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101. Cat-nap.

- (a) Rest
- (b) Fitful sleep
- (c) Long sleep
- (d) Short sleep

[SSC Graduate Level (T-1), 2016]

102. Beggar description

- (a) Cannot be described
- (b) Something described by a beggar
- (c) A poor account of something
- (d) A description of a beggar

[SSC Graduate Level (T-1), 2016]

103. To pull a long face.

- (a) Looked happily
- (b) Looked surprised
- (c) Looked sad
- (d) Looked calm

[SSC Graduate Level (T-1), 2016]

104. Drag one's feet.

- (a) Make something more complicated
- (b) Expedite
- (c) Be reluctant to act
- (d) Stop working

[SSC Graduate Level (T-1), 2016]

105. **Hope against hope**
- (a) Think wishfully from time to time
 - (b) Hoped with good reason
 - (c) **Nurture an impossible hope**
 - (d) Pretend to hope

[SSC Graduate Level (T-1), 2016]

106. **Make room**
- (a) Clean the room
 - (b) **Make space**
 - (c) Attain the room
 - (d) Make a clean sweep



[SSC Graduate Level (T-1), 2016]

107. **Made your ways**
- (a) Happy with one's behaviour
 - (b) Sad with one's behaviour
 - (c) Destroy one's behaviour
 - (d) **Improve one's behaviour**

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108. **Fit her like a glove**
- (a) Too large
 - (b) Too shabby
 - (c) Too tight
 - (d) **Perfectly**

[SSC Graduate Level (T-1), 2016]

109. **Cry Wolf**
- (a) To refer to
 - (b) To emphasise
 - (c) To have no result
 - (d) **To give false alarm**

[Patwari, 2021]



110. Invent cock and bull stories.

- (a) Delightful fables
- (b) Eco-friendly accounts
- (c) Absured and unlikely stories
- (d) Credible tales

[SSC Graduate Level (T-1), 2016]

Give meaning of Idiom :

111. At loggerheads

- (a) In difficulty
- (b) To be at strife
- (c) None of these
- (d) Very happy together



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Give meaning of the following idiom :

112. A man of straw.

- (a) A man of no substance
- (b) A very active person
- (c) A worthy fellow
- (d) A reasonable person

[Patwari, 2021]

113. Blow one's trumpet.

- (a) To praise another
- (b) To praise a leader
- (c) To praise oneself
- (d) To praise a community

[SSC Graduate Level (T-1), 2016]



114. To eat humble pie.

- (a) To eat an unsavoury pie
- (b) To be served food that is rotten
- (c) To yield under humiliating circumstances
- (d) To give in to political pressure

[SSC Graduate Level (T-1), 2016]

Choose the correct meaning of the idiom :

115. 'Feeling under the weather' means-

- (a) to feel ill
- (b) rejuvenate
- (c) bad weather
- (d) refreshed



[VDO, 2021]

116. 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.

[SSC Graduate Level (T-1), 2016]

117. Face the music.

- (a) BE applauded
- (b) Be ridiculed
- (c) Be punished
- (d) Be dismissed

[SSC Graduate Level (T-1), 2016]

118. Curry favour.

- (a) Seek impartial judgement
- (b) Seek favourable attention
- (c) Prepare a dish
- (d) Attract attention

[SSC Graduate Level (T-1), 2016]

119. A man of letters.

- (a) Letter-writer
- (b) Proof-reader
- (c) Postman
- (d) Scholar

[SSC Graduate Level (T-1), 2016]

120. To play fast and loose.

- (a) To be narrow minded
- (b) To play a good minded
- (c) To act in an unreliable way
- (d) To defeat a person

[SSC Graduate Level (T-1), 2016]

121. Donkey's years.

- (a) A decade
- (b) A long time
- (c) A century
- (d) Since school days

[SSC Graduate Level (T-1), 2016]

Choose the correct option that expresses the meaning of the underlined idiom :

122. Smugglers tried to fish in the troubled waters during World War II.

- (a) to take double benefit
- (b) to work hard to survive
- (c) try to destroy the enemy
- (d) to take advantage from a chaotic situation

[VDO, 2021]

Choose the correct option that expresses the meaning of the underlined idiom :

123. They have been at daggers drawn for weeks over their distribution of ancestral property.

- (a) be bitterly hostile towards each other
- (b) to live separately
- (c) not on talking terms
- (d) to live calmly



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