

250 HIGH-YIELD IDIOMS & PHRASES

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Q1. What is the meaning of the idiom "Achilles' heel"?

- (a) A secret weapon
- (b) A fatal weakness or vulnerable point
- (c) A strong fortress
- (d) A physical deformity

Correct Answer: (b) A fatal weakness or vulnerable point — *Explanation: Refers to a vulnerability or weakness in a person or system that can lead to downfall.*

Q2. What is the meaning of the idiom "Add fuel to the fire"?

- (a) To extinguish a flame
- (b) To make a bad situation worse
- (c) To start a fire in the hearth
- (d) To ignore a growing problem

Correct Answer: (b) To make a bad situation worse — *Explanation: To do or say something that causes an argument or bad situation to become worse.*

Q3. What is the meaning of the idiom "Beat around the bush"?

- (a) To trim wild plants
- (b) To talk directly about a topic
- (c) To avoid coming to the main point
- (d) To run away from danger

Correct Answer: (c) To avoid coming to the main point — *Explanation: To discuss a topic endlessly without ever getting to the main point.*

Q4. What is the meaning of the idiom "Bite the bullet"?

- (a) To act aggressively
- (b) To face a difficult situation with courage
- (c) To get injured in battle
- (d) To make a quick decision

Correct Answer: (b) To face a difficult situation with courage — *Explanation: To endure a painful or difficult situation with fortitude.*

Q5. What is the meaning of the idiom "Blessing in disguise"?

- (a) An unexpected tragedy
- (b) A good thing that initially seemed bad
- (c) A religious ceremony
- (d) A hidden enemy

Correct Answer: (b) A good thing that initially seemed bad — *Explanation: A misfortune that eventually results in something positive.*

Q6. What is the meaning of the idiom "Burn the midnight oil"?

- (a) To waste precious resources
- (b) To work or study late into the night
- (c) To light up a dark room
- (d) To cause an accident

Correct Answer: (b) To work or study late into the night — *Explanation: To work, study, or read late into the night.*

Q7. What is the meaning of the idiom "Call it a day"?

- (a) To start a new project
- (b) To celebrate a success
- (c) To stop working on something
- (d) To wake up early

Correct Answer: (c) To stop working on something — *Explanation: To stop doing something, especially working.*

Q8. What is the meaning of the idiom "Break the ice"?

- (a) To overcome nervousness or social stiffness
- (b) To melt frozen water
- (c) To cause a disagreement
- (d) Cooled down a heated argument

Correct Answer: (a) To overcome nervousness or social stiffness — *Explanation: To make people feel more comfortable in a social setting.*

Q9. What is the meaning of the idiom "Piece of cake"?

- (a) Something very expensive
- (b) Something extremely easy to do
- (c) A small portion of food
- (d) A sweet reward

Correct Answer: (b) Something extremely easy to do — *Explanation: Refers to a task or activity that is very simple and effortless.*

Q10. What is the meaning of the idiom "Through thick and thin"?

- (a) Only during good times
- (b) Under all circumstances, good and bad
- (c) In physical obstacles
- (d) Through narrow and wide paths

Correct Answer: (b) Under all circumstances, good and bad — *Explanation: Supporting someone or remaining committed through all difficulties.*

Q11. What is the meaning of the idiom "Spill the beans"?

- (a) To drop food by accident
- (b) To reveal a secret prematurely
- (c) To cook a meal
- (d) To make a messy mistake

Correct Answer: (b) To reveal a secret prematurely — *Explanation: To disclose confidential or secret information.*

Q12. What is the meaning of the idiom "Barking up the wrong tree"?

- (a) Accusing the wrong person or pursuing the wrong line of thought
- (b) Chasing animals up trees
- (c) Making loud noise without reason
- (d) Searching for lost items

Correct Answer: (a) Accusing the wrong person or pursuing the wrong line of thought — *Explanation: To look for something in the wrong place or misunderstand a situation.*

Q13. What is the meaning of the idiom "Costs an arm and a leg"?

- (a) Requires hard labor
- (b) Is very cheap
- (c) Is extremely expensive
- (d) Causes physical injury

Correct Answer: (c) Is extremely expensive — *Explanation: Describes something that is very costly.*

Q14. What is the meaning of the idiom "Once in a blue moon"?

- (a) Very frequently
- (b) Occurring very rarely
- (c) Every full moon night
- (d) During nighttime only

Correct Answer: (b) Occurring very rarely — *Explanation: An event or occurrence that happens very seldom.*

Q15. What is the meaning of the idiom "Back to the drawing board"?

- (a) To start all over again after a failure
- (b) To draw a new picture
- (c) To modify an existing plan
- (d) To give up entirely

Correct Answer: (a) To start all over again after a failure — *Explanation: To begin planning something again because a previous attempt failed.*

Q16. What is the meaning of the idiom "Ball is in your court"?

- (a) It is your turn to make a decision or move
- (b) You have lost the game
- (c) You are facing a penalty
- (d) You are under pressure

Correct Answer: (a) It is your turn to make a decision or move — *Explanation: It is now your responsibility to take the next action.*

Q17. What is the meaning of the idiom "Best of both worlds"?

- (a) Living in two cities
- (b) An ideal situation benefiting from two options
- (c) Having no responsibility
- (d) Choosing between two evils

Correct Answer: (b) An ideal situation benefiting from two options — *Explanation: A situation where one can enjoy the advantages of two different opportunities.*

Q18. What is the meaning of the idiom "Bite off more than you can chew"?

- (a) To eat too quickly
- (b) To take on a task that is too big for you
- (c) To be greedy
- (d) To speak rudely

Correct Answer: (b) To take on a task that is too big for you — *Explanation: To commit to more work or responsibility than one can handle.*

Q19. What is the meaning of the idiom "By the skin of your teeth"?

- (a) By a wide margin
- (b) Just barely managing to do something
- (c) With great strength
- (d) Through deceptive means

Correct Answer: (b) Just barely managing to do something — *Explanation: To succeed or escape by a very narrow margin.*

Q20. What is the meaning of the idiom "Comparing apples to oranges"?

- (a) Choosing the best fruit
- (b) Comparing two completely different things
- (c) Evaluating similar options
- (d) Making a wise decision

Correct Answer: (b) Comparing two completely different things — *Explanation: Comparing two things that are fundamentally different and not comparable.*

Q21. What is the meaning of the idiom "Cry over spilled milk"?

- (a) To feel sorry for someone
- (b) To complain about something that cannot be changed
- (c) To waste valuable resources
- (d) To demand compensation

Correct Answer: (b) To complain about something that cannot be changed — *Explanation: To dwell wastefully on past mistakes or losses that cannot be undone.*

Q22. What is the meaning of the idiom "Curiosity killed the cat"?

- (a) Cats are very delicate
- (b) Being overly inquisitive can lead to danger
- (c) An animal accident
- (d) To be very suspicious

Correct Answer: (b) Being overly inquisitive can lead to danger — *Explanation: A warning that being too curious about other people's affairs can get you into trouble.*

Q23. What is the meaning of the idiom "Every cloud has a silver lining"?

- (a) Weather changes constantly
- (b) Every difficult situation has a hopeful side
- (c) Rains bring prosperity
- (d) Money solves all problems

Correct Answer: (b) Every difficult situation has a hopeful side — *Explanation: There is always something positive to be found in a difficult situation.*

Q24. What is the meaning of the idiom "Get out of hand"?

- (a) To fall off a surface
- (b) To get out of control
- (c) To complete a task quickly
- (d) To lose a physical object

Correct Answer: (b) To get out of control — *Explanation: When a situation becomes chaotic or uncontrolled.*

Q25. What is the meaning of the idiom "Hit the nail on the head"?

- (a) To perform manual labor
- (b) To describe exactly what is causing a situation
- (c) To injure oneself accidentally
- (d) To make a noisy statement

Correct Answer: (b) To describe exactly what is causing a situation — *Explanation: To state a truth exactly or express something perfectly.*

Q26. What is the meaning of the idiom "Hit the sack"?

- (a) To get fired from a job
- (b) To go to sleep
- (c) To pack luggage
- (d) To attack someone

Correct Answer: (b) To go to sleep — *Explanation: A slang expression meaning to go to bed or sleep.*

Q27. What is the meaning of the idiom "Let the cat out of the bag"?

- (a) To lose a pet
- (b) To reveal a secret accidentally
- (c) To set someone free
- (d) To cause panic

Correct Answer: (b) To reveal a secret accidentally — *Explanation: To unintentionally reveal a secret.*

Q28. What is the meaning of the idiom "Miss the boat"?

- (a) To miss a travel opportunity
- (b) To miss an opportunity or chance
- (c) To arrive late at a port
- (d) To fail a swimming test

Correct Answer: (b) To miss an opportunity or chance — *Explanation: To be too slow to take advantage of an opportunity.*

Q29. What is the meaning of the idiom "On the fence"?

- (a) To build a border
- (b) To be undecided between options
- (c) To sit comfortably
- (d) To protect oneself

Correct Answer: (b) To be undecided between options — *Explanation: To remain neutral or unable to make a choice between two sides.*

Q30. What is the meaning of the idiom "Pull someone's leg"?

- (a) To trip someone up
- (b) To joke or tease someone playfully
- (c) To injure someone
- (d) To drag someone along

Correct Answer: (b) To joke or tease someone playfully — *Explanation: To playfully trick or tease someone by telling them something untrue.*

Q31. What is the meaning of the idiom "Shape up or ship out"?

- (a) To exercise regularly
- (b) To improve performance or leave
- (c) To pack for a journey
- (d) To redesign a product

Correct Answer: (b) To improve performance or leave — *Explanation: A warning to improve one's behavior/work or face removal.*

Q32. What is the meaning of the idiom "Steal someone's thunder"?

