

**MOST IMPORTANT IDIOMS AND PHRASES QUESTIONS PRACTICE SET**

**Directions (1-7):** In each of the following questions, a sentence is given with highlighted phrase. There are five words given below each sentence. Choose the word among the five options illustrating the meaning of the phrase. If no word illustrates the correct meaning then choose option (e), i.e. 'None of These' as your option.

**Q1.** We will no longer have to worry about forgetting our chargers and having to **ask around** to find one that is compatible

- (a) Ask or talk to
- (b) Order to
- (c) Rewarding
- (d) Relinquishing
- (e) None of these

**Q2.** My sister and I had a **fall out** a few years ago and we haven't spoken in years.

- (a) Dismantling
- (b) Disagreement
- (c) Disdain
- (d) Conformity
- (e) None of these

**Q3.** The hospital orderlies took Christina and the nurse handed him a stack of papers to **fill out**.

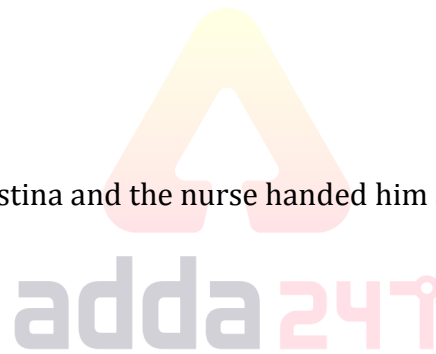
- (a) Putting
- (b) Preventing
- (c) Writing information
- (d) Encouraging
- (e) None of these

**Q4.** The band could **get away with** it 30 years ago, but today's demanding listener expects a bit more.


- (a) Bring something with
- (b) Stealing something
- (c) Navigating
- (d) To do without being noticed
- (e) None of these

**Q5.** Huey, excited by Robert's ideas on deceit and self-deception, was eager for the three of us to **get together**.

- (a) Gathering
- (b) Bringing together something
- (c) Collecting Pieces
- (d) Complaining about
- (e) None of these



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**Q6.** Republicans are willing to **go over** the fiscal cliff in a doomed effort to keep tax rates low for the highest income earners.

- (a) Going somewhere
- (b) Checking or examining
- (c) Finding
- (d) Intending
- (e) None of these

**Q7.** I'll **hand in** my membership card and become a monk, take the vow and never return.

- (a) Sustain
- (b) Submit
- (c) Supply
- (d) Soothing
- (e) None of these

**Directions (8-15):** In each of the following questions, a sentence is given with a blank. There are five phrasal verbs given below each sentence, one out of which can be used in the blank to form a meaningful sentence. Choose the most appropriate idiom among the five options that makes the sentence contextually meaningful.

**Q8.** As coronavirus closes businesses, health-care facilities \_\_\_\_\_ elective surgery.

- (a) Grow up
- (b) break down
- (c) go ahead
- (d) Cut Back on
- (e) come apart

**Q9.** Whether traveling to work or stocking up on groceries, most Angelenos still need to \_\_\_\_\_ the city.

- (a) Get back into
- (b) Get around
- (c) Get away
- (d) Find out
- (e) Get on

**Q10.** After fans \_\_\_\_\_ on Riverdale, they'll be looking for something to watch next.

- (a) Break out
- (b) Look into
- (c) Fill in
- (d) Catch up
- (e) Eat out

**Q11.** Most newspaper owners in our country have no way to \_\_\_\_\_ the government as they have to protect their businesses.

- (a) Get away with
- (b) Go over
- (c) Go against
- (d) Give in
- (e) Go after

**Q12.** Churchill Show losses \_\_\_\_\_ millions as recording done without audience.

- (a) Check out
- (b) Drop out
- (c) Fill in
- (d) Get together
- (e) Run into

**Q13.** The chemical coating helps repel fingerprints and other grubby paw marks, but it can \_\_\_\_\_ quite quickly.

- (a) Catch up
- (b) Get over
- (c) Use up
- (d) Warm up
- (e) Wear off

**Q14.** The way you approach someone and \_\_\_\_\_ for a date makes for an important aspect of the entire dating world.

- (a) Ask out
- (b) Blow up
- (c) Work out
- (d) Break into
- (e) Break in

**Q15.** If you \_\_\_\_\_, in the year 2000 the company announced everyday free shipping to the industry and it was considered ridiculous and unsustainable.

- (a) Think back
- (b) Bring up
- (c) Tear up
- (d) Calm down
- (e) Take off

**Directions (15-30):** In each of the following questions, a sentence is given with a blank. There are five phrasal verbs given below each sentence, one out of which can be used in the blank to form a meaningful sentence. Choose the most appropriate idiom among the five options that makes the sentence contextually meaningful.

