

ENGLISH

Best Idioms & Phrases

QUESTIONS





Question	Options	Answers
1. Turn a blind eye	(a) Not able to see the obvious truth	C. 'Turn a blind eye' — Pretend not to notice.
	(b) Hide the ugly truth from someone	
	(c) Pretend not to notice	
	(d) Stay away from bad habits	
2. Up a blind alley	(a) Hiding something intentionally from another person	D. 'Up a blind alley' — Following a course of action that is certain to lead to an undesirable outcome.
	(b) Not warning a person who is in danger	
	(c) One can enjoy thrills only if one takes risk	
	(d) Following a course of action that is certain to lead to an undesirable outcome	
3. Blood is thicker than water	(a) Relations are more important than merit	C. 'Blood is thicker than water' — Family relationships and loyalties are the strongest and most important ones.
	(b) All crimes are not equal so punishment for murder is not same as that of theft	
	(c) Family relationships and loyalties are the strongest and most important ones	
	(d) Deceit from a family member hurts more than being cheated by strangers	
4. The squeaky wheel gets the grease	(a) The most noticeable problems are the ones most likely to get attention	A. 'The squeaky wheel gets the grease' — The most noticeable problems are the ones most likely to get attention.
	(b) One unfortunate child always keep getting punished	
	(c) The person who complains the most is hated the most	
	(d) The favorite child or student gets the most attention	

5. Run out of steam	(a) To lose impetus or enthusiasm	A. 'Run out of steam' — To lose impetus or enthusiasm.
	(b) To work quickly like a machine	
	(c) To give up easily	
	(d) No more money to spend	
6. To go for broke	(a) To risk everything in an all-out effort	A. 'To go for broke' — To risk everything in an all-out effort.



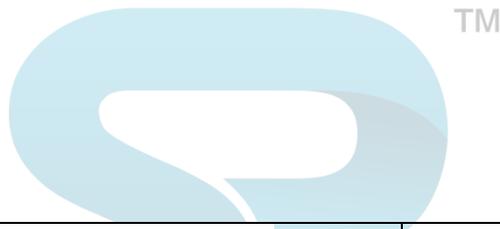
	(b) Failure in relationship or partnership	
	(c) Losing all money in an effort to revive a failing business	
	(d) To start again after failing in a business.	
7. To sleep with the fishes	(a) Always be in a dream world	D. 'To sleep with the fishes' — To be dead.
	(b) To make absurd excuses	
	(c) To sleep peacefully	
	(d) To be dead	
8. To go down like a lead balloon	(a) Losing all the money while gambling	D. 'To go down like a lead balloon' — A speech, proposal, or joke that is poorly received.
	(b) An idea on which one has a lot of hope, but it falls	
	(c) Failure in business or venture	
	(d) A speech, proposal, or joke that is poorly received	
9. To get one's walking papers	(a) One has the right to entry within a country or community	C. 'To get one's walking papers' — One can leave.
	(b) One is discharged from a hospital or mental asylum	
	(c) One can leave	
	(d) One is free of imprisonment	
10. There's no such thing as a free lunch	(a) It isn't possible to get something for nothing	A. 'There's no such thing as a free lunch' — It isn't possible to get something for nothing.
	(b) There is no genuine kindness in this world	
	(c) Even a mother will expect something for her love	
	(d) Those who are tempted by free things, end up spending more	
11. Beating around the bush	(a) Not accepting the real issue and solving minor problems	B. 'Beating around the bush' — To avoid getting to the point of an issue.
	(b) To avoid getting to the point of an issue	
	(c) To run around in circles and never accomplishing results	
	(d) Avoiding coming face to face with a problem, escaping	
12. To beat a dead horse	(a) To revive interest in hopeless issue	A. 'To beat a dead horse' — To revive interest in a hopeless issue.
	(b) A cruel master will expect a slave to work even after his death	



	(c) To extract everything from a resource till it fails	
	(d) Doing a cruel act	
13. To chew someone out	(a) To bore someone by talking ceaselessly	C. 'To chew someone out' — Reprimand someone severely.
	(b) To discourage someone who is going to start a new venture	
	(c) Reprimand someone severely	
	(d) To save someone	
14. To chip on his shoulder	(a) To have huge responsibilities on one's shoulders	D. 'To chip on his shoulder' — Holding a grudge or grievance that readily provokes a fight.
	(b) Uniform decorated with stars and medals	
	(c) Wearing your battle scars like medals	
	(d) Holding a grudge or grievance that readily provokes a fight	
15. To shoot the breeze	(a) To do random acts hoping one will be successful	B. 'To shoot the breeze' — To have a casual conversation.
	(b) To have a casual conversation	
	(c) To release stomach gases	
	(d) To brag about some mild achievement	
16. Get someone's goat	(a) To improvise	Ans.(b)
	(b) To annoy someone	
	(c) To do something special for someone	
	(d) To explain something to someone in a very clear way with details	
17. Spick and Span	(a) High and Low	Ans.(c)
	(b) Dark and Light	
	(c) Neat and Clean	
	(d) Happy and Sad	
18. The thin end of the wedge	(a) In strict vigilance	Ans.(b)
	(b) Start of harmful development	
	(c) Be aware of the trick	
	(d) Not a worthy possession	
19. Get your walking papers	(a) Compromise	Ans.(b)
	(b) Get fired from the job	
	(c) To be received gracefully	
	(d) To sign on papers	
20. Know the ropes	(a) Unable to understand	Ans.(c)
	(b) Main support	
	(c) To understand the details	
	(d) To climb on a rope	
21. On tiptoe	(a) Greatly excited	Ans.(a)
	(b) To be disappointed	
	(c) To be in a confusing state	