- (a) To take credit for someone else's achievements
- (b) To cause a storm
- (c) To speak very loudly
- (d) To interrupt a meeting

Correct Answer: (a) To take credit for someone else's achievements — *Explanation: To take attention or praise away from someone by doing or saying what they intended.*

Q33. What is the meaning of the idiom "Take it with a grain of salt"?

- (a) To eat seasoned food
- (b) To view something with skepticism
- (c) To accept blindly
- (d) To add detail to a story

Correct Answer: (b) To view something with skepticism — *Explanation: To remain skeptical and not completely believe what you are told.*

Q34. What is the meaning of the idiom "Throw in the towel"?

- (a) To clean up a mess
- (b) To surrender or give up
- (c) To take a shower
- (d) To challenge an opponent

Correct Answer: (b) To surrender or give up — *Explanation: To admit defeat or quit trying.*

Q35. What is the meaning of the idiom "Under the weather"?

- (a) In bad weather conditions
- (b) Slightly unwell or sick
- (c) Unemployed
- (d) Depressed due to rain

Correct Answer: (b) Slightly unwell or sick — *Explanation: Feeling slightly sick, indisposed, or ill.*

Q36. What is the meaning of the idiom "Wild goose chase"?

- (a) A foolish or hopeless search
- (b) A successful hunting trip
- (c) A fast race
- (d) A bird watching tour

Correct Answer: (a) A foolish or hopeless search — *Explanation: A futile or hopeless pursuit of something unattainable.*

Q37. What is the meaning of the idiom "You can't judge a book by its cover"?

- (a) Books should be read fully
- (b) Outward appearance can be misleading
- (c) Covers are always plain
- (d) Reading is a good habit

Correct Answer: (b) Outward appearance can be misleading — *Explanation: You should not form an opinion about someone/something based purely on appearance.*

Q38. What is the meaning of the idiom "At the drop of a hat"?

- (a) Without any hesitation or instantly
- (b) When someone loses a hat
- (c) Very slowly
- (d) Accidentally

Correct Answer: (a) Without any hesitation or instantly — *Explanation: To do something immediately without any delay or hesitation.*

Q39. What is the meaning of the idiom "Back to square one"?

- (a) Having to start again from the beginning
- (b) Moving forward rapidly
- (c) Solving a puzzle
- (d) Reaching the target

Correct Answer: (a) Having to start again from the beginning — *Explanation: Returning to the initial stage after a failed effort.*

Q40. What is the meaning of the idiom "Burn bridges"?

- (a) To destroy property
- (b) To permanently sever relationships or ties
- (c) To cross a river safely
- (d) To build new roads

Correct Answer: (b) To permanently sever relationships or ties — *Explanation: To act in a way that destroys relationships or options permanently.*

Q41. What is the meaning of the idiom "Cut corners"?

- (a) To take shortcuts to save time or money, often reducing quality
- (b) To shape a piece of wood
- (c) To drive safely around bends
- (d) To economize wisely

Correct Answer: (a) To take shortcuts to save time or money, often reducing quality — *Explanation: To do something in the easiest, cheapest, or fastest way, compromising quality.*

Q42. What is the meaning of the idiom "Devil's advocate"?

- (a) A person who supports evil
- (b) Someone who presents a counterargument for the sake of debate
- (c) A defense lawyer
- (d) An dishonest advisor

Correct Answer: (b) Someone who presents a counterargument for the sake of debate — *Explanation: Someone who takes an opposing view to test the strength of an argument.*

Q43. What is the meaning of the idiom "Don't put all your eggs in one basket"?

- (a) Don't carry food together
- (b) Don't risk everything on a single venture
- (c) Store items carefully
- (d) Be frugal with spending

Correct Answer: (b) Don't risk everything on a single venture — *Explanation: Advise against concentrating all resources in one area due to high risk.*

Q44. What is the meaning of the idiom "Feather in one's cap"?

- (a) An accomplishment to be proud of
- (b) A fancy hat accessory
- (c) A light punishment
- (d) A foolish deed

Correct Answer: (a) An accomplishment to be proud of — *Explanation: An achievement or honor that brings pride and recognition.*

Q45. What is the meaning of the idiom "Go the extra mile"?

- (a) To travel long distances
- (b) To make extra effort beyond what is required
- (c) To run in a marathon
- (d) To lose one's way

Correct Answer: (b) To make extra effort beyond what is required — *Explanation: To make a special effort to achieve or achieve something beyond expectations.*

Q46. What is the meaning of the idiom "In the heat of the moment"?

- (a) During warm weather
- (b) Overcome by emotion in a temporary situation
- (c) In a burning building
- (d) After much deliberation

Correct Answer: (b) Overcome by emotion in a temporary situation — *Explanation: Doing or saying something driven by strong emotion without thinking clearly.*

Q47. What is the meaning of the idiom "Keep your chin up"?

- (a) To look upwards
- (b) To remain hopeful in difficult times
- (c) To hold a dignified pose
- (d) To be arrogant

Correct Answer: (b) To remain hopeful in difficult times — *Explanation: An encouragement to stay positive and cheerful despite trouble.*

Q48. What is the meaning of the idiom "Kill two birds with one stone"?

- (a) To hunt efficiently
- (b) To solve two problems with a single action
- (c) To cause unnecessary harm
- (d) To act recklessly

Correct Answer: (b) To solve two problems with a single action — *Explanation: To accomplish two different achievements or tasks at the same time with one action.*

Q49. What is the meaning of the idiom "Last straw"?

- (a) The final small problem that makes a situation unbearable
- (b) A drinking accessory
- (c) The weakest link in a chain
- (d) An insignificant detail

Correct Answer: (a) The final small problem that makes a situation unbearable — *Explanation: The final difficulty in a series that leads to a collapse or emotional outburst.*

Q50. What is the meaning of the idiom "Leave no stone unturned"?

- (a) To search thoroughly using every possible means
- (b) To clean up a garden
- (c) To build a stone wall
- (d) To walk carefully

Correct Answer: (a) To search thoroughly using every possible means — *Explanation: To try every possible course of action to achieve a goal.*

Q51. What is the meaning of the idiom "Let sleeping dogs lie"?

- (a) To take care of pets
- (b) To avoid interfering in a situation that could cause trouble
- (c) To sleep peacefully
- (d) To ignore warnings

Correct Answer: (b) To avoid interfering in a situation that could cause trouble — *Explanation: To leave a situation alone to avoid renewed trouble or conflict.*

Q52. What is the meaning of the idiom "Make a long story short"?

- (a) To write a concise summary
- (b) To skip to the main point omitting details
- (c) To cut a book short
- (d) To tell a lie

Correct Answer: (b) To skip to the main point omitting details — *Explanation: To state the main point directly without unnecessary elaboration.*

Q53. What is the meaning of the idiom "Method to my madness"?

- (a) A logical plan behind seemingly crazy behavior
- (b) A mental illness
- (c) Doing things recklessly
- (d) A scientific experiment

Correct Answer: (a) A logical plan behind seemingly crazy behavior — *Explanation: Having a sensible, deliberate strategy even if actions appear chaotic.*

Q54. What is the meaning of the idiom "Off the hook"?

- (a) Released from blame, obligation, or difficulty
- (b) A fish that escaped
- (c) Disconnected telephone line
- (d) Out of danger permanently

Correct Answer: (a) Released from blame, obligation, or difficulty — *Explanation: To be freed from a difficult situation, responsibility, or suspicion.*

Q55. What is the meaning of the idiom "On the ball"?

- (a) Playing soccer well
- (b) Alert, quick to understand and react
- (c) Unstable or balanced precariously
- (d) Involved in sports

Correct Answer: (b) Alert, quick to understand and react — *Explanation: Being quick to comprehend, alert, and efficient.*

Q56. What is the meaning of the idiom "Once in a lifetime"?

- (a) An event happening every day
- (b) A rare and special opportunity
- (c) A tragic occurrence
- (d) A routine procedure

Correct Answer: (b) A rare and special opportunity — *Explanation: Something very special and unlikely to happen again.*

Q57. What is the meaning of the idiom "Pay through the nose"?

- (a) To pay an exorbitant or excessive price
- (b) To suffer a nosebleed
- (c) To pay in cash
- (d) To refuse payment

Correct Answer: (a) To pay an exorbitant or excessive price — *Explanation: To pay far more for something than its actual value.*

Q58. What is the meaning of the idiom "Penny for your thoughts"?

- (a) Asking someone what they are thinking
- (b) Offering a small bribe
- (c) Paying for a service
- (d) Valuing someone's opinion cheaply

Correct Answer: (a) Asking someone what they are thinking — *Explanation: A friendly way of asking someone what is on their mind.*

Q59. What is the meaning of the idiom "Picture is worth a thousand words"?

- (a) Art is expensive
- (b) A visual image conveys complex ideas better than words
- (c) Words are meaningless
- (d) Photography is difficult

Correct Answer: (b) A visual image conveys complex ideas better than words — *Explanation: Complex ideas or emotions can be expressed clearly with a single image.*

Q60. What is the meaning of the idiom "Pull yourself together"?

- (a) To dress neatly
- (b) To regain self-control and composure
- (c) To gather your belongings
- (d) To seek medical help

Correct Answer: (b) To regain self-control and composure — *Explanation: To calm down and control one's emotions after being upset.*

Q61. What is the meaning of the idiom "Rain on someone's parade"?

- (a) To bring umbrella
- (b) To spoil someone's plans or enthusiasm
- (c) To cause bad weather
- (d) To celebrate in the rain

Correct Answer: (b) To spoil someone's plans or enthusiasm — *Explanation: To ruin someone's pleasure or plans.*

Q62. What is the meaning of the idiom "Rock the boat"?

- (a) To navigate rough seas
- (b) To disturb a comfortable situation or cause trouble
- (c) To row vigorously
- (d) To enjoy a boat ride

Correct Answer: (b) To disturb a comfortable situation or cause trouble — *Explanation: To do or say something that upsets a stable situation or balance.*

Q63. What is the meaning of the idiom "Saving for a rainy day"?

