doing something illegal
- d. To try to arrest someone without any evidence

Idioms and Phrases



304. Always a bridesmaid never a bride

- a. Someone who always comes second
- b. Someone who is born unlucky
- c. Someone who fulfills his or her potential
- d. Someone who does not deserve to win

305. It's Greek to me

- a. incomprehensible
- b. incredible
- c. intangible
- d. inevitable

306. to give someone the cold shoulder

- a. ignore or show indifference
- b. deny someone comforting clothes
- c. serve cold meat to someone
- d. bury someone in freezing cold

307. put one's cards on the table

- a. to be able to continue
- b. to be honest
- c. to accept defeat
- d. to deal a game of cards

308. be the Devil's advocate

- a. to present a counter argument just for the sake of it
- b. to present an argument in favor of a well-known evil man
- c. to represent an accused in a murder trial
- d. to represent the devil as an advocate in witch trials

309. get a taste of your own medicine

- a. be given the medicine meant for others
- b. be treated by the same doctor
- c. be given the same treatment that you have given to others
- d. make, taste and take medicines for others

310. Off and on

- 1. Periodically
- 2. Immediately
- 3. Rarely
- 4. Seldom

311. got the green light

- 1. Got energy and motivation to do something
- 2. Got the work started
- 3. Got fired for doing something
- 4. Got permission to go ahead with something

312. looking for a needle in a haystack.

- 1. Making a big deal of a small thing
- 2. Doing something impossible
- 3. Doing something secretly
- 4. Doing something unimportant

313. took heart.

- 1. Gathered courage
- 2. Felt depressed
- 3. Overcame problems
- 4. Acted promptly

314. with open arms.

- 1. Warmly
- 2. Honourably
- 3. Harmoniously
- 4. Promptly .

315. Up in arms

- 1. to be angry
- 2. to be nervous
- 3. to be defensive
- 4. to be rude

316. Work against the clock

- 1. work with concentration
- 2. work against all problems
- 3. work in great hurry
- 4. work late in the night

317. Run around in circles

- 1. to keep doing something without achieving much
- 2. to keep running to set a record
- 3. to work excessively hard by keeping two jobs
- 4. to remain busy with your work

Idioms and Phrases



318. Left out in cold

- 1. to be ignored
- 2. to stand out
- 3. to be indecisive
- 4. to be criticized

319. Bed of roses

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- b. exceptionally talented
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323. close shave.

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324. to die in harness

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- 2. to lead a life of comfort
- 3. to live in perpetual slavery
- 4. to keep one's belongings safe

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- 3. She had made a lot of risky investments
- 4. She was suffering from many ailments

326. for good.

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- 2. for new opportunities
- 3. for better income
- 4. forever

327. fell flat.

- 1. could not be heard clearly
- 2. appealed to the sentiments of the audience
- 3. impressed a lot
- 4. failed to make an impact

328. carried the day

- 1. acted as hosts
- 2. won a victory
- 3. made a guest appearance
- 4. participated

329. made a clean breast of it.

- 1. confessed his crime
- 2. asked for a fresh shirt
- 3. took off his shirt
- 4. blamed his companion

330. getting out of hand

- 1. not growing fast enough
- 2. not in control anymore
- 3. going to be handled soon
- 4. can be passed on to someone else

331. To be thrown in at the deep end

- 1. need to do one thing at a time
- 2. try to do too many things at the same time
- 3. unable to do the given work
- 4. learn to do the difficult things too soon

Idioms and Phrases



332. The festival expenses are bound to _____ in my pocket.

- 1. be out of the blue
- 2. give a clean chit
- 3. be upfront
- 4. make a dent

333. To read between the lines

- 1. to understand the implied meaning
- 2. to completely misunderstand the meaning
- 3. to read with great difficulty
- 4. to critically analyse a piece of writing

334. To blaze a trail

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- 2. to act impulsively
- 3. to set fire to something
- 4. to complete a project

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- 3. get a big reward from her brother for her achievement
- 4. get more recognition than her brother for their success

337. through thick and thin.

- 1. when there was a lot of work to be done
- 2. in times of good and bad fortune
- 3. on occasions when he had a lot of money

4. even though he has put on weight

338. Be left in the lurch

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- 2. keep repeating something till it is accepted
- 3. be deserted when one is in trouble
- 4. be sent to do work which one doesn't enjoy

339. Go down in flames

- 1. fail completely
- 2. get hit by a burning cracker
- 3. get completely burnt
- 4. crash land an aeroplane

340. Looking for a needle in a haystack.

- 1. Doing something impossible
- 2. Making a big deal of a large thing
- 3. Doing something secretly
- 4. Doing something unimportant

341. Off and on

- 1. Rarely
- 2. Seldom
- 3. Immediately
- 4. Periodically

342) Left out in cold

- 1. to be ignored
- 2. to be criticised
- 3. to stand out
- 4. to be indecisive

343) Work against the clock

- 1. work late in the night
- 2. work against all problems
- 3. work in great hurry
- 4. work with concentration

344. Playing with fire

- 1. taking a grave risk
- 2. lighting candles
- 3. smoking a cigarette
- 4. provoking the crowd

Idioms and Phrases



345. All ears.

- 1.very attentive
- 2.talking loudly
- 3.covering their ears
- 4.making a lot of noise

346. Swollen-headed.

- 1.well-connected
- 2.unwell
- 3.conceited
- 4.famous

347. Out of the woods.

- 1.discharged from hospital
- 2.released from prison
- 3.out of danger
- 4.out of the forest

348. Speaks volumes

- 1. gives enough proof
- 2. boasts a lot
- 3. publicly announces
- 4. showers praise

349. put the cart before the horse.

- 1.perform many task simultaneously
- 2.postpone till the last moment
- 3.do things spontaneously
- 4.do last things first

350. blow his top

- 1.dismiss from job
- 2.be very embarrassed
- 3.be very angry
- 4.attack fiercely

351. walk the tight rope

- 1. be very nervous
- 2. be very cautious
- 3. be well trained
- 4. be an expert

352. the sword of Damocles

- 1. strict rules and regulations
- 2. an ill omen of death
- 3. a constant threat
- 4. threat of physical harm

353. through thick and thin.

- 1.under all circumstances
- 2.in happy moments
- 3.in difficult times
- 4.in different weathers

354. ended in smoke.

- 1.exceeded the budget
- 2.was delayed
- 3.yielded no result
- 4.was successfully completed

355. keep the wolf from the door.

- 1.avoid starvation
- 2.live on charity
- 3.keep wild animals away
- 4.be safe in her house

356. smelt a rat.

- 1.detected something wrong
- 2. felt very pleased
- 3.became complaisant
- 4.behaved arrogantly

357. a square peg in a round hole

- 1.in a favourable situation
- 2.unhappy and regretful
- 3.a misfit in the environment
- 4.in a financial crisis

358. cut to the quick

- 1.imprisoned
- 2.severely punished
- 3.hurt intensely
- 4.dismissed

359. bolt from the blue

- 1.a thunderstorm
- 2.an unexpected disaster
- 3.a windfall
- 4.an ominous warning

360) Lend an ear

- 1.to pay attention to
- 2. to not make trouble
- 3.to force someone to listen
- 4.to not tell someone something

Idioms and Phrases



361) On tenterhooks

- 1.unhappy 2.angry
- 3.anxious 4.happy

362) Lock, stock and barrel

- 1.immediately 2.partly
- 3.rarely 4.completely

363) In the pink

- 1.in pink dress 2.in the limelight
- 3.in a happy mood 4.in good health

364) Out of the woods

- 1.no longer in trouble 2.no longer in sight
- 3.no longer famous 4.no longer young

365) Butterfly in the stomach

- 1.being excited 2.being nervous
- 3.being angry 4.being hungry

366) Lead someone by the nose

- 1.to do the right thing
- 2.to force someone to take the blame
- 3.to dominate someone
- 4.to quarrel with someone

367) Couch potato

- 1.a person who sleeps all day
- 2.a person who watches too much television
- 3.a person who remains relaxed and calm
- 4.a person who is simple in nature

368) Pull yourself together

- 1.go to sleep 2.calm down
- 3.try to understand 4.do a good job

369) Give someone the cold shoulder

- 1.ignore someone 2.give away a secret
- 3.do something pointless 4.pamper someone

370) Pull someone's leg

- 1.trust someone 2.joke with someone
- 3.get upset with someone
- 4.tell someone a secret

371) Actions speak louder than words

- 1.take up a task that you cannot finish
- 2.what you do is more important than what you say
- 3.do something without planning
- 4.look for solution in the wrong place

372) Get out of hand

- 1.get out of control 2.to complete a task
- 3.give up something 4.get upset

373) Costs an arm and a leg

- 1.easy to obtain 2.rarely available
- 3.nothing to lose 4.very expensive

374) At daggers drawn

- 1.deceiving somebody 2.without hope
- 3.friendly with each other
- 4.bitterly hostile

375) To play ducks and drakes

- 1.to use recklessly 2.to change places
- 3.to be friendly 4.to act cleverly

376. with open arms

- 1. Honourably 2. Promptly
- 3. Warmly 4. Harmoniously

377. took heart

- 1. Gathered courage
- 2. Felt depressed
- 3. Overcame problems
- 4. Acted promptly

Idioms and Phrases



378. to his heart's content

- 1. only upto his legs
- 2. till he was completely sick
- 3. as much as he wanted to
- 4. avoiding getting to wet

379) been nipped in the bud

- 1. encouraged strongly
- 2. changed completely
- 3. dropped at an early stage
- 4. included somewhere else

380) in the running

- 1. contesting the seat.
- 2. teaching yoga
- 3. giving speeches
- 4. jogging everyday

381) turned a deaf ear

- 1. acknowledged
- 2. neglected
- 3. accepted
- 4. presented

382) Handle with kid gloves

- 1. to show someone your creativity
- 2. to accomplish something too ambitious
- 3. to remove all hurdles to start something
- 4. to treat someone with extreme care

383) Run around in circles

- 1. to remain busy with your work
- 2. to keep running to set a record
- 3. to work excessively hard by keeping two jobs
- 4. to keep doing something without achieving much

384) Up in arms

- 1. to be angry
- 2. to be rude
- 3. to be nervous
- 4. to be defensive

385) At the drop of a hat

- 1. Instantly
- 2. Normally
- 3. Frequently
- 4. Usually

386) Make a beeline for

- 1. Make a line for honey
- 2. Go straight to
- 3. Stand in a queue
- 4. Go for freebies

387) Till the cows come home

- 1. For a large part
- 2. For a long, long time
- 3. In the evening
- 4. Till the work is finished

388) Touch and go

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391) in the teeth of tough resistance.

- 1. in a state of uncertainty
- 2. in direct opposition to
- 3. in collaboration with
- 4. in a short span of time

392) at sea

- 1. in shock
- 2. confused
- 3. sure
- 4. committed

393) above board

- 1. smart and deceptive
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Idioms and Phrases



394) made off

- 1. squandered
- 2. ran away with
- 3. discovered
- 4. transferred

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- 2. took off his shirt
- 3. blamed his companion
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400) Come rain or shine

- 1. when it does not rain
- 2. in the monsoon
- 3. whatever happens
- 4. in bad weather

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- 4. to act impulsively

404) A dark horse

- 1. an unknown genius
- 2. a horse of a fine breed
- 3. a well kept secret
- 4. an expected outcome

405) Of the first water

- 1. of favorable opinion
- 2. of ancient origin
- 3. of the best quality
- 4. of no significance

406) To make castles in the air

- 1. to be very ambitious
- 2. to create impossible dreams or hopes
- 3. to accomplish difficult tasks
- 4. to show signs of cowardice

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Idioms and Phrases



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- 4. get completely burnt

412) Feather your own nest

- 1. make money unfairly
- 2. win a competition
- 3. be in a comfortable position
- 4. disturb others in their work

413) Be an old hat

- 1. an superstitious
- 2. be outdated
- 3. be crazy
- 4. be foolish

414) Head in the clouds

- 1. to daydream
- 2. to be very tall

3. to be very lazy

4. to feel giddy

415) Green Thumb

- 1. to have talent in gardening
- 2. to be envious
- 3. to be angry
- 4. to have talent in painting

416) To grease the palm

- 1. to give support
- 2. to bribe someone
- 3. to cheat someone
- 4. to give a massage

417) To bark up the wrong tree

- 1. to be wrong about the reason for something
- 2. to bury money under a tree and forget the place
- 3. to be mistaken about the name of a tree
- 4. to eat an unpalatable fruit by mistake

418) To take the bull by the horns

- 1. to face danger boldly
- 2. to escape unhurt
- 3. to act foolishly
- 4. to enjoy risky sports

419) Gift of the gab

- 1. receive a precious gift
- 2. achieve sudden greatness
- 3. have the ability to adapt
- 4. have the talent to speak well

420) Turn a deaf ear

- 1. to pay attention
- 2. to listen carefully
- 3. to make someone deaf
- 4. to pay no heed

421) Take to task

- 1. to assign work
- 2. to rebuke
- 3. to praise
- 4. to give an award

Idioms and Phrases



422) Have one's hands full

- 1. to be very rich
- 2. to be very clumsy
- 3. to be very busy
- 4. to be very generous

423) Face the music

- 1. face the enemy
- 2. enjoy the harmony
- 3. get appreciation
- 4. face the criticism

424) Pass the hat

- 1. to sell something
- 2. to collect money
- 3. to play a game
- 4. to avoid work

425) As the crow flies

- 1. to be uncertain
- 2. a long winding path
- 3. the shortest route
- 4. to be directionless

426) In a pickle

- 1. in great pain
- 2. in jubilation
- 3. in trouble
- 4. in deep sorrow

427) Red letter day

- 1. a very special day
- 2. a very hot day
- 3. a frightful day
- 4. a very cold day

428) Through thick and thin

- 1. to be scared of small dangers
- 2. passing through a thick forest
- 3. support under all circumstances
- 4. to be hard- hearted in times of loss

429) Rule the Roost

- 1. to make all the decisions
- 2. to be prosperous but generous
- 3. to frequently pick a quarrel
- 4. to blindly follow others

430) At arm's length

- 1. checking the length of fabric
- 2. as close as one can touch

3. avoiding too much closeness

4. using one's arm to measure length

431) Acid test

- 1. a malicious way of taking revenge
- 2. a test that shows how to harm someone
- 3. proof that an attack has been made
- 4. definitive proof of truth or falsehood

432) Dark horse

- 1. someone who is fond of horse racing
- 2. some who has a wheatish complexion
- 3. someone who breeds race horses
- 4. someone who unexpectedly succeeds

433) Hand in glove

- 1. working together in the same office
- 2. wearing gloves while working
- 3. in partnership for something dishonest
- 4. doing work in the garden

434) Late in the day

- 1. too old to work
- 2. too ripe to eat
- 3. too dark to see anything
- 4. too delayed to be of any use

435) Draw a blank

- 1. be unsuccessful
- 2. be happy about something
- 3. be unable to sketch
- 4. be luck in a game

436) Bolt from the blue

- 1. winning after losing a game many times
- 2. something sudden that happens unexpectedly
- 3. someone who runs fast and wins a race
- 4. locking the doors to keep the rain out

Idioms and Phrases



437) Left- handed compliment

- 1. praise that is given directly
- 2. insulting someone in front of others
- 3. insulting remark appearing as praise
- 4. making fun of someone to tease them

438) Put your best foot forward

- 1. take care to dress well
- 2. walk very cautiously
- 3. try as hard as one can
- 4. check every step

439) At snail's pace

- 1. do something very carefull
- 2. be very persistent
- 3. do something very slowly
- 4. keep your moves secret

440) Beat around the bush

- 1. avoid the topic
- 2. hide behind a bush
- 3. make excuses
- 4. accept defeat

441) Make no headway

- 1. check if the head can pass through
- 2. unable to progress ahead
- 3. unable to overtake anyone
- 4. forced to fix a new goal

442) Make short work of something

- 1. reduce the size
- 2. dispose of quickly
- 3. edit carefully
- 4. shorten some dress

443) In a nutshell

- 1. add nuts into something
- 2. put everything in a shell
- 3. packed very tightly
- 4. express very briefly

444) Be an open book

- 1. one about whom it is easy to know everything
- 2. one who advises others to be frank and unsecretive
- 3. one who is fond of reading even when travelling
- 4. one who has written an examination without preparation

445) Cross the bridge

- 1. deal with something only when necessary
- 2. not even think about the problem
- 3. not deal with the problem at all
- 4. let someone else deal with the problem

446) Get a taste of your own medicine

- 1. make, taste and take medicines for others
- 2. be treated by the same doctor
- 3. be given the medicine meant for others
- 4. be given the same treatment that you have given to others

447) Be the Devil's advocate

- 1. to present a counter argument just for the sake of it
- 2. to present an argument in favor of a well-known evil man
- 3. to represent the devil as an advocate in witch trials
- 4. to represent an accused in a murder trial

448) Put one's card on the table

- 1. to be able to continue
- 2. to deal a game of cards
- 3. to be honest
- 4. to accept defeat

449) It's Greek to me

- 1. incomprehensible
- 2. intangible
- 3. inevitable
- 4. incredible

Idioms and Phrases



450) To give someone the cold shoulder

- 1.dry someone comforting clothes
- 2.ignore or show indifference
- 3.serve cold meat to someone
- 4.bury someone in freezing cold

451) bell the cat

- 1.tame some animals 2.warm the owners
- 3.do the impossible task
- 4.ring the bells regularly

452) is a hard nut to crack,

- 1.involves breaking nuts
- 2.is not interesting enough
- 3.is difficult to solve
- 4.needs a lot of work

453) run into rough weather

- 1.experienced difficulties
- 2.brought cool breeze and rains
- 3.become stronger and firmer
- 4.become pleasant and cordial

454) build castles in the air

- 1.make unfaithful friends 2. talk irresponsibly
- 3.have unrealistic ideas
- 4.make unplanned buildings

455) hit the sack

- 1.Left work 2.went to bed
- 3.accepted defeat 4.kicked the sack

456) face the music.

- 1.accept the blame 2.put on earphones
- 3.listen to the songs 4.sing popular songs

457) The trouble makers took to their heels when they saw the police coming.

- 1. hid themselves 2. ran away

3. faced them boldly

4. prepared to fight

458) When Rahul told everyone that he had resigned his job, all the members in the family were at their wits' end .

- 1. very serious 2. quite angry
- 3. quite perplexed 4. absolutely satisfied

459) full of beans

- 1. being upset 2. lively and energetic
- 3. full of crazy ideas 4. in good health

460) This is strictly _____ but some changes are going to happen in the company in the near future.

- 1. off the rails 2. off the key
- 3. off the mark 4. off the record

461) For a long time he kept his wife in the dark about the true nature of his job.

- 1. in high position 2. in a dark place
- 3. in ignorance 4. in a locked room

462) Pie in the sky

- 1. something very small
- 2. something not possible
- 3. difficult to find 4. an easy situation

463) sell like hot cakes

- 1. to face hardship 2. to sell quickly
- 3. to agree fully 4. to deal with a problem

464) In the same boat

- 1. at the centre of attention
- 2. in a superior position
- 3. in the same situation
- 4. in disgrace

Idioms and Phrases



465) Now that Mr. Krishna Murthy has retired from the company, his daughter is _____.

- 1. in the doghouse
- 2. in the driver's seat
- 3. in the lap of luxury
- 4. in the pink

466) Rohit was _____ when he took important decisions without consulting the family.

- 1. cutting the red tape
- 2. told to get a new lease of life
- 3. in the same boat
- 4. told to fight his own battles himself

467) Radha is unable to continue working in this office. Hard work is _____ on her health.

- 1. making her meet both ends
- 2. blowing hot and cold
- 3. keeping an eye
- 4. taking a toll on

468) Get on the nerves

- (a) To be an irritant
- (b) To lose confidence
- (c) To become very sensitive; cry easily
- (d) To become very strong emotionally

469) To take French leave

- 1. Acknowledge the host
- 2. Leave with written permission
- 3. Welcome the host
- 4. Leave without any intimation

470) A hard nut to crack

- 1. Easily disappointed
- 2. Not restrained
- 3. Easily encouraged
- 4. A difficult problem

471) On shank's mare

- 1. On foot
- 2. On an elephant
- 3. On a bicycle
- 4. On a lion

472) A snake in the grass

- 1. A good friend
- 2. A secret enemy

3. A well-wisher

473) Spill the beans

- 1. Waste money
- 2. Perform magic
- 3. Give away a secret
- 4. Work hard

474) Blow one's own trumpet

- 1. Condemn others
- 2. Follow others
- 3. Praise oneself
- 4. Be self-reliant

475) Dead heat

- 1. Close contest that ends in a tie
- 2. A strong heat wave
- 3. A deadly blast of hot air
- 4. Strong opposition to one's ideas

476) Back to square one

- 1. Draw a square
- 2. Come to the original point
- 3. Move ahead
- 4. Neglect something

477) To throw a fit

- 1. Become unconscious
- 2. Faint and fall down
- 3. Express extreme anger
- 4. Caution someone about fitness

478) The bee's knees

- 1. Problematic
- 2. Extraordinary
- 3. Observant
- 4. Foolish

479) Hold water

- 1. To be busy
- 2. To be valid
- 3. To be fickle
- 4. To be deep

480) Bring to light

- 1. Praise in public
- 2. Cheer someone
- 3. Reveal clearly
- 4. Brighten up

Idioms and Phrases



481) A bed of roses

- 1. A valley full of flowers
- 2. An easy and happy situation
- 3. A pleasant perfume
- 4. A difficult path

482) A close-fisted person

- 1. A miserly person
- 2. A strong person
- 3. A cruel person
- 4. A kind person

483) To flog a dead horse

- 1. To accept the challenge
- 2. To make the best use of resources
- 3. To complete the work
- 4. To waste the effort

484) To take the bull by the horns

- 1. To handle difficulties
- 2. To murder someone
- 3. To surrender to the enemy
- 4. To speak arrogantly

485) To add fuel to the fire.

- 1. Exploit someone
- 2. To make a bad situation worse
- 3. Simplify the problem
- 4. Calm down the situation

486) Hobson's Choice

- 1. To be in an aggressive mood when facing a challenge
- 2. To exercise the choice to surrender before the enemy
- 3. To challenge an unworthy opponent
- 4. An apparently free choice where there is no real alternative

487) Chicken-hearted

- 1. Selfish
- 2. Generous
- 3. Miserly
- 4. Cowardly

488) By and by

- 1. Suddenly
- 2. By any means
- 3. Gradually
- 4. On the whole

489) See eye to eye

- 1. See clearly
- 2. Be suspicious
- 3. Stare at someone
- 4. Agree with someone

490) Pull a fast one

- 1. Progress fast
- 2. Take quick action
- 3. Trick someone
- 4. Believe someone easily

491) Like a dying duck in a thunderstorm

- 1. Daring
- 2. Confident
- 3. Dejected
- 4. Comfortable

492) To paddle one's own canoe

- 1. To act in a childish way
- 2. Depend on oneself
- 3. To exercise hard
- 4. To take rest

493) Look down upon

- 1. To look for something under ground
- 2. To consider someone inferior
- 3. To be full of guilt
- 4. To look down from a height

494) Keep abreast of

- 1. Keep ahead of
- 2. Keep oneself updated
- 3. Keep up the good work
- 4. Keep a watch on

495) Give a piece of one's mind

- 1. To share one's ideas
- 2. To donate something valuable
- 3. To rebuke someone strongly
- 4. To advise someone

Idioms and Phrases



496) Come to the point

- 1. To speak plainly about the real issue
- 2. To get reconciled to something
- 3. To unravel a mystery
- 4. To meet at a designated place

497) The people were scared because the burglar was "at large".

- 1. very dangerous
- 2. very famous
- 3. not caught
- 4. behind bars

498) Cut and dried

- 1. Dead and gone
- 2. Badly hurt
- 3. Very old
- 4. Already decided

499) Make off with

- 1. To understand
- 2. To run away
- 3. To discover
- 4. To transfer

500) Kill two birds with one stone

- 1. To plan two murders simultaneously
- 2. To be an expert shooter
- 3. To try something impossible
- 4. To achieve two results with a single effort

501) The acid test

- 1. A fact, event or situation that proves something
- 2. A critical situation or crisis
- 3. An unpleasant or offensive test
- 4. Throwing acid on someone's face

502) Blind alley

- 1. A state of deep thought
- 2. A person who comes to meet occasionally
- 3. A situation in which no further progress can be made
- 4. Taking first step after somebody's approach

503) To take a back seat

- 1. To go through a short but unpleasant period of time
- 2. To lecture or criticise the person who is actually in control of something
- 3. To be less successful in one's efforts
- 4. To become less important or to give up control over things

504. A wild goose chase

- (a) Fruitful search
- (b) Timely search
- (c) Useless search
- (d) Wrong decision

(505) A moot point

- (a) Agreeable
- (b) Disputed
- (c) Unclear
- (d) Unknown

(506) Will-o-the wisp

- (a) Something that is impossible to get or achieve.
- (b) To keep off an unwanted and undesirable person.
- (c) To spend recklessly.
- (d) Accept or leave the offer.

(507) To go through fire and water

- (a) To scold someone
- (b) To experience many dangers in order to achieve something
- (c) To act without restraints
- (d) Something which hurts

(508) To put a spoke in one's wheel

- (a) To be advantageous at the time of difficulty
- (b) To maintain under all circumstances
- (c) To blame the other party
- (d) To put a difficulty in the way of progress

Idioms and Phrases



(509) At loggerheads

- (a) To suffer
- (b) In conflict with someone
- (c) To face tough competition
- (d) To be in do or die situation

(510) Adam's ale

- (a) Gift
- (b) Food
- (c) Water
- (d) Belongings

(511) At one's wits end

- (a) A man of ability
- (b) At the last moment
- (c) To get puzzled
- (d) Undecided controversy

(512) To go to somebody's head

- (a) To have a huge ego
- (b) To complain to the highest authority
- (c) To make someone dizzy or slightly drunk
- (d) To make the person think that they are very important that makes them less pleasant person

(513) To make amends

- (a) To make new friends
- (b) To feel guilty for something you have not done
- (c) To compensate
- (d) To make flimsy excuses

(514) Go for a song

- (a) One's favourite music
- (b) Happy go lucky attitude
- (c) Sold cheaply
- (d) Something which is prohibitively expensive

(515) Make an ass out of

- (a) Cause someone or oneself to look foolish or stupid
- (b) Work very hard like a donkey
- (c) Be smart but act dumb
- (d) Make a mistake

(516) Mealy-mouthed

- (a) Ill-tempered
- (b) Soft-spoken
- (c) Enthusiastic
- (d) Afraid to speak frankly

(517) By fits and starts

- (a) Occasionally
- (b) Totally
- (c) Finally
- (d) Irregularly

(518) Chicken-hearted

- (a) Coward
- (b) Short tempered
- (c) Composed
- (d) Bold

(519) Red letter day

- (a) Starting day
- (b) Holiday
- (c) Significant day
- (d) Ending day

(520) To have a finger in every pie

- (a) To Fight with everybody
- (b) To be involved in a large and varied number of activities or enterprises
- (c) To make fun of everybody
- (d) To leave every job unfinished

(521) To make up one's mind

- (a) To be prepared for unfavourable outcomes
- (b) To make a decision; decide
- (c) To overcome intense grief
- (d) To psyche oneself into believing that the task at hand is not impossible

(522) Spick and Span

- (a) High and low
- (b) Dark and light
- (c) Neat and clean
- (d) Happy and sad

(523) To draw the longbow

- (a) To nullify
- (b) To exaggerate
- (c) To underrate
- (d) To demarcate

Idioms and Phrases



(524) All agog

- (a) Avoid
- (b) Contentment
- (c) Amazed
- (d) Unsystematically

(525) Not to mince matters

- (a) To be at ease
- (b) To not confuse others
- (c) To not interfere in others affairs
- (d) To speak out politely

(526) Live from hand to mouth

- (a) Filthy rich people
- (b) To be dependent on others
- (c) To have enough money to live on and nothing extra
- (d) Living in miserable conditions.

(527) To face the music

- (a) To bear the consequences
- (b) To disparage someone
- (c) To be hard of hearing
- (d) To enjoy a musical concert

(528) To steal a march

- (a) To act in a foolish way
- (b) To break something
- (c) To outshine
- (d) To see a hidden meaning

(529) In a jiffy

- (a) Fail to win appreciation
- (b) In an appropriate manner
- (c) Something that is done very quickly
- (d) To fall in love

(530) Herculean task

- (a) Important task
- (b) Motivating
- (c) Optional to do
- (d) Very difficult task

(531) On tenterhooks

- (a) Flattery
- (b) in a disorganized manner

(c) In anxious suspense

(d) Speak quickly

(532) Ended in a fiasco

- (a) A complete failure
- (b) A successful event
- (c) Changed one completely
- (d) Twisted around

(533) Sow wild oats

- (a) To make someone fool
- (b) To make space to red
- (c) To take revenge
- (d) To waste time by doing foolish things

(534) The thin end of the wedge

- (a) In strict vigilance
- (b) Start of harmful development
- (c) Be aware of the trick
- (d) Not a worthy possession

(535) To accept the gauntlet

- (a) To accept challenge
- (b) To accept defeat
- (c) To accept what is written in fate
- (d) To be able to grasp the hidden meaning

(536) Pillar to post

- (a) Main support of an object
- (b) One place to another
- (c) To be reluctant
- (d) To incite others

(537) Hobson's choice

- (a) To choose first in row
- (b) To make a careful choice
- (c) No real choice at all
- (d) To seek all favourable alternatives to choose from

Idioms and Phrases



(538) To Have bitten off more than you can chew

- (a) To eat voraciously and then fall sick
- (b) To behave disrespectfully towards elders and then repent the act
- (c) To have tried to do something which is too difficult
- (d) To have missed a golden opportunity and after that willing to put twice the effort to recover the loss

(539) Out of print

- (a) Not able to print due to being short on paper
- (b) A book no longer available from the publisher
- (c) Intentionally not mention some items in the article or book
- (d) All publishers refuse to publish your book

(540) Kick the bucket

- (a) Loose temper
- (b) To delay a little longer
- (c) To die
- (d) To meet with an accident

(541) An axe to grind

- (a) To act bravely
- (b) To act like a fool
- (c) To have a selfish motive
- (d) To take risk

(542) Bear the palm

- (a) To face the consequences
- (b) To meet death
- (c) To be able to predict future
- (d) To win

(543) To give the devil his due

- (a) To punish the wrong person
- (b) To give credit to even a notorious person
- (c) To let the enemy learn the lesson on his own
- (d) To stand in the way of the devil

(544) To hit the nail on the head

- (a) To take out frustration by beating a person
- (b) To make a wrong decision
- (c) To find exactly the right answer
- (d) To unwittingly fall into a trap

(545) On thin ice

- (a) To keep failing after repeated efforts
- (b) To endure a harsh winter
- (c) To keep one's cool even in a tough situation
- (d) In a precarious or risky situation

(546) To have something on the brain

- (a) To be obsessed with something
- (b) To be ready with an immediate smart witty reply
- (c) To be unable to solve a particularly difficult philosophical problem
- (d) To think wistfully about past life

(547) Not one's cup of tea

- (a) To stop having breakfast
- (b) To accept defeat even before attempting to take up the challenge
- (c) to be satisfied with less
- (d) Not one's choice or preference

(548) In bad taste

- (a) Not suitable or offensive
- (b) To be a bad cook
- (c) To have a poor choice of fashion style
- (d) To express honest harsh opinion about someone or something

Idioms and Phrases



- (549) Once and for all
- (a) Now and for the last time; finally
 - (b) To be successful in the first attempt
 - (c) To do a charitable act for the benefit of everybody
 - (d) To speak for the majority
- (550) To heave a sigh of relief
- (a) To become very tired with routine or boring work
 - (b) To suddenly feel very happy because something unpleasant has not happened or has ended
 - (c) To Feel extremely sad over someone else's misfortune
 - (d) To Feel silent anger over real or perceived injustice
- (551) To be on cloud nine
- (a) To extremely happy
 - (b) To feely lucky
 - (c) To experience the feeling of being intoxicated
 - (d) To make one last attempt
- (552) Give somebody a ring
- (a) Propose marriage
 - (b) Inform about the death of a loved one
 - (c) Call someone on the telephone
 - (d) Trap somebody in a difficult relationship
- (553) Learn by heart
- (a) To memorize something
 - (b) Love something terribly
 - (c) Learn a lesson by making a mistake
 - (d) Learn to control or hide your true feelings
- (554) To wrangle over an ass's shadow
- (a) To waste money over trifles
 - (b) To punish a person severely for his arrogance
 - (c) To quarrel over trifles
 - (d) To keep away from extreme poverty
- (555) Make one's flesh creep
- (a) To confuse someone
 - (b) To flatter someone
 - (c) To abuse someone
 - (d) To frighten someone
- (556) Damp squib
- (a) Complete failure
 - (b) Complete knowledge
 - (c) To motivate
 - (d) To squander money
- (557) Rise like a phoenix
- (a) Something memorable
 - (b) Time to answer for one's action
 - (c) To become successful again
 - (d) To make people happy
- (558) In black and white
- (a) Be colour blind
 - (b) Not able to appreciate the finer things in life
 - (c) Be excessively prejudiced against something or someone
 - (d) very clear choice that causes no confusion
- (559) Out of date
- (a) Not have time; very busy
 - (b) Not stick to the schedule
 - (c) Fail to find a partner
 - (d) Old-fashioned
- (560) It goes without saying
- (a) To Silently bear the injustice
 - (b) Something which is implied to be obvious
 - (c) There is no point in doing something after you are told to do it
 - (d) Break long relationship with someone

Idioms and Phrases



561. To let someone off

- (a) To let someone fall
- (b) To leave someone in his present state
- (c) To release someone from blame
- (d) To refuse to answer

(562) Barking up the wrong tree

- (a) Scolding the one who is innocent.
- (b) Expecting a favour from a heartless person.
- (c) Looking in the wrong place.
- (d) Requesting but in an arrogant manner.

(563) Call it a day

- (a) To start a job wishing for success.
- (b) To take a break or a holiday.
- (c) Assign different days to different tasks.
- (d) To declare the end of a task.

(564) Get the message

- (a) Understand what is implied by a remark or action
- (b) Communicate using a secret language
- (c) Find it difficult to understand a different language
- (d) Fire someone from a job

(565) Keep at bay

- (a) Keep your problems to yourselves
- (b) to control something and prevent it from causing you problems
- (c) Not share a secret
- (d) Maintain a long distance relationship

(566) To go off the air

- (a) To remove ventilator of a patient on his death bed
- (b) To not eat food for a long period of time
- (c) To stop broadcasting a radio or TV program

(d) To waste time on silly or trivial things.

(567) To make a fuss about

- (a) To be extremely delighted
- (b) To work hard for eventual success
- (c) To be very strict or have very high standards
- (d) An excessive display of attention or activity

(568) To keep the wolf from the door

- (a) Avoid starvation
- (b) Crack the deal
- (c) Entry prohibited
- (d) Have a pleasant tour

(569) Teething problems

- (a) Oral problems
- (b) Problems at the start of a new project
- (c) Problems for quite a long time in adjusting in the new place
- (d) Problem of having good dentist

(570) Rat race

- (a) Make others fight for scraps and get sadistic pleasure out of it
- (b) Be an oppressive boss and treat employees like animals
- (c) A way of life in which people are caught up in a fiercely competitive struggle for wealth or power
- (d) Play games with the lives of other people and see them run aimlessly

(571) Spin one's wheels

- (a) Keep bragging about oneself
- (b) Try your luck
- (c) Expel much effort for little or no gain
- (d) Start a long journey

Idioms and Phrases



(572) The alpha and the omega

- (a) Happy and sad
- (b) The beginning and the end
- (c) The love and the hatred
- (d) Truth and dare

(573) Throw up the sponge

- (a) To attack
- (b) To laugh at someone
- (c) To surrender
- (d) To talk loudly

(574) At the drop of a hat

- (a) Without any hesitation; instantly.
- (b) Show outward respect to someone you hate.
- (c) Forcibly let go of something which is very personal to you.
- (d) A mistake which is of not much consequence.

(575) Beat a dead horse

- (a) Show extreme level of cruelty especially to animals.
- (b) Exploit someone to the point of killing him/her.
- (c) To uselessly dwell on a subject far beyond its point of resolution.
- (d) To continue playing a game knowing very well that you are going to lose.

(576) Ball is in your court

- (a) Put the blame on the other person.
- (b) Request someone to return your belonging.
- (c) It is up to you to make the next decision or step.
- (d) To tell someone politely about his/her mistake.

(577) Best of both worlds

- (a) Two best teams compete with each other.
- (b) A situation wherein someone has the privilege of enjoying two different opportunities.
- (c) Gods who rule heaven and earth.

(d) A person who is respected even by his enemies.

(578) Achilles' heel

- (a) A fatal weakness in spite of overall strength.
- (b) A secret weapon to be used as a last resort.
- (c) A past deed which one is trying to hide.
- (d) The person who is blamed if anything goes wrong.

(579) Beat around the bush

- (a) To treat a topic, but omit its main points, often intentionally.
- (b) Talk bad about a person, often in the absence of that person .
- (c) Spend a fun jovial time.
- (d) It is wise to ignore hard ships and continue with your task.

(580) Gnash your teeth

- (a) Express rage
- (b) Brush your teeth
- (c) Laugh hysterically
- (d) Take a big bite

Q581. Tempt providence

- A) To punish someone
- B) To take reckless risks
- C) To have God's favor
- D) To make publicly known

Q582. Within an ace of

- A) Very near to
- B) Very far from
- C) Very cheap
- D) Very expensive

Q583. Beyond the pale

- A) Productive
- B) Penniless
- C) Unacceptable
- D) Defeated

Idioms and Phrases



Q584. The royal road

- A) An easy way
- B) A troublesome way
- C) A grand idea
- D) A luxurious life style

Q585. Whiter than white

- A) Completely foolish
- B) Completely blank
- C) Customary
- D) Completely honest

Q586. On the bum

- A) To take for granted
- B) To live wandering life
- C) To refer to
- D) To raise objections

Q587. For days on end

- A) Travelling days
- B) Memorable days
- C) For many days
- D) For forgettable days

Q588. On the button

- A) To come into contact with
- B) Roughly
- C) To do unimportant things first
- D) Precisely

Q589. The tip of the iceberg

- A) The best quality of people which makes them memorable for a long time
- B) Superficial evidence of a much larger problem
- C) A repeating situation in which one problem causes another problem
- D) To allow something to be done that is not usually allowed

Q590. Tide over

- A) To leave in difficult time
- B) To perform brilliantly
- C) Support through a difficult period
- D) To expect more than one actually deserves

Q591. Stand corrected

- A) To admit that one has been wrong
- B) To correct someone else for their wrong doings
- C) To defend oneself on being caught red-handed
- D) To run away from punishment

Q592. Behind the eight ball

- A) Visit a pleasant place
- B) Improve to do better
- C) To be advantageous
- D) At a disadvantage

Q593. A ghost of a chance

- A) Commonplace
- B) Become more important or popular
- C) To be in a hurry
- D) A very small possibility

Q594. To bring to heel

- A) To be successful
- B) To force someone or something to obey
- C) To wish someone good luck
- D) To confine or trap

Q595. Long in the tooth

- A) To speak (or write) too much
- B) To be elderly or aging
- C) To take a long route
- D) To live long

Q596. The salt of the Earth

- (a) To expect something in return
- (b) Very good & honest/kind
- (c) To support someone
- (d) Neat and clean

Q597. Feel blue

- (a) Feeling ecstatic
- (b) In trouble/depressed
- (c) An easy achievement
- (d) comfortable

Idioms and Phrases



Q598. Flies off at a tangent

- (a) Self praising
- (b) To boast
- (c) Start discussing something irrelevant
- (d) Well informed

Q599. Going places.

