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Idioms / Phrases

Questions with Explanation



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21. Rule of thumb.
- (a) A rough unit of measure for small lengths.
 - (b) A broadly accurate guide based on practice
 - (c) To force someone to work against his wish
 - (d) To use your power to ensure discipline.
- [SSC CHSL (T-1), 2017]
22. Rome was not built in a day.
- (a) It takes time to create great things
 - (b) You have to win many wars to build an empire
 - (c) A task done hurriedly fails completely
 - (d) Building anything worthwhile requires skill
- [SSC CHSL (T-1), 2017]
23. Chink in one's armour.
- (a) A spotless shield tells that the person has not yet fought any war.
 - (b) A small crack if not repaired will break the shield
 - (c) An area of vulnerability
 - (d) One's primary defence system against loss or injury.
- [SSC CHSL (T-1), 2017]
- Choose the correct option to explain the idioms/phrases :*
24. To have a dig at :
- (a) to weed out the grass
 - (b) to criticise someone
 - (c) to sow seeds in a pot
 - (d) to praise someone
- [RPSC II Grade, 2019]

25. By fits and starts :

- (a) annoyingly
- (b) angrily
- (c) irregularly
- (d) feverishly

[RPSC II Grade, 2019]

26. To come to light :

- (a) to lighten
- (b) to show hidden anger
- (c) to reveal
- (d) to erase differences



[RPSC II Grade, 2019]

27. To brush up :

- (a) to remove dust
- (b) to wash with soap
- (c) to hide
- (d) to renew

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[RPSC II Grade, 2019]

Complete the sentence with correct word phrase :

28. It is a story of two men and a batch of ____ armoured cars.

- (a) deceased
- (b) defeated
- (c) decrepit
- (d) None of these

[APRO, 2022]

29. "To make a long story short" means :

- (a) paraphrase
- (b) come to the point
- (c) display composition skills
- (d) have narrative excellence

[RJS, 2018-19]

30. When someone says, "I am out of the woods now", he means that :
- (a) He has come out of the forest
 - (b) He has destroyed all the woods
 - (c) He is no longer in danger or difficulty
 - (d) He does not want to live in forest

[RJS, 2017-18]

Choose the correct meaning of the Italicised Idiom.

31. "She had given up all hope when *out of the blue* she got a call from one of the most sought after universities."
- (a) With God's grace
 - (b) Helped by her peers
 - (c) From a distant connect
 - (d) Unexpectedly

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[Highcourt LDC, 2022]

Choose the correct meaning of the Italicised Idiom.

32. That young fellow was *born with a silver spoon in his mouth*.
- (a) Born in wealth and luxury
 - (b) To be very active
 - (c) Refused to yield
 - (d) Have a spoon in mouth when born

[Highcourt LDC, 2022]

Choose the correct meaning of the Italicised Idiom.

33. They are *at daggers drawn* :
- (a) Strained relations
 - (b) Friendship
 - (c) Friendly with each other
 - (d) Helpful to each other

[Highcourt LDC, 2022]



Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of idiom/phrase given below :

34. "No Pain No Gain"

- (a) You have to work for what you want
- (b) Wait for the right time
- (c) Take care of your pains
- (d) Do not harm others

[REET (L-1), 2022]

The Idiom/phrase which best expresses the above meaning is :

35. 'To avoid talking about what is important'.

- (a) Hit the sack
- (b) Up in arms
- (c) Beat around the bush
- (d) Sell like hot cakes

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[REET (L-1), 2022]

36. Prohibition is 'gall and wormwood' to distiller. Here 'gall and wormwood' means :

- (a) helpful
- (b) hateful
- (c) hopeful
- (d) wonderful

[REET (L-II), 2022]

37. He 'stood his ground' against adversary. Here 'stood his ground' means :

- (a) stand still
- (b) maintained his position
- (c) did not fall
- (d) maintained his game

[REET (L-II), 2022]

Choose the word which can be the best substitute for the given phrase/sentence.

38. 'At irregular intervals or occasionally'.

- (a) timely
- (b) sporadic
- (c) accidental
- (d) temporary



[Highcourt LDC, 2017]

39. Your knowledge of science is only a drop in the ocean. The underlined idiom means.

- (a) a big amount
- (b) a big mass
- (c) a small amount
- (d) immeasurable

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[REET (L-II), 2021]

40. Don't put all your eggs in one basket :

- (a) Avoid risky ventures if you want to be successful in life
- (b) Don't risk everything on the success of one venture
- (c) One should try multiple things, at least one will succeed
- (d) Those who are blessed with more children are happier

[SSC CHSL (T-1) 2017]

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