- (a) Putting away money for future unexpected needs
- (b) Buying an umbrella
- (c) Waiting for monsoon
- (d) Hoarding water

Correct Answer: (a) Putting away money for future unexpected needs — *Explanation: Reserving money or resources for potential emergencies or tough times.*

Q64. What is the meaning of the idiom "See eye to eye"?

- (a) To stare at someone
- (b) To agree completely with someone
- (c) To have good eyesight
- (d) To face an enemy

Correct Answer: (b) To agree completely with someone — *Explanation: To be in full agreement with another person.*

Q65. What is the meaning of the idiom "Shed crocodile tears"?

- (a) To cry genuinely
- (b) To display fake or insincere sorrow
- (c) To be attacked by reptiles
- (d) To show great grief

Correct Answer: (b) To display fake or insincere sorrow — *Explanation: To feign sorrow or sadness that one does not actually feel.*

Q66. What is the meaning of the idiom "Sit on the fence"?

- (a) To occupy a high seat
- (b) To avoid taking a side in a conflict
- (c) To guard a boundary
- (d) To rest after work

Correct Answer: (b) To avoid taking a side in a conflict — *Explanation: To refuse to take a firm side in an argument or decision.*

Q67. What is the meaning of the idiom "Slow and steady wins the race"?

- (a) Consistent, patient effort brings success
- (b) Speed is all that matters
- (c) Sluggishness is good
- (d) Running fast causes failure

Correct Answer: (a) Consistent, patient effort brings success — *Explanation: Persistent, continuous effort is more reliable than sporadic speed.*

Q68. What is the meaning of the idiom "Spill the tea"?

- (a) To drop a warm beverage
- (b) To share gossip or confidential news
- (c) To host a tea party
- (d) To ruin a table setting

Correct Answer: (b) To share gossip or confidential news — *Explanation: Slang meaning to share secret or dramatic gossip.*

Q69. What is the meaning of the idiom "Straight from the horse's mouth"?

- (a) From an unreliable rumor
- (b) From the original or highest authoritative source
- (c) An animal trainer's advice
- (d) A dentist's report

Correct Answer: (b) From the original or highest authoritative source — *Explanation: Information received directly from the person directly involved or authoritative source.*

Q70. What is the meaning of the idiom "Take a rain check"?

- (a) To check weather forecasts
- (b) To politely decline an offer now but defer it to later
- (c) To cancel a flight
- (d) To postpone indefinitely without promise

Correct Answer: (b) To politely decline an offer now but defer it to later — *Explanation: To postpone accepting an invitation or offer until a future time.*

Q71. What is the meaning of the idiom "Take with a pinch of salt"?

- (a) To add seasoning
- (b) To doubt the total truth of a statement
- (c) To swallow medicine
- (d) To accept without question

Correct Answer: (b) To doubt the total truth of a statement — *Explanation: To regard a statement with skepticism or caution.*

Q72. What is the meaning of the idiom "The elephant in the room"?

- (a) A large pet in the house
- (b) An obvious major problem that everyone avoids discussing
- (c) A zoo exhibition
- (d) A heavy piece of furniture

Correct Answer: (b) An obvious major problem that everyone avoids discussing — *Explanation: An obvious problem or sensitive topic that people avoid talking about.*

Q73. What is the meaning of the idiom "Through the grapevine"?

- (a) From agricultural reports
- (b) Through informal rumors or gossip
- (c) Via written letters
- (d) Through official announcements

Correct Answer: (b) Through informal rumors or gossip — *Explanation: Hearing news or rumors through informal communication channels.*

Q74. What is the meaning of the idiom "To turn a blind eye"?

- (a) To lose eyesight
- (b) To deliberately ignore something bad
- (c) To look away in fear
- (d) To blink rapidly

Correct Answer: (b) To deliberately ignore something bad — *Explanation: To knowingly ignore something illegal, wrong, or improper.*

Q75. What is the meaning of the idiom "To turn over a new leaf"?

- (a) To change pages in a book
- (b) To start behaving in a better way
- (c) To clean up dry leaves
- (d) To start a garden

Correct Answer: (b) To start behaving in a better way — *Explanation: To reform one's conduct and make a fresh, positive start.*

Q76. What is the meaning of the idiom "Under a cloud"?

- (a) In rainy weather
- (b) Under suspicion or disgrace
- (c) Flying in an airplane
- (d) Feeling cheerful

Correct Answer: (b) Under suspicion or disgrace — *Explanation: To be viewed with suspicion, distrust, or dishonor.*

Q77. What is the meaning of the idiom "Up in the air"?

- (a) Flying high
- (b) Unresolved or uncertain
- (c) Exaggerated
- (d) In the atmosphere

Correct Answer: (b) Unresolved or uncertain — *Explanation: Refers to plans or matters that remain undecided or unsettled.*

Q78. What is the meaning of the idiom "Weather the storm"?

- (a) To survive a difficult period
- (b) To stay indoors during rain
- (c) To predict the weather
- (d) To face a thunderstorm

Correct Answer: (a) To survive a difficult period — *Explanation: To endure and survive a challenging situation or hardship.*

Q79. What is the meaning of the idiom "Well-oiled machine"?

- (a) An engine with fresh lubricant
- (b) A system operating smoothly and efficiently
- (c) A factory worker
- (d) An expensive car

Correct Answer: (b) A system operating smoothly and efficiently — *Explanation: An organization, unit, or group that functions extremely well.*

Q80. What is the meaning of the idiom "When pigs fly"?

- (a) A common agricultural event
- (b) Something that will never happen
- (c) Early in the morning
- (d) When strange events occur

Correct Answer: (b) Something that will never happen — *Explanation: An idiom expressing that something is completely impossible.*

Q81. What is the meaning of the idiom "White elephant"?

- (a) A rare albino animal
- (b) A possession that is expensive to maintain and useless
- (c) A sacred symbol
- (d) A grand gift

Correct Answer: (b) A possession that is expensive to maintain and useless — *Explanation: A burdensome, costly possession that yields no practical utility.*

Q82. What is the meaning of the idiom "Wipe the slate clean"?

- (a) To clean a chalkboard
- (b) To forget past mistakes and make a fresh start
- (c) To pay off a bill
- (d) To cancel an examination

Correct Answer: (b) To forget past mistakes and make a fresh start — *Explanation: To forgive past errors or debts and start over without bias.*

Q83. What is the meaning of the idiom "Wolf in sheep's clothing"?

- (a) An animal hybrid
- (b) A dangerous person pretending to be harmless
- (c) A disguised actor
- (d) A timid person

Correct Answer: (b) A dangerous person pretending to be harmless — *Explanation: An enemy who hides malicious intent behind a friendly appearance.*

Q84. What is the meaning of the idiom "Wrap your head around something"?

- (a) To wear a headscarf
- (b) To understand or comprehend a complex concept
- (c) To feel dizzy
- (d) To think endlessly

Correct Answer: (b) To understand or comprehend a complex concept — *Explanation: To succeed in understanding something difficult or complicated.*

Q85. What is the meaning of the idiom "A bolt from the blue"?

- (a) A blue lightning bolt
- (b) A sudden and unexpected event
- (c) A blue painted fastener
- (d) A weather phenomenon

Correct Answer: (b) A sudden and unexpected event — *Explanation: A complete surprise or unexpected shock.*

Q86. What is the meaning of the idiom "A dime a dozen"?

- (a) Very rare and valuable
- (b) Very common and of low value
- (c) A cheap purchase
- (d) Ten cents per dozen

Correct Answer: (b) Very common and of low value — *Explanation: Anything that is very common and easy to obtain.*

Q87. What is the meaning of the idiom "A drop in the bucket"?

- (a) A tiny amount compared to what is needed
- (b) A full bucket of water
- (c) A small leak
- (d) A precise measurement

Correct Answer: (a) A tiny amount compared to what is needed — *Explanation: A very small portion that has little effect on a larger whole.*

Q88. What is the meaning of the idiom "A hard nut to crack"?

- (a) A tough seed shell
- (b) A difficult problem or stubborn person
- (c) A physical exercise
- (d) An expensive snack

Correct Answer: (b) A difficult problem or stubborn person — *Explanation: A problem that is very difficult to solve or a person hard to understand.*

Q89. What is the meaning of the idiom "A house of cards"?

- (a) A cardboard building
- (b) A fragile structure or plan prone to easy collapse
- (c) A casino establishment
- (d) A strong foundation

Correct Answer: (b) A fragile structure or plan prone to easy collapse — *Explanation: An arrangement or scheme that is insecure and easily destroyed.*

Q90. What is the meaning of the idiom "A leopard cannot change its spots"?

- (a) Animals stay the same
- (b) A person cannot change their essential character
- (c) Patterns remain fixed
- (d) Nature is permanent

Correct Answer: (b) A person cannot change their essential character — *Explanation: One cannot change one's fundamental nature or character traits.*

Q91. What is the meaning of the idiom "A penny saved is a penny earned"?

- (a) Small savings accumulate into wealth
- (b) Money loses value
- (c) Pennies are rare
- (d) Earning is better than saving

Correct Answer: (a) Small savings accumulate into wealth — *Explanation: Saving money is just as valuable as earning extra money.*

Q92. What is the meaning of the idiom "A red-letter day"?

- (a) A day marked in red ink
- (b) A memorable, happy, or significant day
- (c) A day of danger
- (d) A holiday for writing letters

Correct Answer: (b) A memorable, happy, or significant day — *Explanation: An important, joyful, or auspicious day worth remembering.*

Q93. What is the meaning of the idiom "A shot in the dark"?

- (a) A midnight gunshot
- (b) A wild guess without evidence
- (c) A dangerous attempt
- (d) A nighttime adventure

Correct Answer: (b) A wild guess without evidence — *Explanation: An attempt or guess made without any facts or certainty.*

Q94. What is the meaning of the idiom "A taste of one's own medicine"?