- (a) To go to the home back
- (b) Talented and successful
- (c) To go on a visit
- (d) To be angry

Q600. Get the sack

- (a) Getting promotion
- (b) Dismissed from
- (c) To get a surprise
- (d) To get a leave

Q601. Of no avail

- (a) In favour with
- (b) Useless
- (c) Useful
- (d) To be utterly lost

Q602. Bone to pick

- (a) Appear suddenly
- (b) To reject
- (c) Cause of quarrel
- (d) To accept readily

Q603. To call it a day

- (a) To conclude proceedings
- (b) To grieve over
- (c) To surrender
- (d) To be suspicious

Q604. Pull someone up on something

- (a) To agree on something
- (b) To Criticize
- (c) To bring out a change
- (d) None of the above

Q605. Point blank

- (a) Rarely
- (b) Very definite and direct
- (c) At a last moment
- (d) Leave quietly

Q606. A cut above

- (a) Rather superior to
- (b) Tough situation

(c) To be idle (d) To object at something

Q607. Balloon goes up

- (a) To be attentive
- (b) A situation turning unpleasant/serious
- (c) A happy occasion
- (d) Get up early

Q608. Part and Parcel

- (a) To take an initiative
- (b) To do a task completely
- (c) Important part
- (d) To surprise someone

Q609. Gate Crasher

- (a) Invited friend
- (b) Uninvited guest
- (c) A drunk person
- (d) A murderer

Q610. As daft as a brush

- (a) Extremely silly
- (b) Extremely kind
- (c) Extremely sick
- (d) Extremely old

611. Ended in smoke.

- a) To catch fire
- b) No ending
- c) To give no practical result
- d) To fall

612. Of his own accord.

- a) Unwillingly
- b) Willingly
- c) At his desire
- d) By forcible action

613. A fool's paradise.

- a) Living in illusions
- b) Live happily
- c) To live in the midst of idiots
- d) With happy ideas

614. Dashed her hopes

- a) Bring failure
- b) Disappointed
- c) Frustrate
- d) Bring harmony

615. In abeyance

- a) Secret
- b) Open to all
- c) In no time
- d) In suspension

Idioms and Phrases



616. Beef up

- a) Weaken
- b) To strengthen
- c) To care
- d) Aimlessly

617. Blow hot and cold

- a) Permanent
- b) Temporary
- c) To be constantly changing
- d) To develop

618. Catch one's breath

- a) Shock or amazement
- b) Stop breathing
- c) Happy mood
- d) Fearful thoughts

619. Look one's goose

- a) Experience
- b) include
- c) to put an end to one's hopes
- d) cause destruction to

620. Do away with

- a) Destroy
- b) Explode
- c) Remove
- d) Eradicate

621. Give me a hand

- A) Keep a watch on
- B) Handle
- C) Provide me with
- D) Help me with

622. To drink life to the lees.

- A) To have the best of fun and fortune
- B) To enjoy a life of drinking and dancing
- C) To have a life full of adventures
- D) To have the best of life

623. Looked blank

- A) Was without any emotion
- B) Was puzzled and surprised
- C) Was uninterested
- D) Was unhappy

624. On the brink of disaster.

- A) At the top of ruin
- B) At the point of ruin
- C) On the side of ruin

D) On the back of ruin

625. A man of letters.

- A) Of wide contacts
- B) An excellent letter dictator
- C) A great writer of letters
- D) Proficient in literary art

626. In the red

- A) Making money
- B) Losing money
- C) In danger
- D) Spending money

627. A white elephant.

- A) Very huge item
- B) Costly and useless possession
- C) Very expensive investment
- D) Useful material

628. Playing to the gallery.

- A) Adopting cheap tactics
- B) Befooling the common man
- C) Fighting for votes
- D) Appeasing the masses

629. Trumped up

- A) Translated
- B) Sang with the music of a trumpet
- C) Concocted
- D) Copied

630. A close shave

- A) To share one's brand
- B) Very risky
- C) Narrow escape from danger
- D) To be happy

631. Scapegoats

- A) Punished for others' misdeeds
- B) Developed poor relations
- C) Treated humbly and respectfully
- D) Scolded with arrogant reactions

Idioms and Phrases



632. Stole the show.

- A) Stole something from the show
- B) Crept into the show
- C) Won everybody's praise
- D) Disappeared from the show

633. Put off

- A) Cancelled
- B) Postponed
- C) Advanced
- D) Announced

634. A man in the street

- A) An ordinary person
- B) An illiterate person
- C) An unknown person
- D) A stranger

635. Passed himself off

- A) Described himself
- B) Deceived everyone
- C) Disguised himself
- D) Was regarded

636. Gave the game away

- A) Lost the game
- B) Gave out the secret
- C) Gave away the gift
- D) Withdrew from the plan

637. Gone down the drain.

- A) Was lost forever
- B) Dropped in the drain
- C) Got washed away
- D) Her money was safe

638. Fell short

- A) Had no effect
- B) Moved the audience
- C) Impressed the audience
- D) Was quite short

639. Sorted out

- A) Revised
- B) Supported
- C) Resolved
- D) Changed

640. On good terms

- A) Kept terms and conditions
- B) Was friendly
- C) Followed the rules
- D) Agreed with them

641. To beat about the bush.

- A) Wander across the words
- B) Speak in a haphazard manner
- C) Speak in a round-about manner
- D) Make use of irrelevant reference

642. Set forth

- A) Stated
- B) Accepted
- C) Contradicted
- D) Printed

643. Hadn't a leg to stand on.

- A) Had been injured in an accident
- B) Was lame
- C) Did not have much hope of getting it
- D) Would have to wait for some time

644. Show the white feather

- A) Show signs of cowardice
- B) Act arrogantly
- C) Show intimacy
- D) Act impudently

645. To give it a shot.

- A) Click a picture
- B) Try something
- C) Pose for a picture
- D) Injure someone

646. Eat one's words

- 1. forgive and forget
- 2. become less acceptable
- 3. retract what one has said
- 4. oppose sternly

Idioms and Phrases



647. Rose-coloured glasses

- 1. a positive outlook on life
- 2. a difficult situation
- 3. an outdated attitude
- 4. a belief not based on facts

648. On the spur of the moment

- 1. deciding after a lot of thinking
- 2. acting impulsively without thinking
- 3. waiting nervously for something
- 4. being extremely careful

649. One track mind

- 1. thinking of another point of view
- 2. using a well-known path
- 3. always thinking of only one thing
- 4. waiting anxiously for something

650. On the double

- 1. on the verge of collapse
- 2. at a fast pace
- 3. out of order
- 4. between two undesirable things

651. Over one's head

- 1. something totally unexpected
- 2. being at a disadvantage
- 3. unable to function as before
- 4. beyond one's capability to understand something

652. A fair weather friend

- 1. an unreliable friend
- 2. a dependable friend
- 3. a friend turned into an enemy
- 4. a jealous friend

653. Breath of fresh air

- 1. a peaceful and relaxing place
- 2. someone with a pleasant voice

3. a high-priced and expensive thing

4. someone or something new and refreshing

654. Take exception

- 1. appreciate
- 2. object to
- 3. care for
- 4. deny

655. To call the shots

- 1. to be the person in charge
- 2. to be blissfully happy
- 3. to be in debt
- 4. to lack control

656. She felt like a fish out of water at her new job.

- 1. angry and hurt
- 2. comfortable and relaxed
- 3. uncomfortable and restless
- 4. happy and free

657. Information technology has developed by leaps and bounds.

- 1. at a rapid pace
- 2. very gradually
- 3. through unfair means
- 4. in far off places

658. Her success as a singer was a nine days' wonder.

- 1. a proud achievement
- 2. an impossible feat
- 3. eternal fame
- 4. a short-lived sensation

659. His comments cast a slur upon the integrity of his manager.

- 1. redeemed
- 2. praised
- 3. improved
- 4. damaged

660. If the audit report shows anomalies, the finance manager will be brought to book.

- 1. given a promotion
- 2. rewarded suitably
- 3. supported fully
- 4. held accountable

Idioms and Phrases



661. If we lay our heads together, we will surely find a solution.

- 1. rest for a while
- 2. work in consultation
- 3. work in isolation
- 4. take a break

662. up to the mark

- 1. lacking in maturity
- 2. up to the required standard
- 3. of the desired height
- 4. more than expected

663. The threat of the pandemic is not just a cry in the wilderness.

- 1. mourning for the loss
- 2. spreading rumours
- 3. an unheeded warning
- 4. tears of sorrow

664. The news of a leopard in the city spread like wild fire.

- 1. caused damage
- 2. caused fear
- 3. spread slowly
- 4. spread rapidly

665. Do a good turn

- 1. Render a service
- 2. Wait for a turn
- 3. Return a gift
- 4. Make a profit

666. Blow one's own trumpet

- 1. Rely on oneself
- 2. Criticise others
- 3. Praise oneself
- 4. Respect others

667. Carry the day

- 1. Win a victory
- 2. Lift a heavy load
- 3. Bear the burden
- 4. Lead an army

668. Eye-wash

- 1. An operation
- 2. A consideration
- 3. A deception
- 4. An inspiration

669. Cry over spilt milk

- 1. To find a solution
- 2. To shout slog

3. To blame others

4. To regret uselessly

670. First and foremost

- 1. Most important aspect
- 2. Most difficult task
- 3. After everything else
- 4. Far from the truth

671. Apple of one's eye

- 1. Very clean
- 2. Very easy
- 3. Very rosy
- 4. Very dear

672. Behind one's back

- 1. In one's absence
- 2. In everyone's knowledge
- 3. Confronting somebody
- 4. Openly supporting someone

673. A red letter day

- 1. A day full of sorrows
- 2. A day when everything goes perfect
- 3. A joyful day
- 4. A memorable day

674. To take French leave

- 1. Leave with written permission
- 2. Leave without any intimation
- 3. Acknowledge the host
- 4. Welcome the host

675. On shank's mare

- 1. On an elephant
- 2. On foot
- 3. On a lion
- 4. On a bicycle

676. A snake in the grass

- 1. A well-wisher
- 2. A secret enemy
- 3. A good friend
- 4. Difficult to find

677. Back to square one

- 1. Neglect something
- 2. Draw a square
- 3. Move ahead
- 4. Come to the original point

Idioms and Phrases



678. At one's beck and call

- 1. Move behind
- 2. Leave a place
- 3. Move ahead
- 4. To be ready to obey someone's order

679. The bee's knees

- 1. Problematic
- 2. Foolish
- 3. Extraordinary
- 4. Observant

680. To throw a fit

- 1. Faint and fall down
- 2. Become unconscious
- 3. Express extreme anger
- 4. Caution someone about fitness

681. Bring to light

- 1. Reveal clearly
- 2. Cheer someone
- 3. Brighten up
- 4. Praise in public

682. Hold water

- 1. To be fickle
- 2. To be valid
- 3. To be busy
- 4. To be deep

683. A close-fisted person

- a. A strong person
- b. A kind person
- c. A miserly person
- d. A cruel person

684. Chicken-hearted

- a. Selfish
- b. Cowardly
- c. Generous
- d. Miserly

685. By and by

- a. On the whole
- b. By any means
- c. Suddenly
- d. Gradually

686. Pull a fast one

- a. Trick someone
- b. Believe someone easily
- c. Progress fast
- d. Take quick action

687. See eye to eye

- a. See clearly
- b. Stare at someone
- c. Agree with someone
- d. Be suspicious

688. At daggers drawn

- a. deceiving somebody
- b. bitterly hostile
- c. without hope
- d. friendly with each other

689. Get out of hand

- 1. give up something
- 2. get out of control
- 3. to complete a task
- 4. get upset

690. Costs an arm and a leg

- 1. rarely available
- 2. easy to obtain
- 3. nothing to lose
- 4. very expensive

691. Pull yourself together

- 1. go to sleep
- 2. try to understand
- 3. do a good job
- 4. calm down

692. Give someone the cold shoulder

- 1. do something pointless
- 2. ignore someone
- 3. pamper someone
- 4. give away a secret

693. Lead someone by the nose

- 1. to quarrel with someone
- 2. to dominate someone
- 3. to do the right thing
- 4. to force someone to take the blame

694. Throw up the sponge

- 1) To attack
- 2) To laugh at someone
- 3) To surrender
- 4) To talk loudly

Idioms and Phrases



695. To put a spoke in one's wheel

- 1) To be advantageous at the time of difficulty
- 2) To maintain under all circumstances
- 3) To blame the other party
- 4) To put a difficulty in the way of progress

696. Spick and Span

- 1) High and low
- 2) Dark and light
- 3) Neat and clean
- 4) Happy and sad

697. All agog

- 1) Avoid
- 2) Contentment
- 3) Amazed
- 4) Unsystematically

698. Not to mince matters

- 1) To be at ease
- 2) To not confuse others
- 3) To not interfere in others affairs
- 4) To speak out politely

699. Will-o-the-wisp

- 1) Something that is impossible to get or achieve.
- 2) To keep off an unwanted and undesirable person.
- 3) To spend recklessly.
- 4) Accept or leave the offer.

700. To go through fire and water

- 1) To scold someone
- 2) To experience many dangers in order to achieve something
- 3) To act without restraints
- 4) Something which hurts

701. Ended in a fiasco

- 1) A complete failure
- 2) A successful event
- 3) Changed one completely
- 4) Twisted around

702. Sow wild oats

- 1) To make someone fool
- 2) To make space to read
- 3) To take revenge
- 4) To waste time by doing foolish things

703. Live from hand to mouth

- 1) Filthy rich people
- 2) To be dependent on others
- 3) To have enough money to live on and nothing extra
- 4) Living in miserable conditions.

704. To face the music

- 1) To bear the consequences
- 2) To disparage someone
- 3) To be hard of hearing
- 4) To enjoy a musical concert

705. Pillar to post

- 1) Main support of an object
- 2) One place to another
- 3) To be reluctant
- 4) To incite others

706. To steal a march

- 1) To act in a foolish way
- 2) To break something
- 3) To outshine
- 4) To see a hidden meaning

707. In a jiffy

- 1) Fail to win appreciation
- 2) In an appropriate manner
- 3) Something that is done very quickly
- 4) To fall in love

Idioms and Phrases



708. The thin end of the wedge

- 1) In strict vigilance
- 2) Start of harmful development
- 3) Be aware of the trick
- 4) Not a worthy possession

709. To accept the gauntlet

- 1) To accept challenge
- 2) To accept defeat
- 3) To accept what is written in fate
- 4) To be able to grasp the hidden meaning

710. To wrangle over an ass's shadow

- 1) To waste money over trifles
- 2) To punish a person severely for his arrogance
- 3) To quarrel over trifles
- 4) To keep away from extreme poverty

711. Make one's flesh creep

- 1) To confuse someone
- 2) To flatter someone
- 3) To abuse someone
- 4) To frighten someone

712. To have something on the brain

- 1) To be obsessed with something
- 2) To be ready with an immediate smart witty reply
- 3) To be unable to solve a particularly difficult philosophical problem
- 4) To think wistfully about past life

713. It goes without saying

- 1) To silently bear the injustice
- 2) Something which is implied to be obvious
- 3) There is no point in doing something after you are told to do it
- 4) Break long relationship with someone

714. To let someone off

- 1) To let someone fall
- 2) To leave someone in his present state
- 3) To release someone from blame
- 4) To refuse to answer

715. Ball is in your court

- 1) Put the blame on the other person.
- 2) Request someone to return your belonging.
- 3) It is up to you to make the next decision or step.
- 4) To tell someone politely about his/her mistake.

716. Best of both worlds

- 1) Two best teams compete with each other.
- 2) A situation wherein someone has the privilege of enjoying two different opportunities.
- 3) Gods who rule heaven and earth.
- 4) A person who is respected even by his enemies.

717. Give somebody a ring

- 1) Propose marriage
- 2) Inform about the death of a loved one
- 3) Call someone on the telephone
- 4) Trap somebody in a difficult relationship

718. Leave no stone unturned

- 1) Search for the hidden treasure
- 2) Do a futile task
- 3) Be known for achieving a tremendous feat
- 4) Try every possible course of action in order to achieve something

Idioms and Phrases



719. Get the message

- 1) Understand what is implied by a remark or action
- 2) Communicate using a secret language
- 3) Find it difficult to understand a different language
- 4) Fire someone from a job

720. Keep at bay

- 1) Keep your problems to yourselves
- 2) to control something and prevent it from causing you problems
- 3) Not share a secret
- 4) Maintain a long distance relationship

721. To go off the air

- 1) To remove ventilator of a patient on his death bed
- 2) To not eat food for a long period of time
- 3) To stop broadcasting a radio or TV program
- 4) To waste time on silly or trivial things.

722. To make a fuss about

- 1) To be extremely delighted
- 2) To work hard for eventual success
- 3) To be very strict or have very high standards
- 4) An excessive display of attention or activity

723. To go to somebody's head

- 1) To have a huge ego
- 2) To complain to the highest authority
- 3) To make someone dizzy or slightly drunk
- 4) To arrive at the central point of the topic

724. To make amends

- 1) To make new friends
- 2) To feel guilty for something you have not done
- 3) To compensate 4) To make flimsy excuses

725. Blow his top

- 1. Dismiss from job
- 2. Be very embarrassed
- 3. Be very angry
- 4. Attack fiercely

726. In a pickle

- 1 in great pain 2 in jubilation
- 3 in trouble 4 in deep sorrow

727. Cross the bridge

- 1 deal with something only when necessary
- 2 not even think about the problem
- 3 not deal with the problem at all
- 4 let someone else deal with the problem

728. By the skin of one's teeth

- (a) To hurt someone
- (b) Teeth show health of an animal or a person
- (c) Dental hygiene is critical for good health
- (d) A very narrow margin

729. Pull the plug

- (a) Make a firm refusal
- (b) Save a situation by acting in the nick of time
- (c) To waste away somebody's effort
- (d) Prevent something from continuing

730. Wag the dog

- (a) To divert attention from something of greater importance to something of lesser importance
- (b) To be nice to someone if you want that person's loyalty
- (c) To praise someone to get that persons love
- (d) A small favour to a person who loves you matters a lot to that person

Idioms and Phrases



731. Water under the bridge

- (a) To create solutions to overcome any problem
- (b) Past events are no longer important
- (c) Young days can never be brought back again
- (d) Time keeps flowing endlessly

732. Saved by the bell

- (a) When time is in your favour
- (b) Saved at the last moment
- (c) The bell rings at the most opportune time
- (d) Prayers are answered when the church bell rings

733. Down to the wire

- (a) Removing the bondage that is keeping on down
- (b) The last second before the bomb explodes
- (c) To denote a situation whose outcome is not decided until the very last minute
- (d) Finishing all of one's resources to the last penny

734. Eat one's words

- 1. forgive and forget
- 2. become less acceptable
- 3. retract what one has said
- 4. oppose sternly

735. To the letter

- (a) Completely
- (b) To verify
- (c) Watch carefully
- (d) To be lucky

736. Neck and neck

- (a) To have jealousy
- (b) Side by side
- (c) To compensate
- (d) Up and down

737. To knock off

- (a) To maintain outward show
- (b) Stop working
- (c) A false praise
- (d) To be sluggish

738. To keep the powder dry

- (a) To be ready for any work
- (b) To make a great noise
- (c) To create disturbance
- (d) To arrive at a conclusion soon

739. In the wake of

- (a) To be in fashion
- (b) As a result of
- (c) As a summary
- (d) Prevalent

740. To hold a candle to

- (a) To take the remarks seriously
- (b) To be comparable to the other
- (c) To be burdened with a task
- (d) To interfere unnecessarily

741. To be hoisted with one's petard

- (a) To talk continuously of the same matter
- (b) Secret and underhand
- (c) To be killed with one's sword
- (d) To raise a great cry

742. To give a slip

- (a) To prepare oneself for a work
- (b) To escape
- (c) To appeal
- (d) To judge something

743. To fizzle out

- (a) Failed out gradually
- (b) To pay the bill
- (c) To insult
- (d) To increase excitement

Idioms and Phrases



744. Dress down

- (a) To neglect
- (b) Put in better condition
- (c) To scold
- (d) To worry excessively

745. To bring to book

- (a) To punish the guilty
- (b) To gift someone a book
- (c) Fascinate or attract
- (d) To think deeply

746. At the outset

- (a) Right in the beginning
- (b) Not under any control
- (c) In perfect order
- (d) In the power of

747. At home in

- (a) Without a break
- (b) To be comfortable
- (c) To be on bad terms
- (d) To go home back

748. A beehive

- A. A busy place
- B. A secure place
- C. A sweet place
- D. A costly place

749. To win laurels

- A. To be victorious in a game
- B. To memorise
- C. To be disappointed
- D. To earn great prestige

750. Play ducks and drakes

- A. Lent
- B. Spent lavishly
- C. Did not spend
- D. Borrowed

751. Made a beeline

- A. Went online
- B. Rushed
- C. Were doubtful
- D. Refused

752. All-thumbs.

- A. Lazy
- B. An expert

C. A trainer

D. Clumsy

753. Rises with the lark

- A. At midnight
- B. Very late
- C. Very early
- D. After sunrise

754. As daft as a brush

- A. A liar
- B. Very funny
- C. Really silly
- D. Unreliable

755. Go dutch

- A. Drive together
- B. Pay for each other's meal
- C. Go together
- D. Divide the costs

756. Keep a level head

- A. Was impulsive
- B. Was sensible
- C. Was crazy
- D. Was self-centred

757. Go for the jugular

- A. Forfeit the match
- B. Give easy opportunities to the opposite team
- C. Give reserve players a chance
- D. Attack all out

758. To set the Thames on fire

- A. Do a heroic deed
- B. Do something to suit one's own purpose
- C. To burn someone alive
- D. Destroy with fire

759. Finish with something

- A. Be thorough
- B. Be satisfied
- C. Be exhausted
- D. Be through

760. A vexed question

- A. Controversial
- B. Highlighted
- C. Important
- D. Confused

Idioms and Phrases



761. A golden mean

- A. Comfortable and easy work
- B. Middle course between two extremes
- C. A sudden sad event
- D. A subject of contention

762. TO MIND ONE'S P's and Q's

- (a) To have an illegible handwriting
- (b) To overdress
- (c) To be careful and polite
- (d) To remember poetry by heart

763. Look out for number one

- A) To have difficulty doing something, or to experience a difficult period.
- B) To help someone with something.
- C) To do something so that you will get all the benefit.
- D) To be difficult to find, or to be very isolated and remote.

764. Lick your wounds

- A) To swear a lot.
- B) To go away and recover from a bad experience or defeat.
- C) A way to ask someone what they are thinking about.
- D) To start to do something before all the preparation has been finished.

765. Stand on ceremony

- A) To expect that everything is done in the proper and very formal way.
- B) To finish something or to give it away so that it is no longer your responsibility.
- C) To say that having different experiences makes life fun and interesting.
- D) To do something slowly.

766. Don't know the first thing about it

- A) To have no knowledge about something.
- B) The time that you can no longer change your mind, or when you have to do what you are doing now.
- C) To use all your strength and ability to achieve something, or to be in very vicious combat.
- D) To say you will deal with a problem when you need to and not before.

767. Drew on his fancy

- A. Used his understanding
- B. Used his imagination
- C. Used his aptitude
- D. Used his skill

768. Rest on their laurels.

- A. Be unhappy
- B. Be impatient
- C. Be motivated
- D. Be complacent

769. Made no bones about

- A. Did not have any hesitation in
- B. Demanded compensation for
- C. Did not have any faith in
- D. Had problems in

770. Sum and substance

- (A) summary
- (b) explanation
- (C) result
- (d) effect

771. A drug in the market

- (A) rarely available
- (b) Saleable products
- (C) commodities not in demand
- (d) available at cheap rates

772. Mealy-mouthed

- (A) ill—tempered
- (B) circumlocutory
- (c) Soft voice
- (D) ambitious

Idioms and Phrases



773. Give a wide berth

- (A) keep away from
- (B) publicly condemn
- (C) give publicly to with
- (D) not sympathise

774. By fits and starts

- (A) consistently
- (B) irregularly
- (C) in high spirits
- (D) enthusiastically

775. Clinched the issue

- (A) dosed
- (B) decided
- (C) finished
- (D) started

776. Threw cold water over

- (A) encouraged
- (B) discouraged
- (C) cleared
- (D) rejected

777. A lady's man

- (a) A woman-tailor
- (b) A lover of Woman Company
- (c) A man working as per a lady's directions
- (d) A timid husband

778. To throw dust in one's eyes

- (a) To defame
- (b) To make blind
- (c) To harm someone
- (d) To deceive

779. To be rolling in money

- (a) Wasting a lot of money
- (b) Very rich
- (c) Borrowing money liberally
- (d) Spending more than his income

780. To get into hot waters

- (a) To be impatient
- (b) To suffer a huge financial loss
- (c) To get into trouble
- (d) To be in a confused state of mind

781. To give a false colouring

- (a) To misrepresent

(b) To submit the false report

(c) To be dishonest (d) To conceal the facts

782. Queer somebody's pitch

- (a) Upset one's plan
- (b) Reprimand him
- (c) Check him
- (d) Work him up

783. To make the grade

- (a) To fail in a task
- (b) To get good marks in an examination
- (c) To come out successful
- (d) To make good one's previous loss

784. To be up and doing

- (a) To recover from illness
- (b) To be actively engaged
- (c) To progress satisfactorily
- (d) To be expressive and explicit

785. To take somebody for a ride.

- (a) To provide entertainment
- (b) To keep the company
- (c) To deceive or cheat someone
- (d) To exploit a person cool one's heels

786. By the rule of thumb

- (A) the use of force
- (b) By the use of trickery
- (c) By cheating and deception
- (d) By practical experience which is rather rough

787. To foam at one's mouth

- A) to brush properly
- B) to get very angry
- C) to salivate on seeing food
- D) To cheat

Idioms and Phrases



788. To burn a hole in the pocket

- A) to steal from someone's pocket
- B) to destroy other's belongings
- C) to be very miserly
- D) money that is spent quickly

789. Elbow room

- A) opportunity to perform well
- B) special room for the guest
- C) to give enough space to move or work in
- D) to add a new room to the house

790. To play fast and loose

- A) to be quick
- B) to be playful
- C) To behave in a careless ,irresponsible or deceitful way
- D) to be efficient

791. While away

- (a) Spend time in a relaxed way
- (b) To utilize time efficiently
- (c) To be on time (d) To be late

792. FABIAN POLICY

- (a) Dictatorial policy
- (b) Democratic policy
- (c) Market policy
- (d) Policy of using gradual and slow reforms

793. TO KICK THE BUCKET

- (a) To start an account
- (b) To start a sea journey
- (c) To die (d) To start agricultural activity

794. TO EAT HUMBLE PIE

- (a) To eat slowly
- (b) To have an excellent dish

(c) To live in a modest manner

(d) To have to apologise

795. ODDS AND ENDS

- (a) Quarrelsome persons
- (b) Various intentions
- (c) Mixture of different things
- (d) Nonsense

796. TO PICK UP THE GAUNTLET

- (a) To accept felicitations
- (b) To accept a challenge
- (c) to accept bribe (d) To accept a senior post

797. TO COOL ONE'S HEELS

- (a) To give a cold treatment to somebody
- (b) To be kept waiting for sometime
- (c) To go for a holiday
- (d) To settle a controversial issue

798. TO CUT THE GORDIAN KNOT

- (a) To perform an opening ceremony
- (b) To solve a difficult problem
- (c) To get a sharp injury
- (d) To go for mountaineering

799. AN OLIVE BRANCH

- (a) An offer of peace
- (b) An idea
- (c) A lady
- (d) A wicked person

800. THE PRIMROSE PATH

- (a) A modern marketplace
- (b) The pursuit of pleasure
- (c) Right of self-determination
- (d) Process using high technology

Idioms and Phrases



801. LEAD SOMEBODY TO THE ALTAR

- (a) To make somebody to learn games
- (b) To marry somebody
- (c) To arrest somebody (d) To pass judgment

802. TO GO FOR THE JUGULAR

- (a) To play a music instrument
- (b) To make a destructive attack
- (c) To go to watch a circus
- (d) To go for hunting

803. IN PAWN

- (a) To feel better (b) Confused
- (c) Very busy (d) Pledged

804. TOUCH-AND-GO

- (a) A weak person (b) Uncertain as to the result
- (c) To catch a thief (d) A tough competitor

805. Something up one's sleeve

- A) A grand idea B) Have an alternate plan
- C) A profitable plan D) Something important

806. The Alpha and Omega

- A) Beginning and end
- B) A Shakespearean play
- C) A Greek song
- D) A Swiss watch

807. To take off

- A) To remove B) Urge
- C) Enjoy D) Have a nap

808. Leave no stone unturned

- A) To take rest
- B) To confess without reserve
- C) To try every possible way
- D) To hold the difficulties and dangers in check

809. Led by the nose

- A) to control someone completely
- B) Follow what others suggest
- C) Be afraid to the consequences
- D) Be led by physical desires

810. To catch somebody on the hop

- A) To defeat B) To catch somebody off guard
- C) To punish heavily
- D) To demand a very high price

811. Make mark

- A) Attained notoriety
- B) Ruined one's wealth
- C) Acquired wealth
- D) Distinguish himself

812. Jump down your throat

- A) Make a joke
- B) Scold/ speak angrily to someone
- C) Forced to eat
- D) Run away

813. A close shave

- A) A clean shave
- B) A narrow escape
- C) To gamble
- D) To start something new

814. Struck a chill to the heart

- A) To arouse anger
- B) To cause relief
- C) To make somebody afraid
- D) Awakened bitterness

Idioms and Phrases



815. To cast pearls before a swine

- A. To take responsibility of a loss embedded business
- B. To offer a thing to someone which he cannot appreciate
- C. To reprimand someone
- D. To take charge of a useless thing

816. To bring one's egg to bad market

- A. To humiliate someone in public
- B. To fail in an attempt because you took help of a wrong person
- C. To disclose one's secret
- D. To approach someone in a disrespectful manner

817. No love lost

- A. cold war
- B. intense friendship
- C. Indifference
- D. intense dislike

818. Clear as mud

- A. debatable
- B. not difficult
- C. Confusing / not easy to understand
- D. Deliberate

819. Streak of bad luck

- A. Something bad for business
- B. Continuous unfortunate situations
- C. Evil attempt
- D. Unworthy of something

820. Make mountains out of molehills

- A. Over excited
- B. Underestimate
- C. Get emotional
- D. Exaggerate something

821. To split hours

- A. To devote equal amount of time
- B. To focus on trivial things
- C. To fix time for something

D. To spend time on relevant matters

822. A snake in the grass

- A. A secret opportunity
- B. An awakening indication
- C. Hidden enemy
- D. A hint

823. To take a leap in the dark

- A. To bribe
- B. To take risk
- C. To threaten someone
- D. To do a hazardous thing without any idea of the result

824. The salt of the Earth

- (a) To expect something in return
- (b) Very good & honest/kind
- (c) To support someone
- (d) Neat and clean

825. Feel blue

- (a) Feeling ecstatic
- (b) In trouble/depressed
- (c) An easy achievement
- (d) Feeling annoyed

826. Flies off at a tangent

- (a) Self praising
- (b) To boast
- (c) Start discussing something irrelevant
- (d) Well informed

827. Going places.

- (a) To go to the home back
- (b) Talented and successful
- (c) To go on a visit
- (d) To be angry

828. Get the sack

- (a) Getting promotion
- (b) Dismissed from
- (c) To get a surprise
- (d) To get a leave

829. Of no avail

- (a) In favour with
- (b) Useless
- (c) Useful
- (d) To be utterly lost

Idioms and Phrases



830. Bone to pick

- (a) Appear suddenly
- (b) To reject
- (c) Cause of quarrel
- (d) To accept readily

831. To call it a day

- (a) To conclude proceedings
- (b) To grieve over
- (c) To surrender
- (d) To be suspicious

832. Pull someone up on something

- (a) To agree on something
- (b) To Criticize
- (c) To bring out a change
- (d) To get prepared

833. Point blank

- (a) Rarely
- (b) Very definite and direct
- (c) At a last moment
- (d) Leave quietly

834. A cut above

- (a) Rather superior to
- (b) Tough situation
- (c) To be idle
- (d) To object at something

835. Balloon goes up

- (a) To be attentive
- (b) A situation turning unpleasant/serious
- (c) A happy occasion
- (d) Get up early

836. Part and Parcel

- (a) To take an initiative
- (b) To do a task completely
- (c) Important part
- (d) To surprise someone

837. Gate Crasher

- (a) Invited friend
- (b) Uninvited guest
- (c) A drunk person
- (d) A murderer

838. As daft as a brush

- (a) Extremely silly
- (b) Extremely kind
- (c) Extremely sick
- (d) Extremely old

839. To cut the Gordian Knot

- a) To perform a difficult task
- b) To cut a piece of cloth
- c) To perform an easy task
- d) To do a job perfunctorily

840. Bee hive

- a) A busy place
- b) A secure place
- c) A sweet place
- d) A costly place

841. Draw the line

- a) Put the screw on
- b) Fix a limit
- c) Aim at the sky
- d) Turn the tables

842. In the soup

- a) Preparing soup
- b) Drinking soup
- c) Distributing soup
- d) To be in trouble

843. To win laurels

- a) To be victorious in a game
- b) To memorise
- c) To be disappointed
- d) To earn great prestige

844. All our might and main

- a) Full force
- b) Complete trust
- c) Exceptional skill
- d) Full unity

845. Nailed their colours to their mast

- a) Put up a colourful mast
- b) Refused to cease or surrender
- c) Took over the ship
- d) Decided to abandon the ship

Idioms and Phrases



846. Batten down the hatches

- a) Stay in – door
- b) Prepare for a difficult situation
- c) Go somewhere safe
- d) Face the obstacles

847. Files off at a tangent

- a) Gets carried away
- b) Starts discussing something irrelevant
- c) Loses her temper easily
- d) Does not really understand anything

848. Go at equal speed

- a) Get away from
- b) Put up with
- c) Keep up with
- d) Race against

849. To take with a grain of salt :

- (a) To take with some reservation
- (b) To take with total disbelief
- (c) To take whole heartedly
- (d) To take seriously

850. To talk through one's hat :

- (a) To speak fluently
- (b) To talk nonsense
- (c) To talk wisdom
- (d) To speak at random

851. To give/get the bird :

- (a) To show derision/ to be dismissed
- (b) To have good luck
- (c) To send away
- (d) To get the impossible

852. To flog a dead horse :

- (a) To act in a foolish way
- (b) To waste one's efforts
- (c) To revive interest in an old subject
- (d) To revive old memories

853. All and sundry :

- (a) Greater share
- (b) All of a sudden
- (c) Completion of work
- (d) Everyone without distinction

854. To worship the rising sun :

- (a) To honour a man who is coming into office/power
- (b) To honour to promising people
- (c) To indulge in flattery
- (d) To welcome the coming events

855. To have brush with

- (a) To start painting
- (b) To have good and pleasing terms
- (c) To be impressed
- (d) To have a slight encounter/conflict with

856. To pull one's socks up

- (a) To face
- (b) To try hard
- (c) To get ready
- (d) To depart

857. Dog in the manger :

- (a) An undersized bull almost the shape of a dog
- (b) A dog that has no kennel of its own
- (c) A person who puts himself in difficulties on account of other people
- (d) A person who prevents others from enjoying something useless to himself

858. To set the people by ears

- (a) To box the people
- (b) To insult and disgrace the people
- (c) To punish heavily
- (d) To excite people to a quarrel

Idioms and Phrases



859. To give chapter and verse for a thing
(a) To produce the proof or tell all the details of a thing
(b) To eulogize the qualities of a thing
(c) To make publicity of a thing
(d) To attach artificial value to a thing
860. To plough the sands :
(a) To work hard to achieve one's aim
(b) To afford hope or ground for expecting a good result
(c) To busy oneself in a way which cannot lead to any profitable result
(d) To advance one's position in life
861. To take umbrage :
(a) To feel depressed (b) To be offended
(c) To be satisfied (d) To be pleased
862. To fight to the bitter end :
(a) To fight with poison-tipped arrows
(b) To fight to the last point of enemy position
(c) To die fighting
(d) To carry on a contest regardless of consequences
863. To give a false colouring :
(a) To misrepresent
(b) To submit the false report
(c) To be dishonest (d) To conceal the facts
864. To take the wind out of another's sails
(a) To manoeuvre to mislead another on the high seas
(b) To cause harm to another
(c) To defeat the motives of another
(d) To anticipate another and to gain advantage over him

865. To carry the coal to new castle
(a) To work hard (b) To finish a job
(c) To do unnecessary things
(d) To do menial jobs
866. A baker's dozen :
(a) Twelve (b) Charity
(c) Thirteen (d) Allowance
867. A bull in a china shop :
(a) A person who is very ugly but loves the beautiful things of life
(b) A person who takes a sadistic delight in harming innocent people
(c) A person who becomes too excited where no excitement is warranted
(d) A person who is rough and clumsy where skill and care are required
868. Hard-pressed :
(a) Bewildered (b) Insulted
(c) Hard discipline (d) In difficulties
869. To be at one's finger's end :
(a) To be hopeless
(b) To be highly perplexed
(c) To be completely conversant with
(d) To count things
870. To pull strings :
(a) To exert hidden/personal influence to get advantage
(b) To tease someone
(c) To speed up
(d) To start something

Idioms and Phrases



871. To be old as the hills :

- (a) To be very ancient
- (b) To be wise and learned
- (c) To be old but foolish
- (d) Not being worth the age

872. To mind one's P's and Q's :

- (a) To be cautious
- (b) To be accurate and precise
- (c) To be careful of one's accounts
- (d) To be careful of one's personality

873. As duck takes to water

- (A) like taking the duck to water
- (B) like bursting out suddenly
- (C) like dropping the duck in the water
- (D) like easily and naturally speaking

874. Made away with

- (a) earned (b) ran away with
- (c) squandered (d) saved

875. Feel his pulse

- (a) find his views (b) enlighten him
- (c) argue with him (d) guide him

876. Like a bull in a china shop

- (a) a felicitous person (b) a clumsy person
- (c) a tactful person (d) a no-nonsense person

877. Swan-song :

- (a) Music as sweet as a song of birds
- (b) A melodious song in praise of someone
- (c) Praise of a woman by her lover
- (d) Last work of a poet or musician before death

878. To oil the knocker :

- (a) To instigate a person to do a job

(b) To do a work with increased pace

(c) To tip the office-boy

(d) To revive old enmity

879. To live fast :

(a) To lead a life of dissipation

(b) To accomplish a purpose

(c) to do a task hurriedly

(d) To use up one's income as fast as it comes in

880. To take a leaf out of somebody's book :

(a) To take him as a model

(b) To steal something valuable

(c) To follow the dictates of someone

(d) To copy /imitate someone

881. To set the thames on fire :

(a) To do something remarkable

(b) To try to do the impossible

(c) To burn something to ashes

(d) To fling ironical remarks

882. To have one's heart in one's boots :

(a) To be deeply depressed

(b) To be frightened

(c) To get angry

(d) To keep a secret

883. To strike one's colours :

(a) To fight vigorously

(b) To work hard

(c) To surrender

(d) To make a rude gesture

884. To ride hell for Leather :

(a) To ride with furious speed

(b) To adopt false means to succeed

(c) To work hard for a small accomplishment

(d) To earn money by all means

Idioms and Phrases



885. To speak daggers :

- (a) To abuse someone
- (b) To indulge in trivial talks
- (c) To speak to a person harshly
- (d) To encounter

886. Be in the mire :

- (a) Be under debt (b) Be in love
- (c) Be in difficulties (d) Be uneasy

887. To give a rap on the knuckles :

- (a) To eulogise (b) To help
- (c) To beat (d) To rebuke

888. To cry wolf.

- (a) To listen eagerly (b) To give false alarm
- (c) To turn pale (d) To keep off starvation

889. To drive home.

- (a) To find one's root
- (b) To return to place of rest
- (c) Back to original position
- (d) To emphasise

890. Halcyon days

- (a) hard days (b) of mental pressure
- (c) happy days (d) days of preparation

891. Fell on stony ground.

- (a) was counter productive
- (b) had a strong impact
- (c) made on stubborn
- (d) had little success/ to be ignored

892. Has all his ducks in a row

- (a) has everything ready (b) is well organised
- (c) always scores a zero
- (d) never gets confused

893. To carve out a niche

- (a) became a sculptor
- (b) did the best he could do
- (c) destroyed his career
- (d) developed a specific position for oneself

894. Cock and Bull Story

- A. A adventurous story with animals used as metaphors
- B. an improbable or unbelievable story given as an explanation or excuse
- C. A story of morality for teaching values to children
- D. A story of amity among animals

895. Hand in glove

- a. Not volunteering to work
- b. Helping someone
- c. Work in close association with someone
- d. Work secretly

896. Tall order

- a. Big ambitions b. Crowded place
- c. Expensive place d. Difficult work

897. To take to task

- A. Forgave him
- B. Slapped him
- C. Gave him extra work
- D. Reprimanded him

898. Cut a sorry figure

- A. Did not stand straight
- B. Apologised for his remarks
- C. Created a wrong impression
- D. Made a poor impression

Idioms and Phrases



899. Bad blood

- A. war
- B. ill feeling
- C. threatening attitude
- D. in an infected state of being

900. Over egg the pudding

- A. To try so hard to improve something that you spoil it
- B. fill the pudding excessively with egg.
- C. add details in order to make something more exciting.
- D. add important details to the content of a story.

