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41. **Familiarity breeds contempt-**
(a) Close association with someone leads to a loss of respect for them
(b) If you do an undersirable things daily then it becomes acceptable
(c) **Too many people living closely will eventually cause bitterness**
(d) Routine has to be broken to bring excitement to life
[SSC CHSL (T-1), 2017]
42. **All bark and no bite :**
(a) Children should only be scolded but never beaten
(b) To be full of big talk but lacking action
(c) The person who appears most scary will help you the most
(d) **A person who talks a lot will never harm you**
[SSC CHSL (T-1), 2017]
43. **A fool and his money are easily parted :**
(a) **A foolish person spends money carelessly and will soon be penniless**
(b) A miser will eventually lose all his money due to one follish mistake
(c) A foolish person will never be able to get rich
(d) A rich person should be smart enough to avoid people who will fool him for his wealth
[SSC CHSL (T-1), 2017]
- Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of idiom/phrase underlined in the sentence:*
44. "I met him after a long time, but he gave me the cold shoulder."
(a) Scolded me
(b) Abused me
(c) Insulted me
(d) **Ignored me**
[REET Level-I, 2021]



45. A dime a dozen :

- (a) Strength is in numbers
- (b) People who say bad things have no value
- (c) Very common and of no particular value
- (d) You save more if you buy in large number

[SSC CHSL (T-1), 2017]

46. To drive someone up the wall:

- (a) To make someone very irritated
- (b) It breaks the barriers of misunderstanding between two persons
- (c) To encourage someone
- (d) To be the cause of someone's success

[SSC CHSL (T-1), 2017]

47. To spin one's wheels :

- (a) To take a chance
- (b) To do a job quickly
- (c) To narrate someone a confusing story
- (d) To waste one's time

[SSC CHSL (T-1), 2017]

48. To spill the beans :

- (a) To reveal secret information unintentionally
- (b) To lose inherited wealth
- (c) To spread rumours to intentionally harm some
- (d) To spend away hard earned savings

[SSC CHSL (T-1), 2017]

49. The ball is in your court :

- (a) It is up to you to make the next move
- (b) You have got a fantastic opportunity
- (c) You will be blamed for crimes that you have not committed
- (d) You have been put into a dilemma

[SSC CHSL (T-1), 2017]



50. The Manager doctored the accounts of the company.

- (a) to make changes in account books
- (b) to clear the doctors bill
- (c) to verify the accounts in detail
- (d) **to manipulate the accounts**

[SSC (10+2), 2010]

51. The thief was on good terms with the police.

- (a) kept terms and conditions
- (b) **was friendly**
- (c) followed the rules
- (d) agreed with them

[SSC (10+2), 2010]

52. John's offer of help was turned down by the police.

- (a) sent back
- (b) twisted around
- (c) **refused**
- (d) handed over

[SSC (10+2), 2010]

53. Chintan is so innocent that he wears his heart in his sleeve.

- (a) wears dress that does not match
- (b) **expresses his feelings openly**
- (c) wear colourful dresses
- (d) expresses his feelings with the shape of a heart printed on its sleeve

[SSC (10+2), 2010]

54. 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

[SSC (10+2), 2010]



55. It was a red letter day in the history of the world.

- (a) a day with bloodshed
- (b) a dangerous note about the destruction
- (c) a day memorable for some joyful event
- (d) a day with love and warmth

[SSC (10+2), 2010]

56. The little girl with her flawless performance stole the show.

- (a) stole something from the show
- (b) crept into the show
- (c) won everybody's praise
- (d) disappeared from the show

[SSC (10+2), 2010]

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

- (a) to refund old dues
- (b) to take revenge
- (c) to force him to be a scorer in a match
- (d) because he had not scored well earlier

[SSC (10+2), 2010]

58. Tagore was a man of letters.

- (a) of wide contacts
- (b) an excellent letter dictator
- (c) a great writer of letters
- (d) proficient in literary art

[SSC (10+2), 2010]

59. The reputed company is in the red due to the recession.

- (a) making money
- (b) losing money
- (c) in danger
- (d) spending money

[SSC (10+2), 2010]

60. 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



[SSC (10+2), 2010]

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