- (a) Taking bitter drugs
- (b) Experiencing the same unpleasant treatment one gave others
- (c) A doctor's prescription
- (d) A fair punishment

Correct Answer: (b) Experiencing the same unpleasant treatment one gave others — *Explanation: Receiving the same negative treatment that one has inflicted on others.*

Q95. What is the meaning of the idiom "Acid test"?

- (a) A chemical reaction experiment
- (b) A definitive test of quality or value
- (c) A dangerous situation
- (d) A sour taste test

Correct Answer: (b) A definitive test of quality or value — *Explanation: A decisive test that proves the true worth, effectiveness, or authenticity.*

Q96. What is the meaning of the idiom "Actions speak louder than words"?

- (a) Talk is expensive
- (b) What people do matters more than what they say
- (c) Shouting is effective
- (d) Speeches are unnecessary

Correct Answer: (b) What people do matters more than what they say — *Explanation: People's intentions and character are shown by actions, not promises.*

Q97. What is the meaning of the idiom "Add insult to injury"?

- (a) To physically harm an injured person
- (b) To worsen a defeat with mockery or additional harm
- (c) To apologize insincerely
- (d) To medical treatment

Correct Answer: (b) To worsen a defeat with mockery or additional harm — *Explanation: To make a bad situation worse by being disrespectful or hurtful.*

Q98. What is the meaning of the idiom "All ears"?

- (a) Having large ears
- (b) Eagerly waiting to listen
- (c) Surrounded by sound
- (d) Hard of hearing

Correct Answer: (b) Eagerly waiting to listen — *Explanation: Listening attentively and enthusiastically.*

Q99. What is the meaning of the idiom "All thumbs"?

- (a) Having extra digits
- (b) Clumsy or awkward with one's hands
- (c) Good at handcrafts
- (d) Enthusiastic

Correct Answer: (b) Clumsy or awkward with one's hands — *Explanation: Awkward and clumsy in physical handling or dexterity.*

Q100. What is the meaning of the idiom "At a loss for words"?

- (a) Uncertain what to say due to shock or surprise
- (b) Unable to speak a language
- (c) Losing one's vocabulary
- (d) Silent by choice

Correct Answer: (a) Uncertain what to say due to shock or surprise — *Explanation: Speechless because of surprise, shock, or confusion.*

Q101. What is the meaning of the idiom "At arm's length"?

- (a) Measuring distance
- (b) Maintaining a safe distance socially or emotionally
- (c) Holding something far
- (d) Stretching exercises

Correct Answer: (b) Maintaining a safe distance socially or emotionally — *Explanation: Avoiding emotional intimacy or close contact with someone.*

Q102. What is the meaning of the idiom "At daggers drawn"?

- (a) Holding sharp weapons
- (b) In state of bitter hostility or enmity
- (c) Ready for a duel
- (d) Slicing food

Correct Answer: (b) In state of bitter hostility or enmity — *Explanation: Engaged in extreme hostility, enmity, or hatred.*

Q103. What is the meaning of the idiom "At sixes and sevens"?

- (a) In numerical order
- (b) In a state of confusion or disorder
- (c) At a sports match
- (d) On schedule

Correct Answer: (b) In a state of confusion or disorder — *Explanation: A state of total confusion, disorder, or disarray.*

Q104. What is the meaning of the idiom "At the eleventh hour"?

- (a) At 11:00 AM
- (b) At the last possible moment
- (c) Late at night
- (d) Before time

Correct Answer: (b) At the last possible moment — *Explanation: Happening at the latest possible time before a deadline.*

Q105. What is the meaning of the idiom "At loggerheads"?

- (a) Working together in woodcutting
- (b) In strong disagreement or dispute
- (c) Tied to logs
- (d) In complete harmony

Correct Answer: (b) In strong disagreement or dispute — *Explanation: In violent disagreement or direct conflict with someone.*

Q106. What is the meaning of the idiom "Be in the same boat"?

- (a) To travel together by sea
- (b) To share the same difficult situation
- (c) To enjoy a cruise
- (d) To compete in rowing

Correct Answer: (b) To share the same difficult situation — *Explanation: Facing the exact same difficult circumstances as others.*

Q107. What is the meaning of the idiom "Beat around the bush"?

- (a) To trim hedges
- (b) To avoid discussing the main topic directly
- (c) To search in woods
- (d) To speak softly

Correct Answer: (b) To avoid discussing the main topic directly — *Explanation: Avoiding direct discussion of a central or sensitive topic.*

Q108. What is the meaning of the idiom "Bed of roses"?

- (a) A luxurious garden
- (b) A comfortable and easy situation or life
- (c) A romantic gesture
- (d) A painful setup

Correct Answer: (b) A comfortable and easy situation or life — *Explanation: A situation or life condition that is easy, comfortable, and pleasant.*

Q109. What is the meaning of the idiom "Behind closed doors"?

- (a) In a locked room
- (b) In secret or private without public knowledge
- (c) Behind a wooden barrier
- (d) In prison

Correct Answer: (b) In secret or private without public knowledge — *Explanation: Done privately or secretly away from public observation.*

Q110. What is the meaning of the idiom "Bite the dust"?

- (a) To get dirty
- (b) To die, fail, or be defeated
- (c) To fall off a horse
- (d) To eat poor food

Correct Answer: (b) To die, fail, or be defeated — *Explanation: To suffer defeat, fail completely, or die.*

Q111. What is the meaning of the idiom "Blessing in disguise"?

- (a) A hidden curse
- (b) Something good that at first seemed bad
- (c) A religious boon
- (d) A secret gift

Correct Answer: (b) Something good that at first seemed bad — *Explanation: An apparent misfortune that eventually brings good results.*

Q112. What is the meaning of the idiom "Blood is thicker than water"?

- (a) Blood has higher density
- (b) Family relationships are stronger than other bonds
- (c) Liquid measurements
- (d) Loyalty to friends

Correct Answer: (b) Family relationships are stronger than other bonds — *Explanation: Family ties and blood relations take precedence over other bonds.*

Q113. What is the meaning of the idiom "Blow one's own trumpet"?

- (a) To play a brass instrument
- (b) To boast or praise oneself publicly
- (c) To make loud noise
- (d) To perform in a band

Correct Answer: (b) To boast or praise oneself publicly — *Explanation: To self-aggrandize or boast about one's own achievements.*

Q114. What is the meaning of the idiom "Blue blood"?

- (a) Aristocratic or royal lineage
- (b) A medical condition
- (c) Venous blood
- (d) Noble thoughts

Correct Answer: (a) Aristocratic or royal lineage — *Explanation: Belonging to a noble, royal, or aristocratic family.*

Q115. What is the meaning of the idiom "Break a leg"?

- (a) Suffer an injury
- (b) Good luck (wished to performers)
- (c) Fail an exam
- (d) Run very fast

Correct Answer: (b) Good luck (wished to performers) — *Explanation: A theatrical idiom used to wish good luck to performers.*

Q116. What is the meaning of the idiom "Burn the candle at both ends"?

- (a) To illuminate a room
- (b) To exhaust oneself by working late and rising early
- (c) To waste wax
- (d) To work in shifts

Correct Answer: (b) To exhaust oneself by working late and rising early — *Explanation: To overwork oneself continuously without adequate rest.*

Q117. What is the meaning of the idiom "Bury the hatchet"?

- (a) To hide a tool
- (b) To make peace and end a quarrel
- (c) To dig a hole
- (d) To prepare for war

Correct Answer: (b) To make peace and end a quarrel — *Explanation: To stop fighting or arguing and settle differences peacefully.*

Q118. What is the meaning of the idiom "By fits and starts"?

- (a) With regular energy
- (b) Irregularly or spasmodically
- (c) Without stopping
- (d) Very rapidly

Correct Answer: (b) Irregularly or spasmodically — *Explanation: In an inconsistent, intermittent, or irregular manner.*

Q119. What is the meaning of the idiom "By hook or by crook"?

- (a) Using fishing tools
- (b) By any means necessary, fair or foul
- (c) By honest work
- (d) Through legal channels

Correct Answer: (b) By any means necessary, fair or foul — *Explanation: Achieving a goal using whatever method required, whether legal or illegal.*

Q120. What is the meaning of the idiom "Call a spade a spade"?

- (a) To dig in dirt
- (b) To speak plainly and directly without sugarcoating
- (c) To name tools correctly
- (d) To insult someone

Correct Answer: (b) To speak plainly and directly without sugarcoating — *Explanation: To describe something truthfully and bluntly, even if unpleasant.*

Q121. What is the meaning of the idiom "Carry the day"?

- (a) To win or achieve success
- (b) To work all day long
- (c) To carry a heavy burden
- (d) To endure daytime heat

Correct Answer: (a) To win or achieve success — *Explanation: To win a victory, triumph, or gain widespread approval.*

Q122. What is the meaning of the idiom "Cast pearls before swine"?

- (a) To feed animals luxury food
- (b) To offer valuable things to those who cannot appreciate them
- (c) To farm pigs
- (d) To waste money

Correct Answer: (b) To offer valuable things to those who cannot appreciate them — *Explanation: Offering precious or refined things to people who do not value them.*

Q123. What is the meaning of the idiom "Catch red-handed"?

- (a) To catch someone with red paint
- (b) To catch someone in the middle of committing a crime
- (c) To catch an injured person
- (d) To stop a speeding car

Correct Answer: (b) To catch someone in the middle of committing a crime — *Explanation: To discover someone while they are actively committing an illegal act.*

Q124. What is the meaning of the idiom "Chew the cud"?

- (a) To eat grass
- (b) To ponder or reflect deeply upon something
- (c) To speak slowly
- (d) To waste time

Correct Answer: (b) To ponder or reflect deeply upon something — *Explanation: To meditate, ponder, or think deeply about a subject.*

Q125. What is the meaning of the idiom "Clean sweep"?