901. Every dark cloud has a silver lining

- A. Every unpleasant situation has to wait
- B. Every unpleasant situation has a positive side
- C. Every dark cloud is upsetting
- D. Cloud with dark and silver lining is good

902. Turn turtle

- A. Slow like a turtle
- B. Turn like a turtle
- C. Overturn
- D. A game turtles play

903. Donkey's years

- a. A decade
- b. A long time
- c. A century
- d. Since school days

904. Button one's lip

- a. Tell us more
- b. Stop talking
- c. Invite us too
- d. Enjoy herself

905. Evening of life

- a. Old age
- b. A party
- c. Holiday
- d. Childhood

906. Strain every nerve

- a. Try all tricks
- b. Work very hard
- c. Beg before others
- d. Spend a large amount

907. Put up the shutters

- a. To close business for the day or permanently
- b. Experienced a downside
- c. Sold off assets
- d. Changed ownership

908. Call in question

- a. Summon as a witness
- b. Doubtful
- c. Prove a theory
- d. Challenge

909. Weal and woe

- a. Friends and enemies
- b. Be in danger
- c. Adversity
- d. Good times and bad times

910. Cheek by jowl

- a. Very close together
- b. Arguing
- c. Teasing one another
- d. Avoiding one another

911. Carry the ball

- a. Decorate the ball
- b. Be in charge
- c. Take the decision
- d. Be the hostess

912. Butt in

- a. Record
- b. Impose
- c. Improvise
- d. Interrupt

913. Hard of hearing

- a. To be disturbed
- b. To be confused
- c. To be deaf
- d. To be dumb

914. Old head on young shoulders

- a. To be intelligent when old
- b. To be old and yet look young
- c. To be wise beyond his years
- d. To be smarter with age

Idioms and Phrases



915. A house of cards

- a. An insecure scheme
- b. A gambling house
- c. A plan with high stakes
- d. A place where cards are printed

916. A cuckoo in the nest

- a. One who likes to stay at home
- b. A view from a high place
- c. An unwelcome intruder
- d. One who is chosen as the leader of the group

917. Drive home

- a. Find one's roots
- b. Emphasise
- c. Refer
- d. Draw

918. Scot free

- a. Unlimited
- b. Unpunished
- c. To freedom
- d. Unrepentant

919. Selling like hot cakes

- a. To have a good season
- b. To become as planned
- c. To have a very slow sale
- d. To have a very good sale

920. All moonshine

- a. Glowing
- b. Far from reality
- c. Celestial
- d. About the moon

921. Hope against hope

- a. Think wishfully from time to time
- b. Hoped with good reason
- c. Nurture an impossible hope
- d. Pretend to hope

922. Beggar description

- a. Cannot be described
- b. Something described by a beggar

c. A poor account of something

d. A description of a beggar

923. Play truant

- a. Play a tyrant
- b. Stay away from duty
- c. Be responsible
- d. Be alert

924. Assume airs

- a. Take tight
- b. Remain calm
- c. Act innocent
- d. Pretend superiority

925. Brown study

- a. Sleep
- b. Dream
- c. Fear
- d. Reverie

926. Bone to pick

- a. Be angry
- b. Selfish motive
- c. Selfless motive
- d. Desire

927. Breathing down the neck.

- a. Shouting loudly at him
- b. Giving him strenuous work
- c. Abusing and ill-treating him
- d. Watching all his actions closely

928. Keep body and soul together

- a. Maintain his health
- b. Continue with his work
- c. To have just enough to sustain
- d. Be physical and spiritual

929. Do a roaring trade

- a. In the animal business
- b. Highly successful
- c. In the habit of shouting at others
- d. Extremely reluctant

930. Blue blooded

- a. Inferior
- b. Of noble birth
- c. Of unknown origin
- d. Unhealthy

Idioms and Phrases



931. A storm in a teacup

- a. Steam while having tea
- b. Something which encourages
- c. Big fuss over a small matter
- d. Special positions

932. Mare's nest

- a. Phenomenal discovery
- b. Worthless thing
- c. Joyful event
- d. Huge mistake

933. Throw in the towel

- a. Fight with vigour
- b. Acknowledge defeat
- c. Get success
- d. Concentrate more

934. Too many chiefs and not enough indians.

- a. A proud gathering
- b. An inefficient situation
- c. An anti-national meeting
- d. A top-level meeting

935. The seamy side

- a. On the right side
- b. Unpleasant aspect
- c. Visible aspects
- d. On the left side of something

936. Go to rack and ruin

- a. A state of utter chaos
- b. A state of despair
- c. A condition of exhilaration
- d. Get into a bad condition

937. Lose face

- a. Become embarrassed
- b. Feel angry
- c. Get injured
- d. Feel surprised

938. A gentleman at large

- a. A man in the crowd
- b. A man without a job
- c. A man who runs around

d. A man who is generous

939. To clip one's wings

- A. to stop one from flying
- B. to trim the leaves
- C. to deprive one of power
- D. to hurt a bird

940. To nip in the bud

- A. to stop something at the start
- B. to trim the flowers
- C. to pluck the flowers
- D. to steal from

941. Get the sack

- A. Look for a sack
- B. Find a sack
- C. Get a call back
- D. Be dismissed

942. Wet behind the ears

- A. Skillful
- B. Young and rich with experience
- C. Young and without much experience
- D. Hearing impaired

943. Pick to pieces

- A. Study something superficially
- B. Complete a work entirely
- C. Analyse critically
- D. Select only what you need.

944. Put two and two together

- A. Bad at mathematics
- B. Poor financial condition
- C. Reason logically
- D. Forget something

945. To be in a fix

- A. In pain
- B. In distress
- C. Depressed
- D. In a difficult situation

Idioms and Phrases



946. To keep in abeyance

- A. In a state of permanence
- B. In a state of emergency
- C. In a state of suspension
- D. In a state of revision

947. Curry favour

- A. Seek impartial judgement
- B. Seek favourable attention
- C. Prepare a dish
- D. Attract attention

948. Straw in the wind

- A. A light-weight object
- B. A lucky charm
- C. A game that kids play
- D. An indication of what might happen

949. In the blues

- A. Cheerless and depressed
- B. Violent and angry
- C. Wearing blue badges
- D. Singing sad songs

950. Cap in hand

- A. Defiant
- B. Screaming
- C. Well quickly
- D. In a respectful manner

951. Catch a tartar

- A. To catch a dangerous person
- B. To deal with a person who is more than one's match
- C. To trap a wanted criminal with great difficulty
- D. To live carefully and cautiously

952. Dressing-down

- A. Apply bandage
- B. Wear an expensive gown
- C. Give a scolding
- D. Pretend

953. Burn your boats

- A. Have a burning desire to win

B. Become extremely tired after working very hard

C. Do something that makes it impossible to return to the previous situation

D. Want to spend money as soon as you get it

954. Beside the mark

- A. Perfect
- B. Not to the point
- C. Relevant
- D. Charming

955. ill at ease

- A. Unwell
- B. Irritated
- C. Uneasy
- D. Confused

956. Throw caution to the winds

- A. To be fearful
- B. To warn others not to travel
- C. To behave recklessly
- D. To behave with care and caution

957. Bark is worse than his bite

- A. Threat is worse than the action taken.
- B. Temper cannot be controlled
- C. Ferocious scolding hurt more than his action.
- D. Anger is always justified.

958. A chip off the old block

- A. Reminds them of one's father
- B. To remind of one's son
- C. Reminds them of one's son
- D. Reminds of previous memories

959. Be down with

- A. Suffering from
- B. In grief with
- C. In pain with
- D. Aching with

960. Gall and wormwood

- A. A problem
- B. Hateful
- C. Useless
- D. Hard to digest

Idioms and Phrases



961. Every inch a gentleman

- A. Somewhat
- B. Partly
- C. Entirely
- D. Calculatively

962. Made light of

- A. Did not hear
- B. Treated it lightly
- C. Blew away
- D. Carried with him

963. With one voice

- A. By one man
- B. By one community
- C. Unanimously
- D. In disharmony

964. Pale into insignificance

- A. Seemed less important
- B. Was less exciting
- C. Was less hectic
- D. Was dull and pale

965. For keeps

- A. Escape
- B. Away
- C. Forever
- D. Hid

966. Mend your ways

- A. Happy with one's behaviour
- B. Sad with one's behaviour
- C. Destroy one's behaviour
- D. Improve one's behaviour

967. Cat nap

- A. Take a long sleep
- B. Sleep like a cat
- C. Make a snoring sound while sleeping
- D. To sleep briefly

968. Pull a long face

- A. To make fun
- B. To look sad
- C. To irritate someone
- D. To pull someone's face

969. Fit like a glove

A. To fit snugly

- B. Something tight and sticky
- C. Soft and easy to wear
- D. Difficult to hold

970. To angle

- A. To measure the river breadth
- B. To fish with a net
- C. To fish
- D. To sit and watch the river

971. Going against the grain

- A. Doing things differently from what you usually do
- B. Doing things against the wishes of your close relations
- C. Doing things which you never heard of
- D. Doing things which no one else has ever done till now

972. Let the chips fall where they may

- A. Let your sacrifices in life be known to everyone
- B. Let the difficult situations in life come to an end regardless of the results
- C. Let the joys of life take precedence over your sorrows
- D. Let something happen without bothering about the consequences

973. Whole bag of tricks

- A. Make use of the best resources from the ones that are available
- B. Make use of all the possibilities or techniques to achieve something
- C. Make use of all opportunities that cross your path
- D. Make use of all tricks to win the hearts of people

Idioms and Phrases



974. Square peg in a round hole

- A. Understanding B. Misfit
- C. Competent D. Most fit

975. Between the horns of a dilemma.

- A. A difficult situation/choice
- B. A challenging situation
- C. An unknown problem
- D. A combative situation

976. Whole nine yards

- A. Long clothing B. Till last minute
- C. Counting length D. Everything

977. In harness

- A. In office B. To hold on
- C. Gripping D. In silence

978. Dog eat dog

- A. Very vigilant
- B. Steady manager
- C. Ruthlessly competitive
- D. Hostile and unhelpful

979. Bald as a cue ball

- A. Partially bald B. Not bald
- C. Completely bald D. Crazy

980. All hat and no cattle

- A. One who puts others in trouble
- B. One who is hardworking
- C. One who doesn't want to spend his own money
- D. One who is full of big talk but lacks substance and action

981. To beat the rap

- A. To destroy stereotypes
- B. To be more successful than others
- C. To avoid or escape punishment

D. To involve someone in a crime

982. God's acre

- A. Church B. Aisle
- C. A churchyard D. Altar

983. Shake off

- A. Forget B. Remember
- C. Imagine D. To get rid off something bad

984. Hold water.

- A. Seem rejectable B. Seem logical
- C. Seem approvable D. Seem acceptable

985. To shun evil company.

- A. To kick out. B. To let loose.
- C. To give up. D. To put off.

986. Seamy side

- A. The unpleasant aspects
- B. The gentler aspects C. The softer aspects
- D. The pleasanter aspects

987. A sacred cow

- A. A person or thing above criticism
- B. A saintly person
- C. A helpful person D. A very religious person

988. A dog's breakfast

- A. A breakfast for the dogs.
- B. An accurate summary.
- C. A total mess.
- D. A breakfast being served by the dogs.

989. Sail in the same boat

- A. Be in the same situation.
- B. Suspect something uncanny.
- C. Suspect something wrong
- D. Be in a different situation.

Idioms and Phrases



990. To be in a quandary

- A. To be in a confusing situation
- B. To be in an unenviable position
- C. To be on the alert
- D. To be in a commanding position

991. Gnomes of zurich.

- A. Witchcraft of Zurich B. Foreign leaders
- C. Swiss bankers
- D. Guardians of treasure

992. The jury is out

- A. No decision has been reached.
- B. A jury member is absent.
- C. The entire jury decides to stay out of the proceedings.
- D. The jury has taken a break between hearings.

993. Arm-chair critic

- A. Someone who gives advice based on theory not practice
- B. Someone who gives advice based on practice not theory
- C. Someone who gives advice based on experience
- D. Someone who never gives advice

994. Chip of the old block.

- A. A person of the old generation
- B. An experienced old man
- C. A common boy of the locality
- D. Someone similar in character to one's father

995. Vote with their feet.

- A. Kick him out B. Show their disapproval
- C. Stop him from speaking
- D. Choose him as leader

996. A dog in a manger

- A. Cold B. Selfless
- C. Selfish D. Warm

997. Chapter and verse.

- A. Spoke like a preacher
- B. Taught like a teacher
- C. Referred to religious books
- D. Provided minute details

998. Bring the house down

- A. Passed a bill unanimously
- B. Amused the audience greatly
- C. Pulled down the house
- D. Defamed a family building

999. Give somebody/something a wide berth

- A. Pay more attention to B. Give a larger bed to
- C. Share her seat with D. To stay away from

1000. Kith and kin

- A. Niece and nephew B. Father and mother
- C. Relatives D. Colleagues

1001. Go berserk

- A. To become very lazy
- B. To become very angry
- C. To be in trouble
- D. To be happy

1002. Horse sense

- A. Advice of parents
- B. Advice of teachers
- C. Advice of colleagues
- D. Basic common sense

Idioms and Phrases



1003. A shot in the arm

- A. Something that gives encouragement
- B. Something that is painful
- C. Something that needs attention
- D. Something done with a purpose

1004. Catch time by the forelock

- A. Speed up
- B. Set up clock back
- C. Slow down
- D. Seize opportunity

1005. Dry run

- 1. Rehearsal of an event
- 2. Running in a desert
- 3. Running without shoes
- 4. Jogging in a park

1006. Once and for all

- 1. Out of control
- 2. Finally
- 3. Happily
- 4. Effectively

1007. Take a cue from someone

- 1. treat someone as very important
- 2. wait patiently to listen to someone
- 3. be strongly influenced by someone/ behave in the same way as someone else
- 4. take someone's position in the queue

1008. Raise the bar

- 1. To grow taller
- 2. To raise the price
- 3. To win a competition
- 4. To set higher goals

1009. Bang for the buck

- 1. Dash against something
- 2. More value for money
- 3. Less value for money
- 4. A sorrowful heart

1010. To walk on air

- 1. To feel very depressed
- 2. To be completely free
- 3. To be very happy
- 4. To be very rich

1011. To take a chill pill

- 1. To ask a doctor for medication
- 2. To drink cold water
- 3. To gulp a tablet for a cold
- 4. To calm down

1012. Want to curl up and die

- 1. Want to die comfortably
- 2. Unable to sleep well
- 3. Feel terribly ashamed and sorry
- 4. Too tired from physical labour

1013. Be at a loss for words

- 1. Habituated to using difficult words
- 2. Not aware of the language
- 3. Not know what to say
- 4. Lost the urge to speak

1014. Full of beans

- 1. A dish made of French beans
- 2. Full of cowardice
- 3. A storeroom full of vegetables
- 4. Full of energy

1015. To cut a long story short

- 1. Like to tell long stories
- 2. Like to tell short stories
- 3. Tell something briefly
- 4. Tell something in a roundabout way

1016. To the nines

- 1. To be exalted
- 2. To be jealous
- 3. To great depths
- 4. To perfection

Idioms and Phrases



1017. Go easy on something

1. Fill one's plate easily
2. Use only a small amount of/ to treat someone in a gentle way
3. Take as much as one wants
4. Eat slowly and liberally

1018. Pat on the back

1. Friendly tap to push someone
2. Praise or approval for doing something good
3. Good massage for aches and pains
4. Mild form of disapproval or blame

1019. A kick in the teeth

1. Severe toothache
2. A grave setback
3. Removing tooth cavities
4. Hitting someone hard

1020. A stumbling block

1. Putting stones along the way
2. An obstacle to progress
3. Skipping over a hurdle
4. Removing stones on the way

1021. Lion's share

1. The strongest and richest partner in a group
2. The part that must be left for the guests in a party
3. The greatest and most desirable portion of something
4. The sound produced by a lion when it is attacking a prey

1022. A live wire

1. An influential and powerful person
2. A very active or energetic person
3. A dangerous and evil person

4. An angry and bad-tempered person

1023. Sit on the fence

1. Create conflicts
2. Protect something
3. Avoid making a decision
4. Poke fun at people

1024. Fair and square

1. By any means available
2. According to the rules
3. Beautiful in appearance
4. Calm and quiet

1025. A bad egg

1. Someone who is dishonest and unreliable
2. Someone who regularly makes mistakes
3. Someone who doesn't like eggs
4. Someone who likes to break eggs

1026. Tide someone over

1. Complete a voyage successfully
2. Give temporary help, usually financial
3. Ask someone for financial assistance
4. Get a boat ready to cross a river or water body

1027. To pay lip service

1. To ask for permission
2. To be insincere
3. To make loud statements
4. To talk out of turn

1028. To get the ball rolling

1. To match an opponent
2. To keep working until late
3. To play a ball game well
4. To begin a process

1029. On the horizon

1. The successful beginning of a business venture
2. A plan for the distant future
3. An event that is likely to end soon
4. An event that is likely to happen soon

Idioms and Phrases



1030. On cloud nine

1. Extremely happy
2. Flying with a parachute
3. Frequently flying by air
4. Extremely sad

1031. Draw the line at something

1. Agreeing to an idea
2. Accept something up to a particular point
3. Coming to a conclusion
4. Making pencil sketches

1032. To be light years away

1. An extremely long time from now in the past or future
2. To be too distant for human beings to reach
3. An unlikely event that happened suddenly
4. When something seems like it is about to happen in the near future

1033. A square deal

1. A fair agreement
2. An unfair agreement
3. A nice decoration
4. A dishonest transaction

1034. On edge

1. Keeping things safely
2. Doing exercises regularly
3. Nervous and unable to relax
4. Playing a tiring game

1035. The gift of the gab

1. Loves to give gifts
2. Writes very well
3. Used to grabbing others' gifts
4. Talks well and persuasively

1036. Feel at sea

1. Feel comfortable while travelling by water
2. Feel angry

3. Feel seasick

4. Feel lost or confused

1037. Twiddling one's thumbs

1. Feeling hungry
2. Feeling bored
3. Feeling angry
4. Feeling sad

1038. Out of the blue

1. Beat someone black and blue
2. Loves to wear only blue colour clothes
3. Completely honestly
4. Completely unexpectedly

1039. To fan the flames

1. To resolve the issue amicably
2. To call for help to solve an issue
3. To cool the situation
4. To make a bad situation worse

1040. To draw a bead upon

- A. To make prayers
- B. To cause hindrance in work
- C. To count the benefits
- D. To take aim at

1041. To come round

- A. To meet someone by chance
- B. To become conscious again
- C. To go round and round
- D. To spend a lot of time with someone

1042. Cook the books

- A. To write books on cooking
- B. To falsify financial records
- C. To be a good editor
- D. To be a good writer

1043. On the wane

- A. On the rise
- B. Out of control
- C. At the peak
- D. On the decline

Idioms and Phrases



1044. To strike one's colours

- A. To listen carefully
- B. To make a guess
- C. To surrender
- D. To be victorious

1045. Apples and Oranges

- A. Two unlike things or people
- B. People working together on a project
- C. People with similar approaches
- D. Two similar situations with likely results

1046. Hale and hearty.

- A. Happy
- B. Superior
- C. Healthy
- D. Friendly

1047. Watch one's step

- A. be punished severely
- B. warning to someone to walk or act carefully
- C. revealing the secret information
- D. put off work for another day

1048. Make ducks and drakes of

- A. To get angry
- B. To waste
- C. To carry
- D. To laugh at

1049. Be an open book

- A. Be insensitive
- B. To be easy to understand
- C. Be the center of attraction
- D. Be supported

1050. Long and short of it

- A. Hardly and suddenly
- B. Light and dark
- C. The summary of the matter
- D. Day and night

1051. Plain as day

- A. Visible only in broad daylight
- B. Very simple and easy to do
- C. Very obvious and easy to understand

D. Very interesting to know

1052. Keep up appearances

- A. To pretend to be happier or richer so as to conceal the real situation
- B. To spend a lot of time on appearances so as to lead the fashion world
- C. To deliberately appear shabby and not care to impress people
- D. To waste a lot of money on mindless shopping and not bother about the consequences

1053. Under the gun

- A. To be cruel
- B. To be brave
- C. To be killed
- D. To be under pressure

1054. To burn all bridges

- A. To chase all enemies
- B. To light a fire
- C. To damage a path
- D. To destroy all relations

1055. Bag and baggage

- A. Very dear
- B. Intimate friend
- C. At one's command
- D. With full luggage

1056. To tempt providence

- A. to invite punishment
- B. to achieve a fortune
- C. to take reckless risks
- D. to have God's favour

1057. In the prime of life

- A. In the best period of life
- B. At open enmity
- C. In writing
- D. Blood relations

1058. There's nothing new under the sun

- A. something that existed but not found today
- B. something that has been existing for long
- C. something that exists for a day
- D. something that is not pre-planned

Idioms and Phrases



1059. Clamp down on

- A. someone very precious or dear
- B. miss the chance
- C. raining very heavily
- D. to act strictly to prevent something

1060. Fray at the edges

- A. not completely perfect
- B. show an appropriate behaviour
- C. to become less effective
- D. evolve in something

1061. Kick up a row

- A. cause a disturbance
- B. arrange in rows
- C. hit someone angrily
- D. break a queue

1062. Grin from ear to ear

- A. to make funny faces
- B. to have very sharp ears
- C. to smile a lot because of happiness
- D. to ridicule someone

1063. Go to the dogs.

- A. Be taken over
- B. Be ruined
- C. Be successful
- D. Be profitable

1064. The straw that broke the camel's back

- A. To show strength and continue without a fuss
- B. To be the last in a series of events leading one to feel that it is intolerable
- C. To undertake a difficult journey across a desert
- D. To make a wish for an escape from existing conditions

1065. Upset someone's applecart

- A. Upsetting someone by dropping the apples
- B. Making someone angry by ruining business

C. Doing something that fails someone's plan

D. Spoiling the apples in someone's cart

1066. let your hair down

- A. to live a careless life
- B. to become conscious of your looks
- C. to become very uncaring about others
- D. to take it easy and relax

1067. High time

- A. well in time for something
- B. time to fly high
- C. past the appropriate time
- D. time to celebrate something

1068. Get your money's worth

- A. to be cheated in a purchase
- B. to pay and get something of good value
- C. to buy something very expensive
- D. to get something of poor quality for free

1069. Tip of an iceberg.

- A. Problem a ship faces on the ocean
- B. Something that has been in existence for a long time
- C. A legally punishable crime
- D. Something which is a small part of something much bigger

1070. Reinventing the wheel

- A. Disturbing the system which has already been in use
- B. Examining circumstances that have already been understood
- C. Wasting one's time for things that have already been satisfactorily done
- D. Analysing various factors of happenings

Idioms and Phrases



1071. Look before you leap

- A. Pull someone out from a disaster
- B. Think carefully of the consequences
- C. Prepare yourself before jumping
- D. Caution others before taking a step

1072. Back in saddle

- A. Resume duty
- B. Put a new saddle
- C. Teach someone riding
- D. Learn how to ride

1073. Keep a civil tongue

- A. Speak with great politeness
- B. Maintain silence when needed
- C. Express dissent mildly
- D. Argue with soft words

1074. Hats off to someone

- A. Give hats to
- B. Make new hats for
- C. Announce a prize for
- D. Congratulations to

1075. To tread on someone's toes

- A. to be in power
- B. to commence to fight
- C. to sacrifice one's life
- D. to offend someone

1076. Back to the salt mines

- A. stuck in a dangerous place
- B. to eat salty food
- C. to behave badly
- D. back to work

1077. To have a jaundiced eye

- A. to be very pleased
- B. to have yellowish eyes
- C. to be prejudiced
- D. to have sore eyes

1078. Great minds think alike

- A. when an evil plan is hatched criminals agree
- B. said to those people who don't like each other to make them agree

C. said when two people have the same opinion or make the same choice

D. intelligent people will think of plans to which everybody will say yes

1079. On her last legs

- A. Happy and joyous
- B. Near to death
- C. Sad and angry about life
- D. Anxious about other people

1080. Give up the ghost

- A. to feel superior
- B. to overcome one's fear
- C. to give encouragement
- D. to stop working

1081. Run into rough weather

- A. Experienced difficulties
- B. Brought cool breeze and rains
- C. Become stronger and firmer
- D. Become pleasant and cordial

1082. To throw a fit

- A. express extreme anger
- B. faint and fall down
- C. caution someone about fitness
- D. become unconscious

1083. To paddle one's own canoe

- A. To exercise hard
- B. To take rest
- C. Depend on oneself
- D. To act in a childish way

1084. As clear as a bell

- A. to have a tinkling sound
- B. at a very low price
- C. to get fooled
- D. readily understood

Idioms and Phrases



1085. See the light of day

- A. teach someone
- B. finally happen/to become publicly known
- C. write it down
- D. explain to someone

1086. Catch on

- A. Rejuvenating
- B. Secret affair
- C. To loose
- D. To become popular

1087. Cat's whiskers

- A. a very easy matter
- B. to be highly impressive
- C. to be very determined
- D. difficult to understand

1088. On the brink of

- A. to be alert
- B. to be near to
- C. not at all
- D. occasionally

1089. You can say that again

- A. To challenge someone
- B. To express agreement
- C. To politely ask someone to repeat
- D. A favourite story

1090. The luck of the devil

- A. someone who creates problems
- B. extremely lucky
- C. to accidentally or prematurely give out information
- D. to buy something

1091. Explore every avenue

- A. To run away
- B. To march forward
- C. To look for every possible means
- D. To be taken by surprise

1092. Puts by a little money every month.

- A. Saves
- B. Spends

C. Gives away

D. Earn

1093. Cross the bridge

- A. Deal something only where necessary
- B. Not even think about the problem
- C. Not deal with the problem at all
- D. Let someone else deal with the problem

1094. Run around in circles

- A. to remain busy with your work
- B. to keep running to set a record
- C. to work excessively hard by keeping two jobs
- D. to keep doing something without achieving much

1095. Of the first water

- A. of favorable opinion
- B. of ancient origin
- C. of the best quality
- D. of no significance

1096. Teeth of tough resistance.

- A. In a state of uncertainty
- B. In direct opposition to
- C. In collaboration with
- D. In a short span of time

1097. Pass the hat

- A. to sell something
- B. to collect money
- C. to play a game
- D. to avoid work

1098. Explore every avenue

- A. To run away
- B. To march forward
- C. To look for every possible means
- D. To be taken by surprise

1099. Go-getter

- A. one who does the right thing
- B. a greedy person
- C. one who runs away
- D. a real achiever

Idioms and Phrases



1100. Bank on something

- A. To do transaction
- B. To rely on something
- C. To be independent
- D. To clear out something

1101. Cut a sorry figure

- A. Not to stand straight
- B. Apologise for his remarks
- C. Create a strong impression
- D. Make a poor impression

1102. To be pushing up daisies

- A. To get up feeling fresh
- B. To be dead and buried
- C. To smell like flowers
- D. Once beautiful but now ugly

1103. To carry all before one

- A. Finish quickly
- B. Make a promise
- C. Be free from danger
- D. Be completely successful

1104. Ride roughshod

- A. Deal unkindly with/ Ignore the rights or opinions of others
- B. Take for granted
- C. Be ham -handed with
- D. Exploit willfully

1105. To make a pile

- A. to keep at a distance
- B. to make a lot of money
- C. to aggravate the situation
- D. to face the risk

1106. Gave the game away

- A. lost the game
- B. gave out the secret
- C. played badly
- D. withdrew from the game

1107. Teething problems

- A. Problems encountered during the last stage of a process
- B. Problems encountered during the initial part of a process
- C. Problems encountered during the whole process
- D. Problems encountered during the middle part of a process

1108. Tongue -in -cheek

- A. Speak in an insincere/ non serious way
- B. To praise wholeheartedly
- C. A. sensational news
- D. To say something hurtful

1109. Elvis has left the building

- A. when an attempt fails and it's time to start all over.
- B. deal with a problem if and when it becomes necessary, not before.
- C. the show is over, go home.
- D. looking in the wrong place

1110. Like a dying duck in a thunderstorm

- A. Dejected
- B. Confident
- C. Daring
- D. Comfortable

1111. Teeth of tough resistance.

- A. In a state of uncertainty
- B. In direct opposition to
- C. In collaboration with
- D. In a short span of time

1112. Work like a charm

- A. to do something faster
- B. to delay a task
- C. to work very well
- D. to do a magic trick

Idioms and Phrases



1113. To cast aspersions

- A. to act as the pillar of support
- B. to raise aspirations
- C. to make unpleasant remarks/criticise
- D. to dissolve all the differences

1114. Melting pot

- A. an earthen vessel
- B. a cooking utensil
- C. an iron cauldron
- D. different types of people blend together as one

1115. To lead by the nose

- A. to hit someone on the nose
- B. to completely control someone
- C. to burden someone with work
- D. to depend totally on someone

1116. Wouldn't hurt a fly

- A. to be coward
- B. to be very poor
- C. to be inoffensive and harmless
- D. to be indifferent

1117. Dog in the manger.

- A. A person who puts himself in difficulties on account of other people.
- B. A dog that has no kennel of its own.
- C. A person who prevents others from enjoying something useless to himself.
- D. An undersized bull almost the shape of a dog.

1118. Not have a leg to stand on.

- A. Had been injured in an accident
- B. Was lame
- C. To be in a situation in which you cannot prove something
- D. Would have to wait for some time

1119. Wing it

- A. something that flies
- B. to do something without a plan
- C. to book a trip
- D. to decline a lucrative offer

1120. To be in a pickle

- A. to lead a dependent life
- B. to be in a tricky situation
- C. to eat sour foods
- D. to be hungry

1121. Be down with

- A. Suffering from
- B. In grief with
- C. In pain with
- D. Aching with

1122. To lead astray

- A. To take back what you have said
- B. To misguide
- C. To achieve two results with one effort
- D. To apologize humbly

1123. Move the needle

- A. to deceive someone
- B. to be vigilant
- C. to receive great honour
- D. to make a significant difference.

1124. A shot in the dark

- A. To love to go out on adventures
- B. To be able to work very quickly
- C. To be very violent
- D. An attempt to guess something

1125. A small fry

- A. unimportant
- B. weak
- C. little
- D. to praise others trumpeting

Idioms and Phrases



1126. Alphabet Soup

- A. incomprehensible or confusing mix
- B. something outstandingly good
- C. fashionable and glamorous
- D. privileged people

1127. Pick to pieces

- A. study something superficially
- B. complete a work entirely
- C. to criticize harshly
- D. to pick the broken pieces

1128. Pipe down

- A. To ask someone to be loud
- B. To ask someone to be quiet
- C. To beat someone badly
- D. To assault someone

1129. Cheek by jowl

- A. Very close together
- B. Arguing
- C. Teasing one another
- D. A. voiding one another

1130. To hail from

- A. call
- B. receive
- C. arrive
- D. come from

1131. A cuckoo in the nest

- A. One who likes to stay at home
- B. A. view from a high place
- C. An unwelcomed intruder
- D. One who is chosen as the leader of the group

1132. Had gone down the drain

- A. was lost forever
- B. dropped in the drain
- C. got washed away
- D. her money was safe

1133. Hard and fast

- A. that is difficult to solve
- B. that can be altered
- C. that is very quick
- D. that cannot be altered

1134. Merry as a cricket

- A. To enjoy a game of cricket
- B. To be carefree
- C. To dance and sing
- D. To be good at sport

1135. Turn an honest penny.

- A. Make a legitimate living/ to earn money honestly
- B. To distribute money to needy people
- C. Have a luxury living
- D. Become more miser

1136. A chill to the heart

- A. Caused anger
- B. Caused relief
- C. Aroused fear
- D. Awakened bitterness

1137. Set their face against the invader.

- A. Became enemies
- B. Turned away from
- C. Faced difficult
- D. Opposed strongly

1138. Turns up her nose

- A. Despises
- B. Loves
- C. Sees no harm in
- D. Can just tolerate

1139. Dead letter.

- A. Not well thought out
- B. No longer effective
- C. No longer available
- D. Not in keeping with the changing times

1140. Brown study

- A. Reverie
- B. Sleep
- C. Fear
- D. Dream

Idioms and Phrases



1141. Not playing with a full deck

- A. Someone who lacks intelligence.
- B. Happens very rarely
- C. To have no idea, do not know the answer to a question
- D. To not have enough resources

1142. Take a hike

- A. Get increment in salary B. Get promoted
- C. Get dismissed from job D. Get lost

1143 . Shades of grey

- A. Monotonous life
- B. Dark side of something
- C. Not clear if right or wrong
- D. A story with negative morals

1144. Pig in a poke

- A. To buy something without examining it first
- B. To pet a pig at one's house
- C. To thwart someone's progress
- D. To act in reckless manner

1145. Alarums and Excursions

- A. value for money and time
- B. confused activity and uproar
- C. source of fun or amusement
- D. derive excitement or pleasure from

1146. A drop in a bucket

- A. As much as possible B. Nothing at all
- C. A handsome amount
- D. A very insignificant amount

1147 . Raining cats and dogs

- A. To rain heavily B. To win a big lottery
- C. To get wealth beyond what one deserves
- D. To become filthy rich by honest means

1148 . New kid on the block

- A. New rules which are bound to fail.
- B. A junior.
- C. A new social trend. D. A newcomer.

1149. To bait the hook to suit the fish

- A. to prepare a box to pack the fish
- B. to do things to please others
- C. to look at things from other person's point of view
- D. to catch fish by

1150. Nose around

- A. to ignore B. to lose
- C. to explore/ to search D. to cry about

1151. Argus eyed

- A. a pretence B. flatterer
- C. short tempered D. observant

1152. To take with a grain of salt

- A. to view with skepticism
- B. to take with total belief
- C. to take whole heartedly
- D. to take seriously

1153. Lean and mean

- (a) To destroy something
- (b) To create something
- (c) Using only what is necessary
- (d) Not afraid dangerous situations

1154. Next to nothing

- (a) Hardly anything
- (b) To produce
- (c) Without answer
- (d) Reject without consideration

Idioms and Phrases



1155. Every trick in the book

- (a) Nothing Happening (b) Be optimistic
- (c) Try every possible way (d) Forgive someone

1156. Keep your eyes peeled

- (a) To watch carefully
- (b) Searching someone
- (c) Looking forward (d) Running away

1157. Get one's feet wet

- (a) To become serious
- (b) To understand correctly
- (c) To criticize
- (d) To begin gaining experience/ become used to a new situation

1158. A bitter pill

- (a) Facing unpleasant situation
- (b) Cause of trouble
- (c) To reveal a secret
- (d) Not to listen to

1159. Make a name for oneself

- (a) To gain fame (b) To disturb others
- (c) To help others (d) Escape from trouble

1160. Throw in the towel

- (a) Make all possible effort (b) Using any means
- (c) Accept defeat (d) Ignore others

1161. To give vent to

- (a) Express (b) Cause Trouble
- (c) Lose Courage (d) Circulate

1162. To get wind

- (a) To fly (b) To forget
- (c) Come to know (d) To tell

1163. Meet one's Waterloo

- (a) Waste time here and there
- (b) Going for journey
- (c) Meet one's final end and get defeated
- (d) Begin from scratch

1164. Hit the hay

- (a) Go to bed (b) Go to play
- (c) Go to bath (d) Going to school

1165. Word of mouth

- (a) To make promise (b) Wrong information
- (c) To spread by talking (d) To someone happy

1166. Bread and butter

- (a) One's income (b) One's basic meal
- (c) Very easy (d) To dislike

1167. Food for thought

- (a) Something to think about seriously
- (b) Feeling good (c) Thinking about food
- (d) Determination to solve a problem

1168. In the nick of time

- (a) Just in Time (b) Reach after job done
- (c) Reach before time (d) Doing nothing

1169. Make mouth water

- (a) Arguing with someone
- (b) Make someone hungry
- (c) Make someone angry (d) Avoid conflict

1170. To cast aspersions

- (a) To talk carefully
- (b) To talk secrets
- (c) To make insulting remark
- (d) To run away

Idioms and Phrases



1171. Off track

- (a) Speaking unnecessary (b) To lose focus
- (c) Make mistake
- (d) Achieving impossible

1172. To call into question

- (a) To write a letter (b) To voice a strong protest
- (c) To doubt (d) To scold

1173. To go to the wall

- (a) To be ruined (b) To be idle
- (c) To be in grave trouble (d) To go for a holiday

1174. Waking up on the wrong side of the bed

- (a) Not Agree with someone
- (b) Feeling unhappy
- (c) Disrespect
- (d) To make promise

1175. Put up with

- (a) to live with someone
- (b) to express something
- (c) to put in a higher position
- (d) tolerate

1176. To give currency

- (a) To make publicly known
- (b) To misinterpret
- (c) To bestow importance (d) To originate

1177. Queer Fish

- (a) Sea fish (b) Strange person
- (c) Fashionable Man (d) Cooked fish

1178. When the Church comes

- (a) When desperate
- (b) When the Church is built
- (c) At the point of religious awakening

(d) When the moment of decision arrives

1179. all and sundry

- (a) watchful (b) destroy
- (c) everyone (d) final

1180. Apple-pie order

- (a) a sudden shock (b) perfect order
- (c) all belongings
- (d) cause of contention

1181. To put the cart before the horse

- (a) to imagine a fine future
- (b) to do things the wrong way
- (c) to have a private end to serve
- (d) to have bitter enemies

1182. Eye-wash

- 1.By force 2.A pretence/ deceptive
- 3.Come to nothing 4.A secret

1183. Well disposed to

- 1. In fashion
- 2. To look sad
- 3. Friendly with somebody 4. Shortage

1184. To give a good account of oneself

- 1.To act in a creditable way
- 2.To fight
- 3.To happen 4. To get astounded

1185. A blue stocking

- 1.An educated lady 2.A bully
- 3.A dead person 4.An extremely rich person

1186. Do not look a gift horse in the mouth

- 1.Poor and ruined 2.To be worthless
- 3.Don't criticize 4.To give a gift

Idioms and Phrases



1187. Beside the mark

- 1. Outrageous
- 2. Dependent
- 3. Irrelevant
- 4. Fascinating

1188. Window shopping

- 1. To feel dejected
- 2. To appreciate
- 3. To look at things displayed but not buying them
- 4. To buy things

1189. Be down in the mouth

- 1. To feel dejected
- 2. In brief
- 3. Scattered things
- 4. Very important

1190. Tall stories

- 1. To get into trouble
- 2. To happen
- 3. To write a long story
- 4. Exaggerated stories

1191. A Spartans life

- 1. Life of an ascetic
- 2. To work together
- 3. To continue
- 4. A lot of money

1192. To have too many things at a time

- 1. To make a speech
- 2. Doing many things at a time
- 3. To deceive
- 4. To make a request

1193. To sail under false colours

- 1. A hypocrite
- 2. To extinguish
- 3. In prefect situation
- 4. To listen with patience

1194. To be up and doing

- 1. To be active
- 2. To be confused
- 3. To end a conflict
- 4. To kill

1195. To take to task

- 1. In a dilemma
- 2. To be unwell
- 3. To be hostile
- 4. To scold

1196. Not hold water

1. Not able to prove logical

- 2. Squander
- 3. To occur to oneself
- 4. To understand

1197. Hang together

- 1. Hopeful
- 2. To weaken the power
- 3. Support one another
- 4. To tell a secret

1198. In tune with

- 1. About to collapse
- 2. To praise oneself
- 3. To pacify the matter
- 4. In agreement with

1199. To be nipped in the bud

- 1. To destroy in the very beginning
- 2. To be suspicious
- 3. To abuse
- 4. To come to nothing

1200. To stand in good stead

- 1. To confess
- 2. To be helpful in need
- 3. To die
- 4. To praise

1201. To give a wide berth

- 1. To disclose
- 2. To agree
- 3. To value
- 4. To avoid

1202. Palmy days

- 1. Last creation
- 2. False hope
- 3. Official day
- 4. Prosperous

1203. To have feet of clay

- 1. Large part
- 2. Secrets
- 3. Full of faults
- 4. Extremely happy

1204. Keep one's powder dry

- A. To be fussy
- B. To remain cautious
- C. To be angry and violent
- D. To remain unmarried

Idioms and Phrases



1205. Between the devil and the deep sea
- A. A deep sea diver
 - B. To be evil tempered
 - C. In a dilemma
 - D. A man who is drowning

1206. To go beyond
- A. To remain neutral
 - B. To be busy over trifles
 - C. To be unreliable
 - D. To exceed

1207. Make merry
- A. To enjoy a game of cricket
 - B. To enjoy yourself
 - C. To get married
 - D. To be good at sport

1208. Fall through
- A. Be unsuccessful
 - B. Reduce
 - C. Tear out
 - D. Fall down

1209. A bee in your bonnet
- A. Speak succinctly
 - B. Stay up
 - C. Go wild
 - D. Obsessed with an idea

1210. Fell all over
- A. Ignored
 - B. Clamour
 - C. Over enthusiastic
 - D. Tripped

1211. Reinventing the wheel.
- A. Wasting time
 - B. Construct a wheel
 - C. Repeating thoughts continuously
 - D. Growing

1212. To break the back of anything
- A. Perform the most difficult part
 - B. Providing support
 - C. Getting into fight
 - D. Talking to people who are from diverse culture

1213. Take a leaf out of one's book

- A. Copying content of an author
- B. Imitate or copy someone
- C. leaves that are preserved in database for research
- D. Intervening other's business

1214. To get bent out of shape
- A. To get perfect physique
 - B. To get upset
 - C. To bend the rules
 - D. To stand alone and unique in a group

1215. Balloon goes up
- A. To be attentive
 - B. A situation turning unpleasant/serious
 - C. A happy occasion
 - D. Get up early

1216. The royal road
- A. An easy way
 - B. A troublesome way
 - C. A grand idea
 - D. A luxurious life style

1217. Whiter than white
- A. Completely foolish
 - B. Completely blank
 - C. Customary
 - D. Completely honest

1218. Going places
- A. To go to the home back
 - B. Talented and successful
 - C. To go on a visit To be angry
 - D. An adventurous event in life

1219. Royal shaft
- A. Royal treatment
 - B. Royal food
 - C. Bad or unfair treatment
 - D. An expensive possession

Idioms and Phrases



1220. Out of whack.

- A. Vitiated
- B. Flawed
- C. Out of order/ not working properly
- D. Tired

1221. To put a spanner in the works.

- A. Facilitate
- B. Hobble / to prevent something from happening smoothly
- C. Codify
- D. Whip

1222. Give up the ghost

- A. Give up a fear
- B. Give up in the war
- C. To pass away / stop working
- D. To rest for some time

1223. Thrust your nose in

- A. Advise me about
- B. Be in opposition
- C. Deal with
- D. Meddle officiously in

1224. Yeoman's service

- A. Medical help
- B. Excellent work
- C. Social work
- D. Slow work

1225. Deaf ear

- A. Paid no heed
- B. Listened carefully
- C. Turned his ear away
- D. Inaudible

1226. Stand on his feet

- A. To be physically strong
- B. To be independent
- C. To stand erect
- D. To be successful

1227. Making hay while the sun shines.

- A. Taking advantage of a favourable opportunity
- B. Earning money through dishonest means
- C. Earning money at the cost of others
- D. Taking advantage of the inflationary trends

1228. Gave vent to their feelings.

- A. To express
- B. To emphasise
- C. To suppress
- D. To dismiss

1229. Man in the street

- A. The homeless man
- B. The ordinary man
- C. The man who works on the street
- D. The man who repairs roads

1230. Threw down the glove.

- A. Accepted
- B. Defeat
- C. Rejected the prize
- D. Gave a challenge

1231. Cut off without a shilling

- A. Disinherited
- B. Snubbed
- C. Gave only a shilling
- D. Sent away with a shilling

1232. Turn your nose

- A. Despises
- B. Sees no harm in
- C. Can just tolerate
- D. To refuse to accept