**Q16.** The SIS called on the foreign media to \_\_\_\_\_ the professional codes and report only what they witness themselves, checking facts from their authentic and reliable sources.

- (a) Abide by
- (b) Ask around
- (c) Back up
- (d) Back off
- (e) None of these

**Q17.** Donald Trump and Hassan Rouhani \_\_\_\_\_ from talks as US is 'locked and loaded' after Saudi oil attack

- (a) Blow up
- (b) Back Away
- (c) Back into
- (d) Add up
- (e) None of these

**Q18.** Neighbours \_\_\_\_\_ London Fields street, protesting rat run traffic and 'dangerous levels' of air pollution

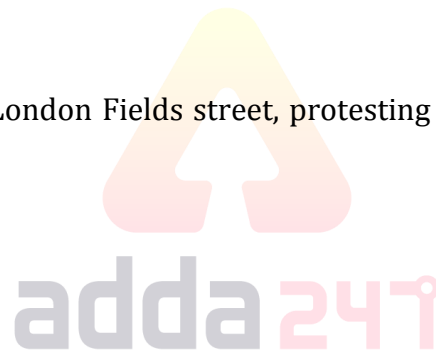
- (a) Break into
- (b) Break in
- (c) Block off
- (d) Break down
- (e) None of these

**Q19.** Individuals who are accused of something decide to \_\_\_\_\_, often under the advice of their attorney.

- (a) Bring up
- (b) Bring down
- (c) Break out
- (d) Clam up
- (e) None of these

**Q20.** Growing trade tensions between South Korea and Japan may look like a local dispute — but if they \_\_\_\_\_, they could disrupt the high-end tech industries on a global scale.

- (a) Drag on
- (b) Cheer up
- (c) Chip in
- (d) Come across
- (e) None of these



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**Q21.** The most inefficient gadgets are gas-fired heaters which can \_\_\_\_\_ the equivalent energy of 140 lightbulbs burning simultaneously.

- (a) Catch up
- (b) Get over
- (c) Use up
- (d) Warm up
- (e) Wear off

**Q22.** Look at the brightness of what lies ahead and \_\_\_\_\_ a way to make it come to you.

- (a) Ask out
- (b) Blow up
- (c) Work out
- (d) Break into
- (e) Break in

**Q23.** Many pension experts believe most companies will have to \_\_\_\_\_ their existing final salary arrangements before the year is up.

- (a) Think back
- (b) Bring up
- (c) Tear up
- (d) Calm down
- (e) Take off

**Q24.** A high level meeting of BJP and Shiv Sena was expected to \_\_\_\_\_ issues between the two parties over government formation in the state.

- (a) Make fun of
- (b) Looking for
- (c) Let down
- (d) Iron out
- (e) Keep on

**Q25.** The survey found that 49% of people have had to \_\_\_\_\_ medical or dental care as a result of their finances.

- (a) Set off
- (b) Put off
- (c) Pass away
- (d) Move in
- (e) Mix up

**Q26.** Investors need to \_\_\_\_\_ if they want to earn the best possible rate on their cash balances.

- (a) Stick up for
- (b) Rule out
- (c) Rely on
- (d) Shop around
- (e) Pick up

**Q27.** When someone wants to \_\_\_\_\_ their ex, they blast them on a podcast, or send out a scathing tweet.

- (a) Set up
- (b) Put down
- (c) Put off
- (d) Go out
- (e) Get back at

**Q28.** \_\_\_\_\_ adjacent markets is a powerful approach for tapping new revenues, rejuvenating businesses, and creating defenses against competitive upstarts.

- (a) Growing into
- (b) Handing down
- (c) Growing apart
- (d) Keeping up
- (e) Letting down

**Q29.** No one thought the companies would \_\_\_\_\_ their word without continued pressure from the union.

- (a) Sleep over
- (b) Send back
- (c) Run over through
- (d) Stick to
- (e) Put on

**Q30.** Gadget addicts can finally \_\_\_\_\_ their ever-growing collection of chargers.

- (a) Tear up
- (b) Throw away
- (c) Take off
- (d) Take back
- (e) Take after

**Directions (31-35):** In each of the question given below a/an idiom/phrase is given in bold which is then followed by five options which then tries to decipher its meaning as used in the sentence. Choose the option which gives the meaning of the phrase most appropriately in the context of the given sentence.

