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61. Having no arguments to defend his point, the speaker began to beat about the bush.

- (a) wander across the road
- (b) speak in a haphazard manner
- (c) speak in a round-about manner
- (d) make use of irrelevant reference

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[SSC (10+2), 2010]

62. The Kenyan team proved to be the dark horse in the ICC World Cup Cricket.

- (a) a strong intruder
- (b) a skilled team
- (c) the most powerful
- (d) an unexpected winner

[SSC (10+2), 2010]

63. When the Principal was entering the class all my friends quietly disappeared, leaving me alone to face the music.

- (a) to listen to him
- (b) to enter into the class
- (c) to bear the criticism
- (d) to listen to a favourable comment

[SSC (10+2), 2010]



64. The traffic come to a standstill after the heavy downpour of rain.

- (a) complete halt
- (b) accident spot
- (c) diversion
- (d) confused disorder

[SSC (Data Entry Operator), 2009]

65. Do not run down your friends in public.

- (a) fight with
- (b) follow
- (c) make a mention
- (d) criticise

[SSC (Data Entry Operator), 2009]

66. Most parents find it difficult to make both ends meet because of inflation.

- (a) to lead a lavish life
- (b) to live within one's income
- (c) to live a miserly life
- (d) to lead an active life

[SSC (Data Entry Operator), 2009]

67. The students were advised to pore over the lessons thoroughly.

- (a) go through
- (b) go down
- (c) go off
- (d) go out

[SSC (Data Entry Operator), 2009]

68. He is always praised for his gift of the gab.

- (a) being lucky
- (b) getting something free
- (c) talent for speaking
- (d) great skill

[SSC (Data Entry Operator), 2008]



69. The administration found it difficult to cope with the striking employees.

- (a) move
- (b) compromise
- (c) **handle**
- (d) subdue

[SSC (Data Entry Operator), 2008]

70. The teacher's extra hours of coaching went a long way in improving the students' performance.

- (a) took great effort
- (b) spent a lot of time
- (c) extended widely
- (d) **helped considerably**

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[SSC (Data Entry Operator), 2008]

71. The two famous writers crossed swords with each other on every issue.

- (a) fought physically
- (b) crossed the road on meeting
- (c) took different routes
- (d) **disagreed**

[SSC (Data Entry Operator), 2009]

72. The criminal was pardoned at the eleventh hour just as he was about to be hanged.

- (a) at eleven o' clock
- (b) suddenly
- (c) **at the very last moment**
- (d) at midnight

[SSC (Data Entry Operator), 2008]



73. He spoke well though it was his madien speech.

- (a) long speech
- (b) brief speech
- (c) firsh speech
- (d) emotional speech

[SSC (Data Entry Operator), 2008]

74. A drop in a bucket.

- (a) As much as possible
- (b) Nothing at all
- (c) A handsome amount
- (d) A very insignificant amount

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

75. Draw a blank.

- (a) Paint something
- (b) Find no favour
- (c) Oblige someone
- (d) Teach someone

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

76. Put up the shutters

- (a) Went out of business
- (b) Experienced a downside
- (c) Sold off assets
- (d) Changed ownership

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

77. Cheek by jowl.

- (a) Very close together
- (b) Arguing
- (c) Teasing one another
- (d) Avoiding one another

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78. Beyond the pale.

- (a) Unreasonable or unacceptable
- (b) Beyond redemption
- (c) Full of rhetoric
- (d) Distasteful

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79. 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

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

80. 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

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