1233. High and dry

- A. Wounded
- B. alone
- C. Happy
- D. Neglected

1234. Currying favour

- A. Helping
- B. Favouring
- C. Dislike
- D. Ingratiating oneself / Try to make someone like you

1235. Face against

- A. Became enemies
- B. Turned away from
- C. Faced difficulty
- D. Opposed strongly

1236. Sharp practices

- A. Dishonest means
- B. Illegal means
- C. Intelligent decisions
- D. Quick decisions

Idioms and Phrases



1237. Shook in their shoes

- A. Stamped the ground with their shoes
- B. Showed signs of anger
- C. Trembled with fear
- D. Stood up to salute

1238. Thee at thy word

- A. Listen to you carefully
- B. Do not believe you
- C. Feel angry with you
- D. Truly believe you

1239. Blue-eyed boys

- A. Royal children
- B. Young boys
- C. Foreigners
- D. Favourites

1240. Green-eyed monster

- A. Anger
- B. Hatred
- C. Envy
- D. Jealousy

1241. To steer clear of

- A. Drive carefully
- B. Avoid
- C. Explain clearly
- D. Escape

1242. Stand-offish

- A. Angry
- B. Hilarious
- C. Indifferent
- D. Unmanageable

1243. Heads will roll

- A. Transfers will take place
- B. Heads will be cut off
- C. People will die
- D. Dismissals will occur

1244. No bones

- A. Did not have any hesitation in
- B. Did not have any faith in
- C. Demanded compensation for
- D. Had problems in

1245. Cut no ice

- A. Had no influence
- B. Did not hurt

C. No benefit

D. Not make proud

1246. Helter-skelter

- A. In great fear
- B. In disorderly haste
- C. In haste
- D. In great sorrow

1247. To run one down

- A. To be in a hurry
- B. To be quick
- C. To disparage
- D. Someone to run down a lane

1248. Stave off an open battle

- A. Postpone
- B. Wait and see
- C. Allow it to take its own course
- D. Prevent

1249. Pay through his nose

- A. Pay huge loans
- B. Pay a reasonable price
- C. Pay an extremely high price
- D. Make a quick buck

1250. Out and out

- A. Totally
- B. Simply
- C. Merely
- D. Slightly

1251. Token strike

- A. Total strike
- B. Carefully planned strike
- C. Short strike held as a warning
- D. Sudden call of strike

1252. Look down upon

- A. Sympathise with
- B. Hate intensely
- C. Be indifferent to
- D. Regard with contempt

1253. Ever and anon

- A. True promise
- B. False promise
- C. Frequent
- D. Occasionally

Idioms and Phrases



1254. Die-hard

- A. Very weak
- B. About to die
- C. Living life
- D. Persistent/ determined

1255. By and by

- A. Soon
- B. Finally
- C. Gradually
- D. Unexpectedly

1256. Carrot and stick policy

- A. Reward and punishment
- B. Dishonest
- C. Arrogant
- D. Selfish policy

1257. Be built upon sand

- A. Established on insecure foundations
- B. Based on inexperience
- C. Resting on cheap material
- D. Resting on immature ideas

1258. Call names

- A. To praise
- B. To abuse
- C. To respect
- D. To order

1259. Look sharp

- A. Be careful
- B. Make haste
- C. Be punctual
- D. Be sensible

1260. Cloven hoof

- A. The evil intention
- B. The nice intention
- C. To do something religious
- D. To help someone silently

1261. Cry for the moon

- A. To wish for something impossible
- B. To wish for something accessible
- C. To try to have something by bad means
- D. To waste efforts

1262. Charley horse

- A. Very rapid
- B. Very weak
- C. Stiffness
- D. Boldness

1263. By dint of

- A. By means of
- B. By grace of
- C. By fear of
- D. By blessing of

1264. Broken Reed

- A. Continue support
- B. Support that failed
- C. Support endlessly
- D. Broken into pieces

1265. Brow Beat

- A. To bully
- B. To respect
- C. To praise
- D. To rebuke

1266. Black and Blue

- A. To put things in order
- B. To put things in disorder
- C. To trust someone
- D. To beat very badly

1267. Bandy words

- A. To argue
- B. To request
- C. To give respect
- D. To be polite

1268. Away with the fairies

- A. Not facing reality
- B. On the basis of reality
- C. Shocking stage
- D. Very sad

1269. A pig in a poke

- A. Accept deal in a pressure
- B. Accept deal without knowing
- C. Accept deal after detail analysis
- D. Accept deal due to threat

Idioms and Phrases



1270. Run its course

- A. Continue for a long time
- B. Become very popular
- C. Develop and then come to its usual end
- D. End very soon

1271. A load of cobblers

- A. Good news
- B. Very famous
- C. Rubbish
- D. Burden

1272. Argus eyed

- A. Doubtful
- B. Very Confident
- C. Very Calm
- D. Careful

1273. First blush.

- A. First attempt
- B. First sight
- C. First step
- D. First phase

1274. At a loss

- A. At a business loss
- B. At a relation loss
- C. To be unable to decide
- D. To be afraid

1275. For a song.

- A. Very cheaply
- B. On loan
- C. At a loss
- D. Very easily

1276. All in all

- A. Everything
- B. Particular thing
- C. same in all
- D. Call all at once

1277. In the red

- A. Making money
- B. Losing money
- C. In danger
- D. Pending money

1278. A black sheep

- A) One who takes no share in profit
- B) An ugly person
- C) An unlucky person

D) Someone who is a disgrace to the rest of the group

1279. At one fell swoop

- A) Without any doubt
- B) By chance
- C) In a single action
- D) By mistake

1280. Back of beyond

- A) A remote place
- B) Crowded place
- C) Religious place
- D) A busy place

1281. A bigger bang for your buck

- A) Threat to your money
- B) More for your efforts
- C) More for your money
- D) A big theft

1282. Egg on

- A) To urge somebody
- B) To eat more eggs
- C) Hitting the gym
- D) To annoy

1283. Follow suit

- A) To act in a like manner
- B) To follow somebody very closely
- C) To chase
- D) To be formal

1284. Lost in the clouds

- A) To imagine
- B) To doubt weather
- C) To feel happy
- D) Confused

1285. Odds and ends

- A) Various items of different types and of little value
- B) Interesting endings
- C) Often mistaken
- D) Very strange

1286. Wry face

- A) Disappointed look
- B) Burned face
- C) Black person
- D) Happy face

Idioms and Phrases



1287. Rock the boat

- A) To be very energetic
- B) To be happy always
- C) To upset the balance
- D) To be quick

1288. Keep abreast of

- A) To not waste time in waiting
- B) Stay up-to -date with the recent developments
- C) To live within one's means
- D) None of the above

1289. Be given the axe

- (A) To loose job
- (B) To be ruined
- (C) To die
- (D) To be suspicious

1290. Go cold turkey

- A. To become a coward
- B. To stop doing or using something
- C. Abruptly and completely
- D. Indifferent

1291. To talk turkey

- A. To have a power nap
- B. Don't give up the day job
- C. Not to pursue something at which they are unlikely to be successful.
- D. To discuss something honestly and directly

1292. Fat chance

- 1. Very little or no possibility
- 2 . A great opportunity
- 3 . Something likely to happen
- 4. An unfavourable time

1293. Throw someone under the bus

- A. To make someone meet with the accident

B. Cause someone else to suffer in order to save oneself

- C. To push someone before a moving vehicle
- D. To be a traveller or the one who travels a lot

1294. Cup of Joe

- A. A cup with Joe printed on it
- B. A cup of coffee
- C. A cup of tea
- D. A difficult situation for someone

1295. Knuckle sandwich

- A. A cheerful person
- B. A dish which is tasteless
- C. A delicious sandwich
- D. A punch in the mouth.

1296. Can of worms

- A. More easy way
- B. Most difficult issue
- C. Very attractive
- D. Very useful

1297. Join the club

- A. To take revenge
- B. Satisfy with others
- C. Excited to invite
- D. Sympathy to others

1298. Name will be mud.

- A. Good appreciation
- B. Made celebrity
- C. Bad reputation
- D. Got award

1299. Hole and corner

- A. Strict
- B. Servile
- C. Secret
- D. Suspicious

1300. Go dutch

- A. Divide the costs
- B. Pay for each other's meal
- C. Go together
- D. Drive together

1301. Hanging fire

- 1. Delay in taking a decision
- 2. Hotly debated
- 3. In danger
- 4. Ignored

Idioms and Phrases



1302. Like a dog with two tails.

- A. very morose
- B. very enthusiastic
- C. very greedy
- D. very happy

1303. Said a mouthful

- A. lengthy remark
- B. angry remark
- C. abusive remark
- D. precise remark

1304. Cold feet

- A. unwell
- B. afraid
- C. hesitant
- D. excited

1305. Clear the air

- A. reduce pollution
- B. discuss openly
- C. reveal feelings
- D. be untruthful

1306. Laid it on the line

- A Scold
- B Be disappointed
- C Speak frankly
- D Resigned

1307. out of the top drawer.

- (a) of great wealth
- (b) of high social standing
- (c) of considerable education
- (d) of great intellectual ability

1308. Top up their grants

- (a) stay with
- (b) keep to
- (c) add to
- (d) get to

1309. top dog around

- (a) the most arrogant person
- (b) the most important person
- (c) the most popular person
- (d) the most unusual person

1310. thin on top.

- (a) losing his hair
- (b) losing his memory
- (c) losing his popularity
- (d) losing his strength

1311. As thick as two short planks.

- (a) very quiet
- (b) very slow
- (c) very wooden
- (d) very stupid

1312. Thin time of it.

- (a) finding it difficult without friends
- (b) finding it difficult without support
- (c) finding it difficult without help
- (d) finding it difficult without money

1313. Make a killing in the stock market.

- (A) Lose money quickly
- (B) Plan a murder quickly
- (C) Murder someone quickly
- (D) Make money quickly

1314. Up to your ears

- (A) To ignore
- (B) To forget
- (C) To be busy with or deeply involved in a thing
- (D) To criticise

1315. To be at one's finger's end

- (a) To be hopeless
- (b) To be highly perplexed
- (c) To be completely conversant with
- (d) To count things

1316. To be old as the hills :

- (a) To be very ancient
- (b) To be wise and learned
- (c) To be old but foolish
- (d) Not being worth the age

1317. To mind one's P's and Q's :

- (a) To be cautious
- (b) To be accurate and precise
- (c) To be careful of one's accounts
- (d) To be careful of one's personality

Idioms and Phrases



1318. duck to water.

- (a) like taking the duck to water
- (b) like bursting out suddenly
- (c) like dropping the duck in the water
- (d) like easily and naturally speaking

1319. made away with

- (a) earned
- (b) ran away with/ escape with something stolen
- (c) squandered
- (d) saved

1320. let off steam

- (a) to release tension
- (b) to show anger
- (c) to show approval
- (d) to show enthusiasm

1321. to feel pulse

- (a) find views
- (b) enlighten
- (c) argue with
- (d) guide

1322. Deadwood

- (a) Insensitive
- (b) Dead
- (c) Emotionless
- (d) People or things who are no longer useful

1323. batten down the hatches

- (a) stay in-door
- (b) prepare for a difficult situation
- (c) go somewhere safe
- (d) face the obstacles

1324. go at equal speed

- (a) get away from
- (b) put up with
- (c) keep up with
- (d) race against

1325. To cool one's heels :

- (a) To rest for sometime
- (b) To give no importance to someone
- (c) To remain in a comfortable position

(d) To be kept waiting for sometime

1326. Be in the mire :

- (a) Be under debt
- (b) Be in love
- (c) Be in difficulties
- (d) Be uneasy

1327. to carve out a niche

- (a) became a sculptor
- (b) did the best he could do
- (c) destroyed his career
- (d) developed a specific position for himself

1328. to the letter.

- (a) about writing letters
- (b) written in the letter
- (c) Exactly and precisely
- (d) very thoughtfully

1329. Along in years

- (A) Getting tired
- (B) Getting old
- (C) Becoming successful
- (D) Long time

1330. A babe in the woods

- (A) Someone who is young
- (B) Someone who cuts trees
- (C) Someone who is innocent/ naïve in a dangerous situation
- (D) Someone in danger

1331. A gala day

- (A) A rainy day
- (B) A day of festivity
- (C) A day of brief
- (D) A relevant day

1332. To Beef up

- (A) To make something stronger
- (B) To have fun
- (C) To go crazy
- (D) None of the above

Idioms and Phrases



1333. Few and far between

- (A) Very very distant
- (B) Far and away
- (C) Few in number but closely placed
- (D) Both few in number and distant

1334. Light fingered person

- (A) A person who is soft and tender.
- (B) A person whose handwriting is good.
- (C) A person who is a good artist.
- (D) A person who is a thief.

1335. himself to himself

- (A) To remain silent
- (B) Not like to talk with others
- (C) To be proud of oneself
- (D) To limit one's feelings

1336. Keep tabs on

- (A) To keep under observation
- (B) To do something
- (C) To follow strictly
- (D) To steal something

1337. In the teeth of

- (A) In the end
- (B) Real cause
- (C) In the face of
- (D) To chase

1338. To go to the dogs

- (A) To come to grief
- (B) To go begging
- (C) To be ruined
- (D) To make excuses

1339. To talk shop

- (A) To bore others with one's talk.
- (B) To talk of something interesting.
- (C) To talk exclusively of one's own business.
- (D) To talk of relevant things.

1340. Chicken feed

- (A) A small amount of money
- (B) A lot of food
- (C) A group of people gathering together
- (D) coward

1341. To kick up a row

- (A) To cause a disturbance
- (B) To live with patience
- (C) To break a queue
- (D) To compete

1342. To wash one's dirty linen in public

- (A) To wash one's clothes in the open
- (B) To do something ugly in public
- (C) To abuse the passers by
- (D) To discuss dirty and scandalous matter of personal nature the presence of strangers

1343. whale of time

- a. To enjoy yourself very much
- b. To enjoy life
- c. To enjoy leisure time
- d. To enjoy with loved ones

1344. candle at both ends

- A. To exhaust oneself by working too much
- B. becoming overgenerous
- C. To pass time
- D. enthusiasm

1345. strike gold

- A. To have great success with something
- B. To discover gold
- C. Good luck
- D. Uncover or find a valuable line of argument or information

Idioms and Phrases



1346. run into rough weather

- A. create problems
- B. encounter difficulties
- C. confuse matters
- D. makes things difficult

1347. have your cake and eat it too.

- A. Enjoy forever
- B. Have it both ways
- C. Run away from responsibility
- D. selfish

1348. Salad days

- A. The period when one is young and inexperienced
- B. Difficult times
- C. Old days
- D. Happy days

1349. power behind the throne

- A. The person who had the real control and power
- B. The acknowledged leader
- C. The person who controlled the monarch
- D. The person who advised the queen

1350. sauce for the goose.

- A. What is thought suitable pay for a man should also be for a woman
- B. Goose and the gander eat the same sauce
- C. Both goose and gander should be equally treated
- D. In a hurry

1351. lynch law

- A. law of the mob
- B. law of the underworld
- C. law of the constitution

D. law of the parliament

1352. tread on the toes

- A. To offend or insult someone
- B. To follow them grudgingly
- C. To treat them indifferently
- D. To be kicked by them

1353. worth a jew's eye

- A. Not a worthy possession
- B. unnecessary
- C. A costly items
- D. A possession of high value

1354. scream blue murder

- A. Someone has been murdered with some blue liquid
- B. Someone is being murdered and has become blue
- C. Suffer from persecution complex
- D. Make a great deal of noise and object vehemently

1355. small talk

- A. whispering
- B. backbiting
- C. gossip
- D. light conversation

1356. die is cast

- A. project is over
- B. decision is made
- C. death is inevitable
- D. cloth has been dyed

1357. A Rift in the lute.

- A. caused unnecessary worries
- B. brought about disharmony
- C. caused a pleasant atmosphere
- D. brought about a disciplined atmosphere

Idioms and Phrases



1358. Did good turn

- A. returned my kindness
- B. did an act of kindness
- C. improved my prospects
- D. became suddenly good

1359. standing up

- A. Boosting the claims of
- B. Championing the cause of
- C. Seeking help of others for
- D. Moving about with

1360. cut to the quick

- A. surprised
- B. hurt intensely
- C. annoyed
- D. irritated

1361. put in a word

- A. introduce
- B. assist
- C. support
- D. recommend

1362. rank and file

- A. the official machinery
- B. the ordinary members
- C. the majority
- D. the cabinet ministers

1363. Bite the dust

- A. in agreement
- B. angry
- C. indebted
- D. To be killed

1364. Run amok

- A. Energetic
- B. To behave without control in a wild way
- C. become annoyed
- D. feel disgusted

1365. Figure out

- A. Imagine
- B. Give birth
- C. Understand
- D. Depend

1366. By the skin of one's teeth

- A. Hardly
- B. In time
- C. Hurriedly
- D. Only just

1367. To catch somebody on the hop

- A. To give someone a surprise
- B. To catch somebody off guard
- C. To stand in the way of someone
- D. To catch somebody suddenly

1368. To cross swords

- A. To fight
- B. To defend
- C. To kill
- D. To rob

1369. To have an easy time of it

- A. To take the world lightly
- B. To indulge in frivolities
- C. To squander away resources
- D. To have no problems and difficulties

1370. To stand to one's guns

- A. To keep the guns close to oneself even amid danger
- B. To persevere when hardships press
- C. To maintain dignified and unbending attitude
- D. To maintain one's position

1371. To take a leap in the dark

- A. To take risk
- B. To hazard oneself
- C. To do a task secretly
- D. To do a hazardous thing without any idea of the result

1372. To give/get the bird

- A. To get the awaited
- B. To have good luck
- C. To send away/dismissed
- D. To get the impossible

Idioms and Phrases



1373. To get into a scrape

- A. To get into a muddle
- B. To find oneself in an awkward predicament
- C. To get into irritating circumstances
- D. To be trapped in a conspiracy

1374. To have brush with

- A. To start painting
- B. To have good and pleasing terms
- C. To be impressed
- D. To have a slight encounter

1375. To set the people by ears

- A. To box the people
- B. To insult and disgrace the people
- C. To punish heavily
- D. To excite people to a quarrel

1376. To make the grade

- A. To fail in a task
- B. To get good marks in an examination
- C. To come out successful
- D. To make good one's previous loss

1377. To tempt providence

- A. To invite punishment
- B. To achieve a fortune
- C. To take reckless risks
- D. To have God's favour

1378. To haul over the coals

- A. To put hand in a wrong task
- B. To throw into the fire
- C. To put to task
- D. To say the wrong words

1379. To give chapter and verse for a thing

- A. To produce the proof of something
- B. To eulogize the qualities of a thing

C. To make publicity of a thing

D. To attach artificial value to a thing

1380. To turn the other cheek

- A. To sulk and suffer
- B. To respond to violence with violence
- C. To respond to violence with non-violence
- D. To be indifferent to peace overtures

1381. To keep the ball rolling

- A. To earn more and more
- B. To work constantly
- C. To keep the activity going
- D. To make the best use of

1382. To pull one's socks up

- A. To prepare
- B. To try hard
- C. To get ready
- D. To depart

1383. To plough the sands

- A. To work hard to achieve one's aim
- B. To afford hope or ground for expecting a good result
- C. To busy oneself in a way which cannot lead to any profitable result
- D. To advance one's position in life

1384. To drink like a fish

- A. To drink little
- B. To drink alone
- C. To be a drunkard
- D. To drink in the company of others

1385. Foam in the mouth

- A. Bitten by a snake
- B. To reveal the secret
- C. To be furious
- D. To be in the extreme hatred

1386. To make umbrage

- A. To feel depressed
- B. To be offended
- C. To be satisfied
- D. To be pleased

Idioms and Phrases



1387. Hush money

- A. Money overdue
- B. Easy money
- C. Money earned by wrong means
- D. Bribe paid to secure silence

1388. To disabuse one's mind

- A. To conceal something
- B. To remove a misapprehension
- C. To banish from one's mind a thought
- D. To proceed cautiously so as to avoid risks and dangers

1389. To pay one back in the same coin

- A. To provoke a person to quarrel
- B. To offer another polite attention
- C. To retaliate
- D. To give a word of encouragement or praise to another

1390. Queer somebody's pitch

- A. Upset one's plan
- B. Reprimand him
- C. Check him
- D. Work him up

1391. To take the wind out of another's sails

- A. To manouvre to mislead another on the high seas
- B. To cause harm to another
- C. To defeat the motives of another
- D. To anticipate another and to gain advantage over him

1392. To live in clover

- A. To live in great comfort and luxury
- B. To live a carefree life
- C. To be surrounded by cares and worries
- D. To live in great difficulty

1393. To carry the coal to Newcastle

- A. To work hard
- B. To finish a job

C. To do unnecessary things

D. To do menial jobs

1394. Pin-money

- A. Bribery
- B. Money paid for compensation
- C. Alimony
- D. Allowance made to a lady for her expenses

1395. To turn the cover

- A. To take a new way of life
- B. To work hard
- C. To pass the crises
- D. To hide the reality

1396. To run amuck

- A. To run a race
- B. To run about in frenzy
- C. To feel exhausted
- D. To run to somebody's help

1397. To keep the wolf away from the door

- A. To ward off poverty or hunger
- B. To keep off an unwanted and undesirable person
- C. To keep safe
- D. To hold the difficulties and dangers in check

1398. In double-quick time

- A. Steadily
- B. Very quickly
- C. Gradually
- D. Much time

1399. A bull in a china shop

- A. A person who is very ugly but loves the beautiful things of life
- B. A person who takes a sadistic delight in harming innocent people
- C. A person who becomes too excited where no excitement is warranted
- D. A person who is rough and clumsy where skill and care are required

Idioms and Phrases



1400. Get down to brass tacks

- A. Start unravelling the mystery
- B. Begin to discuss secret matters
- C. Begin to talk in plain, straight forward terms
- D. Discuss about the important or basic facts of a situation

1401. By fair means or foul

- A. Without using common sense
- B. Without difficulty
- C. In any way, honest or dishonest
- D. Having been instigated

1402. To oil the knocker

- A. To instigate a person to do a job
- B. To do a work with increased pace
- C. To tip the office-boy
- D. To revive old enmity

1403. Grease someone's palm

- A. To bribe
- B. To talk softly
- C. Ransom to an enemy
- D. Money for compensation

1404. To cut the cackle

- A. To humiliate
- B. To annoy someone
- C. To act in a friendly way
- D. To stop talking and start

1405. To rip up old sores

- A. To revive a quarrel which was almost forgotten
- B. To censure someone in strong terms
- C. To strain one's thoughts to the most
- D. To preserve oneself from harm

1406. Hard-pressed

- A. Bewildered
- B. Insulted

C. Hard discipline

D. In difficulties

1407. To play on a fiddle

- A. To play upon a musical instrument
- B. To play an important role
- C. To be busy over trifles
- D. To be busy over important matter

1408. To mind one's P's and Q's

- A. To be cautious
- B. To be accurate and precise
- C. To be careful of one's accounts
- D. To be careful of one's personality

1409. To speak daggers

- A. To abuse someone
- B. To indulge in voracious talks
- C. To speak to a person with hostility
- D. To get angry

1410. To talk shop

- A. To talk nonsense
- B. To talk reasonably
- C. To talk about business or professional affairs
- D. To abuse someone

1411. To get the hang of a thing

- A. To know a secret
- B. To understand the technique of something
- C. To find the cause of something
- D. To retaliate

1412. To go to each other hammer and tongs

- A. To fight with weapons
- B. To argue noisily
- C. To hug each other
- D. To go crazy about meeting each other

Idioms and Phrases



1413. A man of weight

- A. A fat person
- B. To truthful and trustworthy man
- C. A man of importance
- D. A notorious man

1414. Pell-mell

- A. In hurried disorder
- B. Gaiety and excitement
- C. Extremely worried
- D. In danger

1415. To hold a brief for

- A. To reveal information
- B. To hurry
- C. To stay on for a brief period
- D. To defend someone

1416. To put one on one's mettle

- A. To rouse one to do one's best
- B. To ruin somebody
- C. To discourage a person
- D. To incite a person to fight

1417. To ride hell for Leather

- A. To ride with furious speed
- B. To adopt false means to succeed
- C. To work hard for a small accomplishment
- D. To earn money by all means

1418. to rock the boat.

- A. create possibilities
- B. conspire against
- C. upset the balance
- D. agitate against

1419. clinched the issue.

- A. closed
- B. decided
- C. finished
- D. started

1420. hole and corner method.

- A. obscure
- B. usual
- C. underhand/ Dishonest
- D. clever

1421. person after my own heart.

- A. an object of mockery
- B. an emotional man
- C. a happy go lucky fellow
- D. exactly to one's own liking

1422. threw cold water

- A. encouraged
- B. discouraged
- C. cleared
- D. rejected

1423. goes to dogs.

- A. goes mad
- B. is insulted
- C. is ruined
- D. becomes brutal

1424. To spruce up

- A. to jump with enthusiasm
- B. to burst out on someone
- C. to get ready fast
- D. to make to look cleaner, neater, or more attractive

1425. Chicken scratch

- A. wounds due to scratch of chicken
- B. very poor chicken dish
- C. very poor handwriting which is difficult to read
- D. very messy garden

1426. To sleep with the fishes

- A. Always be in a dream world
- B. To make absurd excuses
- C. To sleep peacefully
- D. To be dead

1427. To be pushing up daisies

- A. To get up feeling fresh
- B. To be dead and buried
- C. To smell like flowers
- D. Once beautiful but now ugly

Idioms and Phrases



1428. Late in the day

- A. too old to work
- B. too ripe to eat
- C. too dark to see anything
- D. too delayed to be of any use

1429. Draw a blank

- A. be unsuccessful
- B. be happy about something
- C. be unable to sketch
- D. be lucky in a game

1430. an old hand

- A. experienced
- B. aged
- C. weak
- D. forgetful

1431. Put to the sword

- A. To put the sword back in scabbard
- B. To put someone to test
- C. To be slain or executed
- D. To threaten someone

1432. On the ball

- A. To be very close to a specific outcome or condition
- B. Healing or getting well
- C. Knowledgeable and competent
- D. Exactly on time

1433. To shrug off

- A. To deal with something easily & successfully.
- B. To dismiss, ignore, or minimize the importance of someone or something.
- C. To fail to understand correctly.
- D. To malign image of someone.

1434. Think on feet

- A. To act quickly to get the things you want.
- B. To interpret what someone is thinking.

C. To have good ideas and make decisions quickly in a difficult situation.

D. To be able to face anything.

1435. In for a penny, in for a pound

- A. to ask someone what they are thinking about.
- B. To be firmly committed to a particular course of action
- C. A person with no value
- D. To be convinced that something is likely to happen

1436. Boil the ocean

- A. keep people interested in ideas or plans.
- B. to cause someone to be very angry
- C. try to do something difficult or impossible
- D. failure to accept, acknowledge, or act against a problematic situation

1437. A rare bird

- A. An exceptional person or thing
- B. People having similar characters, interests, or beliefs
- C. A broad perspective on something
- D. Someone who causes trouble

1438. Hang in there

- A. Continue doing something difficult with determination.
- B. To do something pointless
- C. To get upset
- D. Ignore someone

1439. In high dudgeon

- A. Very ugly
- B. High pride
- C. Resentfully
- D. Enthusiastically

Idioms and Phrases



1440. Go to seed

- A. Become inspirational for a group of people
- B. Become untidy due to a lack of care
- C. Go to an unknown place to find peace
- D. Get attention

1441. Come unglued

- A. To achieve something easily
- B. To visit a place again and again
- C. To live happily
- D. To lose one's composure

1442. Pull for

- A. To discourage
- B. To encourage
- C. Slumber
- D. To be embarrassed

1443. Dress the part

- A. To look shabby
- B. To look suitable
- C. To do a sin
- D. To suffer from illness

1444. Like a dog with two tails

- A. To work on two opportunities simultaneously
- B. To get extremely confused
- C. To not let enjoy others
- D. To be very happy

1445. Scope out

- A. To be out of the competition
- B. To avoid a situation
- C. To make a preliminary inspection
- D. To go out

1446. What a small world

- A. What a coincidence
- B. What a challenging task

C. What a narrow space

D. What a beautiful place

1447. Down the road

- A. In future
- B. In the past
- C. At present
- D. No particular time

1448. Raising eyebrows

- A. To show surprise/ shock
- B. Criticize
- C. Support
- D. Instruct

1449. Step up the plate

- A. Take control
- B. Take a job
- C. Take a responsibility for doing something difficult
- D. Take an opportunity

1450. The Holy Grail

- A. The pious place of worship
- B. An important object or goal
- C. A very important place
- D. Someone's destination of life

1451. Ball is in your court

- A. Be happy at the dance / ball room
- B. It's up to you to make the decision
- C. A very powerful person
- D. Not speaking directly about an issue

1452. Pardon my French

- A. Forgive me for being forgetful
- B. Excuse my inappropriate choice
- C. Repeat a statement twice
- D. Excuse my inappropriate language

1453. You scratch my back, I'll scratch yours

- A. Mutual favour
- B. Mutual understanding
- C. Mutual respect
- D. Mutual disliking

Idioms and Phrases



1454. Bend one's ear

- A. A mild punishment
- B. To go for a long walk
- C. To talk to one for a long time
- D. To do something without any permission

1455. Up and doing

- A. To be expressive
- B. Active again
- C. To reprimand
- D. To fall asleep

1456. To have a brush with

- A. To ask someone to brush his teeth
- B. To start cleaning
- C. To go through a dilemma
- D. To nearly encounter someone

1457. Hang up one's hat

- A. To take up residence somewhere
- B. To accept a challenge
- C. To start deceiving a community of people
- D. To go on an unplanned trip

1458. Chew the fat

- A. To work hard
- B. To chew in an unpleasant manner
- C. To gossip
- D. To remove a difficulty

1459. Turn the corner

- A. To flatter enough to gain an advantage
- B. Pass the critical point successfully
- C. To turn upset suddenly
- D. Fail to recover a difficult phase of life

1460. Heavy tidings

- A. Bad news
- B. An overwhelming state
- C. An innovative act
- D. Unexpected venture

1461. Dog's chance

- A. A required opportunity
- B. Miserable life

C. To look shabby

D. No hope at all

1462. Forty winks

- (a) Winking forty times
- (b) Sleep disorders
- (c) Long sleeping hours
- (d) A short sleep during the day

1463. Life in the raw

- (a) Life in its natural, unembellished state
- (b) Life at its easiest
- (c) Life that is complex
- (d) A daredevil's life

1464. A paper tiger

- (a) A person or thing that appears threatening but is ineffectual
- (b) To threaten someone but do no harm
- (c) Environmental protection paper-work
- (d) To speak to people in a roaring voice

1465. Penny-wise and pound-foolish

- (a) Wise to spend each penny carefully
- (b) Careful about small amounts but careless about large amounts
- (c) People who don't understand the importance of each penny
- (d) Careful about large amounts but careless about small amounts

1466. Pin back your ears

- (a) To listen carefully to something
- (b) Person or organization that pins important issues
- (c) To keep yourself away from hearing hard stuff
- (d) To clean your ears with a pin



1467. Turncoat

- (a) Expert at altering coats
- (b) Someone who deserts one group to join another
- (c) A truly dishonest person
- (d) Going round and round in a court of law

1468. Say your piece

- (a) Speak but don't listen stances
- (b) Speak in a talkative manner
- (c) Make your argument piece by piece
- (d) Express your opinion

1469. Top-notch

- (a) The highest marking on a tree or a building
- (b) Person or organization that attracts only the top
- (c) Of highest possible quality
- (d) Person of integrity

1470. Under the table

- (a) Work under difficult circumstances
- (b) Working undercover
- (c) Working under furniture
- (d) Making or receiving payments surreptitiously

1471. At the drop of a hat

- (a) Clumsy person who drops hats everywhere
- (b) Suddenly and without much thought
- (c) Do something without much pressure
- (d) A happy and easygoing teen

1472. Born to the purple

- A. Born in a poor family B. Born into royalty
- C. Born with exceptional qualities
- D. Born to be famous

1473. By the seat of one's pants

- A. When one is saved in the nick of time

B. Your future depends on what choices you make now

C. To do something using one's own experience and judgement

D. Nothing worthwhile can be achieved if you sit in one place

1474. Curiosity killed the cat

- A. A person who constantly keeps asking questions is avoided by everybody
- B. Everybody has a fatal weakness
- C. Being inquisitive about other people's affairs may get you into trouble
- D. Everyone feels like killing a nagging person

1475. Zero tolerance

- (a) Accuracy is paramount
- (b) Non-acceptance of antisocial behaviour
- (c) No return without risk (d) No problem at all

1476. Flesh and blood

- (a) a very gory murder scene
- (b) a lot of hard work
- (c) loss of lives in battle
- (d) A person's physical body and their needs.

1477. To go for broke

- (a) to risk everything in an all-out effort
- (b) failure in relationship or partnership
- (c) losing all money in an effort to revive a failing business
- (d) to start again after failing in a business

1478. To go the extra mile

- (a) to get an unexpected bonus
- (b) to make a special effort to achieve something
- (c) to lose one's way and walk aimlessly
- (d) a vehicle which is very fuel

Idioms and Phrases



1479. Fixed in one's ways

- (a) not wanting to change how one does things
- (b) one will succeed if one does not change their path
- (c) trapped in a particular unpleasant situation
- (d) a dilemma of two different paths

1480. Fuddy-duddy

- (a) An ill mannered person that one accepts willingly because he/she is a very dear friend
- (b) a person who is very old-fashioned and conservative
- (c) a shoddy work (d) a very confusing situation

1481. Graveyard shift

- (a) to work in a very scary place
- (b) a place where one is forced to work so hard that it almost kills you
- (c) to work with a team where everybody else is very lazy
- (d) a work shift that runs through the early morning hours

1482. Rat race

- (a) Make others fight for scraps and get sadistic pleasure out of it
- (b) Be an oppressive boss and treat employees like animals
- (c) A way of life in which people are caught up in a fiercely competitive struggle for wealth or power
- (d) Play games with the lives of other people and see them run aimlessly

1483. Whistle in the dark

- (a) Pretend to be unafraid
- (b) A ray of hope in the worst of times
- (c) See a ghost while dreaming

(d) Be blind and fall into a trap

1484. Sow wild oats

- (a) To make someone fool
- (b) To make space to red
- (c) To take revenge
- (d) To waste time by doing foolish things

1485. Adam's ale

- (a) Gift (b) Food
- (c) Water (d) Belongings

1486. Damp squib

- (a) Complete failure (b) Complete knowledge
- (c) To motivate (d) To squander money

1487. To have something on the brain

- (a) To be obsessed with something
- (b) To be ready with an immediate smart witty reply
- (c) To unable to solve a particularly difficult philosophical problem
- (d) To think wistfully about past life

1488. In bad taste

- (a) Not suitable or offensive
- (b) To be a bad cook
- (c) To have a poor choice of fashion style
- (d) To express honest harsh opinion about someone or something

1489. To have at one's fingertips

- (a) To be very fast on the keyboard
- (b) To be adroit with a percussion musical instrument
- (c) Recall of factual information at one's command
- (d) To carefully note down minute details

Idioms and Phrases



1490. To not have a clue

- (a) To be extremely poor
- (b) To fail an examination
- (c) To lose confidence at the last moment
- (d) To not know about something

1491. Out of date

- (a) Not have time; very busy
- (b) Not stick to the schedule
- (c) Fail to find a partner
- (d) Old-fashioned

1492. It goes without saying

- (a) To Silently bear the injustice
- (b) Something which is implied to be obvious
- (c) There is no point in doing something after you are told to do it
- (d) Break long relationship with someone

1493. To let someone off

- (a) To let someone fall
- (b) To leave someone in his present state
- (c) To release someone from blame
- (d) To refuse to answer

1494. Call it a day

- (a) To start a job wishing for success.
- (b) To take a break or a holiday.
- (c) Assign different days to different tasks.
- (d) To declare the end of a task

1495. Get the message

- (a) Understand what is implied by a remark or action
- (b) Communicate using a secret language
- (c) Find it difficult to understand a different language
- (d) Fire someone from a job

1496. Make an ass out of

- (a) Cause someone or oneself to look foolish or stupid
- (b) Work very hard like a donkey
- (c) Be smart but act dumb
- (d) Make a mistake

1497. Gnash your teeth

- (a) Express rage
- (b) Brush your teeth
- (c) Laugh hysterically
- (d) Take a big bite

1498. Let something slip through one's fingers

- (a) Lose a wedding ring
- (b) Not be able to understand a difficult concept
- (c) Let go of certain unpleasant things
- (d) to waste an opportunity to achieve something

1499. Learn by heart

- (a) To memorize something
- (b) Love something terribly
- (c) Learn a lesson by making a mistake
- (d) Learn to control or hide your true feelings

1500. Out at the elbows

- (a) By all means
- (b) Old
- (c) Poor
- (d) Forever

1501. A nig - nog

- (a) Watchful
- (b) Very old
- (c) A fool
- (d) Rich

1502. Set the tone for something

- (a) Right tune and harmony
- (b) To establish a particular mood or character
- (c) Musical Note
- (d) Orchestra in full swing

1503. Fling away

- a. to have an affair
- b. to flare up
- c. to throw aside violently
- d. to swing

Idioms and Phrases



1504. Stick by

- a. to criticise closely
- b. stand by someone
- c. to paste
- d. to pass by

1505. Wink at

- a. to tease somebody
- b. to like someone
- c. to pretend not to see
- d. to stare at

1506. To be on the wane

- a. to complain
- b. to be sick
- c. to be on boat
- d. to be diminishing

1507. To give a person the cold shoulder

- a. to offer someone ice-cream
- b. to be humble
- c. to threaten
- d. to treat coldly

1508. To get one's back up

- a. to become irritated
- b. to sit straight
- c. to act proud
- d. to give support

1509. To feather one's nest

- a. to build one's house
- b. to enrich oneself when opportunity knocks
- c. to harbor ill-feelings
- d. to acquire something in abundance

1510. To strike oil

- a. to have found an oil well
- b. to have lucky success
- c. to have a close escape
- d. to be unsuccessful

1511. To talk shop

- a. to talk a lot
- b. to use phrases peculiar to one's employment
- c. to like to shop
- d. to lie

1512. To draw a line

- a. to fix a limit

b. to caution someone

- c. to be stern
- d. to insult someone

1513. A swan song

- a. melodious song
- b. disharmonious display
- c. Utterance/statement made just before death or retirement
- d. concocted tale

1514. A white elephant

- a. precious thing
- b. uncommon event
- c. unprofitable possession
- d. a rare phenomenon

1515. Knit one's brows

- a. to disappoint someone
- b. to frown
- c. to have a headache
- d. to express discontentment

1516. To plough the sands

- a. to be extremely accomplished
- b. to be resourceful
- c. to be dejected
- d. to busy oneself in an unprofitable proposition

1517. To rip up old sores

- a. to destroy something
- b. to act cruelly
- c. to reopen a quarrel
- d. to inflict pain on someone

1518. To rate soundly

- a. to censure strongly
- b. to acquire heavy profits
- c. to be at peace
- d. to assure somebody

Idioms and Phrases



1519. To run in the same groove

- a. to have a pleasant time
- b. to run away from somebody
- c. to be in the same situation
- d. to advance in harmony

1520. To be no chicken

- a. to be brave
- b. to be honest
- c. to be no longer young
- d. to be childish

1521. To take to one's bed

- a. to be very attached to one's belongings
- b. to lie in bed due to illness
- c. to fight with one's husband
- d. to agree with someone

1522. To stand on ceremony

- a. to celebrate an occasion in a grand way
- b. to be extravagant
- c. to get married
- d. to treat with cold rigid civility

1523. To be at sixes and sevens

- a. to be undecided
- b. to be a great success
- c. to be certain
- d. to give away generously

1524. To break the ice

- a. a strong man
- b. to start a quarrel
- c. to break the awkward silence
- d. to become violent

1525. Put one's foot down

- a. to demand
- b. to take rest

c. to be firm about something

d. to do something stupid

1526. To hit below the belt

- 1. To hit someone boldly
- 2. To attack after warning
- 3. To hit off the mark
- 4. To attack in an unfair manner

1527. To meet one's Waterloo

- 1. To make a foolish choice
- 2. To experience defeat
- 3. To meet a friend
- 4. To win a match

1528. To have an axe to grind

- 1. To have an indomitable task to accomplish
- 2. To have access to top levels of authority
- 3. To have adequate means of subsistence
- 4. To have a selfish motive in doing something

1529. Keep your head

- 1. Be furious
- 2. Remain calm
- 3. Protect yourself
- 4. Respect yourself

1530. To turn the corner

- 1. To go back to the past
- 2. To change one's goal
- 3. To pass the critical stage
- 4. To wait for an opportunity

1531. To rise like a phoenix

- 1. To behave like a royal
- 2. To set on fire
- 3. To emerge with a new life
- 4. To be modest

1532. A square deal

- 1. An advantageous deal
- 2. A false claim
- 3. A fair and honest deal
- 4. An unfruitful plan

Idioms and Phrases



1533. Against one's grain

- 1. Against one's nature
- 2. Against the society
- 3. Against the law
- 4. Against one's family

1534. To read between the lines

- 1. To criticise the writer's style
- 2. To interrupt someone while reading
- 3. To read each line carefully
- 4. To understand the implied meaning

1535. Miss the boat

- 1. To lose an opportunity
- 2. To settle down at a place
- 3. To do something carefully
- 4. To reach the end

1536. Full of hot air

- 1. Talking nonsense
- 2. Talking proudly
- 3. Being hot tempered
- 4. Being too proud