- (a) To sweep the floor well
- (b) A complete and total victory or elimination
- (c) A maid's task
- (d) A clear sky

Correct Answer: (b) A complete and total victory or elimination — *Explanation: A decisive, complete victory or total removal of competitors.*

Q126. What is the meaning of the idiom "Cock and bull story"?

- (a) A farm fable
- (b) An absurd and unbelievable story or excuse
- (c) A children's tale
- (d) A poultry report

Correct Answer: (b) An absurd and unbelievable story or excuse — *Explanation: An improbable, unbelievable narrative used as an excuse.*

Q127. What is the meaning of the idiom "Cold shoulder"?

- (a) An icy physical contact
- (b) Intentional coldness or deliberate snub
- (c) A frozen meal
- (d) A shoulder injury

Correct Answer: (b) Intentional coldness or deliberate snub — *Explanation: A deliberate display of indifference or rejection toward someone.*

Q128. What is the meaning of the idiom "Come out of blue"?

- (a) To fall from sky
- (b) To happen unexpectedly without warning
- (c) To paint in blue
- (d) To emerge from water

Correct Answer: (b) To happen unexpectedly without warning — *Explanation: To occur completely unexpectedly or without advance notice.*

Q129. What is the meaning of the idiom "Cross that bridge when you come to it"?

- (a) Plan far in advance
- (b) Deal with a problem only when it actually arises
- (c) Build infrastructure
- (d) Avoid traveling

Correct Answer: (b) Deal with a problem only when it actually arises — *Explanation: Avoid worrying about a future difficulty until it actually happens.*

Q130. What is the meaning of the idiom "Cry over spilled milk"?

- (a) Worry about food
- (b) Regret past unchangeable events
- (c) Lament a small loss
- (d) Clean up a mess

Correct Answer: (b) Regret past unchangeable events — *Explanation: Worrying or complaining about past events that cannot be reversed.*

Q131. What is the meaning of the idiom "Cut to the chase"?

- (a) To start a car pursuit
- (b) To get to the point without wasting time
- (c) To edit a film
- (d) To run fast

Correct Answer: (b) To get to the point without wasting time — *Explanation: To focus directly on the essential matter without small talk.*

Q132. What is the meaning of the idiom "Dark horse"?

- (a) A black stallion
- (b) A little-known contestant who unexpectedly wins
- (c) A secret operation
- (d) A night rider

Correct Answer: (b) A little-known contestant who unexpectedly wins — *Explanation: A candidate or competitor about whom little is known but who unexpectedly succeeds.*

Q133. What is the meaning of the idiom "Dead heat"?

- (a) Extremely hot weather
- (b) A race in which two or more competitors finish exactly equal
- (c) A quiet desert
- (d) An engine failure

Correct Answer: (b) A race in which two or more competitors finish exactly equal — *Explanation: A tie finish in a contest or race where no winner can be separated.*

Q134. What is the meaning of the idiom "Die in harness"?

- (a) To die while working or before retirement
- (b) To die in a horse accident
- (c) To die in battle
- (d) To die of old age

Correct Answer: (a) To die while working or before retirement — *Explanation: To die while still actively engaged in one's profession or employment.*

Q135. What is the meaning of the idiom "Dog in the manger"?

- (a) A watch dog
- (b) A person who prevents others from enjoying what they cannot use
- (c) A farm animal
- (d) A selfish pet

Correct Answer: (b) A person who prevents others from enjoying what they cannot use — *Explanation: Someone who selfishly keeps others from using something they don't need.*

Q136. What is the meaning of the idiom "Don't count your chickens before they hatch"?

- (a) Don't sell eggs early
- (b) Don't assume success until it is fully realized
- (c) Count farm animals carefully
- (d) Wait for eggs to hatch

Correct Answer: (b) Don't assume success until it is fully realized — *Explanation: Do not rely on prospective good results before they actually happen.*

Q137. What is the meaning of the idiom "Double-edged sword"?

- (a) A sharp weapon
- (b) Something that has both favorable and unfavorable consequences
- (c) A dangerous duel
- (d) A flexible blade

Correct Answer: (b) Something that has both favorable and unfavorable consequences — *Explanation: A circumstance or option that carries both positive and negative aspects.*

Q138. What is the meaning of the idiom "Draw the line"?

- (a) To sketch a straight line
- (b) To set a strict boundary or limit
- (c) To end a game
- (d) To divide land

Correct Answer: (b) To set a strict boundary or limit — *Explanation: To establish a definitive limit beyond which one refuses to go.*

Q139. What is the meaning of the idiom "Eager beaver"?

- (a) A wild animal
- (b) An unusually keen and hardworking person
- (c) A fast swimmer
- (d) An impatient worker

Correct Answer: (b) An unusually keen and hardworking person — *Explanation: A highly energetic, enthusiastic, and hardworking individual.*

Q140. What is the meaning of the idiom "Elbow room"?

- (a) Room to stretch arms
- (b) Sufficient space to move or function comfortably
- (c) A wide hallway
- (d) A furniture arrangement

Correct Answer: (b) Sufficient space to move or function comfortably — *Explanation: Adequate physical or operational space to move freely.*

Q141. What is the meaning of the idiom "Face the music"?

- (a) To listen to an orchestra
- (b) To accept the unpleasant consequences of one's actions
- (c) To sing on stage
- (d) To confront an adversary

Correct Answer: (b) To accept the unpleasant consequences of one's actions — *Explanation: To accept responsibility and punishment for one's actions.*

Q142. What is the meaning of the idiom "Fair-weather friend"?

- (a) A friend who loves rain
- (b) A friend who supports you only during good times
- (c) A reliable companion
- (d) A weather forecaster

Correct Answer: (b) A friend who supports you only during good times — *Explanation: A person who stops being a friend when trouble or difficulty arises.*

Q143. What is the meaning of the idiom "Fall on deaf ears"?

- (a) To speak softly
- (b) To be completely ignored or disregarded
- (c) To suffer hearing loss
- (d) To argue in vain

Correct Answer: (b) To be completely ignored or disregarded — *Explanation: When suggestions or complaints are ignored or unheeded.*

Q144. What is the meaning of the idiom "Feather one's own nest"?

- (a) To build a bird cage
- (b) To enrich oneself dishonestly while in a position of trust
- (c) To decorate a home
- (d) To save money wisely

Correct Answer: (b) To enrich oneself dishonestly while in a position of trust — *Explanation: To make oneself wealthy through corrupt or self-serving practices.*

Q145. What is the meaning of the idiom "Fish out of water"?

- (a) A dead fish
- (b) A person in an unfamiliar and uncomfortable environment
- (c) A good swimmer
- (d) An aquatic species

Correct Answer: (b) A person in an unfamiliar and uncomfortable environment — *Explanation: Feeling awkward or out of place in a novel or unusual setting.*

Q146. What is the meaning of the idiom "Fly off the handle"?

- (a) To lose control of a tool
- (b) To suddenly become extremely angry
- (c) To fly an aircraft
- (d) To act foolishly

Correct Answer: (b) To suddenly become extremely angry — *Explanation: To lose one's temper suddenly and violently.*

Q147. What is the meaning of the idiom "Foot in the door"?

- (a) To block an entrance
- (b) A small initial step towards a larger goal
- (c) An injury while walking
- (d) An aggressive entry

Correct Answer: (b) A small initial step towards a larger goal — *Explanation: A small first success that creates a larger opportunity later.*

Q148. What is the meaning of the idiom "From pillar to post"?

- (a) From one building to another
- (b) From one place or difficulty to another endlessly
- (c) Direct travel
- (d) Moving furniture

Correct Answer: (b) From one place or difficulty to another endlessly — *Explanation: Driven or moved from one location or trouble to another repeatedly.*

Q149. What is the meaning of the idiom "Get a taste of your own medicine"?

- (a) Drink prescription drugs
- (b) Receive the same bad treatment you gave others
- (c) Taste sour food
- (d) Learn medical skills

Correct Answer: (b) Receive the same bad treatment you gave others — *Explanation: To experience the same unpleasant behavior one inflicts on others.*

Q150. What is the meaning of the idiom "Get cold feet"?

- (a) To have cold extremities
- (b) To become suddenly nervous or lose courage before an action
- (c) To go ice skating
- (d) To walk in snow

Correct Answer: (b) To become suddenly nervous or lose courage before an action — *Explanation: To experience a sudden loss of confidence or courage.*

Q151. What is the meaning of the idiom "Get the sack"?

- (a) To buy a gunny bag
- (b) To be dismissed or fired from a job
- (c) To pack for a trip
- (d) To sleep early

Correct Answer: (b) To be dismissed or fired from a job — *Explanation: To be fired or terminated from employment.*

Q152. What is the meaning of the idiom "Grasp at straws"?

- (a) To collect dry grass
- (b) To try desperate measures when facing failure
- (c) To drink a beverage
- (d) To make a weak point

Correct Answer: (b) To try desperate measures when facing failure — *Explanation: To attempt desperate, improbable remedies when in a dire situation.*

Q153. What is the meaning of the idiom "Grease the palm"?

- (a) To moisturize hands
- (b) To bribe someone
- (c) To work hard
- (d) To handle oily machinery

Correct Answer: (b) To bribe someone — *Explanation: To offer a bribe to someone to secure a favor or service.*

Q154. What is the meaning of the idiom "Green thumb"?

- (a) A stained thumb
- (b) A natural talent or skill for growing plants
- (c) An envy disorder
- (d) A gardener's injury

Correct Answer: (b) A natural talent or skill for growing plants — *Explanation: Having an exceptional ability or talent in gardening.*

Q155. What is the meaning of the idiom "Halcyon days"?

- (a) Stormy weather
- (b) A period of peace, happiness, and tranquility
- (c) Ancient history
- (d) Winter season

Correct Answer: (b) A period of peace, happiness, and tranquility — *Explanation: A peaceful, prosperous, and happy period in the past.*

Q156. What is the meaning of the idiom "Hang in there"?