**Q31.** The company is expected to **get around** this problem by borrowing from the banks.

- (a) lead
- (b) deceive
- (c) overcome
- (d) divert
- (e) detach

**Q32.** I think he's trying to **get back at** her for those remarks she made in the meeting.

- (a) pursue
- (b) disprove
- (c) acknowledge
- (d) retaliate
- (e) persuade

**Q33.** The city had to rebuild the bridge completely, because it was about to **give out** and fall down.

- (a) conform
- (b) reveal
- (c) relent
- (d) crash
- (e) transmit

**Q34.** The lorry drivers' strike has **put back** our deliveries by over a month.

- (a) deferred
- (b) dwindled
- (c) retarded
- (d) replaced
- (e) conveyed

**Q35.** He was not emotionally stable enough to **think through** his decision.

- (a) evaluate
- (b) determine
- (c) suspect
- (d) estimate
- (e) analyze

**Directions (36-40)** In each of the questions given below a sentence is given in which an idiom (or some part) is given in bold. This sentence is then followed by five idioms. Choose the idiom which can fit here and make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. If the given idiom is correct as it is and requires no correction then choose option (e) as your correct answer choice.

**Q36.** You don't want to go into the NFL with some **dime a dozen** that you're somehow a victim of a system that can't stand you.

- (a) chip on your shoulder
- (b) piece of cake
- (c) an arm and a leg
- (d) bread and butter
- (e) No improvement required

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**Q37.** A pilot performing this manoeuvre would be **on cloud nine** for a second enemy aircraft.

- (a) off-base
- (b) a sitting duck
- (c) spilling the beans
- (d) scot-free
- (e) No improvement required

**Q38.** Dark clouds are in the sky and it is usually **at eleventh hour** for rain to follow, so I need to hurry up and get my car inside the garage since it has a broken windshield.

- (a) Draconian law
- (b) par for the course
- (c) Sword of Damocles
- (d) once in a blue moon
- (e) No improvement required

**Q39.** One of my roommates had an essay due in a couple of days, and you could tell because his fingers were moving across the keyboard as fast as **head over heels!**

- (a) hands down
- (b) goody-two-shoes
- (c) a man of straw
- (d) greased lightning
- (e) No improvement required.

**Q40.** Both the members acknowledged that their campaign was **on the ropes**, and they could not possibly win the election.

- (a) on the same page
- (b) out of left field
- (c) in the red
- (d) in a pickle
- (e) no improvement required

**Directions (41-45):** In each of the question given below a/an idiom/phrase is given in bold which is then followed by five options which then tries to decipher its meaning as used in the sentence. Choose the option which gives the meaning of the phrase most appropriately in context of the given sentence.

**Q41.** After two hours spent wandering in the snow, I realized we were on a **wild goose chase**.

- (a) exuberant
- (b) futile search
- (c) fruitful errand
- (d) target completion
- (e) fecund emulation



**Q42.** The student was **on thin ice** because he was absent from class too many times.

- (a) relaxed
- (b) tortured
- (c) prepared
- (d) skated
- (e) at risk

**Q43.** Often the interviewer will need to play **devil's advocate** in order to get a discussion going.

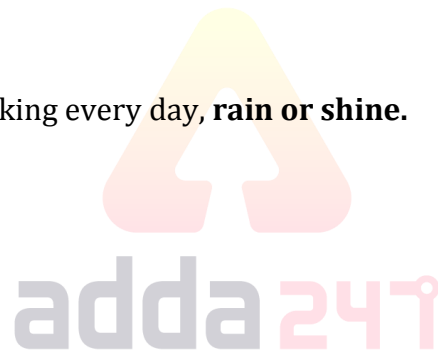
- (a) sophism
- (b) exhibit
- (c) consort
- (d) opine
- (e) counsel

**Q44.** She **threw caution to the wind** and married him even though she knew he was a professional thief.

- (a) deliberately
- (b) riskily
- (c) decisively
- (d) certainly
- (e) trickily

**Q45.** Frances took her daughter walking every day, **rain or shine**.

- (a) extravagant
- (b) inaccurate
- (c) regardless
- (d) improvident
- (e) considerate



**Directions (46-50):** In each of the question given below a/an idiom/phrase is given in bold which is then followed by five options which then tries to decipher its meaning as used in the sentence. Choose the option which gives the meaning of the phrase most appropriately in the context of the given sentence.

**Q46.** The dating applicant **spelled out** exactly what she wanted in a man.

- (a) respected
- (b) favoured
- (c) sanctioned
- (d) rejection
- (e) deciphered

**Q47.** Young people used to **look down** on the rules of society.

- (a) disparate
- (b) fabricate
- (c) neglect
- (d) consider
- (e) investigate

**Q48.** He's too fat, he'd better **cut** bread and sugar **out** of his diet and do more exercise.

- (a) manifest
- (b) split
- (c) displace
- (d) eliminate
- (e) migrate

**Q49.** I thought I'd **hang around** for a while and see if she comes.

- (a) unravel
- (b) resolve
- (c) linger
- (d) attend
- (e) anticipate

**Q50.** The customer service representative couldn't help me, so he **put me through** to a manager.

- (a) connect
- (b) persist
- (c) operate
- (d) manage
- (e) supervise