1537. To take stock of

- 1. To assess
- 2. To discuss
- 3. To assemble
- 4. To modify

1538. Don't put all your eggs in the same basket

- 1. Don't share your wealth with others
- 2. Don't buy too many things at one time
- 3. Don't invest in loss making propositions
- 4. Don't concentrate all your resources in one place

1539. On tenterhooks

- 1. Alert and enthusiastic
- 2. Anxious and tense
- 3. Happy and joyous
- 4. Neutral and undecided

1540. Not make head or tail

- 1. very unusual and strange
- 2. not find something interesting

3. not able to understand anything

4. very boring and not at all fun

1541. Not mince words

- 1. Not to be honest
- 2. Not to come directly to the point
- 3. To speak in a direct way
- 4. To speak in a garbled way

1542. Read between the lines

- 1. Make a great effort to read
- 2. Read each and every word
- 3. Discern the hidden meaning in the text
- 4. Skip pages and read fast

1543. Wear your heart on your sleeve

- 1. To keep a secret
- 2. To show your true emotions
- 3. To look attractive
- 4. To love someone secretly

1544. On cloud nine

- 1. Extremely happy and excited
- 2. Crazy and foolish
- 3. Knowledgeable and wise
- 4. Very far away from home

1545. Feet of Clay

- a. Very soft feet
- b. Difficulty in running
- c. Slow in actions
- d. Hidden faults

1546. Be out for the count

- (a) Sleeping deeply
- (b) Counting money carefully
- (c) To count each step one takes
- (d) To be very happy

Idioms and Phrases



1547. Go by the book

- (a) To buy a book of one's choice
- (b) To understand the book
- (c) To follow someone who reads books
- (d) To follow rules exactly

1548. Double-talk

- (a) Interfering while someone is talking
- (b) Speaking with double meaning
- (c) Speaking to confuse people and avoid truth
- (d) Talking repeatedly and annoying people

1549. At somebody's elbow

- (a) To be dominated by someone
- (b) To be near someone in order to help
- (c) To be kept in house
- (d) To make people important

1550. Everyone and his brother

- (a) An individual and all his relatives
- (b) To think about universal brotherhood
- (c) A large number of people
- (d) To treat people as relatives

1551. Feel the pinch

- (a) Being hurt and wounded by someone
- (b) To remain silent on injustice
- (c) Having financial problems all of a sudden
- (d) Feeling disappointment

1552. The feathers fly

- (a) To add more success to one's career
- (b) To fight and argue a lot
- (c) To lead a carefree life
- (d) To get into a romantic relationship

1553. Treading on eggshells

- (a) Taking care of eggs to save the lives of young chicks
- (b) Intending to grow very fast
- (c) Making best bets in one's trade
- (d) To be careful in speech and actions

1554. A foregone conclusion

- (a) A generous gift
- (b) A confusing idea
- (c) An obvious speculation
- (d) An inevitable result

1555. Hole and corner

- A. strict
- B. servile
- C. secret
- D. suspicious

1556. Wet behind the ears

- A. Lacking experience
- B. Fearful
- C. Obedient
- D. Honest

1557. A wet blanket

- 1. A person who spoils other people's fun
- 2. A person who is enthusiastic
- 3. An unwelcome guest
- 4. An unpleasant experience

1558. Losing ground

- 1. Becoming deeply engraved
- 2. Becoming less acceptable
- 3. Acquiring power
- 4. Continuing as before

1559. Shed light on

- 1. To reduce weight
- 2. To explain a situation
- 3. To disconnect electricity
- 4. To light a fire

Idioms and Phrases



1560. Hit a brick wall

- 1. Use unfair tactics
- 2. Hit someone with a brick
- 3. Go to sleep
- 4. Encounter an obstacle

1561. Lock horns

- 1. Fight with someone
- 2. Defeat someone
- 3. Find a mate
- 4. Make a team

1562. Be in someone's shoes

- 1. put on someone's shoes
- 2. face the same situation as another person
- 3. buy the same brand of shoes as another person
- 4. accept someone's shoes as a present

1563. Bottom line

- 1. The most important fact
- 2. A hidden agenda
- 3. An impossible task
- 4. An awkward situation

1564. Flex one's muscles

- 1. show one's muscular strength
- 2. give or make a show of one's strength
- 3. beat someone physically with muscle strength
- 4. show that one has more muscles than another

1565. On the back burner

- 1. To cook a special dish slowly by placing it on the back burner
- 2. To be unable to complete a task because of a back problem
- 3. To temporarily not deal with some matter because it is not urgent
- 4. To carry a heavy burden successfully and without complaining

1566. Have your back against the wall

- 1. To be humiliated and bullied by a superior at work
- 2. To have a strong group of people supporting you
- 3. To be in a desperate situation with very few options
- 4. To be able to successfully tackle a difficult task

1567. Pain in the neck

- 1. To relieve someone from a painful condition
- 2. To be unable to deal with someone stronger
- 3. Someone or something that is very annoying
- 4. To suffer pain because of overexertion of neck muscles

1568. Swim with the tide

- 1. Accept your fault
- 2. Going for a swim during the high tide
- 3. Do something again and again
- 4. Agree with the popular opinion

1569. follow suit

- 1. do the same as others
- 2. try a costume
- 3. go after someone
- 4. get on well with others

1570. Come to blows

- 1. Start fighting after a disagreement
- 2. Agree with someone
- 3. Enjoy the cool breeze
- 4. Not accept any responsibility

1571. lose count of

- 1. forget the accurate total
- 2. something that happens rarely
- 3. depend on others for help
- 4. waste a lot of money

Idioms and Phrases



1572. see the light of day

- 1. come out of difficulties
- 2. get up early in the morning
- 3. be very happy
- 4. become publicly known

1573. A house of cards

- 1. An insecure situation
- 2. A lavish lifestyle
- 3. A gambling casino
- 4. A dishonest livelihood

1574. Loaves and fish

- 1. To get someone drunk
- 2. Material interests
- 3. Main support
- 4. To act in a frenzied manner

1575. Might and main

- 1. With all enthusiasm
- 2. Nonsense or meaningless speech
- 3. To keep quiet, To say nothing
- 4. Approximately, almost, somewhat, to a certain

Degree

1576. Separate the wheat from the chaff

- 1. Cooking food during famine
- 2. To separate the valuable from the worthless
- 3. Farming barren lands with little water
- 4. Harvesting crops and cooking them

1577. To be in the driving seat

- 1. To allow other people to go past yourself
- 2. To be in charge or control of a situation
- 3. To be able to drive a vehicle
- 4. To avoid speaking up on something

1578. Hit the nail on the head

- 1. Take advantage of a good situation

2. Do something exactly right

- 3. Do something without having planned beforehand
- 4. Do something pointless

1579. Hit the sack

- 1. Go to sleep
- 2. To harm someone
- 3. Achieve something
- 4. Complete the task

1580. Cissy promised to turn over a new leaf and keep her room clean from now on.

- 1. To accept immediately
- 2. To take a chance
- 3. To start behaving in a better way
- 4. To tease someone

1581. Break a leg

- 1. Bravery
- 2. Good luck
- 3. Accident
- 4. Sudden attack

1582. You need to be aware of argus-eyed people in the organisation.

- 1. Angry
- 2. Kind
- 3. Content
- 4. Vigilant

1583. The new production targets have stirred up a hornet's nest.

- 1. To confess without reserve
- 2. To preserve one's energy
- 3. To gain prominence
- 4. To raise controversy

1584. To win laurels

- 1. To win an easy battle
- 2. To achieve honours and glory
- 3. To be fooled by others
- 4. To secure a well-paying job

Idioms and Phrases



1585. He burnt his fingers interfering in others' problems.

- 1. caught his fingers in fire
- 2. was happy
- 3. got in good relations with
- 4. got into trouble

1586. To keep a good table

- 1. To keep good company
- 2. To have a luxurious home
- 3. To keep one's home organised
- 4. To offer sumptuous food to one's guests

1587. Grandpa often likes to sit in the balcony and chew the fat with me.

- 1. Criticise people
- 2. Gossip and make small talk
- 3. Chew meat
- 4. Play a game

1588. Break the ice

- 1. To talk about something that is considered taboo
- 2. To discuss something worthless
- 3. To begin a conversation to relieve the tension in an uncomfortable situation
- 4. To reveal a secret

1589. Two peas in a pod

- 1. Treat people fairly
- 2. Look very similar in appearance or character
- 3. Talk about a problem
- 4. Make a bad situation worse

1590. Bite the bullet

- 1. To feel powerless because of fatigue
- 2. To get something over with because it is inevitable

3. To eat something unhealthy because of its taste

4. To buy ammunition because of upcoming danger

1591. By the skin of your teeth

- 1. To do difficult tasks
- 2. To get worried easily
- 3. Chewing food improperly
- 4. To just barely get by or make it

1592. Arunima is the apple of her mother's eye.

- 1. Her mother's enemy
- 2. Annoying to her mother
- 3. A person of whom her mother is extremely fond and proud
- 4. Spiteful person

1593. They got into hot water when their tricks were revealed by their neighbour.

- 1. Landed in trouble
- 2. Made fun of
- 3. Were thoroughly familiar with
- 4. Took the help of

1594. At the eleventh hour

- 1. In the evening
- 2. At the last moment
- 3. At night
- 4. In the morning

1595. Take away your breath

- 1. Astonishing
- 2. Falling in love
- 3. Killing
- 4. Exhausting

1596. By leaps and bounds

- 1. Slowly
- 2. Abruptly
- 3. Stealthily
- 4. Rapidly

1597. Blow hot and cold

- 1. Critiquing
- 2. Vacillating
- 3. Tormenting
- 4. Rebuking



1598. Chicken hearted

1. Someone who is hypocritical
2. Someone who is brave and courageous
3. Someone who cannot be won over
4. Someone who lacks courage and is easily frightened

1599. The young athletes bore the palm in almost all the events.

1. Fixed
2. Lost
3. Won
4. Compromised

1600. Break fresh/new ground

1. To build a new house
2. To do something that was not done before
3. To dig a well
4. To talk to stranger

1601. She's got a charley horse in her leg.

1. Inertness
2. Assist someone
3. Cramp
4. Being very mobile

1602. Go through fire and water

1. To fail in all types of hardships
2. To pass through life
3. To pass through all types of hardships
4. To pass through all types of luxury

1603. He is the most successful businessman. One of his traits is to take risk

1. Throw caution to the wind
2. Talk through his hat
3. Fill somebody's shoes
4. Tighten his belt

1604. Cutting corners

1. Investing in MNCs to get better returns and exchange

2. Doing something poorly in order to save time or money

3. Stitching clothes with a unique design
4. Cutting the edges to make it small and round

1605. Call it a day

1. Call it as a bad day
2. Stop thinking in daytime
3. Call it as a good and productive day
4. Stop working on something

1606. I had a close shave this morning – my car was hit badly by a bull.

1. In a position where one might receive severe criticism
2. To be carrying a wild look
3. To request someone to stay calm and not get annoyed
4. A narrow escape

1607. Blue blood is not necessarily a guarantee of one's public decorum.

1. A person belonging to a middle-class family
2. A person belonging to an honest family
3. A person belonging to a poor family
4. A person belonging to a high family

1608. To make matters worse

1. No matter can become worse
2. Sometimes situation can become worse
3. Make the situation worse
4. Matters can be worse

1609. Heart and soul

1. With complete honesty
2. Front to front
3. With all the effort you can put
4. Feeling sympathy for someone

Idioms and Phrases



1610. With two toddlers to handle and no house help at her disposal, Shilpa can never put her house in apple-pie order.

- 1. Completely messy
- 2. Smell-proof
- 3. Completely arranged
- 4. Ready for guests

1611. Be on the breadline

- 1. Having plenty of money
- 2. Find a successful way of making money
- 3. Earn a lot of money very easily
- 4. Be very poor

1612. Crying wolf

- 1. To be in pain by getting hit by something
- 2. To frighten someone in your comfort zone
- 3. To ask for help when you don't need it
- 4. To cry over little things that don't matter

1613. Belly laugh

- 1. Mocking someone
- 2. Laughing with inhibition
- 3. A loud and unrestrained laugh
- 4. To be subjected to mockery and ridicule

1614. When grandmother found her granddaughter's collection like her numismatist daughter's, she knew her granddaughter is a chip off the old block.

- 1. Changed
- 2. A person who is similar in behaviour or actions to his/her parents
- 3. Damaged
- 4. Getting obsessed

1615. A mare's nest

- 1. Deep crisis
- 2. Simple and interesting work
- 3. Complicated situation
- 4. Area of law

1616. Beside oneself

- 1. Almost out of one's senses
- 2. In the secret
- 3. Under all conditions
- 4. To stand for one's own fault

1617. It was a very important meeting, but I stayed cool as ice because I knew our product was the best.

- 1. cool as a cake
- 2. cool as a cucumber
- 3. cool as a carrot
- 4. cool as a cabbage

1618. To give someone the cold shoulder

- 1. To ignore someone
- 2. To carry the burden of everyone
- 3. To be carried on someone's back
- 4. To listen to someone with empathy

1619. True colours

- 1. Black and white
- 2. Light colours
- 3. Real character
- 4. Bright colours

1620. He burnt his fingers by getting into others' problems.

- 1. To get rid off
- 2. To get rewarded
- 3. To get into trouble
- 4. To burn ones fingers

1621. It is his first interview, so he has a nervous feeling.

- 1. Butterflies in his stomach
- 2. A slap on the wrist
- 3. Tug at his heartstrings
- 4. Icing on the cake

Idioms and Phrases



1622. Salt of the earth

- 1. Do anything possible
- 2. A very good and honest person
- 3. Discovered after a lot of searching
- 4. Choose one at random

1623. Rameshwar has a vision for capturing beautiful pictures of nature.

- 1. An eagle eye
- 2. A high horse
- 3. Cry wolf
- 4. A cat nap

1624. The mother-in-law deliberately rained on the new bride's parade when she asked her to change the dress of her choice.

- 1. Force traditions upon someone
- 2. Make someone tearful out of viciousness
- 3. To spoil a moment
- 4. Save one from embarrassment

1625. At the drop of a dime

- 1. A way of saying that you are happy to see someone
- 2. Something that is not popular
- 3. Something that can happen very fast without hesitation
- 4. Extremely easy to understand

1626. All ears

- 1. To scold someone bitterly
- 2. To listening attentively
- 3. To listen to everyone
- 4. To not be voca

1627. To pull someone's leg

- 1. To talk something bad about someone
- 2. To talk something good about someone
- 3. To joke with someone
- 4. To push a person

1628. Snowed under

- 1. Lazy
- 2. Silent

- 3. Calm
- 4. Busy

1629. Some colleagues at a workplace are really hard nuts to crack.

- 1. Hardcore traditions in a family
- 2. An inflexible person who is hard to convince
- 3. Someone showing extra concern over little things
- 4. An easy-goer who can be easily convinced

1630. He was beaming from ear to ear.

- 1. Playing
- 2. Smiling broadly
- 3. Criticising bitterly
- 4. Working

1631. At sea

- 1. To overcome
- 2. Obsolete
- 3. At a loss or perplexed
- 4. To blunder

1632. Select the sentence that uses the idiom correctly.

- 1. Flowers bloom under the weather.
- 2. Trees shed their leaves under the weather.
- 3. She missed the exam as she felt under the weather.
- 4. Reena was walking on the lawn under the weather.

1633. You get a good and comprehensive idea of the town from the clock tower situated in the centre of the town.

- 1. blind date
- 2. body and soul
- 3. bird's eye view
- 4. blind alley

Idioms and Phrases



1634. 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.

- 1. Ignoring someone who seeks attention through false stories
- 2. Punishing someone for inappropriate behaviour
- 3. Revealing the secrets
- 4. A big problem everyone is ignoring or afraid to talk about

1635. To stand one's ground

- 1. To maintain one's position
- 2. To fight for the same position
- 3. To stand up
- 4. To stand in one's own land

1636. A slap on the wrist

- 1. Punishment to an innocent.
- 2. Suggest something secretly.
- 3. A very mild punishment.
- 4. Beating someone too much on the wrist.

1637. A lot on one's plate

- 1. To eat a lot
- 2. A lot to do
- 3. To have a serious ailment
- 4. To serve all dishes on one plate

1638. To be on thin ice

- 1. To be in faulty situation
- 2. To be in marginalised situation
- 3. To be in a risky situation
- 4. To be in limited scope

1639. A lame excuse

- 1. No excuse
- 2. Explanation
- 3. Weak excuse
- 4. Strong excuse

1640. Our hearts go out to the families of the victims of this terrible tragedy.

- 1. To receive or express praise for a job well done
- 2. To feel sympathy for someone when they are distressed
- 3. Well wishes for a deceased person
- 4. To wish for things does not yield to anything

1641. Toffee-nosed

- 1. A person who thinks he is of a high social class and looks down on people of lower class
- 2. A solid, respectable and respected member of society
- 3. Continue to live at the same social standard we have lived at, even though we have money problems
- 4. A person who seems impolite/of low education at first, but who is usually of good character

1642. He is in high spirits today.

- 1. Annoying
- 2. Disturbed
- 3. Drunk
- 4. Cheerful

1643. The evidence put forward could not confirm his guilt.

- 1. Bring up
- 2. Break down
- 3. Bear up
- 4. Blow off

1644. In the movie 'Encanto', the family thought Bruno was a black sheep.

- 1. Disgrace for the family
- 2. Unrelated to the family
- 3. Danger to the family
- 4. Unloved by the family

Idioms and Phrases



1645. The family's meeting on property dispute begins today and I'm just sitting down with a cup of coffee, enjoying _____.

- 1. the better of
- 2. the corridors of power
- 3. the calm before the storm
- 4. the bottom line

1646. Sometimes doing something that makes it impossible to return to the previous situation later strengthens you.

- 1. Painting the town red
- 2. Knocking your socks off
- 3. Burning your bridges
- 4. A red-letter day

1647. Wild goose chase

- 1. Doing something crazy
- 2. Working very hard for something
- 3. To betray someone
- 4. Futile search

1648. Saira is unable to sustain friendships because she always has too many axes to grind.

- 1. To work for others
- 2. To have one's own interests to serve
- 3. To use weapons carefully
- 4. To believe in selflessness

1649. Up in the air

- 1. Something that is tossed up in the air
- 2. Something that is certain and decided
- 3. Something that is unknown entirely
- 4. Something that is invisible and unattainable

1650. By hook or by crook

- 1. Using a lot of energy and effort to do something
- 2. Using whatever methods are necessary
- 3. Making more of an effort

4. Probably possible, but it will be difficult

1651. Once in a blue moon

- 1. Occasionally
- 2. Continuously
- 3. Rarely
- 4. Often

1652. Hand and glove

- 1. Very intimate terms
- 2. Under all conditions
- 3. Decided
- 4. Oppressive

1653. The dacoit was shot from up close by the police officer.

- 1. Milksop
- 2. Smell a rat
- 3. Point blank
- 4. Bullet proof

1654. The accident site had become a bear garden by afternoon.

- 1. A place of noise and disturbance
- 2. A peaceful place
- 3. A soothing environment
- 4. Unclean and dirty

1655. Get on like a house on fire

- 1. Like someone immediately
- 2. Get on extremely well with someone
- 3. Feel a lot of affection for one particular person, often without knowing why
- 4. Do something good for someone you have done something bad to in the past

1656. Against the clock

- 1. Running faster with a clock in hand
- 2. In a great hurry, as fast as possible
- 3. Running faster without a clock
- 4. Race with others to win

1657. Get a second wind

- 1. To retell the same story
- 2. To have renewed energy
- 3. To commit the same mistake
- 4. To get a second chance

Idioms and Phrases



1658. The detective suspected Shyam because of his odd behaviour while investing in the scam.

- 1. To hang fire
- 2. To bite the dust
- 3. A dog in the manger
- 4. To smell a rat

1659. So far so good

- 1. Not impressed with how things are
- 2. Things are going well so far
- 3. No improvement in the work being done
- 4. Good things can go far away

1660. Hang in there

- 1. To remain unresolved
- 2. To give up completely
- 3. To spend time with people
- 4. To persist in a difficult situation

1661. Left, right and centre

- 1. To have been happening for a long time and there is a lot of activity
- 2. Happening in a lot of places or to a lot of people
- 3. Start well
- 4. The news went from one person to the next

1662. Spill the beans

- 1. Reveal a plan
- 2. Reveal a crime
- 3. Reveal a secret
- 4. Reveal a mystery

1663. Nine times out of ten, he tells lies.

- 1. All the time
- 2. Hardly
- 3. In most cases
- 4. Sometimes

1664. To beat a retreat

- 1. To make a situation
- 2. To leave a situation
- 3. To solve a situation
- 4. To face a situation

1665. A wise man remains aware of fair-weather friends.

- 1. A person from an area of pleasant weather

2. A person with good knowledge of weather

- 3. A helpful person
- 4. A person not reliable in difficult time

1666. To throw caution to the wind

- 1. To do something carefully
- 2. To do something with caution
- 3. To do something without worrying about the risk
- 4. To do something after thinking about the result

1667. Be hard hit

- 1. An extreme struggle
- 2. To speak something unpleasant
- 3. Severely affected by something unpleasant
- 4. To hit someone hard

1668. He is a disgrace to his family.

- 1. A fish out of water
- 2. A white elephant
- 3. A lone wolf
- 4. A black sheep

1669. It is wise to sit on the fence and not become a party to another World War.

- 1. A person's lack of decisiveness, neutrality or hesitation to choose between two sides in an argument or a competition
- 2. Overtaking the thing of interest that the other parties are fighting for while they are fighting
- 3. Defending the no man's land
- 4. Become a peacemaker between two fighting or competing parties

1670. In a nutshell

- 1. Briefly
- 2. Constructively
- 3. Scrupulously
- 4. Knotty

Idioms and Phrases



1671. Go round in circles

1. Be forced to explain your actions and probably be punished
2. Make no progress in an argument or discussion
3. Become very confused when you are trying to explain something
4. Believe something good about someone even though you could believe either good or bad

1672. I took a quick trip to my cousin's house before going on vacation to Africa.

1. Break the journey
2. Paid a flying visit
3. Lived out of a suitcase
4. Float one's boat

1673. In seventh heaven

1. Extremely sad
2. Seven-day birthday ceremony
3. In the presence of God
4. Extremely happy

1674. As good as gold

1. A person who is obedient and well-behaved
2. A person who loves gold
3. A person who is good like gold but not better
4. A golden person

1675. To judge a book by its cover

1. To strictly follow the rules
2. To be good at evaluating people
3. To evaluate people's worth by their outward appearance
4. To understand a difficult situation

1676. Hold your horses

1. To keep the horse chain intact
2. Holding and keeping things by yourself
3. Give time to others for some rest
4. To tell someone to stop and consider carefully

1677. Wet blanket

1. One who acts stupidly
2. One who spoils other people's fun
3. One who is frequently ill
4. One who cannot be trusted

1678. Sometimes I just have to resort to the carrot and stick approach with my children.

1. Mixture of rewards and punishments
2. Waste one's efforts by pursuing the wrong thing or path
3. Practically identical in appearance
4. To be optimistic or enthusiastic

1679. At the eleventh hour

1. Time for debate
2. Very late in the evening
3. A state of confusion
4. Just before the deadline

1680. Hit the books

1. To feel sorry about a mistake
2. To study very hard
3. Become very confused
4. To have a very long list

1681. Charley horse

1. Very fast
2. Lucky
3. Cunning
4. Cramp

1682. To put someone's back up

1. To help someone
2. To irritate someone
3. To flatter someone
4. To deceive someone

1683. Be like chalk and cheese

1. Be absolutely rich
2. Be absolutely deceptive
3. Be absolutely different
4. Be absolutely lonely

Idioms and Phrases



1684. Have a long face

- 1. Look unhappy or disappointed
- 2. Portray an ugly expression
- 3. Look very confident
- 4. Look extremely happy

1685. Get away

- 1. To visit 2. To leave
- 3. To equalize 4. To fall off

1686. Be at a loose end

- 1. Defining moment 2. On a turning point
- 3. In much trouble 4. To have nothing to do

1687. Between Scylla and Charybdis

- 1. Between two possibilities
- 2. Between two dangers
- 3. Between two favours
- 4. Between two charms

1688. Elbow grease

- 1. Relational difference
- 2. Hard physical efforts
- 3. Mental disturbance
- 4. Psychological pressure

1689. The minister is a little hard of hearing.

- 1. callous 2. inaccessible
- 3. partially deaf 4. insensitive

1690. The memory of all that blood was enough to make my flesh crawl.

- 1. frightened me 2. worried me
- 3. drew my attention 4. confused me

1691. The attitude of the culprit made the judge extremely angry.

- 1. Play by the ear 2. Throw caution to the wind
- 3. Make one's blood boil

4. Back to the drawing board

1692. He is known for talking too frankly.

- 1. Snug as a bug in a rug
- 2. Call a spade a spade
- 3. Go the extra mile 4. Lose one's marbles

1693. Jump the gun

- 1. Start something too soon or act hastily
- 2. There is always a cost to do something
- 3. Watch a person carefully
- 4. Intentionally raise a false alarm

1694. The new music system is too expensive for us to buy.

- 1. Hit the books 2. Costs an arm and a leg
- 3. At sea 4. Cut to the chase

1695. Reginald betrayed his closest friend. It was big shock for all.

- 1. A black sheep
- 2. Every cloud has a silver lining
- 3. Stab someone in the back
- 4. Looking to your laurels

1696. Pocket an insult

- 1. Insult someone strongly
- 2. Rebel against insult
- 3. Tolerate insult without protest
- 4. Endure insult and protest

1697. Upset the apple-cart

- 1. To be offended
- 2. Consider unsatisfactory
- 3. Withdraw
- 4. Spoil careful plans

Idioms and Phrases



1698. The coach was trying to twist the player's arm by asking him to practice throughout the day.

- 1. To console the weak
- 2. To refrain from resting
- 3. To train someone in warfare
- 4. To try to force someone to do something

1699. Cast aside

- 1. To display
- 2. To bear with
- 3. To blow up
- 4. To reject

1700. In your birthday suit

- 1. A suit which is designed for only birthday functions
- 2. Birthday celebrations
- 3. Not wearing any clothes
- 4. A suit which covers one's entire body

1701. The movers and shakers

- 1. Transportation company
- 2. Labourers
- 3. People who have a lot of power and influence
- 4. Travelling agency

1702. Get one's dander up

- 1. Rush into someone
- 2. To glare venomously
- 3. Lose one's temper
- 4. get into a difficult situation

1703. In queer street

- 1. In prison
- 2. Lost your way
- 3. In debt
- 4. Among scoundrels

1704. Face up to

- 1. Look into face
- 2. To accept a difficult situation

3. Personally

4. Alter the face

1705. The team members seem to be running around in circles.

- 1. To be extremely successful
- 2. Hardly any time to breathe
- 3. To be very active but with few results
- 4. Very dynamic and hardworking

1706. Hale and hearty

- 1. Strong and healthy
- 2. Angry but happy
- 3. Weak and ill
- 4. Clumsy and calm

1707. His mentor understood the deep anguish the student was going through without him being informed about it.

- 1. Read between the lines
- 2. Break a leg
- 3. Down for the count
- 4. In the fast lane

1708. Jump the gun

- 1. To do something stupid
- 2. To waste your money
- 3. To do something too soon
- 4. To defeat an opponent

1709. I was like a fish out of water in the new firm.

- 1. Very adventurous
- 2. Being uncomfortable and restless
- 3. Always comfortable
- 4. Nosy yet firm

1710. Look, the devil is beating his wife. Do you think we'll see a rainbow?

- 1. One who presents a counter argument
- 2. If you have nothing to do, you are likely to do some mischief
- 3. The sun is shining while it rains
- 4. When someone comes in unexpectedly while being talked about

Idioms and Phrases



1711. A grey area

1. An unspoken truth
2. An unclear situation
3. A special part of the brain
4. An unusual spot

1712. To be in the dark

1. to not know something others are aware of
2. to be afraid of darkness and refuse to go out at night
3. to learn to face dark places without fear
4. to always be in a bad mood about darkness

1713. To make both ends meet

1. To have just enough money to live
2. To try to do two different things at the same time
3. To try to bring two parties together
4. To try to solve a problem between friends

1714. To drag one's feet

1. To walk unsteadily
2. To walk with a limp
3. To delay taking a decision
4. To pull someone's legs

1715. A sea change

1. Complete transformation
2. Going on a trip abroad
3. Getting transferred overseas
4. Health-related vacation

1716. Get One's Ducks in a Row

1. Have everything properly organized
2. Have nothing properly organized, though ready
3. Have everything improperly disorganized
4. Have everything messily arranged

1717. Child's play

1. Something that is very easy to do
2. Something children have made by themselves
3. Something for a child to play with
4. Something that everybody knows

1718. A bolt from the blue

1. something causing a head injury
2. something that happens suddenly
3. something that is hotly debated
4. a strange dream that wakes one up suddenly

1719. Cost an arm and a leg

1. Be extremely expensive
2. Be rather cheap
3. Be easily available
4. Be worthy of the cost

1720. Go back to the drawing board

1. start planning again because earlier plans failed
2. look back at your achievements and learn from them
3. withdraw support to someone whom you always supported
4. get started on a new job as the old one wasn't good

1721. Provide a blueprint

1. Submit a printed application for a blue-collared job
2. Give a detailed plan or scheme
3. Have a building plan printed in blue
4. Propose a plan of a secret meeting



1722. Be glad to see the back of

1. Be relieved at another's failure
2. Be happy at another's success
3. Be happy when a person leaves
4. Be happy to see someone again

1723. By the skin of one's teeth

1. With the help of someone
2. By a very big margin
3. Without anyone's help
4. By a very narrow margin

1724. Read between the lines

1. read loudly each and every word given in the sentence
2. read very slowly enjoying each line
3. read carefully each and every word written
4. understand what is implied but not stated directly

1725. A good turn

1. A lucky chance
2. A great opportunity
3. A helpful act
4. A pleasant experience

1726. In hot water

1. In trouble
2. In suspense
3. In advantage
4. In shower

1727. Make big time

1. Spend more than one earns
2. Attain fame and success
3. Earn more than needed
4. Reach earlier than expected

1728. To leave no stone unturned

1. To become accustomed to routine things
2. To try everything possible to solve a problem
3. To turn everything upside down
4. To become furious with somebody

1729. To run around like a headless chicken

1. To do many things in a disorganised manner
2. To be lazy and unwilling to work
3. To do things methodically one by one
4. To be unable to catch escaping chicken

1730. Wash your dirty linen in public

1. Fight with everyone unnecessarily
2. Complain about everything
3. Hangclothes outside
4. Discuss private matters in front of others

1731. To be all ears

1. To be ready and eager to listen
2. To have extra-large ears
3. To be inquisitive and curious
4. To be impatient about something

1732. To put one's foot in one's mouth

1. To deliberately provoke someone
2. To be disorderly and stupid
3. To accidentally embarrass or upset someone
4. To gather all of one's resources

1733. Living in a fool's paradise

1. To be fooled by someone
2. To live in a world of imagination
3. To believe wrongly that your situation is good
4. To live in luxuriously after fooling someone

Idioms and Phrases



1734. Off one's rocker

1. No manners
2. When someone does not want to make a decision
3. Keep something away
4. Crazy, demented or out of one's mind

1735. Greener pastures

- a) Unfavourable prospect
- b) Covered with healthy plants or grass
- c) Rural areas
- d) A better or promising situation

1736. A skeleton in the cupboard

1. A popular fact which is not hidden
2. A popular fact to be kept secret
3. An embarrassing fact not to be kept secret
4. An embarrassing fact to be kept secret

1737. Fly into a passion

1. To be aggressive at times
2. To become aggressive often
3. To become angry suddenly
4. To be always angry

1738. Cut a poor figure

1. In a poor state
2. To put a good impression
3. To put a bad impression
4. Bad physical form

1739. "Just add a bit of cheese to your pasta and Bob's your uncle!" Reena suggested to me over dinner last night.

1. It becomes easily and quickly achievable
2. It changes the appearance
3. It ruins everything
4. It changes nothing

1740. The announcement of the new tourism policy of the government has made some people excited or interested.

1. Pull out all the stops
2. Run around in circles
3. Quicken the pulse
4. Reach for the moon

1741. When the war breaks out, all the war mongering social media activists become yellow bellies.

1. Zealots
2. Cowards
3. Sceptics
4. Upset stomachs

1742. A rolling stone gathers no moss

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

1743. The game is now in full swing.

1. very passive
2. very uninteresting
3. playing on the swings
4. very active

1744. Cudgel one's brain

1. Thinking about a debate
2. To think hard
3. Not to think
4. To overthink

1745. I bought some extra copies from the stationery shop. These may come in handy during exams.

1. Be useful
2. Cause trouble
3. Be sold
4. Bring luck

Idioms and Phrases



1746. Play it by ear

- 1. To do something without special preparation
- 2. To plan
- 3. To listen carefully
- 4. To improve

1747. Someone's heart is in the right place

- 1. Suddenly feel so excited or frightened that your heart beats faster
- 2. Change your opinion or the way you feel
- 3. Share secret worries with someone else
- 4. Someone is good even if they sometimes behave in a wrong manner

1748. Down the tubes

- 1. Minting money
- 2. Failing completely
- 3. Being informal
- 4. Going to swim

1749. Lose your marbles

- 1. To go insane
- 2. To handle stress
- 3. To lower down anger
- 4. To be patient

1750. I must tell you that it all went pear-shaped after you left the meeting in the middle.

- 1. Went terribly wrong
- 2. Became very entertaining
- 3. Became tragic
- 4. Turned out fine

1751. Every trick in the book

- A. Be optimistic
- B. Nothing Happening
- C. Every possible way
- D. Be pessimistic

1752. On a roll

- A. Running fast
- B. To have trust in someone
- C. In the midst of successes
- D. To meet a tragedy

1753. In the nick of time

- A. Doing nothing
- B. Just in Time
- C. Reach before time
- D. To reach after the job done

1754. Hard on the eyes

- A. To be infected
- B. To be a burden
- C. Unattractive; ugly
- D. To be troublesome

1755. The meat and potatoes

- A. Most fundamental aspects of something
- B. Things that are unimportant
- C. Things that are contradictory
- D. Two things that coexist

1756. Lost the plot

- A. To refuse to obey
- B. To be hilarious
- C. Act in a disorganized manner
- D. To lose all money

1757. The eternal checkout

- A. Death
- B. Enmity
- C. Discipline
- D. Permission

1758. Rein in

- A. Flush with huge numbers
- B. Limit or control something
- C. Provide for
- D. Have an expertise in

Idioms and Phrases



1759. Glass ceiling

- A. A point where one has always aspired to reach
- B. A point after which you cannot go any further, usually in improving your position at work
- C. A place that was transparent and open for all participants
- D. A hard place to be where everything is brittle

1760. Better late than never

- 1. Better to equip yourselves to be quick
- 2. Always be on time
- 3. Better to arrive late than not to come at all
- 4. Timely and efficient

1761. Hang in there

- 1. Give up just in time
- 2. Don't give up
- 3. Don't be resilient
- 4. Always go for the gold

1762. When it rains, it pours

- 1. Extremely poor weather
- 2. Problems seem to happen together
- 3. Problems are part of life
- 4. Both good and bad news conveyed at the same time

1763. Between Scylla and Charybdis

- 1. Choice between two unavoidable alternatives
- 2. Choice between two pleasant alternatives
- 3. Choice between two unpleasant alternatives
- 4. Choice between two avoidable alternatives

1764. A cog in the machine

- 1. To shirk from work
- 2. Holding an important job title

3. Functionally necessary but of small significance

4. To be a liability

1765. Milk and water

- 1. Weak ideas
- 2. Remaining goods
- 3. Small items
- 4. Essential goods

1766. A dim view of

- 1. view
- 2. disapprove of
- 3. approve of
- 4. see off

1767. God's ape

- 1. Born fool
- 2. Brave man
- 3. God's messenger
- 4. Timid person

1768. Mealy mouthed

- A. a flatterer
- B. afraid to speak frankly
- C. a literary person
- D. soft spoken

1769. Full of red herrings

- A. full of foolish ideals
- B. full of murders
- C. full of things to distract attention
- D. handled in high fashion

1770. Bottom line

- 1. A hidden agenda
- 2. An awkward situation
- 3. The most important fact
- 4. An impossible task

Idioms and Phrases



1771. In line with

- 1. In social service
- 2. In a queue
- 3. In opposition
- 4. In agreement

1772. Full of hot air

- 1. Energetic
- 2. Hot-headed
- 3. Talking nonsense
- 4. Nervous

1773. On the back burner

- 1. To cook a special dish slowly by placing it on the back burner
- 2. To temporarily not deal with some matter because it is not urgent
- 3. To carry a heavy burden successfully and without complaining
- 4. To be unable to complete a task because of a back problem

1774. Follow suit

- 1. try a costume
- 2. do the same as others
- 3. get on well with others
- 4. go after someone

1775. Swim with the tide

- 1. Agree with the popular opinion
- 2. Accept your fault
- 3. Do something again and again
- 4. Going for a swim during the high tide

1776. Come to blows

- 1. Agree with someone
- 2. Start fighting after a disagreement
- 3. Enjoy the cool breeze
- 4. Not accept any responsibility

1777. Lock horns

- 1. Find a mate
- 2. Fight with someone

3. Defeat someone

4. Make a team

1778. Beating / Banging the drum

- 1. To compel
- 2. To criticize
- 3. To voice one's support
- 4. To be aggressive

1779. To run like clockwork

- A. To go smoothly
- B. To go promptly
- C. To go carefully
- D. To go automatically

1780. All in one piece

- A. Early
- B. The whole day
- C. Without damage
- D. Suddenly

1781. Great oaks grow from small acorns

- A. Large successful operations can begin in a small way
- B. Good reputation is better than bad appearance
- C. Trying to obtain everything will often result in gaining nothing
- D. Income can be lost if it is used carelessly

1782. Appeal to Caesar

- 1. An authority given to a foolish person
- 2. To expect good from a wrong person
- 3. To live in a false reality
- 4. Appeal to the highest possible authority

1783. Sitting shotgun

- 1. Someone who is cherished above all others
- 2. Someone who is left-handed
- 3. Riding in the front passenger seat of a car
- 4. A scam

Idioms and Phrases



1784. Turn tail

1. To change the path
2. To change the outcome
3. To run away from difficulty
4. To hit harder

1785. Rub a person up the wrong way

1. Annoy or offend a person
2. Defeat a person thoroughly in a game
3. Force a person to take a subordinate position
4. Meet an unwilling stranger

1786. Mumbo jumbo

1. Rushed and short on time
2. Destroy or ruin a plan
3. Nonsense or meaningless speech
4. Intentionally raise a false alarm

1787. That's all she wrote

1. There is nothing more to be said
2. One-sided story
3. An unreal and imaginary story
4. Limited information

1788. To crow over something

1. To interfere in something
2. To regret
3. To be sensitive over something
4. To triumph over someone

1789. A bull market

1. A fertile field
2. A market where cattle is traded
3. To boast
4. Market where prices are rising

1790. To shake in one's shoes

1. To be afraid
2. To leave no remark
3. An unpleasant scenario
4. To fail to understand

1791. Slack off

1. To understand a hidden meaning
2. To slow down
3. To make most effort
4. To be very rude

1792. Hit a brick wall

1. Use unfair tactics
2. Go to sleep
3. Encounter an obstacle
4. Hit someone with a brick

1793. Armed to the teeth

1. Fully armed, having many weapons
2. Different attacking techniques
3. Safeguard oneself in every possible way
4. To have no weapon to fight

1794. Apropos of nothing

1. Any difficult situation or obstacle
2. To be enraged
3. Almost everything and anything has been included
4. Having no relevance to any previous discussion or situation

1795. Pedal to the metal

1. To enjoy yourself by going out.
2. To go full speed, especially while driving a vehicle.
3. Avoid responsibility by giving it to someone else.
4. Very excessive

Idioms and Phrases



1796. The whole ball of wax

- 1. Everything
- 2. Sagacious
- 3. Meagre
- 4. Complete disaster

1797. Dead lock

- 1. To be anxious
- 2. A state in which progress is impossible
- 3. To lose an important asset
- 4. To attract

1798. Method to my madness

- 1. Someone who is unpredictable and can cause damage if not kept in check.
- 2. To get someone drunk.
- 3. To state a fact so that there are no doubts or objections.
- 4. Strange or crazy actions that appear meaningless but in the end are done for a good reason.

1799. Have people rolling in the aisles

- 1. To use false promises to pull people on one's side
- 2. Make an audience laugh uncontrollably
- 3. To have a dispute with someone
- 4. Willing to do something immediately

1800. In the flesh

- 1. To be near death
- 2. To talk
- 3. In bodily form
- 4. To get a tattoo

1801. Baker's Dozen

- A. Fifteen
- B. Twelve
- C. Ten
- D. Thirteen

1802. To breast the tape

- 1. To shut someone's mouth
- 2. To create problems
- 3. To bring joy
- 4. To win a race

1803. To jump out of one's skin

- 1. To argue with someone
- 2. To feel immense pain
- 3. To show one's real side
- 4. To be extremely surprised

1804. All bark and no bite

- 1. Someone who sticks to his words
- 2. Actions are stronger than mere words
- 3. Not being able to understand anything
- 4. Full of talk, but low on action

1805. A bite at the cherry

- 1. A wrong move
- 2. Another attempt or opportunity to do something
- 3. To have a leverage over someone
- 4. A dog bite

1806. Burn your bridges

- 1. To have a fight
- 2. To disclose a secret
- 3. To be puzzled
- 4. To eliminate the possibility of return or retreat

1807. Crook someone's goose

- 1. To hypnotise someones
- 2. Inviting misfortune
- 3. To spoil other's plan
- 4. To assist others

Idioms and Phrases



1808. Save your breath

1. To make an effort that will be futile
2. To hold one's anger
3. To work hard
4. To be resentful

1809. All roads lead to Rome

- A. Different routes to the same goal
- B. The same community
- C. A unique solution to a problem
- D. A common understanding

1810. A beast of burden

1. A liability
2. An animal that carries luggage
3. A person who works hardly
4. A violent man

1811. Ten out of ten

- A. A favor
- B. A perfect score
- C. An achievement
- D. A delayed success

1812. Run of the mill

- A. To run very quickly
- B. With no special or interesting features
- C. A foolish and hopeless search
- D. A quick and automatic response

1813. New kid on the block

1. Nonsense or meaningless speech.
2. Savings set aside for future use.
3. Don't hurt anyone that helps you.
4. Someone new to the group or area.