- (a) To hang from a bar
- (b) To remain persistent during difficult times
- (c) To wait outside
- (d) To pause a game

Correct Answer: (b) To remain persistent during difficult times — *Explanation: An encouragement to remain patient and persistent in adversity.*

Q157. What is the meaning of the idiom "Hard nut to crack"?

- (a) A solid seed
- (b) A difficult problem or stubborn person
- (c) A tough exam
- (d) A broken tool

Correct Answer: (b) A difficult problem or stubborn person — *Explanation: A difficult person to convince or a tough problem to resolve.*

Q158. What is the meaning of the idiom "Have an axe to grind"?

- (a) To sharpen a tool
- (b) To have a private motive or personal grievance
- (c) To prepare for lumberjacking
- (d) To fight someone

Correct Answer: (b) To have a private motive or personal grievance — *Explanation: Having a selfish motive or a personal score to settle.*

Q159. What is the meaning of the idiom "In a nutshell"?

- (a) Inside a seed shell
- (b) Expressed in very few and clear words
- (c) In a small box
- (d) In an enclosed space

Correct Answer: (b) Expressed in very few and clear words — *Explanation: In summary; stated very briefly and directly.*

Q160. What is the meaning of the idiom "In high spirits"?

- (a) In a drunk state
- (b) In a state of great happiness and exuberance
- (c) In high altitude
- (d) In ghost stories

Correct Answer: (b) In a state of great happiness and exuberance — *Explanation: Feeling cheerful, joyful, and enthusiastic.*

Q161. What is the meaning of the idiom "In hot water"?

- (a) Taking a warm bath
- (b) In serious trouble or disgrace
- (c) Cooking food
- (d) In warm climate

Correct Answer: (b) In serious trouble or disgrace — *Explanation: In deep trouble, conflict, or facing severe criticism.*

Q162. What is the meaning of the idiom "In the nick of time"?

- (a) At an exact clock tick
- (b) Just barely in time before it is too late
- (c) At midnight
- (d) In an early hour

Correct Answer: (b) Just barely in time before it is too late — *Explanation: Just at the critical moment, barely before time expires.*

Q163. What is the meaning of the idiom "In the red"?

- (a) Written in red ink
- (b) In debt or operating at a financial loss
- (c) In a state of anger
- (d) In a danger zone

Correct Answer: (b) In debt or operating at a financial loss — *Explanation: Spending more money than earned; accumulating financial debt.*

Q164. What is the meaning of the idiom "In the same boat"?

- (a) Cruising together
- (b) Sharing the exact same difficult situation
- (c) Rowing in unison
- (d) Traveling abroad

Correct Answer: (b) Sharing the exact same difficult situation — *Explanation: In the same unpleasant or challenging predicament as others.*

Q165. What is the meaning of the idiom "Jack of all trades"?

- (a) A deck of cards
- (b) A person skilled in many different areas
- (c) A carpenter
- (d) A trader

Correct Answer: (b) A person skilled in many different areas — *Explanation: Someone who can do many different types of work proficiently.*

Q166. What is the meaning of the idiom "Keep at bay"?

- (a) To dock a ship
- (b) To keep something dangerous at a safe distance
- (c) To stay near the sea
- (d) To shout loudly

Correct Answer: (b) To keep something dangerous at a safe distance — *Explanation: To prevent someone or something from approaching or harming you.*

Q167. What is the meaning of the idiom "Keep your fingers crossed"?

- (a) To fold hands
- (b) To hope for good luck or a favorable outcome
- (c) To make a gesture
- (d) To lie to someone

Correct Answer: (b) To hope for good luck or a favorable outcome — *Explanation: Hoping for success or a positive result in an uncertain situation.*

Q168. What is the meaning of the idiom "Kick the bucket"?

- (a) To strike a container
- (b) To die (informal expression)
- (c) To start a fight
- (d) To drop water

Correct Answer: (b) To die (informal expression) — *Explanation: An informal or slang idiom meaning to pass away or die.*

Q169. What is the meaning of the idiom "Kill the goose that lays golden eggs"?

- (a) To hunt wild fowl
- (b) To destroy a dependable source of profit for immediate gain
- (c) To farm valuable birds
- (d) To make a foolish trade

Correct Answer: (b) To destroy a dependable source of profit for immediate gain — *Explanation: To greedily ruin a reliable source of ongoing income.*

Q170. What is the meaning of the idiom "Know the ropes"?

- (a) To tie knots correctly
- (b) To understand the details and procedures of a job
- (c) To work on a ship
- (d) To practice gymnastics

Correct Answer: (b) To understand the details and procedures of a job — *Explanation: To be thoroughly familiar with how a task or organization works.*

Q171. What is the meaning of the idiom "Lame excuse"?

- (a) An injured leg
- (b) A weak and unconvincing explanation
- (c) A late arrival
- (d) A quiet apology

Correct Answer: (b) A weak and unconvincing explanation — *Explanation: An explanation or apology that lacks credibility or strength.*

Q172. What is the meaning of the idiom "Laughing stock"?

- (a) A funny story
- (b) An object of general ridicule or mockery
- (c) A comedy show
- (d) A foolish mistake

Correct Answer: (b) An object of general ridicule or mockery — *Explanation: A person or thing that subjects themselves to public laughter/ridicule.*

Q173. What is the meaning of the idiom "Lead by the nose"?

- (a) To pull an animal
- (b) To control or dominate someone completely
- (c) To guide safely
- (d) To smell something

Correct Answer: (b) To control or dominate someone completely — *Explanation: To completely control or influence another person's actions.*

Q174. What is the meaning of the idiom "Leave in the lurch"?

- (a) To drop an object
- (b) To abandon someone in a difficult situation
- (c) To forget a promise
- (d) To leave early

Correct Answer: (b) To abandon someone in a difficult situation — *Explanation: To desert or abandon someone when they need support the most.*

Q175. What is the meaning of the idiom "Let the cat out of the bag"?

- (a) Release a trapped pet
- (b) Reveal a secret accidentally
- (c) Cause a panic
- (d) Unpack luggage

Correct Answer: (b) Reveal a secret accidentally — *Explanation: To inadvertently disclose private or secret information.*

Q176. What is the meaning of the idiom "Lick into shape"?

- (a) To wash something
- (b) To mold or train someone into good condition
- (c) To fix broken tools
- (d) To decorate nicely

Correct Answer: (b) To mold or train someone into good condition — *Explanation: To give form, discipline, or proper organization to something.*

Q177. What is the meaning of the idiom "Lion's share"?

- (a) A wild animal's food
- (b) The largest or major portion of something
- (c) A fierce struggle
- (d) A king's right

Correct Answer: (b) The largest or major portion of something — *Explanation: The majority or largest share of a total amount.*

Q178. What is the meaning of the idiom "Live hand to mouth"?

- (a) To feed oneself manually
- (b) To satisfy basic needs without saving money
- (c) To live in poverty
- (d) To eat poor quality food

Correct Answer: (b) To satisfy basic needs without saving money — *Explanation: To have barely enough money/food to survive with no savings.*

Q179. What is the meaning of the idiom "Lock, stock, and barrel"?

- (a) Parts of a gun
- (b) Completely, including every single part
- (c) A secure warehouse
- (d) In three phases

Correct Answer: (b) Completely, including every single part — *Explanation: In its entirety; completely without leaving anything out.*

Q180. What is the meaning of the idiom "Look before you leap"?

- (a) Watch your step
- (b) Think carefully about consequences before acting
- (c) Inspect a high place
- (d) Plan a journey

Correct Answer: (b) Think carefully about consequences before acting — *Explanation: Consider potential risks and results prior to taking action.*

Q181. What is the meaning of the idiom "Make a mountain out of a molehill"?

- (a) To build high structures
- (b) To exaggerate a minor problem greatly
- (c) To dig deep holes
- (d) To solve a big problem

Correct Answer: (b) To exaggerate a minor problem greatly — *Explanation: To treat a minor issue as if it were a major catastrophe.*

Q182. What is the meaning of the idiom "Make ends meet"?

- (a) To connect two ropes
- (b) To earn just enough money to cover basic expenses
- (c) To finish a task
- (d) To balance a scale

Correct Answer: (b) To earn just enough money to cover basic expenses — *Explanation: To earn sufficient income to sustain basic living requirements.*

Q183. What is the meaning of the idiom "Man of straw"?

- (a) A farm scarecrow
- (b) A person of weak character or no substance
- (c) A tall frail man
- (d) A temporary employee

Correct Answer: (b) A person of weak character or no substance — *Explanation: A weak, ineffective person without conviction or force.*

Q184. What is the meaning of the idiom "Mind one's P's and Q's"?

- (a) To study grammar
- (b) To be very careful about one's manners and behavior
- (c) To write neatly
- (d) To check details

Correct Answer: (b) To be very careful about one's manners and behavior — *Explanation: To exercise great care regarding personal manners and speech.*

Q185. What is the meaning of the idiom "Nip in the bud"?

- (a) To prune garden plants
- (b) To stop or destroy something at its very beginning
- (c) To harvest early
- (d) To prevent a bloom

Correct Answer: (b) To stop or destroy something at its very beginning — *Explanation: To suppress or halt a problem before it has time to develop.*

Q186. What is the meaning of the idiom "No pain, no gain"?

- (a) Suffering is bad
- (b) Hard work and suffering are required for progress
- (c) Exercise is painful
- (d) Victory brings pain

Correct Answer: (b) Hard work and suffering are required for progress — *Explanation: Success or achievement requires effort, sacrifice, or difficulty.*

Q187. What is the meaning of the idiom "Null and void"?

- (a) Empty and black
- (b) Having no legal force or binding effect; invalid
- (c) A deep abyss
- (d) Without reason

Correct Answer: (b) Having no legal force or binding effect; invalid — *Explanation: Lacking legal validity or effect; completely canceled.*

Q188. What is the meaning of the idiom "Off the record"?