	(d) To be doubtful	
22. Have kittens	(a) To pet kittens	Ans.(b)
	(b) Be worried	
	(c) To have a successful outcome	
	(d) To be carefree	
23. While away	(a) Spend time uselessly	Ans.(a)
	(b) To utilize time efficiently	
	(c) To be on time	
	(d) To be late	
24. Turn up	(a) Disappear	Ans.(b)
	(b) Appear	
	(c) To take a right side	
	(d) To get lost	
25. By a long chalk	(a) Majority	Ans.(a)
	(b) Occasionally	
	(c) Suddenly	
	(d) A case of emergency	



26. To make clean breast of	(a) To gain prominence	Ans.(c)
	(b) To praise oneself	
	(c) To confess without of reserve	
	(d) To destroy before it blooms	
	(e) None of these	
27. To keeps one's temper	(a) To become hungry	Ans. (b)
	(b) To be in good mood	
	(c) To preserve ones energy	
	(d) To be aloof from	
	(e) None of these	
28. To catch a tartar	(a) To trap wanted criminal with great difficult	Ans.(b)
	(b) To catch a dangerous person	
	(c) To meet with disaster	
	(d) To deal with a person who is more than one's match	
	(e) None of these	
29. To drive home	(a) To find one's roots	Ans. (d)
	(b) To return to place of rest	
	(c) Back to original position	
	(d) To emphasise	



	(e) None of these	
30. To have an axe to grind	(a) A private end to serve	Ans.(a)
	(b) To fail to arouse interest	
	(c) To have no result	
	(d) To work for both sides	
	(e) None of these	
31. To cry wolf	(a) To listen eagerly	Ans.(b)
	(b) To give false alarm	
	(c) To turn pale	
	(d) To keep off starvation	
	(e) None of these	
32. To end in smoke	(a) To make completely understand	Ans.(b)
	(b) To ruin oneself	
	(c) To excite great applause	
	(d) To overcome someone	
	(e) None of these	

33. To be above board	(a) To have a good height	Ans.(b)
	(b) To be honest in any business deal	
	(c) They have no debts	
	(D) To try to be beautiful	
	(e) None of these	
34. To put one's hand to plough	(a) To take up agricultural farming	Ans.(b)
	(b) To take a difficult task	
	(c) To get entangled into unnecessary things	
	(d) Take interest in technical work	
	(e) None of these	
35. To pick holes	(a) To find some reason to quarrel	Ans.(c)
	(b) To destroy something	
	(c) To criticise someone	
	(d) To cut some part of an item	
	(e) None of these	
36. To leave someone in the lurch	(a) To come to compromise with someone	Ans.(d)
	(b) Constant source of annoyance to someone	
	(c) To put someone at ease	
	(d) To desert someone in his difficulties	



	(e) None of these	
37. To play second fiddle	(a) To be happy, cheerful and healthy	Ans.(c)
	(b) To reduce importance of one's senior	
	(c) To support the role and view of another person	
	(d) To do back seat driving	
	(e) None of these	
38. To beg the question	(a) To refer to	Ans.(b)
	(b) To take for granted	
	(c) To raise objections	
	(d) To be discussed	
	(e) None of these	

39. A black sheep	(a) An unlucky person	Ans.(e)
	(b) A lucky person	
	(c) An ugly person	
	(d) A partner who takes no share of the profits	
	(e) None of these	
40. A man of straw	(a) A man of no substance	Ans.(a)
	(b) A very active person	
	(c) A worthy fellow	
	(d) An unreasonable person	
	(e) None of these	
41. To smell a rat	(a) To see signs of plague epidemic	Ans.(c)
	(b) To get bad smell of a bad dead rat	
	(c) To suspect foul dealings	
	(d) To be in a bad mood	
	(e) None of these	
42. To hit the nail right on the head	(a) To do the right thing	Ans.(a)
	(b) To destroy one's reputation	
	(c) To announce one's fixed views	
	(d) To teach someone a lesson	
	(e) None of these	
43. To set one's face against	(a) To oppose with determination	Ans.(a)
	(b) To judge by appearance	
	(c) To get out of difficulty	
	(d) To look at one steadily	
	(e) None of these	
44. Sobhraj could be easily	(a) Toppled over	Ans.(c)



arrested because the police were <i>tipped off</i> in a advance.	(b) Bribed	
	(c) Given advance information	
	(d) Threatened	
45. I met him after a long time, but he gave me <i>the cold shoulder</i>	(a) scolded me	Ans.(d)
	(b) insulted me	
	(c) abused me	
	(d) ignored me	

46. He <i>passed himself off</i> as a noble man.	(a) Was regarded as	Ans.(b)
	(b) Pretended to be	
	(c) Was thought to be	
	(d) Was looked upon	
47. The cricket match proved to be a <i>big draw</i> .	(a) a keen contest	Ans.(b)
	(b) a huge attraction	
	(c) a lovely spectacle	
	(d) a game without any result	
48. He was undecided. He <i>let the grass grow under his feet</i> .	(a) loitered around	Ans.(a) TM
	(b) stayed out	
	(c) sat unmoving	
	(d) moved away	
49. The project did not appear to <i>hold out</i> bright prospects.	(a) highlight	Ans.(c)
	(b) show	
	(c) offer	
	(d) promise	
50. Do not trust a man who <i>blows his own trumpet</i>	(a) flatters	Ans.(d)
	(b) praises others	
	(c) admonishes others	
	(d) praises himself	