1814. To take the veil

1. To help someone

2. To become a nun
3. To take a responsibility
4. To show interest

1815. Neck and crop

1. Totally and completely
2. In and out
3. To and for
4. Forward and backward

1816. To the manner born

1. To have high manners
2. To do something as though it is coming naturally
3. To be sophisticated
4. To give a ride to someone

1817. Be my guest

1. Please do it
2. Stop, don't go ahead
3. Be with me
4. Come with me

1818. To be ill at ease

1. to feel uncomfortable or worried in a situation
2. to be very sick
3. to stand with legs kept slightly wide
4. to make a patient in a hospital feel comfortable

1819. Cast someone adrift

1. To leave someone without any support or purpose
2. To change plan suddenly
3. Call someone repeatedly
4. To blame someone for one's mistakes

Idioms and Phrases



1820. Buy a lemon

1. To buy something that is of much less value.
2. To lose foundation
3. To work through the day and shop in the evening
4. To give importance to little things

1821. To miss the bus

1. Short lived glory
2. To lose an opportunity
3. Escape by a thin margin
4. A problem in a situation

1822. To have a nodding acquaintance

1. To have a great experience
2. To neglect all the parameters
3. Know somebody/something slightly
4. To have nothing in common

1823. Good grief

1. An expression of surprise and frustration
2. To feel no pain
3. Physically or mentally tough
4. Hard working

1824. To raise a few eyebrows

1. To pretend to be shocked
2. To cause surprise or shock
3. To say something funny
4. To mime and make faces

1825. The whys and wherefores

1. References
2. Circumstances
3. Requirements
4. Reasons

1826. A blind spot

A. A person who is blind

B. A person with no emotional feelings

C. A situation where no progress is made

D. An area in your range of vision that you cannot see properly

1827. Get down to brass tacks

A. To become serious about something

B. Get fired from the job

C. Compromise, cooperation between people

D. To be ready

1828. Break sweat

1. To make a futile attempt

2. To lie

3. To use a lot of energy or effort

4. To be caught stealing

1829. A bed of nails

A. A problematic or uncomfortable situation

B. A quick and automatic response

C. A person with no moral ethics

D. A fiercely contested fight or dispute

1830. To have an itching palm

A. To have no mercy

B. To gain strength

C. To have an urge to slap

D. To be greedy for money

1831. One swallow does not make a summer

A. The fact of failure or escape is not affected by the narrowness of the margin

B. To come out of one trouble and get into a worse

C. A single fortunate event does not mean that what follows will also be good.

D. The whole of everything

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1832. To meet one's eyes

- A. To look at someone directly while they are looking at you
- B. To confess something
- C. To make haste
- D. To meet someone regularly

1833. A blast from the past

- A. A competition where the outcome is difficult to judge or predict
- B. Punishment for the crime committed in the past
- C. Something powerfully nostalgic
- D. An unresolved argument

1834. In the groove

- A. To muse on in an aimless manner
- B. Starting to perform very well
- C. Simplify the producers
- D. A widely debated issue

1835. To pull the trigger

- A. To make an exaggerated statement
- B. To do unnecessary things
- C. To insult and disgrace the people
- D. To commit a course of action

1836. On the job

- 1. In the war
- 2. Avoiding the work
- 3. Working at a particular job
- 4. On the contrary

1837. Susie (has such strong resemblance to) Kate Winslet that sometimes people would ask her for her autograph.

- A. dead ringer
- B. gone bananas

C. jack of all trades, master of none

D. pound the pavement

1838. To see the Light

- A. To gain conscious
- B. To misunderstand the situation
- C. To be optimistic
- D. Suddenly realize or understand something

1839. Far and wide

- A. Equal opportunity to all
- B. Present everywhere
- C. Divided into two equal parts
- D. Not frequent, unusual, rare

1840. Dead men's shoes

- A. Making oneself available for all the tasks being assigned
- B. A career where a lot of cheques are signed
- C. Job that one takes over from somebody who has left unexpectedly or died
- D. Acquiring the wealth of a dead man through malpractices

1841. To stretch one's legs

- A. To leave a place without permission
- B. To go for a party
- C. To go for a walk after you have been sitting for a long time
- D. To measure one's worth

1842. Drastic times call for drastic measures

- A. When you are extremely desperate you need to take extremely desperate actions
- B. Don't rely on it until you sure of it
- C. Something that ends at the last minute or last few seconds



D. Do not pull all your resources in one possibility

1843. To sing a different tune

A. To change the way one talks about something

B. To brag about something

C. To be able to handle a jolt

D. To buy or sell something

1844. On account of

1. To settle dues

2. To make excuses

3. Because of

4. To mark one's territory

1845. Gut Feeling

A. To have a dispute with someone

B. A personal intuition you get especially when feel something may not be right

C. Very excited and or joyful, especially when in love

D. Doing things recklessly

1846. Between a rock and a hard place

A. Stuck between two very bad options

B. Willing to do anything

C. On the point of achievement

D. Avoiding the main topic, not speaking directly about the issue

1847. To go a long way

1. To become successful in life

2. To join a foreign company

3. To avoid short cuts

4. To go on a long drive

1848. In ones and twos

A. In small numbers

B. In unfair means

C. Large margin

D. To count resources

1849. History certainly gives you (something to think about), doesn't it?

A. food for thought

B. cup of Joe

C. golden handshake

D. forty winks

1850. He (made an irreversible change, that will greatly impact his life) when he got that huge tattoo on his back!

A. beat the dead horse

B. became the devil's advocate

C. crossed the Rubicon

D. put a rose on his nose

1851. Ethnic Cleansing

A. Worshiping of a certain ethnic or religious group on a massive scale

B. Killing of a certain ethnic or religious group on a massive scale

C. One who was previously unknown and is now prominent

D. A large number of people either falling ill or dying

1852. Don't start to think we've (won this game certainly), gentlemen.

A. swallowed the bitter truth

B. held our horses

C. have skin in the game

D. got this game in the bag

1853. Fixed in one's ways

A. Something that shows potential or looks promising in the beginning but fails to deliver anything in the end

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- B. To establish one's rule
- C. Not willing or wanting to change from your normal way of doing something
- D. An aggressive attack on someone by a group
- 1854. To pull your weight
 - A. To do your fair share of work
 - B. To help one's relatives
 - C. To buy something
 - D. To give something
- 1855. They were really (selecting from the last or worst of the resources left) when they picked you.
 - A. scraping the bottom of the barrel
 - B. rolling the stones
 - C. pulling up snakes
 - D. going haywire
- 1856. Give and take
 - A. An aggressive and bold confrontation
 - B. Compromise, cooperation between people
 - C. A competition where the outcome is difficult to judge or predict
 - D. It seems likely, reasonable, or typical
- 1857. That's just like Julie - always (coming to conclusions too quickly) even before she knows the facts.
 - A. jumping in with both feet
 - B. raring to go
 - C. sailing in the same boat
 - D. biting her own tongue
- 1858. Rust bucket
 - A. To be absent minded
 - B. An old man
 - C. A vehicle that is old or almost broken

- D. To be late for everything
- 1859. A broth of a boy
 - A. Not attached to someone
 - B. To have specific food choices
 - C. To behave foolishly
 - D. A lively, energetic young person
- 1860. To eat crow
 - A. To take great care
 - B. To become non-vegetarian
 - C. To take money back
 - D. To admit that one is wrong
- 1861. Lily-livered

(a) Naughty	(b) Comical
(c) Not brave	(d) Brave
- 1862. tied in knots.

(a) Confused	(b) Punished
(c) Hindered	(d) Controlled
- 1863. Sharp practice

(a) Briefly	(b) Dishonesty
(c) Frequently	(d) Nearby
- 1864. Scrape the barrel
 - (a) To be forced to use one's last and weakest resource
 - (b) Trying to find something
 - (c) Using all the ways to achieve the desired result
 - (d) Hiding something
- 1865. To prime the pump
 - (a) To use a pump efficiently
 - (b) Manipulate someone to achieve success
 - (c) Encourage the growth or action of something
 - (d) Ask others to be ambitious

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1866. Back against the wall

- (a) Be in a relationship which one wants to escape
- (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 an easy situation from where escape is difficult

1867. Bad iron

- (a) Not hot
- (b) Bad behaviour
- (c) No steam
- (d) Bad luck

1868. Has he lost his mind? He is falling foul of everybody.

- (a) Quite puzzled with
- (b) Having an amicable talk with
- (c) Maintaining a sort of coldness
- (d) Quarrelling with

1869. Get into a scrape

- (a) Creating a problem
- (b) Explaining a problem
- (c) Solving a problem
- (d) Involved in a problem

1870. I'm going to be in trouble if I don't submit my homework to the teacher.

- (a) off base
- (b) up the creek
- (c) the lion's share
- (d) a devil's advocate

1871. A perfect storm

- (a) Appropriate for all occasions
- (b) The worst possible situation
- (c) Healing from trauma
- (d) Pretty good judgement

1872. 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.

- (a) cutting a cloth
- (b) they caught a tartar
- (c) casting pearls before swine
- (d) damsel in distress

1873. Your career is now completely obsolete.

- (a) hanging by a thread
- (b) as dead as a doornail
- (c) dead even
- (d) moving like a worm

1874. 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) Jumped the gun
- (c) Tested the waters
- (d) Shook a leg

1875. 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) put ice on it
- (d) ran around in circles

1876. 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

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1877. by the ear

- (a) improvise (b) spread rumour
- (c) be attentive (d) criticise

1878. You snooze, you lose

- (a) If you are not alert, you are likely to miss opportunities.
- (b) You may lose your money if snoozing is not stopped
- (c) Laziness is not good
- (d) If you oversleep, you are likely to lose a job

1879. In a soup

- (a) To exhibit cowardice
- (b) Extremely short of money
- (c) In trouble
- (d) To get nothing

1880. I really don't want to pour cold water on your theory but it cannot be applied to real life situations.

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

1881. 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) dance attendance (b) tap dance like mad
- (c) dead duck (d) give a song and dance

1882. At cross purposes

- (a) Disagreeing with each other's idea
- (b) Finalising ideas and plans
- (c) Agreeing with each other's plans

(d) Good ideas

1883. Brave people never hide at the moment of decision.

- (a) When the crunch comes
- (b) Beat the clock
- (c) A hell of time
- (d) Turn back the hands of time

1884. It's better to get less than what you want than get nothing.

- (a) Half a loaf is better than none.
- (b) Waste not, want not.
- (c) Where there is smoke, there is fire.
- (d) A storm in a teacup

1885. Memory like sieve

- (a) Being healthy (b) Poor memory
- (c) Feeling ill (d) Remembering everything

1886. 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 give the devil his dues
- (b) To get into hot water
- (c) To dig the grave
- (d) To end in smoke

1887. 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) Flogging a dead horse
- (b) Gliding the pill
- (c) Falling flat
- (d) Going with his tail between his legs

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1888. One who hurries up always gets the best.

- (a) Brevity is the soul of wit.
- (b) Forewarned is forearmed.
- (c) The early bird catches the worm
- (d) His bark is worse than his bite.

1889. Like a cat on a hot tin roof

- (a) Studying very hard
- (b) Being lazy
- (c) Being in a state of agitation
- (d) Urging somebody not to worry about something

1890. Most of the people say that some people fight for the cause but most of them don't support it.

- (a) Are out of frying pan onto the fire
- (b) Spare the rod and spoil the child
- (c) Pay only lip service
- (d) Mind their P's and q's

1891. On the straight and narrow

- (a) The unrefined and complicated
- (b) The straightforward and ethically acceptable
- (c) The honest but dubious
- (d) The unpredictable though genuine

1892. Have a bash

- (a) to betray a close friend
- (b) to make an attempt
- (c) to spoil a moment
- (d) to put something on hold

1893. Playing fantasy games on internet is an easy way to make money quickly but it's risky.

- (a) in for a penny in for a pound
- (b) not fair and square
- (c) making a quick buck

(d) bigger fish to fry

1894. Queer pitch

- (a) Make a weird request
- (b) Make a lot of progress
- (c) Act out of normal
- (d) Spoil somebody's chance of doing something

1895. Turn his hand to

- (a) To resolve
- (b) To adapt or apply to
- (c) To try new things
- (d) To try hard

1896. Everything in the mansion was in great confusion after the robbery.

- (a) Pick holes
- (b) Pell-mell
- (c) Turn over a new leaf
- (d) Damp squib

1897. He was alone and knew the dangers ahead during his journey, but he tried to keep up his confidence.

- (a) whistled in the dark
- (b) made a sterner stuff
- (c) stepped up his game
- (d) wouldn't be caught dead

1898. Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

Nitish's promotion is due.

- (a) On the cards
- (b) Not worth his salt
- (c) With due respect
- (d) Done to death

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1899. 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) Nipping in the bud
- (b) Changing the hands
- (c) Catching a tartar
- (d) Blazing the trail

1900. The candidate blamed the persistent traffic jam as reason of his being late and the interviewer believed him though he was not convinced.

- (a) gave the benefit of doubt
- (b) changed his tune
- (c) thought err is human and to forgive is divine
- (d) did not judge the book by its cover

1901. 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

1902. More people in Turkey are on the breadline now than thirty years ago.

- (a) Be very poor (b) Are well educated
- (c) Be very expensive (d) Earn a lot of money

1903. We dodged a bullet when we didn't fall for the agents' words.

- (a) To give something a try
- (b) To narrowly avoid situation
- (c) To be out of your comfort zone
- (d) To start performing better

1904. Crack someone up

- (a) To criticise someone
- (b) To force someone to commit a mistake
- (c) To make someone angry
- (d) To make someone laugh

1905. Select the correct idiom to replace the bold segment in the given sentence.

We should ask Emily to join our team. She is as keen as butter.

- (a) as keen as a bee
- (b) as keen as mustard
- (c) as keen as salt (d) as keen as sugar

1906. What a small world!

- (a) The world is great.
- (b) What a beautiful place!
- (c) The world is a village.
- (d) What a coincidence!

1907. Select the most appropriate 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 rise to the occasion
- (b) To make the cut
- (c) Set sights on
- (d) To move the goal posts

1908. Select the correct idiom that can substitute the bold group of words in the given sentence.

He really stinks and smells foul after a hard session at the gym.

- (a) an old flame
- (b) an iron will
- (c) pen and ink
- (d) lame excuse

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1909. All my efforts went in vain. The project on which I was working for the last two months has failed and we are _____.

- (a) all in the seventh heaven
(b) back to square one
(c) on the fly (d) around the bend

1910. Choosing not to pursue a degree in computer engineering was _____, as the market for them is extremely limited nowadays.

- (a) airy fairy (b) a cut above
(c) an elevator pitch (d) a blessing in disguise

1911. I think we should _____ before buying this car.

- (a) eat like a horse (b) hold our horses
(c) stop to change horses
(d) get off our high horse

1912. A plum job

- (a) An easy and pleasant job
(b) A rare job
(c) A difficult job
(d) A job involving extensive travelling

1913. Keep count of

- (a) To remind of a deadline
(b) To act more politely
(c) To remember a total
(d) To accept an invitation

1914. Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the bold 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

1915. Keep a straight face

- (a) Become very confused
(b) Get on extremely well with someone
(c) Not laugh or change your expression even though you want to laugh
(d) Make more of an effort

1916. Grasping at straws

- (a) Trying to find the best way to compete with others when nothing you choose is likely to work
(b) Trying to find some way to succeed when you see others are also doing the same
(c) Trying to find some way to succeed when nothing you choose is likely to work
(d) Trying to find manipulative ways to succeed

1917. I like her because she never likes to make _____.

- (a) a slap on the wrist
(b) a drop in the bucket
(c) a bed of roses (d) a quick buck

1918. We've sent a very strong protest letter. That should make them sit up and take notice.

- (a) Follow (b) Attend
(c) Observe (d) Consider

1919. Our Director took a meeting and asked us to express our views on _____ of the new HR policy.

- (a) the bandwagon (b) the pros and cons
(c) the hook (d) the ups and downs

1920. He got a burst of energy and started digging again.

- (a) took bull by the horns
(b) a fancy of someone
(c) second wind (d) heart on the sleeve

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1921. The company had some initial problems, but now it is _____.

- (a) flying like a rock
- (b) flying the nest
- (c) flying a kite
- (d) flying high

1922. You must lie in the bed you have made.

- (a) Face the unpleasant consequences of your own acts
- (b) Sleep on the bed you made yourself
- (c) Sleep in your own bed
- (d) Be contended always

1923. Do you believe that you have a possibility of getting that job?

- (a) spill the beans
- (b) snow job
- (c) stand a chance
- (d) shoot the breeze

1924. Get your act together

- (a) To ruin one's plans
- (b) To organise yourself so that you can do something properly
- (c) To get the conversation going
- (d) To understand something complicated

1925. 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) Midas touch
- (c) Rule of thumb
- (d) Sticky fingers

1926. A snowball effect

- (a) An accelerating growth of magnitude
- (b) Trick someone completely
- (c) Cold and uncomfortable
- (d) Slow movement

1927. 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

1928. The modern era statistics data provides useful advantage to the players at competent level.

- (a) Cost an arm and a leg
- (b) Grist to the mill
- (c) Put something on ice
- (d) Play it by ear

1929. Step up to the plate

- (a) Think about a crisis
- (b) Plan for better performance
- (c) Implement a plan
- (d) Take control of a situation

1930. He ate the whole bunch of grapes under the nose of all of us.

- (a) After much persuasion
- (b) In full view of somebody
- (c) Sharing equally
- (d) Secretly

1931. Christy should discuss this with her face to face.

- (a) With another person in their presence rather than, say, by phone or letter
- (b) Come to fully accept or understand something
- (c) Remained normal and realistic
- (d) Almost always

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1932. Doctors are raising hue and cry against the RTH bill.

- (a) Enquire
- (b) Protest
- (c) Postpone
- (d) Abandon

1933. Hear someone out

- (a) Let someone complete what they are saying
- (b) Hear from far away
- (c) Dismiss someone from listening to you
- (d) Keep someone out

1934. Most of the ministers are concerned with the _____ of office than the service of man.

- (a) leaps and bounds
- (b) loaves and fishes
- (c) wear and tear
- (d) Herculean task

1935. Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation.

She said she liked my hair, but it turned out to be a left handed compliment.

- (a) A joke
- (b) A flattery
- (c) An insult
- (d) A praise

1936. The new routine will suit you to a T.

- (a) nicely
- (b) a little bit
- (c) exactly
- (d) very poorly

1937. Still waters run deep

- (a) A very serious situation
- (b) Desperate measures made in order to come out of a difficult situation

(c) To have passion or great intelligence underneath a calm expression

(d) To be confused or not understand something

1938. Fall into line

- (a) Searching something
- (b) Adhere to rules
- (c) Fuming and shouting
- (d) Straight road to walk

1939. Mincing walk

- (a) Giant and huge garden
- (b) Small and delicate steps
- (c) Show and tell arena
- (d) Big and large house

1940. Completely mistaken

- (a) Bite the bullet
- (b) All wet
- (c) Hunger pangs
- (d) Though thick and thin

(1941 to 1950) Based on the situation given below choose the appropriate idiom from the given options:

1941. Mary had been preparing for an important job interview for weeks. She had researched the company thoroughly, practiced her answers, and was feeling confident. However, on the day of the interview, she woke up with a severe headache and a sore throat. Despite feeling unwell, she decided to go ahead with the interview, hoping that her preparation would carry her through.

In this situation, which idiom best describes Mary's determination to proceed with the interview despite feeling unwell?

- (a) Butterflies in her stomach
- (b) Bite the bullet
- (c) A piece of cake
- (d) Spill the beans

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1942. Alex and Sarah were participating in a team-building workshop. During one of the activities, they were given a challenging task that required them to work together to solve a complex problem. However, they had different approaches to the problem and were struggling to find common ground.

In this situation, which idiom best describes Alex and Sarah's difficulty in reaching an agreement?

- (a) Burning the midnight oil
- (b) Two peas in a pod
- (c) Walking on eggshells
- (d) Butting heads

1943. John had been procrastinating on his assignment for weeks, and the deadline was fast approaching. He finally realized that he needed to start working on it seriously to complete it on time. However, he found it challenging to concentrate, and every time he sat down to work, he would get distracted by his phone, social media, or random thoughts.

In this situation, which idiom best describes John's struggle to stay focused and avoid distractions?

- (a) Monkey on his back
- (b) A piece of cake
- (c) Spill the beans
- (d) Burn bridges

1944. In a small village, two neighbouring families, the Smiths and the Browns, had been friends for generations. However, a misunderstanding occurred between their children during a local festival, leading to a heated argument. The elders of both families decided to intervene and resolve the dispute.

Which proverb best reflects the approach taken by the elders to resolve the misunderstanding between the Smiths and the Browns?

- (a) A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush
- (b) Don't count your chickens before they hatch

- (c) Don't make a mountain out of a molehill
- (d) Too many cooks spoil the broth

1945. Your friend advises you, "The early bird catches the worm," when discussing the importance of punctuality. What does this expression imply?

- (a) We should take advantage of opportunities by being proactive and prompt.
- (b) We should wake up early to have a productive day.
- (c) We should prioritize rest and relaxation to maintain good health.
- (d) We should always be prepared for expected opportunities.

1946. Your mentor tells you, "Actions speak louder than words," when discussing the importance of demonstrating your abilities. What does this expression imply?

- (a) We should prioritize verbal communication over non-verbal cues.
- (b) We should focus on our achievements and let them speak for themselves.
- (c) Our words should be carefully chosen to convey our intentions.
- (d) We should express ourselves boldly and confidently

1947. Your colleague mentions, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket," when discussing investment strategies. What does this expression imply?

- (a) We should prioritize short-term gains over long-term stability.
- (b) We should focus on one investment option for maximum returns.
- (c) We should diversify our investments to mitigate risks.
- (d) We should avoid investing altogether and keep our money safe.

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1948. The plans to cut funding are penny wise pound foolish.

- (a) A sudden stopping of any habit.
- (b) Careful about spending small amounts but not about large amounts.
- (c) A sarcastic response to a foolish statement.
- (d) So abundant or common as to hold little or no value.

1949. The radio host is known for always being on his high horse, despite the fact that everyone knows he's a creep.

- (a) To find a way to deal something.
- (b) Acting superior and arrogant.
- (c) To behave or look strange.
- (d) To find out the real cause of something.

1950. Your colleague says, "Don't count your chickens before they hatch" when discussing a potential promotion. What does this expression imply?

- (a) We should not make assumptions or predictions before the outcome is certain
- (b) We should set realistic goals and expectations
- (c) We should be cautious and avoid taking risks
- (d) We should be patient and wait for the right opportunity

1951. Keep a lid on

- (a) keep the change (b) keep up the good work
- (c) keep a record of something
- (d) keep emotions under control

1952. The sentence given below contains an idiom. Identify the idiom and choose its correct meaning from the given options.

I had a close shave this morning when a trailer unexpectedly swerved into my lane.

- (a) With much noise, excitement or commotion.
- (b) A narrow escape from a situation.
- (c) Repeating ourselves.
- (d) Very common, inexpensive.

1953. The statement below has been given with bracketed text. Select the option with correct idiom for the bracketed text.

"Well, (I am about to drink this!)" Lilly said before taking her cough medicine.

- (a) clip your wings! (b) easy as a pie!
- (c) chill out! (d) down the hatch!

1954. Determine the meaning of the bracketed idiom from the statement given below.

The celebrity's glamorous lifestyle may seem perfect on social media, but (all that glitters is not gold), and it's crucial to recognize that everyone has their struggles and challenges.

- (a) Everything that shines is made of gold
- (b) Appearances can be deceiving
- (c) Social media is a reliable source of information
- (d) Celebrities always have a perfect life

1955. Determine the meaning of the underlined idiom from the statement given below.

After accidentally spilling her drink on her friend's new dress, Emily quickly realized she had (added insult to injury) when she accidentally stepped on her friend's foot as well.

- (a) To apologize sincerely for a mistake
- (b) To avoid admitting fault and pretend nothing happened
- (c) To unintentionally cause additional harm or offense after a previous mistake or injury
- (d) To try to make amends for a wrong action

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1956. The sentence given below contains an idiom. Identify the idiom and choose its correct meaning from the given options.

I know Aunt Jean isn't your favourite person, but she gave you that beautiful sweater as a present, so don't look a gift horse in the mouth!

- (a) To be very calm.
- (b) Take what you get without criticism.
- (c) To have something to complain about.
- (d) Take great care over details.

(1957 to 1962) Determine the meaning of the bracketed idiom from the statement given below.

1957. John is known for his healthy lifestyle. He religiously follows the saying (An apple a day keeps the doctor away).

- (a) John believes in superstitions and eats apples for good luck.
- (b) John dislikes doctors and prefers to keep his distance.
- (c) John eats apples daily to stay fit and avoid getting sick.
- (d) John enjoys gardening and grows apple trees in his backyard

1958. Failing to get those tickets , (will ruin my plans and image).

- (a) easy come, easy go
- (b) drop in the bucket
- (c) cook my goose
- (d) come apart

1959. I probably (said it before it was the right time) with announcing our engagement before everyone was there.

- (a) hit the hay
- (b) went bananas
- (c) jumped the gun

(d) jumped off the deep end

1960. That new budget bill was (useless and hopeless) before it hit the Parliament.

- (a) down in the drain
- (b) an axe to grind
- (c) an albatross around the neck
- (d) a dead duck

1961. The college management organised a small get together for the first year students who had joined recently and the rest of the college to (be relaxed in each other's company).

- (a) cut a long story short
- (b) Give a high five
- (c) Take a chill pill
- (d) Break the ice

1962. My aunt's favourite child is her daughter, so she (ignores purposely something that is wrong) all her faults.

- (a) Nit picks
- (b) Curries favour to
- (c) apple of her eye
- (d) Turns a blind eye

1963. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank that completes the idioms used in the given situation

John decided to accept the job offer he received, realizing that a bird in the hand is worth _____, and it was better to have a secure job now rather than risk waiting for uncertain opportunities in the future.

- (a) two in the bush
- (b) one on the ground
- (c) none in the nest
- (d) a hundred in the sky

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1964. Select the most appropriate idiom that conveys the meaning given in the brackets to fill in the blank.

Rekha was dismissed from her job at the beauty parlour. She was _____ (discovered doing something illegal or forbidden), stealing some of the supplies.

- (a) neck deep in debt
- (b) caught red handed
- (c) in the thick of action
- (d) having the time of her life

1965. Select the most appropriate idiom that conveys the meaning given in the brackets to fill in the blank.

Ever since their last quarrel, my two best friends have been _____ (ignoring and treating in an unfriendly way) each other in public.

- (a) giving each other the cold shoulder
- (b) giving each other high fives
- (c) having a chip on their shoulder
- (d) crossing swords with

1966. All thumbs

- (a) Clumsy
- (b) Quick
- (c) Artistic
- (d) Skilful

1967. Cool your heels

- (a) Lose confidence or courage
- (b) Take rest after hard work
- (c) Be calm in a difficult situation
- (d) Be kept waiting by someone

1968. Select the most appropriate idiom that means the following.

To face a difficult or unpleasant situation with courage and determination.

- (a) Bite the bullet
- (b) Walk on eggshells

(c) Kick the bucket (d) Break a leg

1969. Speak of the devil

- (a) Mentioning someone and they appear out of nowhere
- (b) Breaking somebody's trust due to devil intentions
- (c) Interrupt somebody's conversation intentionally
- (d) Speaking of all the evil things to scare someone

1970. Give someone the benefit of the doubt

- (a) Trust what someone says
- (b) Having trust issues with someone
- (c) Be doubtful about someone's intentions
- (d) Never trust someone at all

1971. Better late than never

- (a) Better to arrive late always
- (b) Better to arrive late than not to come at all
- (c) Always be on time
- (d) Better to not go at all

1972. Take it with a grain of salt

- (a) Don't take it too seriously.
- (b) Take a risk
- (c) Don't make it obvious
- (d) Take it too seriously

1973. Bear a grudge

- (a) To forgive someone for something done in the past
- (b) To doubt someone's intentions
- (c) To blame somebody with their fault
- (d) To continue to feel angry or unfriendly for someone or something because of a particular past incident.

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1974. Down for the count

- (a) Feeling tired and give up
- (b) Feeling dull & energetic simultaneously
- (c) Feeling extremely energetic
- (d) Feeling extremely happy

1975. Left out in the cold

- (a) Being ignored
- (b) Being extremely angry
- (c) Being grungy
- (d) Being very happy

1976. Keep an ear to the ground

- (a) Keep looking to the ground for something
- (b) Staying alienated in the real life
- (c) Staying uninformed and not updated about anything
- (d) Staying informed and updated about everything

1977. A bolt from the blue

- (a) A planned and well executed event
- (b) To be in a difficult situation
- (c) A sudden, unexpected event
- (d) Expecting to attend an event

1978. Miss the boat/ bus

- (a) To grab the opportunity on time
- (b) To miss an opportunity
- (c) To be late for bus
- (d) To be on time to board the bus

1979. Once bitten, twice shy

- (a) Need to do something urgently
- (b) Excited to try something new
- (c) Afraid of doing something again
- (d) To be in a hurry to do something

1980. Ring a bell

- (a) Sounds indifferent
- (b) Sounds familiar
- (c) Sounds interesting
- (d) Sounds strange

1981. All ears

- (a) Good at small talks
- (b) Eager to listen to what someone has to say
- (c) To avoid someone
- (d) Not paying heed to someone while they talk

1982. Bigger fish to fry

- (a) Not repeating same mistakes
- (b) More important things to do
- (c) Not wanting to do important things
- (d) Doing a lot of unplanned things

1983. Give one the slip

- (a) to flatter others
- (b) to neglect someone
- (c) to give a notice
- (d) to escape from someone

1984. Close fisted

- (a) miserly
- (b) very angry
- (c) benevolent
- (d) revengeful

1985. Cat and dog life

- (a) to wander aimlessly
- (b) to be frequently quarrelling
- (c) to lead a nomadic life
- (d) to live in poverty

1986. In one's element

- (a) in one's favour
- (b) in a cheerful mood
- (c) in a disguise
- (d) in a comfortable situation

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1987. A feast for the eyes

- (a) a lavish spread of food
- (b) a pleasing visual experience
- (c) a remedy for good eyesight
- (d) a well presented but tasteless dish

1988. Take a walk

- (a) rudely telling someone to go away
- (b) diffusing a tense situation
- (c) following someone secretly
- (d) comforting someone in pain

1989. Go the extra mile

- (a) take a longer route in a journey
- (b) over-achieve the targets
- (c) make more effort than is expected
- (d) lose the way in a foreign country

1990. Take the high ground

- (a) to behave childishly
- (b) to act morally
- (c) to show arrogance
- (d) to ridicule the lowly

1991. Alive and kicking

- A. to be very good in football
- B. to be active and healthy
- C. to behave childishly
- D. to be careless and unafraid

1992. Make no bones about something

- A. insist on buying only boneless mutton
- B. be frank and open about something
- C. be fussy about bones in one's soup
- D. take care of one's health

1993. Change hands

- A. Pass from one person to another
- B. Give away something you do not need
- C. Move from one hand to another
- D. Carry something in both hands

1994. Keep in check

- A. to keep something safe
- B. to place an order
- C. to control something
- D. to test something

1995. To be moved to tears

- A. to be mesmerised by something
- B. to be overwhelmed with emotion
- C. to be surprised or shocked
- D. to be transported to another world

1996. Get the axe

- A. Burdened job B. Lose the job
- C. Relaxed job D. Get the job

1997. Loosen the purse strings

- A. to reduce the expenditure
- B. to increase the money available for expenditure
- C. to lose a purse
- D. to be miserly

1998. Loudmouth

- A. one who talks well
- B. one who talks boastfully
- C. one who speaks calmly
- D. one who speaks nervously

1999. Go bonkers

- A. become crazy B. become wealthy
- C. become selfish D. become greedy



2000. A dime a dozen

- A. not available everywhere
- B. common and so of little value
- C. available only in bulk
- D. in great demand as not easily available

2001. He often changes plans while doing his work. So, his tasks remain incomplete.

- 1. In seventh heaven
- 2. Change horses in midstream
- 3. Break a leg 4. Spill the beans

2002. Have a good run

- 1. To experience joy or success in some endeavour, but only for a limited period of time
- 2. To escape from a prison
- 3. A good amount of money
- 4. A long journey

2003. Go with a bang

- 1. Party like there's no tomorrow
- 2. Decide according to the situation
- 3. To go crazy
- 4. Very exciting and successful

2004. Under the sun

- 1. In public
- 2. On earth
- 3. Under suspicion
- 4. At high risk

2005. A stick in the mud

- 1. A person with no character
- 2. A person without any fear
- 3. A person who resists change
- 4. A generous person

2006. Choose the idiom/phrase that can substitute the highlighted group of words meaningfully.

I feel they are watching me too closely and making me feel uncomfortable in the new college.

- 1. Breathing down one's neck
- 2. Under the cloud
- 3. Break a leg 4. Run out of steam

2007. To raise the wind

- 1. To teach mannerism
- 2. To obtain the necessary funds
- 3. To head an army
- 4. To release one's frustration

2008. To stand one's ground

- 1. To give up 2. Arranged in order
- 3. To give in 4. To refuse to change opinion

2009. Neck or nothing

- 1. Undergoing great risks 2. To have no money
- 3. Passion for singing 4. Next to nothing

2010. To sit at someone's feet

- 1. To attend upon as someone's disciple
- 2. To wash someone's feet
- 3. To be someone's equal
- 4. To be proud of someone

2011. To huff and puff

- 1. To be perplexed 2. To get into trouble
- 3. To breathe heavily or rapidly because one is exhausted
- 4. To speak ill of

2012. To mount the throne

- 1. To bring disgrace to the family
- 2. To take the responsibility
- 3. To become king, queen etc.
- 4. To leave one's palace



2013. Smell blood

1. Restart a work
2. To sense malpractice
3. To be suspicious about something
4. To sense a weakness in your opponent

2014. Drastic times call for drastic measures

1. When you are extremely desperate you need to take extremely desperate actions
2. Something that ends at the last minute or last few seconds
3. Don't rely on it until you sure of it
4. Do not pull all your resources in one possibility

2015. The party was great and we thoroughly enjoyed.

1. in the dark
2. Beat around the bush
3. Cut corners
4. Had a ball

2016. Nothing to Sneeze at

1. Lowest Ranking
2. To keep secrets
3. Not well known of used
4. Something important that deserves serious attention

2017. The police have been investigating his accounts looking for evidence of fraud.

1. Through thick and thin
2. in the dark
3. Digging around
4. Hitting the hay

2018. Run of the mill

1. Antagonist
2. Caretaker
3. Leader
4. Ordinary

2019. Lose by a neck

1. To lose one's necklace
2. Lose by a small margin
3. To cut short a matter
4. To stop someone from putting forward his views

2020. The old Adam

1. A person with orthodox thinking
2. The evil or reckless side of human nature
3. An old strategy in action
4. Beginning of a new journey

2021. To pop the question

1. To give a wrong answer
2. To ask a nonsense question
3. To propose marriage
4. To mark important details

2022. A wild cat strike

1. Winsome situation
2. A strike that is started by a group of workers without the approval of their union
3. A wrong action
4. Protest by farmers

2023. Off the Beaten Track

1. Little-known
2. Contagions
3. On a Strict budget

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4. Adventurous

2024. To stick one's neck out

- 1. To take a risk
- 2. To enjoy
- 3. To resign
- 4. To bring things to notice

2025. Pitch and toss

- 1. To feel unlucky
- 2. To reveal a secret
- 3. A brief account of something
- 4. A game of chance

2026. To beat the band

- 1. To refuse to talk
- 2. To a huge or the greatest possible extent.
- 3. To procrastinate
- 4. To resign from one's job.

2027. All along

- 1. Everywhere
- 2. At the desired place
- 3. People in unity
- 4. All the time from the beginning

2028. The Ship has sailed

- 1. The matter is carried over
- 2. The matter is decided
- 3. The opportunity has passed
- 4. Seeking new opportunities

2029. Which of the following statements correctly use the idiom 'pour oil on troubled waters' by substituting the underlined words?

- A. If you unnecessarily interfere in others' affairs, you will suffer yourselves.
- B. Fed up with frequent strikes, the management decided to deal with the situation decisively.

C. The government ordered a judicial enquiry into the communal riots in a bid to pacify the situation.

D. From his behaviour it is obvious that someone has prejudiced him against me.

- 1. Both statements B and D correctly use the idiom.
- 2. Only statement B correctly uses the idiom.
- 3. Both statements A and C correctly use the idiom.
- 4. Only statement C correctly uses the idiom.

2030. Better late than never

- 1. It's better to finish something late than to never do it at all
- 2. It's good to be clean. God is clean, and you should be too
- 3. Don't make someone angry or hurt someone who is helping you or paying for you
- 4. People who are similar spend time together

2031. Select the correct conclusion based on the meaning of the underlined idiom:

Statement: Splitting hairs is futile and will not resolve our problem.

Conclusion:

- i. A superficial investigation will suffice for the problem at hand.
- ii. Making peevish criticisms on trivial matters will not lead us anywhere.
- iii. A difference of opinion is not tolerated in a dictatorship.

- 1. Only conclusion (ii) is correct
- 2. Both conclusion (ii) and (iii) are correct
- 3. Only conclusion (i) is correct
- 4. Both conclusion (i) and (iii) are correct

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2032. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom

It's a small world

- 1. You frequently see the same people in different places
- 2. A competition where the outcome is difficult to judge or predict
- 3. Make all possible efforts
- 4. An aggressive and bold confrontation

2033. Which of the following statements correctly uses the idiom 'red rag to a bull' by substituting the underlined words?

A. The poor subordinates are made scapegoats for the misdeeds of their superiors.

B. For me, a person playing a double game is someone who specially provokes me.

C. Since your boss is well disposed towards you, you must act promptly and ask for a promotion.

D. The huge loss to our factory due to the floods was a totally unexpected disaster.

- 1. Statement A 2. Statement D
- 3. Statement B 4. Statement C

2034. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given proverb from the options

Knowledge is power

- 1. The more you know, the more powerful you can be in different areas of your life
- 2. Said when a son is similar to his father; also, "Like mother, like daughter"
- 3. When you're in a difficult situation, laughing can make it easier to get through that situation
- 4. No one is truly capable of living alone. We need human connection to be healthy

2035. Select the correct conclusion based on the meaning of the underlined idiom:

The whole agitation against the new regulations was a storm in a tea cup.

- i. The agitation was so profound that it spread to all parts of the country.
- ii. The disagreement over the crucial policy garnered universal support.
- iii. The protest died down quickly as it was an unnecessary fuss over a trivial matter.
- iv. The agitation was joined by thousands of people despite the adverse weather conditions.

- 1. Only ii is correct 2. Both ii and iv are correct
- 3. Only iii is correct 4. Both i and iv are correct

2036. Which of the following statements correctly uses the idiom 'kicked up a row' by substituting the underlined words?

A. Even if we are not able to help our friends, we should not treat them coldly and formally.

B. The machine operator created a big fuss when he was admonished for not following the instructions correctly.

C. Success is important but not by resorting to unfair means.

D. The brothers have been running around ever since they had a dispute over their land.

- 1. Statement A 2. Statement C
- 3. Statement D 4. Statement B

2037. Select the correct conclusion based on the meaning of the underlined idiom:

It should be one's avowed policy to keep the flatterers at arm's length.

Conclusion:

- 1. The farther a person stays from flatterers, the better it is.
- 2. Having flatterers around boosts one's self-confidence.

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3. Flatterers are not true well-wishers and should be kept at bay.

- 1. Both 2 and 3 are correct
- 2. Only 2 is correct
- 3. Only 3 is correct
- 4. Both 1 and 3 are correct

2038. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom

Make no bones about

- 1. Eventually, after a long period of time
- 2. Someone who is unpredictable and can cause damage if not kept in check
- 3. Not willing to accept the ideas of others
- 4. To state a fact so there are no doubts or objections

2039. Which of the following statements correctly uses the idiom 'at the eleventh hour' by substituting the underlined words?

- A. While organizing the event, we realized that we were running short of time.
- B. The runner in the third place overtook the ones ahead of him at the last moment and won the race.
- C. She believes in planning meticulously well in advance so that there is no exigency later.
- D. He disturbed me late at night to inform me of his appointment as the Commissioner.

- 1. Both B and C are correct
- 2. Both A and C are correct
- 3. Only B is correct
- 4. Only D is correct

2040. Select the correct conclusion based on the meaning of the underlined idiom:

The boy exulted in the success of his petty thefts but the Argus-eyed mother knew it all.

- i. The boy was clever enough to take a little money at a time so that his mother never noticed it.
- ii. The mother looked at her boy with such love and compassion that he regretted his actions.

iii. The mother was extremely vigilant and caught the boy red handed one day.

iv. The doting mother failed to see the faults of her boy and he became bolder in his acts.