- (a) Not recorded on audio
- (b) Not intended for public publication or quotation
- (c) Unofficial chat
- (d) Forgotten history

Correct Answer: (b) Not intended for public publication or quotation — *Explanation: Information given confidentially not meant to be published.*

Q189. What is the meaning of the idiom "On cloud nine"?

- (a) In high altitude
- (b) In a state of extreme happiness or elation
- (c) In a daydream
- (d) In bad weather

Correct Answer: (b) In a state of extreme happiness or elation — *Explanation: Feeling blissful, overjoyed, and ecstatic.*

Q190. What is the meaning of the idiom "On the spur of the moment"?

- (a) Riding a horse fast
- (b) Done spontaneously without prior planning
- (c) In a hurry
- (d) At the last second

Correct Answer: (b) Done spontaneously without prior planning — *Explanation: Impulsively; done on sudden impulse without deliberation.*

Q191. What is the meaning of the idiom "Once in a blue moon"?

- (a) Every full moon
- (b) Very rarely or almost never
- (c) During night shifts
- (d) Once a month

Correct Answer: (b) Very rarely or almost never — *Explanation: An event that happens on very rare occasions.*

Q192. What is the meaning of the idiom "Out of the frying pan into the fire"?

- (a) Cooking accident
- (b) From a bad situation into an even worse one
- (c) Escaping heat
- (d) Moving quickly

Correct Answer: (b) From a bad situation into an even worse one — *Explanation: Escaping one difficulty only to land in a far worse one.*

Q193. What is the meaning of the idiom "Out of the woods"?

- (a) Leaving a forest
- (b) Out of danger or critical difficulty
- (c) Lost in wilderness
- (d) Safe in nature

Correct Answer: (b) Out of danger or critical difficulty — *Explanation: Free from danger, illness, or severe hardship.*

Q194. What is the meaning of the idiom "Pay off old scores"?

- (a) To settle a bill
- (b) To take revenge for past wrongs
- (c) To achieve a high score
- (d) To forgive a debt

Correct Answer: (b) To take revenge for past wrongs — *Explanation: To exact revenge for past grievances or insults.*

Q195. What is the meaning of the idiom "Penny wise and pound foolish"?

- (a) Good with small coins
- (b) Prudent in small matters but wasteful in large ones
- (c) A stingy person
- (d) A smart investor

Correct Answer: (b) Prudent in small matters but wasteful in large ones — *Explanation: Extremely careful with small sums but foolishly careless with large ones.*

Q196. What is the meaning of the idiom "Play truant"?

- (a) To play games
- (b) To stay away from school or work without permission
- (c) To act dishonestly
- (d) To act in a play

Correct Answer: (b) To stay away from school or work without permission — *Explanation: To absent oneself from school or duties without leave.*

Q197. What is the meaning of the idiom "Poke one's nose into"?

- (a) To smell food
- (b) To meddle or intrude into others' affairs
- (c) To peer closely
- (d) To sneer at someone

Correct Answer: (b) To meddle or intrude into others' affairs — *Explanation: To interfere in matters that do not concern oneself.*

Q198. What is the meaning of the idiom "Pour oil on troubled waters"?

- (a) To cause pollution
- (b) To smooth over an argument and calm bad feelings
- (c) To light a lamp
- (d) To make matters worse

Correct Answer: (b) To smooth over an argument and calm bad feelings — *Explanation: To say or do something to soothe anger and restore peace.*

Q199. What is the meaning of the idiom "Pull the wool over someone's eyes"?

- (a) To cover face with fabric
- (b) To deceive or trick someone deliberately
- (c) To keep someone warm
- (d) To blindfold a person

Correct Answer: (b) To deceive or trick someone deliberately — *Explanation: To deceive or hoodwink someone so they don't see the truth.*

Q200. What is the meaning of the idiom "Put the cart before the horse"?

- (a) To drive dangerously
- (b) To do things in the wrong or reverse order
- (c) To load heavy goods
- (d) To make a mistake

Correct Answer: (b) To do things in the wrong or reverse order — *Explanation: To reverse the logical order or sequence of events.*

Q201. What is the meaning of the idiom "Rain cats and dogs"?

- (a) Animals falling down
- (b) To rain extremely heavily
- (c) A chaotic fight
- (d) A pet storm

Correct Answer: (b) To rain extremely heavily — *Explanation: To pour down rain very heavily and intensely.*

Q202. What is the meaning of the idiom "Red tape"?

- (a) A measuring tape
- (b) Excessive bureaucracy or rigid adherence to rules
- (c) Official ribbon
- (d) A dangerous zone

Correct Answer: (b) Excessive bureaucracy or rigid adherence to rules — *Explanation: Excessive administrative routine, bureaucracy, or formal rules.*

Q203. What is the meaning of the idiom "Run out of steam"?

- (a) A train breakdown
- (b) To lose energy, momentum, or enthusiasm
- (c) To stop an engine
- (d) To feel hot

Correct Answer: (b) To lose energy, momentum, or enthusiasm — *Explanation: To lose energy, drive, or interest in continuing an activity.*

Q204. What is the meaning of the idiom "Salt of the earth"?

- (a) A mineral resource
- (b) A fundamentally good, honest, and reliable person
- (c) A valuable trade item
- (d) A rural farmer

Correct Answer: (b) A fundamentally good, honest, and reliable person — *Explanation: An individual of great worth, honesty, and reliability.*

Q205. What is the meaning of the idiom "See eye to eye"?

- (a) Stare intensely
- (b) Agree entirely on an issue
- (c) Have clear vision
- (d) Face a rival

Correct Answer: (b) Agree entirely on an issue — *Explanation: To share the exact same opinion or views.*

Q206. What is the meaning of the idiom "Set the Thames on fire"?

- (a) To cause a chemical fire
- (b) To do something extraordinary or remarkable
- (c) To destroy property
- (d) To make a big scene

Correct Answer: (b) To do something extraordinary or remarkable — *Explanation: To accomplish something truly amazing or heroic.*

Q207. What is the meaning of the idiom "Sitting duck"?

- (a) A bird in water
- (b) An easy target for attack or deception
- (c) A patient person
- (d) A decoy

Correct Answer: (b) An easy target for attack or deception — *Explanation: A person or thing defenseless against an attack or trick.*

Q208. What is the meaning of the idiom "Smell a rat"?

- (a) To detect an odor
- (b) To suspect that something is wrong or treacherous
- (c) To catch a pest
- (d) To act dishonestly

Correct Answer: (b) To suspect that something is wrong or treacherous — *Explanation: To suspect deception, treason, or foul play.*

Q209. What is the meaning of the idiom "Spill the beans"?

- (a) Drop vegetables
- (b) Disclose secret information prematurely
- (c) Cook dinner
- (d) Make a blunder

Correct Answer: (b) Disclose secret information prematurely — *Explanation: To reveal confidential plans or secrets.*

Q210. What is the meaning of the idiom "Spick and span"?

- (a) A clean tool
- (b) Extremely clean, neat, and tidy
- (c) A fresh painting
- (d) Brand new clothes

Correct Answer: (b) Extremely clean, neat, and tidy — *Explanation: Spotlessly clean, organized, and tidy.*

Q211. What is the meaning of the idiom "Square peg in a round hole"?

- (a) A geometry puzzle
- (b) A person unsuited to their role or environment
- (c) An awkward object
- (d) A wrong decision

Correct Answer: (b) A person unsuited to their role or environment — *Explanation: An individual misfitted for their job or position.*

Q212. What is the meaning of the idiom "Steal a march on"?

- (a) To march fast
- (b) To gain an advantage over a rival secretly or early
- (c) To commit theft
- (d) To lead an army

Correct Answer: (b) To gain an advantage over a rival secretly or early — *Explanation: To gain an advantage over a rival before they realize it.*

Q213. What is the meaning of the idiom "Stem the tide"?

- (a) To stop sea waves
- (b) To halt or stop the spread of something bad
- (c) To row against current
- (d) To measure water level

Correct Answer: (b) To halt or stop the spread of something bad — *Explanation: To stop or delay the progress of a negative trend.*

Q214. What is the meaning of the idiom "Stick to one's guns"?

- (a) To hold a weapon
- (b) To maintain one's position or opinion despite pressure
- (c) To defend oneself
- (d) To shoot accurately

Correct Answer: (b) To maintain one's position or opinion despite pressure — *Explanation: To refuse to alter one's beliefs or plans under pressure.*

Q215. What is the meaning of the idiom "Storm in a teacup"?

- (a) A small whirlpool
- (b) Great excitement or outrage over a trivial matter
- (c) A hot beverage accident
- (d) A mini weather model

Correct Answer: (b) Great excitement or outrage over a trivial matter — *Explanation: Disproportionate anger or excitement over a minor issue.*

Q216. What is the meaning of the idiom "Straw in the wind"?

- (a) An airborne plant
- (b) A small sign indicating how a situation might develop
- (c) A light breeze
- (d) A weak argument

Correct Answer: (b) A small sign indicating how a situation might develop — *Explanation: A small indicator or hint of future trends or events.*

Q217. What is the meaning of the idiom "Take the bull by the horns"?

- (a) To wrestle livestock
- (b) To face a difficult situation directly and courageously
- (c) To act dangerously
- (d) To make a foolish choice

Correct Answer: (b) To face a difficult situation directly and courageously — *Explanation: To confront a tough problem head-on without fear.*

Q218. What is the meaning of the idiom "Tear one's hair out"?

- (a) To suffer hair loss
- (b) To be extremely anxious, frustrated, or stressed
- (c) To act crazy
- (d) To pull hard

Correct Answer: (b) To be extremely anxious, frustrated, or stressed — *Explanation: To be in a state of extreme distress, anxiety, or frustration.*

Q219. What is the meaning of the idiom "The tip of the iceberg"?