- 1. only iv is correct
- 2. both ii and iv are correct
- 3. only iii is correct
- 4. both i and ii are correct

2041. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given proverb from the options

The grass is always greener on the other side

- 1. If you're trying to convince someone of something, words and ideas are stronger than using physical force (common in politics)
- 2. People always want what they don't have
- 3. Nothing is free. Even the things that are free have a hidden cost
- 4. Your home is the most comfortable place in the world

2042. Which of the following statements uses the given idiom correctly?

- (i) It is exciting to see the kangaroo court freely moving about in the zoo.
- (ii) Many villages in India still organise a kangaroo court, which is unfortunate.
- (iii) Those who conduct kangaroo courts will soon find themselves hounded by the law of the land.

- 1. Only statements (i) and (iii)
- 2. All the statements
- 3. Only statements (i) and (ii)
- 4. Only statements (ii) and (iii)

2043. Select the conclusion(s) that follow(s) based on the correct meaning of the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Sentence:

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There might be some issues to be sorted out, but it does not mean that we should throw the baby out with the bathwater.

Conclusion:

(i) For the sake of opposition, we should not reject a proposal outright because of our concerns over a few specifics.

(ii) The bathwater should be clean, otherwise the baby will be sick.

(iii) When a theory or an approach goes out of favour, we shift our loyalty completely towards the more fashionable one ignoring even the good aspects of the former.

- 1. Only conclusion (ii) 2. Only conclusion (i)
3. Only conclusion (i) and (iii)
4. Only Conclusion (iii)

2044. Select the correct conclusion based on the meaning of the underlined word.

Statement: She threw up the sponge after watching a female double her size as her opponent.

Conclusion:

- I. She forgot all her weaknesses and gave a good fight.
II. She accepted her defeat.
III. She abandoned the competition.

- 1. Only conclusion I is correct
2. Only conclusion III is correct
3. Only conclusion II and III are correct
4. Only conclusion I and II are correct

2045. Select the correct conclusion based on the meaning of the underlined word.

Statement: His overnight success has taught me that you should never judge a book by its cover.

Conclusion:

- I. One should be beware of false appearances.
II. We must not underestimate anyone based on their looks.

- 1. Both conclusion I and II are correct
2. Only conclusion I is correct
3. Only conclusion II is correct
4. Neither conclusion I nor II is correct

2046. Which of the following statements uses the given idiom correctly?

- (i) When we vent our spleen we generally feel good.
(ii) Consult a doctor for controlling the damage to your system when you vent your spleen.
(iii) His latest article in the newspaper vents his spleen on bureaucracy and the prevalence of red-tapism.

- 1. Only statements (ii) and (iii)
2. Only statements (i) and (ii)
3. All the statements
4. Only statements (i) and (iii)

2047. Select the conclusion(s) that follow(s) based on the correct meaning of the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Sentence:

Always remember that mighty oaks from little acorns grow.

Conclusion:

- (i) You cannot hope to grow a big plant by sowing tiny seeds.
(ii) Some of the big business empires actually started off as small ventures.
(iii) Even great men can be brought down by small scandals.

- 1. Only conclusion (ii) 2. Only conclusion (i)

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3. Only conclusion (i) and (iii)

4. Only Conclusion (iii)

Select the correct conclusion based on the meaning of the underlined word.

2048. Statement: He got selected for this dance performance despite having so many problems with the overall idea. No doubt, the squeaky wheel gets the grease.

Conclusion:

I. The most reliable person in your life harms you.

II. A person with selfish motives always tries to grab everyone's attention.

1. Both conclusion I and II are correct

2. Only conclusion II is correct

3. Only conclusion I is correct

4. Neither conclusion I nor II is correct

2049. Select the conclusion(s) that follow(s) based on the correct meaning of the underlined segment in the following sentence.

Sentence:

It is not prudent to try to keep up with the Joneses.

Conclusion:

(i) Most employees are in the good books of their employers by saying 'Yes' to whatever their employers say.

(ii) As a result, many middle class families are unable to live a debt-free life.

(iii) People in the community respect the Joneses for their wisdom.

1. Only conclusion (i) and (iii)

2. Only Conclusion (iii)

3. Only conclusion (i)

4. Only conclusion (ii)

2050. Select the correct conclusion based on the meaning of the underlined word.

Statement: You always feel exhausted because you put too many irons in the fire.

Conclusion:

I. You try to do too many things at the same time.

II. You want to be the topic of every discussion.

1. Only conclusion I is correct

2. Both conclusion I and II are correct

3. Neither conclusion I nor II is correct

4. Only conclusion II is correct

2051. Which of the following statements uses the idiom correctly?

(i) For a very long time some of the provisions of the criminal code have remained a dead letter.

(ii) Many new schemes to benefit the poor and the marginalized are announced during election campaigns, but many of them remain a dead letter in implementation.

(iii) The opening of the newest facility in airports was a dead letter day for the flyers.

1. Only statements (i) and (iii)

2. Only statements (ii) and (iii)

3. All the statements

4. Only statements (i) and (ii)

2052. Select the conclusion(s) that follow(s) based on the correct meaning of the underlined segment in the following sentence.

Sentence:

Many justify their actions saying that the end justifies the means.

Conclusion:

(i) The means and ends are like two parallel lines; they never meet.

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(ii) Those who have the means end up successful in life.

(iii) In a war, the more powerful side does not hesitate to use unconventional weapons to achieve victory.

- 1. Only conclusion (i) and (iii)
- 2. Only conclusion (ii)
- 3. Only conclusion (i)
- 4. Only Conclusion (iii)

2053. Select the correct conclusion based on the meaning of the underlined word.

Statement: Pari believes I have the perfect life here; she should know that the grass is always greener on the other side.

Conclusion:

- I. People are never satisfied with their own situation.
- II. The things a person does not have always seem more appealing than the things he or she does have.

- 1. Only conclusion I is correct
- 2. Only conclusion II is correct
- 3. Neither conclusion I nor II is correct
- 4. Both conclusion I and II are correct

2054. Which of the following statements uses the given idiom correctly?

(i) Even when flood waters surround large parts of a town, some people have a whale of a time swimming in the waters and screaming.

(ii) A whale of a time was found washed ashore on the beach and people gathered to see it.

(iii) Our family had a whale of a time last year when we went on vacation to Himachal Pradesh.

- 1. Only statements (i) and (iii)

2. All the statements

3. Only statements (i) and (ii)

4. Only statements (ii) and (iii)

2055. Select the correct conclusion based on the meaning of the underlined word.

Statement: Book the tickets now, as the early bird gets the worm.

Conclusion:

- I. Those who reply without thinking gets into trouble.
- II. Those who are eager and early are the ones who most succeed.

- 1. Only conclusion I is correct
- 2. Both conclusion I and II are correct
- 3. Only conclusion II is correct
- 4. Neither conclusion I nor II is correct

2056. Select the most appropriate idiom that means the same as the given sentence.

Shyama looks innocent, but in reality, she is cunning.

- 1. Fortune favours the brave.
- 2. Beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder.
- 3. Don't judge a book by its cover.
- 4. Don't put all your eggs in one basket.

2057. Select the sentence that gives the most appropriate meaning of the idiom 'Keep your chin up'.

- 1. The students diligently completed their homework assignments before the deadline.
- 2. Despite facing setbacks, she remained positive and determined to achieve her goals.

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3. The hiker enjoyed the breathtaking view from the mountaintop, taking in the natural beauty.

4. The scientist conducted experiments and gathered data to support his research hypothesis.

2058. Select the most appropriate idiom that best explains the given sentence.

I was unable to solve the geometry question myself. So, I have asked my teacher to help me out.

1. You can't always get what you want.
2. Two heads are better than one.
3. When the going gets tough, the tough gets going.
4. Two wrongs don't make a right.

2059. Select the sentence that gives the most appropriate meaning of the idiom 'In hot water'.

1. The chef added spices to the dish to enhance its flavour and make it more delicious.
2. The children enjoyed playing in the pool on a hot summer day.
3. After accidentally breaking the valuable vase, Sarah found herself in trouble with her parents.
4. The company faced challenges due to the economic downturn but managed to overcome them.

Answers

1. a. Rapidly
2. a. Had no effect
3. d. Demanded
4. c. Seriously
5. b. Express his feelings openly
6. a. Directly
7. a. Punished for others' misdeeds
8. c. Resolved
9. c. Object
10. b. To take revenge
11. Does not listen properly to anyone else
12. Bribe

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- 13. Abandoned me when i needed help
- 14. at the point of
- 15. Uncomfortable
- 16. Incomprehensible
- 17. d. moving from one place to another aimlessly
- 18. a. to bear the criticism
- 19. b. in place of
- 20. c. a subject of dispute
- 21. c. paid no heed
- 22. b. with all efforts
- 23. d. distinguished himself
- 24. b. Jealous
- 25. a. Directly
- 26. b. to have a lively time
- 27. a. Everywhere
- 28. a. Isolated
- 29. a. for and against a thing
- 30. c. unity
- 31. b. Open
- 32. a. if he were paid to do it
- 33. a. Completely
- 34. b. puzzled
- 35. b. appear arrogant
- 36. d. waited expectantly
- 37. d. Pregnant
- 38. b. a useless undertaking
- 39. a. look disappointed
- 40. a. To give no practical result
- 41. a. Frustrated
- 42. a. friendly only in good time
- 43. a. the larger part
- 44. c. an overview
- 45. d. at the last moment
- 46. c. An important or joyful occasion in one's life
- 47. a. To act impulsively
- 48. b. to supplement
- 49. a. To be in low spirits
- 50. a. To maintain interest
- 51. d. a highly emotional state
- 52. d. in fashion
- 53. c. Foolish and useless enterprise
- 54. b. to exaggerate
- 55. c. Depend on
- 56. b. one who stays for a short time
- 57. d. victory at high cost
- 58. a. Common people
- 59. d. to be prejudiced
- 60. c. Waste one's efforts
- 61. c. To die while in service
- 62. c. To profit in a dishonest way
- 63. b. won everybody's praise
- 64. c. refused
- 65. b. to run away
- 66. c. To have a life full of adventures
- 67. c. very depressed
- 68. d. to be suspicious
- 69. b. Deliberately
- 70. a. To stop
- 71. b. postponed
- 72. b. costly but useless possession
- 73. a. To deceive someone
- 74. c. Speak in a round-about manner
- 75. a. To make utmost efforts

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- 76. a. A plan which has remote chances of success.
- 77. c. Unjust treatment
- 78. c. in suspension
- 79. a. To reach
- 80. c. To live in illusions
- 81. c. To make a personal profit out of a situation
- 82. b. To take lead in danger
- 83. b. Unlucky times
- 84. a. The beginning and the end
- 85. a. Expose
- 86. c. originate
- 87. b. create trouble
- 88. b. to go with
- 89. d. Reconcile
- 90. c. With full vigour
- 91. b. strong determination
- 92. b. difficult task
- 93. b. To change the situation completely
- 94. c. Pretend not to notice
- 95. (d) Following a course of action that is certain to lead to an undesirable outcome
- 96. (c) Family relationships and loyalties are the strongest and most important ones
- 97. (a) The most noticeable problems are the ones most likely to get attention
- 98. (a) To lose impetus or enthusiasm
- 99. (a) To risk everything in an all-out effort
- 100. (d) To be dead
- 101. (d) A speech, proposal, or joke that is poorly received
- 102. (c) One can leave
- 103. (a) It isn't possible to get something for nothing
- 104. (b) To avoid getting to the point of an issue
- 105. (a) To revive interest in hopeless issue
- 106. (c) Reprimand someone severely
- 107. (d) Holding a grudge or grievance that readily provokes a fight
- 108. (b) To have a casual conversation
- 109. (b) To annoy someone
- 110. (c) Neat and Clean
- 111. (b) Start of harmful development
- 112. (b) Get fired from the job
- 113. (c) To understand the details
- 114. (a) Greatly excited
- 115. (b) Be worried
- 116. (a) Spend time uselessly
- 117. (b) Appear
- 118. (a) Majority
- 119. D. ornate portion in a literary work
- 120. C. a victory that brings more loss than gains
- 121. A. Something done in revenge or retaliation
- 122. C. under suspicion
- 123. D. wasting time in useless effort
- 124. B. get reprimanded
- 125. D. generalized statements
- 126. C. exactly
- 127. D. to remain idle
- 128. C. avoids from a feeling of mistrust
- 129. c) Fail or succeed entirely by one's own efforts
- 130. d) Be informed about the details of

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a situation or task

- 131. a) Operate in a satisfactory manner
- 132. c) To show one's displeasure by walking out
- 133. b) To undertake a risky or impossible task
- 134. a) A desired outcome possible but very uncertain
- 135. c) A large portion
- 136. d) To set to work
- 137. b) Look for a meaning that is implied rather than explicitly stated
- 138. a) Avoid the main topic
- 139. b) To do everything you can to achieve something
- 140. d) To make peace on a dispute or disagreement
- 141. c) To find a source of great troubles and problems
- 142. a) intentionally ignore someone
- 143. c) To initiate a social conversation or interaction
- 144. d) Actions and communications need more than one person
- 145. b) An attractive but inessential addition or enhancement.
- 146. b) Someone who presents a counter-argument
- 147. a) Something good that isn't recognized at first
- 148. a) Speechless
- 149. a) To reprimand someone harshly.
- 150. b) To have passed a dangerous phase successfully.
- 151. d) To make more than the expenditure
- 152. d) To criticize
- 153. b) To chat or gossip for a long time

- 154. d) Main source of income
- 155. c) End a conflict and become friendly
- 156. a) Full of difficulties
- 157. b) to be healthy again after sickness
- 158. c) To cheer sarcastically
- 159. d) A neighbourhood
- 160. b) To be embarrassed or angry
- 161. c) A place that is diagonally opposite to the given place.
- 162. c) Get fired
- 163. a) A crucial resource that is hidden till its use is required.
- 164. d) A carelessly hurried situation
- 165. c) Disturb the working of the existing system
- 166. b) Reverse the situation
- 167. a) Very fashionable and popular
- 168. b) To talk boastfully without any intention of acting on one's words
- 169. (c) When an emotion or idea is on everyone's mind.
- 170. (c) Children should not speak in the presence of adults.
- 171. (a) Alleviate someone's anxiety.
- 172. (c) Have an ulterior motive.
- 173. (a) At the last moment
- 174. (c) The most important aspects or practical details of a subject or situation
- 175. (d) To stop helping someone, especially when, the support is needed.
- 176. (a) Used to apologize for swearing.
- 177. (d) To decide not to do something because you are too frightened.
- 178. (b) A day on which everything seems to go wrong.

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- 179. a. A way of asking what someone is thinking.
- 180. b. Something unusual or difficult accepted as part of someone's normal routine.
- 181. b. An apparent misfortune that eventually has good results.
- 182. a. An image of a subject conveys its meaning more effectively than a description does.
- 183. a. To disregard recklessly
- 184. (b) A state of happiness based on a person's not knowing about potential trouble.
- 185. (b) To be an irritant.
- 186. (d) Something which surprises, shocks, or offends people.
- 187. (c) Be happy when a person leaves.
- 188. (b) In anxiety
- 189. (a) To further a loss with mockery or to worsen an unfavourable situation.
- 190. (d) Get married.
- 191. (c) Be more easily talked about than put into practice.
- 192. (b) An object, utterance, or act which is certain to provoke someone.
- 193. (d) Be fully aware of the true state of affairs.
- 194. (b) A situation in which everyone has a fair and equal chance of succeeding.
- 195. (d) To prepare for hard work
- 196. (b) An imaginary double humorously invoke to explain or excuse uncharacteristic or reprehensible behaviour.
- 197. (b) To be in a loss or debt.
- 198. (d) In an alliance or partnership with
- 199. b. To happen in the way, you had hoped.
- 200. a. apprehend someone in the course of wrongdoing
- 201. A. To tell people about someone's secrets
- 202. B. To feel very sad
- 203. A. An agreement without conditions
- 204. A. Something is better than nothing
- 205. A. A skeptical person
- 206. B. To pass the blame
- 207. C. To act confident in a difficult situation
- 208. C. Take a subordinate position
- 209. C. The only choice
- 210. D. To lose a sustained share/position
- 211. A. To pass away
- 212. B. To look disappointed for something
- 213. A. To make to bear the sins for others
- 214. A. Getting extra than expectations
- 215. B. To encourage someone in his bad times
- 216. C. To interfere in someone's affairs
- 217. A. Reaching a bad state
- 218. D. Worried for frivolous things
- 219. D. A spoilsport
- 220. B. Hard to change a character
- 221. A. Believing something with a doubt
- 222. C. To take short-cuts
- 223. B. From an authoritative or dependable source
- 224. A. likely to fail
- 225. C. To do too much of something
- 226. A. To try very hard to do something, especially for someone
- 227. A. A favourable situation under the pretense of an unlucky one
- 228. B. Enjoy different opportunities at a single time

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- 229. A. To work hard and stay up very late night
- 230. C. Everyone gets a chance eventually
- 231. C) die while still working
- 232. C) cheat people
- 233. A) brought about disharmony
- 234. C) approach the matter in a round about way
- 235. A) Exaggerating
- 236. A) Has no relationship with
- 237. C) accept unpleasant as well as pleasant things
- 238. A) reached a crisis
- 239. C) completely
- 240. D) be aware of the trick
- 241. D) exactly
- 242. B) in a simple and brief manner
- 243. B) accept the blame
- 244. D) already late
- 245. C) at the last minute
- 246. B) formal procedures
- 247. C) uncomfortable
- 248. B) offering advice without responsibility
- 249. A) crazy/obsessed with one thing
- 250. C) deaf
- 251. C) a useless one
- 252. C) a variety of jobs and experiences
- 253. A) became delirious
- 254. D) in a state of nervousness
- 255. B) came to nothing
- 256. D) changed possible defeat into victory
- 257. C) not open to the public
- 258. C) extravagant
- 259. C) in a difficult situation
- 260. B) futile search
- 261. (d) Try every possible course of action in order to achieve something
- 262. b. Disgusted
- 263. b. Enrich oneself by dishonest means
- 264. b. playing a joke with someone
- 265. d. Details
- 266. b. Joyful
- 267. b. leave someone in a helpless condition
- 268. d. to take courage
- 269. b. to earn a merit point for doing well
- 270. b. a very long time
- 271. d. something that makes a good situation even better
- 272. d. the entirety of something
- 273. b. to make the precisely correct point
- 274. b. to become uncontrollable
- 275. c. to escape
- 276. d. in short
- 277. c. in unfamiliar circumstances
- 278. b. a radical change
- 279. a. a short distance
- 280. b. having many responsibilities
- 281. d. a reliable person
- 282. d. a controversial issue
- 283. b. to make all possible efforts
- 284. b. to typecast someone
- 285. a. to support someone's cause
- 286. d. to be friendly and unfriendly at the same time
- 287. b. Start the day in a bad mood, which continues all day long

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- 288. a. to state something clearly
- 289. c. A dangerous person pretending to be harmless
- 290. b. An early promise that fails to materialize
- 291. b. To keep something a secret
- 292. c. say or do something exactly right
- 293. b. Interfering in affairs without having knowledge
- 294. b. Entertaining a grudge over a past event
- 295. a. when one thing goes wrong.
then another, and another
- 296. b. do not wish for something that has not yet happened
- 297. a. beginning to understand the work and feeling confident
- 298. c. to politely ask for someone's full attention
- 299. c. start taking up the most important facts of a situation
- 300. b. Something in conflict with one's value system
- 301. b. A futile effort
- 302. b. to force yourself to do something unpleasant
- 303. c. To catch someone doing something illegal
- 304. a. Someone who always comes second
- 305. a. Incomprehensible
- 306. a. ignore or show indifference
- 307. b. to be honest
- 308. a. to present a counter argument
just for the sake of it
- 309. c. be given the same treatment that you have given to others
- 310. a. Periodically
- 311. 4. Got permission to go ahead with something

- 312. 2. Doing something impossible
- 313. 1. Gathered courage
- 314. 1. Warmly
- 315. 1. to be angry
- 316. 3. work in great hurry
- 317. 1. to keep doing something without achieving much
- 318. 1. to be ignored
- 319. 3. An enjoyable state
- 320. 4. Go straight to
- 321. 4. Uncertain
- 322. a. honest and frank
- 323. d. a narrow escape
- 324. 1. to continue occupation till death
- 325. 2. She was involved in many activities
- 326. 4. Forever
- 327. 4. failed to make an impact
- 328. 2. won a victory
- 329. 1. confessed his crime
- 330. 2. Hot in control anymore
- 331. 4. learn to do the difficult things too soon
- 332. 4. make a dent
- 333. 1. to understand the implied meaning
- 334. 1. to initiate something new
- 335. 3. final irritant that made the situation unbearable
- 336. 4. get more recognition than her brother for their success
- 337. 2. in times of good and bad fortune
- 338. 3. be deserted when one is in trouble
- 339. 1. fail completely
- 340. 1. Doing something impossible
- 341. 4. Periodically

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342. 1. to be ignored
343. 3. work in great hurry
344. 1. taking a grave risk
345. 1. very attentive
346. 3. conceited
347. 3. out of danger
348. 1. gives enough proof
349. 4. do last things first
350. 3. be very angry
351. 2. Be very cautious
352. 3. a constant threat
353. 1. under all circumstances
354. 3. yielded no result
355. 1. avoid starvation
356. 1. detected something wrong
357. 3. a misfit in the environment
358. 3. hurt intensely
359. 2. an unexpected disaster
360. 1. to pay attention to
361. 3. anxious
362. 4. Completely
363. 4. in good health
364. 1. no longer in trouble
365. 2. being nervous
366. 3. to dominate someone
367. 2. a person who watches too much television
368. 2. calm down
369. 1. ignore someone
370. 2. joke with someone
371. 2. what you do is more important than what you say
372. 1. get out of control
373. 4. very expensive
374. 4. bitterly hostile
375. 1. to use recklessly
376. 3. Warmly
377. 1. Gathered courage
378. 3. as much as he wanted to
379. 3. dropped at an early stage
380. 1. contesting the seat.
381. 2. neglected
382. 4. to treat someone with extreme care
383. 4. to keep doing something without achieving much
384. 1. to be angry
385. 1. Instantly
386. 2. Go straight to
387. 2. For a long, long time
388. 3. Uncertain
389. 3. An enjoyable state
390. 2. a narrow escape
391. 2. in direct opposition to
392. 2. confused
393. 2. honest and frank
394. 2. ran away with
395. 4. forever
396. 1. failed to make an impact
397. 3. She was involved in many activities
398. 3. to continue occupation till death
399. 1. confessed his crime
400. 3. whatever happens
401. 1. learn to do the difficult things too soon
402. 4. to understand the implied meaning

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- 403. 1. to initiate something new
- 404. 1. an unknown genius
- 405. 3. of the best quality
- 406. 2. to create impossible dreams or hopes
- 407. 2. get more recognition than her brother for their success
- 408. 4. in times of good and bad fortune
- 409. 4. final irritant that made the situation unbearable
- 410. 2. be deserted when one is in trouble
- 411. 3. fail completely
- 412. 1 make money unfairly
- 413. 2 be outdated
- 414. 1 to daydream
- 415. 1 to have talent in gardening
- 416. 2 to bribe someone
- 417. 1 to be wrong about the reason for something
- 418. 1 to face danger boldly
- 419. 4 have the talent to speak well
- 420. 4 to pay no heed
- 421. 2 to rebuke
- 422. 3 to be very busy
- 423. 4 face the criticism
- 424. 2 to collect money
- 425. 3 the shortest route
- 426. 3 in trouble
- 427. 1 a very special day
- 428. 3 support under all circumstances
- 429. 1 to make all the decisions
- 430. 3 avoiding too much closeness
- 431. 4 definitive proof of truth or falsehood
- 432. 4 someone who unexpectedly succeeds
- 433. 3 in partnership for something dishonest
- 434. 4 too delayed to be of any use
- 435. 1 be unsuccessful
- 436. 2 something sudden that happens unexpectedly
- 437. 3 insulting remark appearing as praise
- 438. 3 try as hard as one can
- 439. 3 do something very slowly
- 440. 1 avoid the topic
- 441. 2. Unable to progress ahead
- 442. 2. dispose of quickly
- 443. 4 express very briefly
- 444. 1 one about whom it is easy to know everything
- 445. 1 deal with something only when necessary
- 446. 4.be given the same treatment that you have given to others
- 447. 1.to present a counter argument just for the sake of it
- 448. 3.to be honest
- 449. 1. incomprehensible
- 450. 2. ignore or show indifference
- 451. 3.do the impossible task
- 452. 3.is difficult to solve
- 453. 1. experienced difficulties
- 454. 3. have unrealistic ideas
- 455. 2. went to bed
- 456. 1. accept the blame
- 457. 2. ran away
- 458. 3. quite perplexed
- 459. 2. lively and energetic
- 460. 4. off the record

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461. 3. in ignorance
462. 2. something not possible
463. 2. to sell quickly
464. 3. in the same situation
465. 2. in the driver's seat
466. 4. told to fight his own battles himself
467. 4. taking a toll on
468. (a) To be an irritant
469. 4. Leave without any intimation
470. 4. A difficult problem
471. 1. On foot
472. 2. A secret enemy
473. 3. Give away a secret
474. 3. Praise oneself
475. 1. Close contest that ends in a tie
476. 2. Come to the original point
477. 3. Express extreme anger
478. 2. Extraordinary
479. 2. To be valid
480. 3. Reveal clearly
481. 2. An easy and happy situation
482. 1. A miserly person
483. 4. To waste the effort
484. 1. To handle difficulties
485. 2. To make a bad situation worse
486. 4. An apparently free choice where there is no real alternative
487. 4. Cowardly
488. 3. Gradually
489. 4. Agree with someone
490. 3. Trick someone
491. 3. Dejected
492. 2. Depend on oneself
493. 2. To consider someone inferior
494. 2. Keep oneself updated
495. 3. To rebuke someone strongly
496. 1. To speak plainly about the real issue
497. 3. not caught
498. 4. Already decided
499. 2. To run away
500. 4. To achieve two results with a single effort
501. 1. A fact, event or situation that proves something
502. 3. A situation in which no further progress can be made
503. 4. To become less important or to give up control over things
504. (c) useless search
505. (b) Disputed
506. (a) Something that is impossible to get or achieve.
507. (b) To experience many dangers in order to achieve something
508. (d) To put a difficulty in the way of progress
509. (b) In conflict with someone
510. (c) Water
511. (c) To get puzzled
512. (d) To make the person think that they are very important that makes them less pleasant person
513. (c) To compensate
514. (c) Sold cheaply
515. (a) Cause someone or oneself to look foolish or stupid

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516. (d) Afraid to speak frankly
517. (d) Irregularly
518. (a) Coward
519. (c) Significant day
520. (b) To be involved in a large and varied number of activities or enterprises
521. (b) To make a decision; decide
522. (c) Neat and clean
523. (b) To exaggerate
524. (c) Amazed
525. (b) To not confuse others
526. (c) To have enough money to live on and nothing extra
527. (a) To bear the consequences
528. (c) To outshine
529. (c) Something that is done very quickly
530. (d) Very difficult task
531. (c) In anxious suspense
532. (a) A complete failure
533. (d) To waste time by doing foolish things
534. (b) Start of harmful development
535. (a) To accept challenge
536. (b) One place to another
537. (c) No real choice at all
538. (c) To have tried to do something which is too difficult
539. (b) A book no longer available from the publisher
540. (c) To die
541. (c) To have a selfish motive
542. (d) To win
543. (b) To give credit to even a notorious person
544. (c) To find exactly the right answer
545. (d) In a precarious or risky situation
546. (a) To be obsessed with something
547. (d) Not one's choice or preference
548. (a) Not suitable or offensive
549. (a) Now and for the last time; finally
550. (b) To suddenly feel very happy because something unpleasant has not happened or has ended
551. (a) To extremely happy
552. (c) Call someone on the telephone
553. (a) To memorize something
554. (c) To quarrel over trifles
555. (d) To frighten someone
556. (a) Complete failure
557. (c) To become successful again
558. (d) very clear choice that causes no confusion
559. (d) Old-fashioned
560. (b) Something which is implied to be obvious
561. (c) To release someone from blame
562. (c) Looking in the wrong place.
563. (d) To declare the end of a task.
564. (a) Understand what is implied by a remark or action
565. (b) to control something and prevent it from causing you problems
566. (c) To stop broadcasting a radio or TV program
567. (d) An excessive display of attention or activity
568. (a) Avoid starvation
569. (b) Problems at the start of a new project

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570. (c) A way of life in which people are caught up in a fiercely competitive struggle for wealth or power

571. (c) Expel much effort for little or no gain

572. (b) The beginning and the end

573. (c) To surrender

574. (a) Without any hesitation; instantly.

575. (c) To uselessly dwell on a subject

far beyond its point of resolution.

576. (c) It is up to you to make the next decision or step.

577. (b) A situation wherein someone has the privilege of enjoying two different opportunities.

578. (a) A fatal weakness in spite of overall strength.

579. (a) To treat a topic, but omit its main points, often intentionally.

580. (a) Express rage

581. b) To take reckless risks

582. a) Very near to

583. c) Unacceptable

584. a) An easy way

585. d) Completely honest

586. b) To live wandering life

587. c) For many days

588. d) Precisely

589. b) Superficial evidence of a much larger problem

590. c) Support through a difficult period

591. a) To admit that one has been wrong

592. d) At a disadvantage

593. d) A very small possibility

594. b) To force someone or something to obey

595. b) To be elderly or aging

596. (b) Very good & honest/kind

597. (b) In trouble/depressed

598. (c) Start discussing something irrelevant

599. (b) Talented and successful

600. (b) Dismissed from

601. (b) Useless

602. (c) Cause of quarrel

603. (a) To conclude proceedings

604. (b) To Criticize

605. (b) Very definite and direct

606. (a) Rather superior to

607. (b) A situation turning unpleasant/serious

608. (c) Important part

609. (b) Uninvited guest

610. (a) Extremely silly

611. (c) To give no practical result

612. (b) Willingly

613. a) Living in illusions

614. c) Frustrate

615. d) In suspension

616. b) To strengthen

617. c) To be constantly changing

618. a) Shock or amazement

619. c) to put an end to one's hopes

620. a) Destroy

621. D) Help me with

622. C) To have a life full of adventures

623. A) Was without any emotion

624. B) At the point of ruin

625. D) Proficient in literary art

626. B) Losing money

627. B) Costly and useless possession

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628. D) Appeasing the masses
629. C) Concocted
630. C) Narrow escape from danger
631. A) Punished for others' misdeeds
632. C) Won everybody's praise
633. B) Postponed
634. A) An ordinary person
635. C) Disguised himself
636. B) Gave out the secret
637. A) Was lost forever
638. A) Had no effect
639. C) Resolved
640. B) Was friendly
641. C) Speak in a round-about manner
642. A) Stated
643. C) Did not have much hope of getting it
644. A) Show signs of cowardice
645. B) Try something
646. 3. retract what one has said
647. 1. a positive outlook on life
648. 2. acting impulsively without thinking
649. 3. always thinking of only one thing
650. 2. at a fast pace
651. 4. beyond one's capability to understand something
652. 1. an unreliable friend
653. 4. someone or something new and refreshing
654. 2. object to
655. 1. to be the person in charge
656. 3. uncomfortable and restless
657. 1. at a rapid pace
658. 4. a short-lived sensation
659. 4. damaged
660. 4. held accountable
661. 2. work in consultation
662. 2. up to the required standard
663. 3. an unheeded warning
664. 4. spread rapidly
665. 1. Render a service
666. 3. Praise oneself
667. 1. Win a victory
668. 3. A deception
669. 4. To regret uselessly
670. 1. Most important aspect
671. 4. Very dear
672. 1. In one's absence
673. 4. A memorable day
674. 2. Leave without any intimation
675. 2. On foot
676. 2. A secret enemy
677. 4. Come to the original point
678. 4. To be ready to obey someone's order
679. 3. Extraordinary
680. 3. Express extreme anger
681. 1. Reveal clearly
682. 2. To be valid
683. c. A miserly person
684. b. Cowardly
685. d. Gradually
686. a. Trick someone
687. c. Agree with someone
688. b. bitterly hostile
689. 2. get out of control
690. 4. very expensive

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- 691. 4. calm down
- 692. 2. ignore someone
- 693. 2. to dominate someone
- 694. 3) To surrender
- 695. 4) To put a difficulty in the way of progress
- 696. 3) Neat and clean
- 697. 3) Amazed
- 698. 2) To not confuse others
- 699. 1) Something that is impossible to get or achieve.
- 700. 2) To experience many dangers in order to achieve something
- 701. 1) A complete failure
- 702. 4) To waste time by doing foolish things
- 703. 3) To have enough money to live on and nothing extra
- 704. 1) To bear the consequences
- 705. 2) One place to another
- 706. 3) To outshine
- 707. 3) Something that is done very quickly
- 708. 2) Start of harmful development
- 709. 1) To accept challenge
- 710. 3) To quarrel over trifles
- 711. 4) To frighten someone
- 712. 1) To be obsessed with something
- 713. 2) Something which is implied to be obvious
- 714. 3) To release someone from blame
- 715. 3) It is up to you to make the next decision or step.
- 716. 2) A situation wherein someone has the privilege of enjoying two different opportunities.
- 717. 3) Call someone on the telephone
- 718. 4) Try every possible course of action in order to achieve something
- 719. 1) Understand what is implied by a remark or action
- 720. 2) to control something and prevent it from causing you problems
- 721. 3) To stop broadcasting a radio or TV program
- 722. 4) An excessive display of attention or activity
- 723. 3) To make someone dizzy or slightly drunk
- 724. 3) To compensate
- 725. 3. Be very angry
- 726. 3 in trouble
- 727. 1 deal with something only when necessary
- 728. (d) A very narrow margin
- 729. (d) Prevent something from continuing
- 730. (a) To divert attention from something of greater importance to something of lesser importance
- 731. (b) Past events are no longer important
- 732. (b) Saved at the last moment
- 733. (c) To denote a situation whose outcome is not decided until the very last minute
- 734. 3. retract what one has said
- 735. (a) Completely
- 736. (b) Side by side
- 737. (b) Stop working
- 738. (a) To be ready for any work
- 739. (b) As a result of
- 740. (b) To be comparable to the other
- 741. (c) To be killed with one's sword

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742. (b) To escape
743. (a) Failed out gradually
744. (c) To scold
745. (a) To punish the guilty
746. (a) Right in the beginning
747. (b) To be comfortable
748. 1. A busy place
749. 4. To earn great prestige
750. 2. Spent lavishly
751. 2. Rushed
752. 4. Clumsy
753. 3. Very early
754. 3. Really silly
755. 4. Divide the costs
756. 4. Was self-centered
757. 4. Attack all out
758. 1. Do a heroic deed
759. 3. Be exhausted
760. 1. Controversial
761. Middle course between two extremes
762. (c) To be careful and polite
763. C) To do something so that you will get all the benefit.
764. B) To go away and recover from a bad experience or defeat.
765. A) To expect that everything is done in the proper and very formal way.
766. A) To have no knowledge about something.
767. b) Used his imagination
768. d) Be complacent
769. a) Did not have any hesitation in
770. (A) summary
771. (C) commodities not in demand
772. (B) circumlocutory
773. (A) keep away from
774. (B) irregularly
775. (B) decided
776. (B) discouraged
777. (b) A lover of Woman Company
778. (d) To deceive
779. (b) Very rich
780. (c) To get into trouble
781. (a) To misrepresent
782. (a) Upset one's plan
783. (c) To come out successful
784. (b) To be actively engaged
785. (c) To deceive or cheat someone
786. (d) By practical experience which is rather rough
787. B) to get very angry
788. D) money that is spent quickly
789. C) to give enough space to move or work in
790. C) To behave in a careless, irresponsible or deceitful way
791. (a) Spend time in a relaxed way
792. (d) Policy of using gradual and slow reforms
793. (c) To die
794. (d) To have to apologise
795. (c) Mixture of different things
796. (b) To accept a challenge
797. (b) To be kept waiting for sometime
798. (b) To solve a difficult problem
799. (a) An offer of peace
800. (b) The pursuit of pleasure
801. (b) To marry somebody

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- 802. (b) To make a destructive attack
- 803. (d) Pledged
- 804. (b) Uncertain as to the result
- 805. B) Have an alternate plan
- 806. A) Beginning and end
- 807. A) To remove
- 808. C) To try every possible way
- 809. A) to control someone completely
- 810. B) To catch somebody off guard
- 811. D) Distinguish himself
- 812. B) Scold/ speak angrily to someone
- 813. B) A narrow escape
- 814. C) To make somebody afraid
- 815. B To offer a thing to someone which he cannot appreciate
- 816. B To fail in an attempt because you took help of a wrong person
- 817. D intense dislike
- 818. C Confusing / not easy to understand
- 819. B Continuous unfortunate situations
- 820. D Exaggerate something
- 821. B To focus on trivial things
- 822. C Hidden enemy
- 823. D To do a hazardous thing without any idea of the result
- 824. (b) Very good & honest/kind
- 825. (b) In trouble/depressed
- 826. (c) Start discussing something irrelevant
- 827. (b) Talented and successful
- 828. (b) Dismissed from
- 829. (b) Useless
- 830. (c) Cause of quarrel
- 831. (a) To conclude proceedings
- 832. (b) To Criticize
- 833. (b) Very definite and direct
- 834. (a) Rather superior to
- 835. (b) A situation turning unpleasant/serious
- 836. (c) Important part
- 837. (b) Uninvited guest
- 838. (a) extremely silly
- 839. (a) to perform a difficult task
- 840. (a) A busy place
- 841. (b) Fix a limit
- 842. (d) To be in trouble
- 843. (d) To earn great prestige
- 844. (a) Full force
- 845. (b) Refused to cease or surrender
- 846. (b) Prepare for a difficult situation
- 847. (b) Starts discussing something irrelevant
- 848. (c) Keep up with
- 849. (a) To take with some reservation
- 850. (b) To talk nonsense
- 851. (a) To show derision/ to be dismissed
- 852. (b) To waste one's efforts
- 853. (d) Everyone without distinction
- 854. (a) To honour a man who is coming into office/power
- 855. (d) To have a slight encounter/conflict with
- 856. (b) To try hard
- 857. (d) A person who prevents others from enjoying something useless to himself
- 858. (d) To excite people to a quarrel
- 859. (a) To produce the proof or tell all the details of a thing

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860. (c) To busy oneself in a way which cannot lead to any profitable result
861. (b) To be offended
862. (d) To carry on a contest regardless of consequences
863. (a) To misrepresent
864. (d) To anticipate another and to gain advantage over him
865. (c) To do unnecessary things
866. (c) Thirteen
867. (d) A person who is rough and clumsy where skill and care are required
868. (d) In difficulties
869. (c) To be completely conversant with
870. (a) To exert hidden/personal influence to get advantage
871. (a) To be very ancient
872. (a) To be cautious
873. (d) like easily and naturally speaking
874. (b) ran away with
875. (a) find his views
876. (b) a clumsy person
877. (d) Last work of a poet or musician before death
878. (c) To tip the office-boy
879. (a) To lead a life of dissipation
880. (d) To copy /imitate someone
881. (a) To do something remarkable
882. (a) to be deeply depressed
883. (c) To surrender
884. (a) To ride with furious speed
885. (c) To speak to a person harshly
886. (c) Be in difficulties
887. (d) To rebuke
888. (b) To give false alarm
889. (d) To emphasise
890. (c) happy days
891. (d) had little success/ to be ignored
892. (b) is well organised
893. (d) developed a specific position for oneself
894. (b) an improbable or unbelievable story given as an explanation or excuse
895. (c) Work in close association with someone
896. (d) Difficult work
897. (d) Reprimanded him
898. (d) Made a poor impression
899. (b) ill feeling
900. (a) To try so hard to improve something that you spoil it
901. (b) Every unpleasant situation has a positive side
902. (c) Overturn
903. (b) A long time
904. (b) Stop talking
905. (a) Old age
906. (b) Work very hard
907. (a) To close business for the day or permanently
908. (b) Doubtful
909. (d) Good times and bad times
910. (a) Very close together
911. (b) Be in charge
912. (d) Interrupt
913. (c) To be deaf
914. (c) To be wise beyond his years

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915. (a) An insecure scheme
916. (c) An unwelcome intruder
917. (b) Emphasise
918. (b) Unpunished
919. (d) To have a very good sale
920. (b) Far from reality
921. (c) Nurture an impossible hope
922. (a) Cannot be described
923. (b) Stay away from duty
924. (d) Pretend superiority
925. (d) Reverie
926. (a) Be angry
927. (d) Watching all his actions closely
928. 3. To have just enough to sustain
929. 2. Highly successful
930. 2. Of noble birth
931. 3. Big fuss over a small matter
932. 2. Worthless thing
933. 2. Acknowledge defeat
934. 2. An inefficient situation
935. 2. Unpleasant aspect
936. 4. Get into a bad condition
937. 1. Become embarrassed
938. 2. A man without a job
939. 3. to deprive one of power
940. 1. to stop something at the start
941. 4. Be dismissed
942. 3. Young and without much experience
943. 3. Analyse critically
944. 3. Reason logically
945. 4. In a difficult situation
946. 3. In a state of suspension
947. 2. Seek favourable attention
948. 4. An indication of what might happen
949. 1. Cheerless and depressed
950. 4. In a respectful manner
951. 2. To deal with a person who is more than one's match
952. 3. Give a scolding
953. 3. Do something that makes it impossible to return to the previous situation
954. 2. Not to the point
955. 3. Uneasy
956. 3. To behave recklessly
957. 1. Threat is worse than the action taken.
958. 1. Reminds them of one's father
959. 1. Suffering from
960. 2. Hateful
961. 3. Entirely
962. 2. Treated it lightly
963. 3. Unanimously
964. 1. Seemed less important
965. 3. Forever
966. 4. Improve one's behaviour
967. 4. To sleep briefly
968. 2. To look sad
969. 1. To fit snugly
970. 3. To fish
971. 1. Doing things differently from what you usually do
972. 4. Let something happen without bothering about the consequences
973. 2. Make use of all the possibilities

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or techniques to achieve something

974. 2. Misfit

975. 1. A difficult situation/choice

976. 4. Everything

977. 1. In office

978. 3. Ruthlessly competitive

979. 3. Completely bald

980. 4. One who is full of big talk but lacks substance and action

981. 3. To avoid or escape punishment

982. 3. A churchyard

983. 4. To get rid off something bad

984. 2. Seem logical

985. 3. To give up.

986. 1. The unpleasant aspects

987. 1. A person or thing above criticism

988. 3. A total mess.

989. 1. Be in the same situation.

990. 1. To be in a confusing situation

991. 3. Swiss bankers

992. 1. No decision has been reached.

993. 1. Someone who gives advice based on theory not practice

994. 4. Someone similar in character to one's father

995. 2. Show their disapproval

996. 3. Selfish

997. 4. Provided minute details

998. 2. Amused the audience greatly

999. 4. To stay away from

1000.3. Relatives

1001.B. To become very angry

1002.4. Basic common sense

1003.1. Something that gives encouragement

1004.4. Seize opportunity

1005.1. Rehearsal of an event

1006.2. Finally

1007.3. be strongly influenced by someone/ behave in the same way as someone else

1008.4. To set higher goals

1009.2. More value for money

1010.3. To be very happy

1011. 4. To calm down

1012.3. Feel terribly ashamed and sorry

1013.3. Not know what to say

1014.4. Full of energy

1015.3. Tell something briefly

1016.4. To perfection

1017.2. Use only a small amount of/ to treat someone in a gentle way

1018.2. Praise or approval for doing something good

1019.2. A grave setback

1020.2. An obstacle to progress

1021.3. The greatest and most desirable portion of something

1022.2. A very active or energetic person

1023.3. Avoid making a decision

1024.2. According to the rules

1025.1. Someone who is dishonest and unreliable

1026.2. Give temporary help, usually financial

1027.2. To be insincere

1028.4. To begin a process

1029.4. An event that is likely to happen soon

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- 1030.1. Extremely happy
- 1031.2. Accept something up to a particular point
- 1032.1. An extremely long time from now in the past or future
- 1033.1. A fair agreement
- 1034.3. Nervous and unable to relax
- 1035.4. Talks well and persuasively
- 1036.4. Feel lost or confused
- 1037.2. Feeling bored
- 1038.4. Completely unexpectedly
- 1039.4. To make a bad situation worse
- 1040.D. To take aim at
- 1041.B. To become conscious again
- 1042.B. To falsify financial records
- 1043.D. On the decline
- 1044.C. To surrender
- 1045.A. Two unlike things or people
- 1046.C. Healthy
- 1047.B. warning to someone to walk or act carefully
- 1048.B. To waste
- 1049.B. To be easy to understand
- 1050.C. The summary of the matter
- 1051.C. Very obvious and easy to understand
- 1052.A. To pretend to be happier or richer so as to conceal the real situation
- 1053.D. To be under pressure
- 1054.D. To destroy all relations
- 1055.D. With full luggage
- 1056.C. to take reckless risks
- 1057.A. In the best period of life
- 1058.B. something that has been existing for long
- 1059.D. to act strictly to prevent something
- 1060.C. to become less effective
- 1061.A. cause a disturbance
- 1062.C. to smile a lot because of happiness
- 1063.B. Be ruined
- 1064.B. To be the last in a series of events leading one to feel that it is intolerable
- 1065.C. Doing something that fails someone's plan
- 1066.D. to take it easy and relax
- 1067.C. past the appropriate time
- 1068.B. to pay and get something of good value
- 1069.D. Something which is a small part of something much bigger
- 1070.C. Wasting one's time for things that have already been satisfactorily done
- 1071.B. Think carefully of the consequences
- 1072.A. Resume duty
- 1073.A. Speak with great politeness
- 1074.D. Congratulations to
- 1075.D. to offend someone
- 1076.D. back to work
- 1077.C. to be prejudiced
- 1078.C. said when two people have the same opinion or make the same choice
- 1079.B. Near to death
- 1080.D. to stop working
- 1081.A. Experienced difficulties
- 1082.A. express extreme anger
- 1083.C. Depend on oneself
- 1084.D. readily understood
- 1085.B. finally happen/to become publicly known
- 1086.D. To become popular
- 1087.B. to be highly impressive

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- 1088.B. to be near to
- 1089.B. To express agreement
- 1090.B. extremely lucky
- 1091.C. To look for every possible means
- 1092.A. Saves
- 1093.A. Deal something only where necessary
- 1094.D. to keep doing something without achieving much
- 1095.C. of the best quality
- 1096.B. In direct opposition to
- 1097.B. to collect money
- 1098.C. To look for every possible means
- 1099.D. a real achiever
- 1100. B. To rely on something
- 1101. D. Make a poor impression
- 1102. B. To be dead and buried
- 1103. D. Be completely successful
- 1104. A. Deal unkindly with/ Ignore the rights or opinions of others
- 1105. B. to make a lot of money
- 1106. B. gave out the secret
- 1107. B. Problems encountered during the initial part of a process
- 1108. A. Speak in an insincere/ non serious way
- 1109. C. the show is over, go home.
- 1110. A. Dejected
- 1111. B. In direct opposition to
- 1112. C. to work very well
- 1113. C. to make unpleasant remarks/criticise
- 1114. D. different types of people blend together as one
- 1115. B. to completely control someone
- 1116. C. to be inoffensive and harmless
- 1117. C. A person who prevents others from enjoying something useless to himself.
- 1118. C. To be in a situation in which you cannot prove something
- 1119. B. to do something without a plan
- 1120. B. to be in a tricky situation
- 1121. A. Suffering from
- 1122. B. To misguide
- 1123. D. to make a significant difference.
- 1124. D. An attempt to guess something
- 1125. A. unimportant
- 1126. A. incomprehensible or confusing mix
- 1127. C. to criticize harshly
- 1128. B. To ask someone to be quiet.
- 1129. A. Very close together
- 1130. D. come from
- 1131. C. An unwelcomed intruder
- 1132. A. was lost forever
- 1133. D. that cannot be altered
- 1134. B. To be carefree
- 1135. A. Make a legitimate living/ to earn money honestly
- 1136. C. Aroused fear
- 1137. D. Opposed strongly
- 1138. A. Despises
- 1139. B. No longer effective
- 1140. A. Reverie
- 1141. A. Someone who lacks intelligence.
- 1142. D. Get lost
- 1143. C. Not clear if right or wrong
- 1144. A. To buy something without examining it first
- 1145. B. confused activity and uproar

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1146. D. A very insignificant amount
1147. A. To rain heavily
1148. D. A newcomer.
1149. B. to do things to please others
1150. C. to explore/ to search
1151. D. observant
1152. A. to view with skepticism
1153. (c) Using only what is necessary
1154. (a) Hardly anything
1155. (c) Try every possible way
1156. (a) To watch carefully
1157. (d) To begin gaining experience/ become used to a new situation
1158. (a) Facing unpleasant situation
1159. (a) To gain fame
1160. (c) Accept defeat
1161. (a) Express
1162. (c) Come to know
1163. (c) Meet one's final end and get defeated
1164. (a) Go to bed
1165. (c) To spread by talking
1166. (a) One's income
1167. (a) Something to think about seriously
1168. (a) Just in Time
1169. (b) Make someone hungry
1170. (c) To make insulting remark
1171. (b) To lose focus
1172. (c) To doubt
1173. (a) To be ruined
1174. (b) Feeling unhappy
1175. (d) tolerate
1176. (a) To make publicly known
1177. (b) Strange person
1178. (d) When the moment of decision arrives
1179. (c) everyone
1180. (b) perfect order
1181. (b) to do things the wrong way
1182. 2.A pretence/ deceptive
1183. 3. Friendly with somebody
1184. 1. To act in a creditable way
1185. 1. An educated lady
1186. 3. Don't criticize
1187. 3. Irrelevant
1188. 3. To look at things displayed but not buying them
1189. 1. To feel dejected
1190. 4. Exaggerated stories
1191. 1. Life of an ascetic
1192. 2. Doing many things at a time
1193. 1. A hypocrite
1194. 1. To be active
1195. 4. To scold
1196. 1. Not able to prove logical
1197. 3. Support one another
1198. 4. In agreement with
1199. 1. To destroy in the very beginning
- 1200.2. To be helpful in need
- 1201.4. To avoid
- 1202.4. Prosperous
- 1203.3. Full of faults
- 1204.2. To remain cautious
- 1205.3. In a dilemma
- 1206.4. To exceed
- 1207.2. To enjoy yourself

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- 1208.1. Be unsuccessful
- 1209.4. Obsessed with an idea
- 1210.3. Over enthusiastic
- 1211. Wasting time
- 1212.Perform the most difficult part
- 1213.Imitate or copy someone
- 1214.To get upset
- 1215.A situation turning unpleasant/serious
- 1216.An easy way
- 1217.Completely honest
- 1218.Talented and successful
- 1219.Bad or unfair treatment
- 1220.Out of order/ not working properly
- 1221.Hobble / to prevent something from happening smoothly
- 1222.To pass away / stop working
- 1223.Meddle officiously in
- 1224.Excellent work
- 1225.Paid no heed
- 1226.To be independent
- 1227.Taking advantage of a favourable opportunity
- 1228.To express
- 1229.The ordinary man
- 1230.Gave a challenge
- 1231.Disinherited
- 1232.To refuse to accept
- 1233.Alone
- 1234.Ingratiating oneself / Try to make someone like you
- 1235.Opposed strongly
- 1236.Dishonest means
- 1237.Trembled with fear
- 1238.Truly believe you
- 1239.Favourites
- 1240.Jealousy
- 1241.Avoid
- 1242.Indifferent
- 1243.Dismissals will occur
- 1244.Did not have any hesitation in
- 1245.Had no influence
- 1246.In disorderly haste
- 1247.To disparage
- 1248.Postpone
- 1249.Pay an extremely high price
- 1250.Totally
- 1251.Short strike held as a warning
- 1252.Regard with contempt
- 1253.Occasionally
- 1254.Persistent/ determined
- 1255.Gradually
- 1256.Reward and punishment
- 1257.Established on insecure foundations
- 1258.To abuse
- 1259.Make haste
- 1260.The evil intention
- 1261.To wish for something impossible
- 1262.Stiffness
- 1263.By means of
- 1264.Support that failed
- 1265.To bully
- 1266.To beat very badly
- 1267.To argue
- 1268.Not facing reality
- 1269.Accept deal without knowing
- 1270.Develop and then come to its usual end

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1271. Rubbish
1272. Careful
1273. First sight
1274. To be unable to decide
1275. Very cheaply
1276. Everything
1277. Losing money
1278. D) Someone who is a disgrace to the rest of the group
1279. C) In a single action
1280. A) A remote place
1281. C) More for your money
1282. A) To urge somebody
1283. B) To follow somebody very closely
1284. D) Confused
1285. A) Various items of different types and of little value
1286. A) Disappointed look
1287. C) To upset the balance
1288. B) Stay up-to-date with the recent developments
1289. A) To lose job
1290. Abruptly and completely
1291. To discuss something honestly and directly
1292. Very little or no possibility
1293. Cause someone else to suffer in order to save oneself
1294. A cup of coffee
1295. A punch in the mouth.
1296. Most difficult issue
1297. Sympathy to others
1298. Bad reputation
1299. C. Secret
1300. A. Divide the costs
1301. 1. Delay in taking a decision
1302. D. very happy
1303. D. precise remark
1304. B. afraid
1305. B. discuss openly
1306. C. Speak frankly
1307. (b) of high social standing
1308. (c) add to
1309. (b) the most important person
1310. (a) losing his hair
1311. (d) very stupid
1312. (d) finding it difficult without money
1313. (D) Make money quickly
1314. (C) To be busy with or deeply involved in a thing
1315. (c) To be completely conversant with
1316. (a) To be very ancient
1317. (a) To be cautious
1318. (d) like easily and naturally speaking
1319. (b) ran away with/ escape with something stolen
1320. (b) to show anger
1321. (a) find views
1322. (d) People or things who are no longer useful
1323. (b) prepare for a difficult situation
1324. (c) keep up with
1325. (d) To be kept waiting for sometime
1326. (c) Be in difficulties
1327. (d) developed a specific position for himself
1328. (c) Exactly and precisely
1329. (D) Long time

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- 1330.(C) Someone who is innocent/ naïve in a dangerous situation
- 1331.(B) A day of festivity
- 1332.(A) To make something stronger
- 1333.(D) Both few in number and distant
- 1334.(D) A person who is a thief.
- 1335.(B) Not like to talk with others
- 1336.(A) To keep under observation
- 1337.(C) In the face of
- 1338.(C) To be ruined
- 1339.(C) To talk exclusively of one's own business.
- 1340.(A) A small amount of money
- 1341.(A) To cause a disturbance
- 1342.(D) To discuss dirty and scandalous matter of personal nature
- the presence of strangers
- 1343.a. To enjoy yourself very much
- 1344.A. To exhaust oneself by working too much
- 1345.A. To have great success with something
- 1346.B. encounter difficulties
- 1347.B. Have it both ways
- 1348.A. The period when one is young and inexperienced
- 1349.A. The person who had the real control and power
- 1350.A. What is thought suitable pay for a man should also be for a woman
- 1351.A. law of the mob
- 1352.A. To offend or insult someone
- 1353.D. A possession of high value
- 1354.D. Make a great deal of noise and object vehemently
- 1355.D. light conversation
- 1356.B. decision is made
- 1357.B. brought about disharmony
- 1358.B. did an act of kindness
- 1359.B. Championing the cause of
- 1360.B. hurt intensely
- 1361.D. recommend
- 1362.B. the ordinary members
- 1363.D. To be killed
- 1364.B. To behave without control in a wild way
- 1365.C. Understand
- 1366.D. Only just
- 1367.B. To catch somebody off guard
- 1368.A. To fight
- 1369.D. To have no problems and difficulties
- 1370.B. To persevere when hardships press
- 1371.D. To do a hazardous thing without any idea of the result
- 1372.C. To send away/dismissed
- 1373.B. To find oneself in an awkward predicament
- 1374.D. To have a slight encounter
- 1375.D. To excite people to a quarrel
- 1376.C. To come out successful
- 1377.C. To take reckless risks
- 1378.C. To put to task
- 1379.A. To produce the proof of something
- 1380.C. To respond to violence with non-violence
- 1381.C. To keep the activity going
- 1382.A. To prepare
- 1383.C. To busy oneself in a way which cannot lead to any profitable result
- 1384. C. To be a drunkard

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1385. C. To be furious
- 1386.B. To be offended
- 1387.D. Bribe paid to secure silence
- 1388.B. To remove a misapprehension
- 1389.C. To retaliate
- 1390.A. Upset one's plan
- 1391.D. To anticipate another and to gain advantage over him
- 1392.A. To live in great comfort and luxury
- 1393.C. To do unnecessary things
- 1394.D. Allowance made to a lady for her expenses
- 1395.C. To pass the crises
- 1396.B. To run about in frenzy
- 1397.A. To ward off poverty or hunger
- 1398.B. Very quickly
- 1399.D. A person who is rough and clumsy where skill and care are required
- 1400.D. Discuss about the important or basic facts of a situation
- 1401.C. In any way, honest or dishonest
- 1402.C. To tip the office-boy
- 1403.A. To bribe
- 1404.D. To stop talking and start
- 1405.A. To revive a quarrel which was almost forgotten
- 1406.D. In difficulties
- 1407.C. To be busy over trifles
- 1408.A. To be cautious
- 1409.C. To speak to a person with hostility
- 1410.C. To talk about business or professional affairs
1411. B. To understand the technique of something
- 1412.B. To argue noisily
- 1413.C.A man of importance
- 1414.A. In hurried disorder
- 1415.D. To defend someone
- 1416.A. To rouse one to do one's best
- 1417.A. To ride with furious speed
- 1418.C. upset the balance
- 1419.B. decided
- 1420.C. underhand/ honest
- 1421.D. exactly to one's own liking
- 1422.B. discouraged
- 1423.C.is ruined
- 1424.to make to look cleaner, neater, or more attractive
- 1425.very poor handwriting which is difficult to read
- 1426.To be dead
- 1427.To be dead and buried
- 1428.too delayed to be of any use
- 1429.be unsuccessful
- 1430.experienced
- 1431.To be slain or executed
- 1432.Knowledgeable and competent
- 1433.To dismiss, ignore, or minimize the importance of someone or something.
- 1434.To have good ideas and make decisions quickly in a difficult situation.
- 1435.To be firmly committed to a particular course of action
- 1436.try to do something difficult or impossible
- 1437.An exceptional person or thing
- 1438.Continue doing something difficult with determination.

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1439. Resentfully
1440. Become untidy due to a lack of care
1441. To lose one's composure
1442. To encourage
1443. To look suitable
1444. To be very happy
1445. To make a preliminary inspection
1446. What a coincidence
1447. In future
1448. To show surprise/ shock
1449. Take a responsibility for doing something difficult
1450. An important object or goal
1451. It's up to you to make the decision
1452. Excuse my inappropriate language
1453. Mutual favour
1454. To talk to one for a long time
1455. Active again
1456. To nearly encounter someone
1457. To take up residence somewhere
1458. To gossip
1459. Pass the critical point successfully
1460. Bad news
1461. No hope at all
1462. (d) A short sleep during the day
1463. (a) Life in its natural, unembellished state
1464. (a) A person or thing that appears threatening but is ineffectual
1465. (b) Careful about small amounts but careless about large amounts
1466. (a) To listen carefully to something
1467. (b) Someone who deserts one group to join another
1468. (d) Express your opinion
1469. (c) Of highest possible quality
1470. (d) Making or receiving payments surreptitiously
1471. (b) Suddenly and without much thought
1472. Born into royalty
1473. To do something using one's own experience and judgement
1474. Being inquisitive about other people's affairs may get you into trouble
1475. (b) Non-acceptance of antisocial behaviour
1476. (d) A person's physical body and their needs.
1477. (a) to risk everything in an all-out effort
1478. (b) to make a special effort to achieve something
1479. (a) not wanting to change how one does things
1480. (b) a person who is very oldfashioned and conservative
1481. (d) a work shift that runs through the early morning hours
1482. (c) A way of life in which people are caught up in a fiercely competitive struggle for wealth or power
1483. (a) Pretend to be unafraid
1484. (d) To waste time by doing foolish things
1485. (c) Water
1486. (a) Complete failure
1487. (a) To be obsessed with something
1488. (a) Not suitable or offensive
1489. (c) Recall of factual information at

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one's command

1490.(d) To not know about something

1491.(d) Old-fashioned

1492.(b) Something which is implied to be obvious

1493.(c) To release someone from blame

1494.(d) To declare the end of a task

1495.(a) Understand what is implied by a remark or action

1496.(a) Cause someone or oneself to look foolish or stupid

1497.(a) Express rage

1498.(d) to waste an opportunity to achieve something

1499.(a) To memorize something

1500.(c) Poor

1501.(c) A fool

1502.(b) To establish a particular mood or character

1503.c. to throw aside violently

1504.b. stand by someone

1505.c. to pretend not to see

1506.d. to be diminishing

1507.d. to treat coldly

1508.a. to become irritated

1509.b. to enrich oneself when opportunity knocks

1510.b. to have lucky success

1511. b. to use phrases peculiar to one's employment

1512.a. to fix a limit

1513.c. Utterance/statement made just before death or retirement

1514.c. unprofitable possession

1515.b. to frown

1516.d. to busy oneself in an unprofitable proposition

1517.c. to reopen a quarrel

1518.a. to censure strongly

1519.d. to advance in harmony

1520.c. to be no longer young

1521.b. to lie in bed due to illness

1522.d. to treat with cold rigid civility

1523.a. to be undecided

1524.c. to break the awkward silence

1525.c. to be firm about something

1526.4. To attack in an unfair manner

1527.2. To experience defeat

1528.4. To have a selfish motive in doing something

1529.2. Remain calm

1530.3. To pass the critical stage

1531.3. To emerge with a new life

1532.3. A fair and honest deal

1533.1. Against one's nature

1534.4. To understand the implied meaning

1535.1. To lose an opportunity

1536.1. Talking nonsense

1537.1. To assess

1538.4. Don't concentrate all your resources in one place

1539.2. Anxious and tense

1540.3. not able to understand anything

1541.3. To speak in a direct way

1542.3. Discern the hidden meaning in the text

1543.2. To show your true emotions

1544.1. Extremely happy and excited

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- 1545.d. Hidden faults
- 1546.(a) Sleeping deeply
- 1547.(d) To follow rules exactly
- 1548.(c) Speaking to confuse people and avoid truth
- 1549.(b) To be near someone in order to help
- 1550.(c) A large number of people
- 1551.(c) Having financial problems all of a sudden
- 1552.(b) To fight and argue a lot
- 1553.(d) To be careful in speech and actions
- 1554.(d) An inevitable result
- 1555.C. secret
- 1556.1. Lacking experience
- 1557.1. A person who spoils other people's fun
- 1558.2. Becoming less acceptable
- 1559.2. To explain a situation
- 1560.4. Encounter an obstacle
- 1561.1. Fight with someone
- 1562.2. face the same situation as another person
- 1563.1. The most important fact
- 1564.2. give or make a show of one's strength
- 1565.3. To temporarily not deal with some matter because it is not urgent
- 1566.3. To be in a desperate situation with very few options
- 1567.3. Someone or something that is very annoying
- 1568.4. Agree with the popular opinion
- 1569.1. do the same as others
- 1570.1. Start fighting after a disagreement
- 1571.1. forget the accurate total
- 1572.4. become publicly known
- 1573.1. An insecure situation
- 1574.2. Material interests
- 1575.1. With all enthusiasm
- 1576.2. To separate the valuable from the worthless
- 1577.2. To be in charge or control of a situation
- 1578.2. Do something exactly right
- 1579.1. Go to sleep
- 1580.3. To start behaving in a better way
- 1581.2. Good luck
- 1582.4. Vigilant
- 1583.4. To raise controversy
- 1584.2. To achieve honours and glory
- 1585.4. got into trouble
- 1586.4. To offer sumptuous food to one's guests
- 1587.2. Gossip and make small talk
- 1588.3. To begin a conversation to relieve the tension in an uncomfortable situation
- 1589.2. Look very similar in appearance or character
- 1590.2. To get something over with because it is inevitable
- 1591.4. To just barely get by or make it
- 1592.3. A person of whom her mother is extremely fond and proud
- 1593.1. Landed in trouble
- 1594.2. At the last moment
- 1595.1. Astonishing
- 1596.4. Rapidly
- 1597.2. Vacillating
- 1598.4. Someone who lacks courage and is easily frightened
- 1599.3. Won

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- 1600.2. To do something that was not done before
- 1601.3. Cramp
- 1602.3. To pass through all types of hardships
- 1603.1. Throw caution to the wind
- 1604.2. Doing something poorly in order to save time or money
- 1605.4. Stop working on something
- 1606.4. A narrow escape
- 1607.4. A person belonging to a high family
- 1608.3. Make the situation worse
- 1609.3. With all the effort you can put
- 1610.3. Completely arranged
- 1611. 4. Be very poor
- 1612.3. To ask for help when you don't need it
- 1613.3. A loud and unrestrained laugh
- 1614.2. A person who is similar in behaviour or actions to his/her parents
- 1615.3. Complicated situation
- 1616.1. Almost out of one's senses
- 1617.2. cool as a cucumber
- 1618.1. To ignore someone
- 1619.3. Real character
- 1620.3. To get into trouble
- 1621.1. Butterflies in his stomach
- 1622.2. A very good and honest person
- 1623.1. An eagle eye
- 1624.3. To spoil a moment
- 1625.3. Something that can happen very fast without hesitation
- 1626.2. To listening attentively
- 1627.3. To joke with someone
- 1628.4. Busy

- 1629.2. An inflexible person who is hard to convince
- 1630.2. Smiling broadly
- 1631.3. At a loss or perplexed
- 1632.3. She missed the exam as she felt under the weather.
- 1633.3. bird's eye view
- 1634.4. A big problem everyone is ignoring or afraid to talk about
- 1635.1. To maintain one's position
- 1636.3. A very mild punishment.
- 1637.2. A lot to do
- 1638.3. To be in a risky situation
- 1639.3. Weak excuse
- 1640.2. To feel sympathy for someone when they are distressed
- 1641.1. A person who thinks he is of a high social class and looks down on people of lower class
- 1642.4. Cheerful
- 1643.3. Bear up
- 1644.1. Disgrace for the family
- 1645.3. the calm before the storm
- 1646.3. Burning your bridges
- 1647.4. Futile search
- 1648.2. To have one's own interests to serve
- 1649.3. Something that is unknown entirely
- 1650.2. Using whatever methods are necessary
- 1651.3. Rarely
- 1652.1. Very intimate terms
- 1653.3. Point blank
- 1654.1. A place of noise and disturbance
- 1655.2. Get on extremely well with someone
- 1656.2. In a great hurry, as fast as possible

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- 1657.2. To have renewed energy
- 1658.4. To smell a rat
- 1659.2. Things are going well so far
- 1660.4. To persist in a difficult situation
- 1661.2. Happening in a lot of places or to a lot of people
- 1662.3. Reveal a secret
- 1663.3. In most cases
- 1664.2. To leave a situation
- 1665.4. A person not reliable in difficult time
- 1666.3. To do something without worrying about the risk
- 1667.3. Severely affected by something unpleasant
- 1668.4. A black sheep
- 1669.1. A person's lack of decisiveness, neutrality or hesitance to choose between two sides in an argument or a competition
- 1670.1. Briefly
- 1671.2. Make no progress in an argument or discussion
- 1672.2. Paid a flying visit
- 1673.4. Extremely happy
- 1674.1. A person who is obedient and well-behaved
- 1675.3. To evaluate people's worth by their outward appearance
- 1676.4. To tell someone to stop and consider carefully
- 1677.2. One who spoils other people's fun
- 1678.1. Mixture of rewards and punishments
- 1679.4. Just before the deadline
- 1680.2. To study very hard
- 1681.4. Cramp
- 1682.2. To irritate someone
- 1683.3. Be absolutely different
- 1684.1. Look unhappy or disappointed
- 1685.2. To leave
- 1686.4. To have nothing to do
- 1687.2. Between two dangers
- 1688.2. Hard physical efforts
- 1689.3. partially deaf
- 1690.1. frightened me
- 1691.3. Make one's blood boil
- 1692.2. Call a spade a spade
- 1693.1. Start something too soon or act hastily
- 1694.2. Costs an arm and a leg
- 1695.3. Stab someone in the back
- 1696.3. Tolerate insult without protest
- 1697.4. Spoil careful plans
- 1698.4. To try to force someone to do something
- 1699.4. To reject
- 1700.3. Not wearing any clothes
- 1701.3. People who have a lot of power and influence
- 1702.3. Lose one's temper
- 1703.3. In debt
- 1704.2. To accept a difficult situation
- 1705.3. To be very active but with few results
- 1706.1. Strong and healthy
- 1707.1. Read between the lines
- 1708.3. To do something too soon
- 1709.2. Being uncomfortable and restless
- 1710.3. The sun is shining while it rains
1711. 2. An unclear situation
- 1712.1. to not know something others are aware of

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- 1713.1. To have just enough money to live
- 1714.3. To delay taking a decision
- 1715.1. Complete transformation
- 1716.1. Have everything properly organized
- 1717.1. Something that is very easy to do
- 1718.2. something that happens suddenly
- 1719.1. Be extremely expensive
- 1720.1. start planning again because earlier plans failed
- 1721.2. Give a detailed plan or scheme
- 1722.3. Be happy when a person leaves
- 1723.4. By a very narrow margin
- 1724.4. understand what is implied but not stated directly
- 1725.3. A helpful act
- 1726.1. In trouble
- 1727.2. Attain fame and success
- 1728.2. To try everything possible to solve a problem
- 1729.1. To do many things in a disorganised manner
- 1730.4. Discuss private matters in front of others
- 1731.1. To be ready and eager to listen
- 1732.3. To accidentally embarrass or upset someone
- 1733.3. To believe wrongly that your situation is good
1734. 4. Crazy, demented or out of one's mind
1735. d) A better or promising situation
1736. 4. An embarrassing fact to be kept secret
1737. 3. To become angry suddenly
1738. 3. To put a bad impression
1739. 1. It becomes easily and quickly achievable
1740. 3. Quicken the pulse
1741. 2. Cowards
1742. 4. A person who does not settle in one place for a long time, does not gain wealth, name or fame
1743. 4. very active
1744. 2. To think hard
1745. 1. Be useful
1746. 1. To do something without special preparation
1747. 4. Someone is good even if they sometimes behave in a wrong manner
1748. 2. Failing completely
1749. 1. To go insane
1750. 1. Went terribly wrong
1751. 3. Every possible way
1752. 3 In the midst of successes
1753. 2 Just in Time
1754. 3 Unattractive; ugly
1755. 1 Most fundamental aspects of something
1756. 3 Act in a disorganized manner
1757. 1 Death
1758. 2 Limit or control something
1759. 2 A point after which you cannot go any further, usually in improving your position at work
1760. 3 Better to arrive late than not to come at all
1761. 2 Don't give up
1762. 2 Problems seem to happen together
1763. 3. Choice between two unpleasant alternatives

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1764. 3. Functionally necessary but of small significance

1765. 1. Weak ideas

1766. 2. disapprove of

1767. 1. Born fool

1768. 2 afraid to speak frankly

1769. 3 full of things to distract attention

1770. 3 The most important fact

1771. 4 In agreement

1772. 3 Talking nonsense

1773. 2 To temporarily not deal with some matter because it is not urgent

1774. 2 do the same as others

1775. 1 Agree with the popular opinion

1776. 2 Start fighting after a disagreement

1777. 2 Fight with someone

1778. 3 To voice one's support

1779. 1 To go smoothly

1780. 3 Without damage

1781. 1 Large successful operations can begin in a small way

1782. 4 Appeal to the highest possible authority

1783. 3 Riding in the front passenger seat of a car

1784. 3 To run away from difficulty

1785. 1 Annoy or offend a person

1786. 3 Nonsense or meaningless speech

1787. 1 There is nothing more to be said

1788. 4 To triumph over someone

1789. 4 Market where prices are rising

1790. 1 To be afraid

1791. 2 To slow down

1792. 3 Encounter an obstacle

1793. 1 Fully armed, having many weapons

1794. 4 Having no relevance to any previous discussion or situation

1795. 2 To go full speed, especially while driving a vehicle.

1796. 1 Everything

1797. 2 A state in which progress is impossible

1798. 4 Strange or crazy actions that appear meaningless but in the end are done for a good reason.

1799. 2 Make an audience laugh uncontrollably

1800. 3 In bodily form

1801. 4 Thirteen

1802. 4 To win a race

1803. 4 To be extremely surprised

1804. 4 Full of talk, but low on action

1805. 2 Another attempt or opportunity to do something

1806. 4 To eliminate the possibility of return or retreat

1807. 3 To spoil other's plan

1808. 1 To make an effort that will be futile

1809. 1 Different routes to the same goal

1810. 2 An animal that carries luggage

1811. 3 An achievement

1812. 2 With no special or interesting features

1813. 4 Someone new to the group or area.

1814. 2 To become a nun

1815. 1 Totally and completely

1816. 2. To do something as though it is coming naturally

1817. 1 Please do it

1818. 1 to feel uncomfortable or worried in a situation

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1819. 1 To leave someone without any support or purpose

1820. 1 To buy something that is of much less value.

1821. 2 To lose an opportunity

1822. 3 Know somebody/something slightly

1823. 1 An expression of surprise and frustration

1824. 2 To cause surprise or shock

1825. 4 Reasons

1826. D. An area in your range of vision that you cannot see properly

1827. A. To become serious about something

1828. 3. To use a lot of energy or effort

1829. A. A problematic or uncomfortable situation

1830. D. To be greedy for money

1831. C. A single fortunate event does not mean that what follows will also be good.

1832. A. To look at someone directly while they are looking at you

1833. C. Something powerfully nostalgic

1834. B. Starting to perform very well

1835. D. To commit a course of action

1836. 3. Working at a particular job

1837. A. dead ringer

1838. D. Suddenly realize or understand something

1839. B. Present everywhere

1840. C. Job that one takes over from somebody who has left unexpectedly or died

1841. C. To go for a walk after you have been sitting for a long time

1842. A. When you are extremely desperate you need to take extremely desperate actions

1843. A. To change the way one talks about something

1844. 3. Because of

1845. B. A personal intuition you get especially when feel something may not be right

1846. A. Stuck between two very bad options

1847. 1. To become successful in life

1848. A. In small numbers

1849. A. food for thought

1850. C. crossed the Rubicon

1851. B. Killing of a certain ethnic or religious group on a massive scale

1852. D. got this game in the bag

1853. C. Not willing or wanting to change from your normal way of doing something

1854. A. To do your fair share of work

1855. A. scraping the bottom of the barrel

1856. B. Compromise, cooperation between people

1857. A. jumping in with both feet

1858. C. A vehicle that is old or almost broken

1859. D. A lively, energetic young person

1860. D. To admit that one is wrong

1861. (c) Not brave

1862. (a) Confused

1863. (b) Dishonesty

1864. (a) To be forced to use one's last and weakest resource

1865. (c) Encourage the growth or action of something

1866. (b) Be in a difficult situation from where escape is difficult

1867. (d) Bad luck

1868. (d) Quarrelling with

1869. (d) Involved in a problem

1870. (b) up the creek

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1871. (b) The worst possible situation
1872. (b) they caught a tartar
1873. (b) as dead as a doornail
1874. (b) Jumped the gun
1875. (b) called it a day
1876. (c) Apple pie order
1877. (a) improvise
1878. (a) If you are not alert, you are likely to miss opportunities.
1879. (c) In trouble
1880. (a) To be critical or doubtful of a plan that someone is excited about
1881. (a) dance attendance
1882. (a) Disagreeing with each other's idea
1883. (a) When the crunch comes
1884. (a) Half a loaf is better than none.
1885. (b) Poor memory
1886. (d) To end in smoke
1887. (d) Going with his tail between his legs
1888. (c) The early bird catches the worm
1889. (c) Being in a state of agitation
1890. (c) Pay only lip service
1891. (b) The straightforward and ethically acceptable
1892. (b) to make an attempt
1893. (c) making a quick buck
1894. (d) Spoil somebody's chance of doing something
1895. (c) To try new things
1896. (b) Pell-mell
1897. (a) whistled in the dark
1898. (a) On the cards
1899. (c) Catching a tartar
1900. (a) gave the benefit of doubt
1901. (c) To start a relationship or activity badly
1902. (a) Be very poor
1903. (b) To narrowly avoid situation
1904. (d) To make someone laugh
1905. (b) as keen as mustard
1906. (d) What a coincidence!
1907. (c) Set sights on
1908. (c) pen and ink
1909. (b) back to square one
1910. (d) a blessing in disguise
1911. (b) hold our horses
1912. (a) An easy and pleasant job
1913. (c) To remember a total
1914. (a) made a pig's ear
1915. (c) Not laugh or change your expression even though you want to laugh
1916. (c) Trying to find some way to succeed when nothing you choose is likely to work
1917. (d) a quick buck
1918. (d) Consider
1919. (b) the pros and cons
1920. (c) second wind
1921. (d) flying high
1922. (a) Face the unpleasant consequences of your own acts
1923. (c) snow job
1924. (b) To organise yourself so that you can do something properly
1925. (b) Midas touch
1926. (a) An accelerating growth of magnitude
1927. (b) hit the books
1928. (b) Grist to the mill

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1929. (d) Take control of a situation
1930. (b) In full view of somebody
1931. (a) With another person in their presence rather than, say, by phone or letter
1932. (b) Protest
1933. (a) Let someone complete what they are saying
1934. (b) loaves and fishes
1935. (c) An insult
1936. (c) exactly
1937. (c) To have passion or great intelligence underneath a calm expression
1938. (b) Adhere to rules
1939. (b) Small and delicate steps
1940. (b) All wet
1941. (b) Bite the bullet
1942. (d) Butting heads
1943. (a) Monkey on his back
1944. (c) Don't make a mountain out of a molehill
1945. (a) We should take advantage of opportunities by being proactive and prompt
1946. (b) We should focus on our achievements and let them speak for themselves
1947. (c) We should diversify our investments to mitigate risks.
1948. (b) Careful about spending small amounts but not about large amounts
1949. (b) Acting superior and arrogant.
1950. (a) We should not make assumptions or predictions before the outcome is certain
1951. (d) keep emotions under control
1952. (b) A narrow escape from a situation
1953. (d) down the hatch!
1954. (b) Appearances can be deceiving
1955. (c) To unintentionally cause additional harm or offense after a previous mistake or injury
1956. (b) Take what you get without criticism
1957. (c) John eats apples daily to stay fit and avoid getting sick.
1958. (c) cook my goose
1959. (c) jumped the gun
1960. (d) a dead duck
1961. (d) Break the ice
1962. (d) Turns a blind eye
1963. (a) two in the bush
1964. (b) caught red handed
1965. (a) giving each other the cold shoulder
1966. (a) Clumsy
1967. (d) Be kept waiting by someone
1968. (a) Bite the bullet
1969. (a) Mentioning someone and they appear out of nowhere
1970. (a) Trust what someone says
1971. (b) Better to arrive late than not to come at all
1972. (a) Don't take it too seriously
1973. (d) To continue to feel angry or unfriendly for someone or something because of a particular past incident.
1974. (a) Feeling tired and give up
1975. (a) Being ignored
1976. (d) Staying informed and updated about everything
1977. (c) A sudden, unexpected event
1978. (b) To miss an opportunity
1979. (c) Afraid of doing something again

Idioms and Phrases



- 1980. (b) Sounds familiar
- 1981. (b) Eager to listen to what someone has to say
- 1982. (b) More important things to do
- 1983. (d) to escape from someone
- 1984. (a) miserly
- 1985. (b) to be frequently quarrelling
- 1986. (d) in a comfortable situation
- 1987. (b) a pleasing visual experience
- 1988. (a) rudely telling someone to go away
- 1989. (c) make more effort than is expected
- 1990. (b) to act morally
- 1991. (b) to be active and healthy
- 1992. (b) be frank and open about something
- 1993. (a) Pass from one person to another
- 1994. (c) to control something
- 1995. (b) to be overwhelmed with emotion
- 1996. (b) Lose the job
- 1997. (b) to increase the money available for expenditure
- 1998. (b) one who talks boastfully
- 1999. (a) become crazy
- 2000. (b) common and so of little value

ANSWER:

- 2001.2. Change horses in midstream
- 2002.1. To experience joy or success in some endeavour, but only for a limited period of time
- 2003.4. Very exciting and successful
- 2004.2. On earth
- 2005.3. A person who resists change
- 2006.1. Breathing down one's neck
- 2007.2. To obtain the necessary funds
- 2008.4. To refuse to change opinion
- 2009.1. Undergoing great risks
- 2010.1. To attend upon as someone's disciple
- 2011.3. To breathe heavily or rapidly because one is exhausted
- 2012.3. To become king, queen etc
- 2013.4. To sense a weakness in your opponent
- 2014.1. When you are extremely desperate you need to take extremely desperate actions
- 2015.4. Had a ball
- 2016.4. Something important that deserves serious attention
- 2017.3. Digging around
- 2018.4. Ordinary
- 2019.2. Lose by a small margin
- 2020.2. The evil or reckless side of human nature
- 2021.3. To propose marriage
- 2022.2. A strike that is started by a group of workers without the approval of their union
- 2023.1. Little-known
- 2024.1. To take a risk
- 2025.4. A game of chance
- 2026.2. To a huge or the greatest possible extent

Idioms and Phrases



- 2027.4.** All the time from the beginning
- 2028.3.** The opportunity has passed
- 2029.4.** Only statement C correctly uses the idiom.
- 2030.1.** It's better to finish something late than to never do it at all
- 2031. 1.** Only conclusion (ii) is correct
- 2032.1.** You frequently see the same people in different places
- 2033. 3.** Statement B
- 2034. 1.** The more you know, the more powerful you can be in different areas of your life
- 2035. 3.** Only iii is correct
- 2036. 4.** Statement B
- 2037. 4.** Both **1** and **3** are correct
- 2038. 4.** To state a fact so there are no doubts or objections
- 2039. 3.** Only B is correct
- 2040. 3.** only iii is correct
- 2041. 2.** People always want what they don't have
- 2042. 4.** Only statements (ii) and (iii)
- 2043. 3.** Only conclusion (i) and (iii)
- 2044. 3.** Only conclusion II and III are correct
- 2045. 3.** Only conclusion II is correct
- 2046. 4.** Only statements (i) and (iii)
- 2047. 1.** Only conclusion (ii)
- 2048. 4.** Neither conclusion I nor II is correct
- 2049. 4.** Only conclusion (ii)
- 2050. 1.** Only conclusion I is correct
- 2051. 4.** Only statements (i) and (ii)
- 2052. 4 .** Only Conclusion (iii)
- 2053. 4.** Both conclusion I and II are correct
- 2054. 1.** Only statements (i) and (iii)

- 2055. 3.** Only conclusion II is correct
- 2056. 3.** Don't judge a book by its cover.
- 2057. 2.** Despite facing setbacks, she remained positive and determined to achieve her goals.
- 2058. 2.** Two heads are better than one
- 2059. 3.** After accidentally breaking the valuable vase, Sarah found herself in trouble with her parents.