- (a) A floating ice block
- (b) A small visible part of a much larger hidden problem
- (c) A cold climate
- (d) A high mountain

Correct Answer: (b) A small visible part of a much larger hidden problem — *Explanation: A small, visible indication of a far larger underlying issue.*

Q220. What is the meaning of the idiom "Through thick and thin"?

- (a) In good and bad terrain
- (b) Under all circumstances, good and bad
- (c) Through heavy weather
- (d) In narrow places

Correct Answer: (b) Under all circumstances, good and bad — *Explanation: Remaining loyal through both good times and hardships.*

Q221. What is the meaning of the idiom "Throw cold water on"?

- (a) To splash someone
- (b) To discourage or dampen enthusiasm for a plan
- (c) To extinguish a fire
- (d) To clean up

Correct Answer: (b) To discourage or dampen enthusiasm for a plan — *Explanation: To discourage or express negativity toward an idea.*

Q222. What is the meaning of the idiom "Throw dust in one's eyes"?

- (a) To blindfold someone
- (b) To deceive or mislead someone
- (c) To cause irritation
- (d) To sweep a floor

Correct Answer: (b) To deceive or mislead someone — *Explanation: To confuse or mislead someone to prevent them from seeing truth.*

Q223. What is the meaning of the idiom "Tie the knot"?

- (a) To tie a strong rope
- (b) To get married
- (c) To secure a package
- (d) To make an agreement

Correct Answer: (b) To get married — *Explanation: A colloquial expression meaning to get married.*

Q224. What is the meaning of the idiom "To meet one's Waterloo"?

- (a) To visit Belgium
- (b) To suffer a final and decisive defeat
- (c) To fight in a war
- (d) To complete a journey

Correct Answer: (b) To suffer a final and decisive defeat — *Explanation: To encounter a final, fatal defeat or breakdown.*

Q225. What is the meaning of the idiom "To pay through the nose"?

- (a) To suffer an injury
- (b) To pay an exorbitant price
- (c) To pay in installments
- (d) To refuse payment

Correct Answer: (b) To pay an exorbitant price — *Explanation: To pay a far higher price than what is reasonable.*

Q226. What is the meaning of the idiom "To clear the air"?

- (a) To open windows
- (b) To remove tension or misunderstandings between people
- (c) To pollute less
- (d) To speak loudly

Correct Answer: (b) To remove tension or misunderstandings between people — *Explanation: To resolve tense feelings or clarify misunderstandings.*

Q227. What is the meaning of the idiom "To keep one's head"?

- (a) To stay alive
- (b) To remain calm and composed in a crisis
- (c) To hold head high
- (d) To think deeply

Correct Answer: (b) To remain calm and composed in a crisis — *Explanation: To stay calm and rational under pressure or danger.*

Q228. What is the meaning of the idiom "To lose one's head"?

- (a) To be beheaded
- (b) To lose self-control and panic or become enraged
- (c) To forget something
- (d) To act silly

Correct Answer: (b) To lose self-control and panic or become enraged — *Explanation: To lose emotional control or act irrationally in stress.*

Q229. What is the meaning of the idiom "To make a clean breast of"?

- (a) To wash oneself
- (b) To confess fully and make a clean admission
- (c) To act bravely
- (d) To clear a path

Correct Answer: (b) To confess fully and make a clean admission — *Explanation: To confess one's wrongdoing or secret completely.*

Q230. What is the meaning of the idiom "To play second fiddle"?

- (a) To play a violin
- (b) To take a subordinate or lesser role to someone
- (c) To assist a musician
- (d) To play poorly

Correct Answer: (b) To take a subordinate or lesser role to someone — *Explanation: To occupy a secondary or inferior position to another.*

Q231. What is the meaning of the idiom "To read between the lines"?

- (a) To scan a text fast
- (b) To perceive hidden or implied meanings
- (c) To read carefully
- (d) To fix printing errors

Correct Answer: (b) To perceive hidden or implied meanings — *Explanation: To understand implicit or underlying meanings not explicitly stated.*

Q232. What is the meaning of the idiom "To see red"?

- (a) To look at red colors
- (b) To become suddenly furious or enraged
- (c) To see blood
- (d) To stop at a signal

Correct Answer: (b) To become suddenly furious or enraged — *Explanation: To become extremely angry or lose one's temper.*

Q233. What is the meaning of the idiom "To smell a rat"?

- (a) To find a rodent
- (b) To suspect foul play or deception
- (c) To clean a house
- (d) To sense danger

Correct Answer: (b) To suspect foul play or deception — *Explanation: To suspect that something deceptive or dishonest is occurring.*

Q234. What is the meaning of the idiom "To take the high road"?

- (a) To drive on highway
- (b) To act morally and honorably despite provocation
- (c) To climb a mountain
- (d) To choose an easy path

Correct Answer: (b) To act morally and honorably despite provocation — *Explanation: To choose an ethical, noble course of conduct over petty revenge.*

Q235. What is the meaning of the idiom "To win hands down"?

- (a) To win without effort
- (b) To win easily and decisively
- (c) To play cards
- (d) To surrender

Correct Answer: (b) To win easily and decisively — *Explanation: To secure an easy, indisputable victory.*

Q236. What is the meaning of the idiom "To worship the rising sun"?

- (a) To do morning yoga
- (b) To honor or flatter someone who is coming into power
- (c) To pray at dawn
- (d) To admire nature

Correct Answer: (b) To honor or flatter someone who is coming into power — *Explanation: To flatter or support whoever is gaining power or success.*

Q237. What is the meaning of the idiom "Tooth and nail"?

- (a) With physical weapons
- (b) With great energy, ferocity, and determination
- (c) By biting and scratching
- (d) With full machinery

Correct Answer: (b) With great energy, ferocity, and determination — *Explanation: To fight or struggle with all one's resources and fierce determination.*

Q238. What is the meaning of the idiom "Touch and go"?

- (a) To land an airplane briefly
- (b) Precarious, uncertain, or risky situation
- (c) A quick interaction
- (d) A short distance

Correct Answer: (b) Precarious, uncertain, or risky situation — *Explanation: A dangerous or uncertain situation with an outcome in doubt.*

Q239. What is the meaning of the idiom "Turn a deaf ear"?

- (a) To lose hearing
- (b) To refuse deliberately to listen or obey
- (c) To listen poorly
- (d) To turn one's head away

Correct Answer: (b) To refuse deliberately to listen or obey — *Explanation: To intentionally ignore or refuse to pay attention to a request.*

Q240. What is the meaning of the idiom "Turn over a new leaf"?

- (a) Change book page
- (b) Begin again with better behavior
- (c) Clean the garden
- (d) Start a publication

Correct Answer: (b) Begin again with better behavior — *Explanation: To reform oneself and start fresh with better habits.*

Q241. What is the meaning of the idiom "Under the thumb of"?

- (a) Under a finger
- (b) Completely under the control or influence of someone
- (c) In a small space
- (d) Under heavy weight

Correct Answer: (b) Completely under the control or influence of someone — *Explanation: Subject to the strict control, influence, or authority of another.*

Q242. What is the meaning of the idiom "Up to the mark"?

- (a) Reaching a line
- (b) Meeting the required standard or quality
- (c) An exam grade
- (d) A high mark

Correct Answer: (b) Meeting the required standard or quality — *Explanation: Conforming to a required standard or level of quality.*

Q243. What is the meaning of the idiom "Vanity Fair"?

- (a) A fashion magazine
- (b) A scene of ostentation, folly, and worldly vanity
- (c) A carnival
- (d) A luxury hotel

Correct Answer: (b) A scene of ostentation, folly, and worldly vanity — *Explanation: A world or setting characterized by shallow, material ostentation.*

Q244. What is the meaning of the idiom "Vexed question"?

- (a) An easy puzzle
- (b) A much debated, difficult, and controversial topic
- (c) A illegal issue
- (d) A secret query

Correct Answer: (b) A much debated, difficult, and controversial topic — *Explanation: A problem or question that is widely disputed and hard to solve.*

Q245. What is the meaning of the idiom "Wash dirty linen in public"?

- (a) To laundry clothes outside
- (b) To discuss private quarrels or scandals publicly
- (c) To clean messy room
- (d) To commit crime publicly

Correct Answer: (b) To discuss private quarrels or scandals publicly — *Explanation: To expose private arguments or shameful family affairs to the public.*

Q246. What is the meaning of the idiom "Weather the storm"?

- (a) Predict bad weather
- (b) Endure a hardship or crisis successfully
- (c) Stay inside home
- (d) Fly through clouds

Correct Answer: (b) Endure a hardship or crisis successfully — *Explanation: To successfully endure a difficult or hazardous period.*

Q247. What is the meaning of the idiom "Wet behind the ears"?

- (a) Having wet hair
- (b) Young, inexperienced, or naive
- (c) Just took a bath
- (d) Very foolish

Correct Answer: (b) Young, inexperienced, or naive — *Explanation: Immature, lacking life experience or professional training.*

Q248. What is the meaning of the idiom "Wild goose chase"?

- (a) Hunting birds
- (b) A hopeless, foolish pursuit of something unobtainable
- (c) Fast running
- (d) Outdoor trip

Correct Answer: (b) A hopeless, foolish pursuit of something unobtainable — *Explanation: A futile search or pursuit of something impossible to achieve.*

Q249. What is the meaning of the idiom "With flying colors"?

- (a) Carrying colorful flags
- (b) With complete and outstanding success
- (c) In a fast aircraft
- (d) With artistic skill

Correct Answer: (b) With complete and outstanding success — *Explanation: Achieving victory, passing an exam, or finishing a task exceptionally well.*

Q250. What is the meaning of the idiom "Zero hour"?

- (a) Midnight exactly
- (b) The scheduled time for an important action or attack to begin
- (c) A period of rest
- (d) An initial hour

Correct Answer: (b) The scheduled time for an important action or attack to begin — *Explanation: The designated time set for a major, crucial operation to commence.*