

MOST IMPORTANT IDIOMS AND PHRASES QUESTIONS PRACTICE SET (Solutions)

S1. Ans.(a)

Sol. The phrase “Ask around” means “Asking or talking to people to get or learn something”.

S2. Ans.(b)

Sol. The phrase “fall out” refers to disagreement or get into disputes.

S3. Ans.(c)

Sol. Phrasal verb “fill out” refers “to write information (On papers)”.

S4. Ans.(d)

Sol. Here, phrasal verb “get away with” means “to do without being noticed or punished”

S5. Ans.(a)

Sol. “get together” means to “gather or assemble “.

S6. Ans.(b)

Sol. “Go over” means “to examine, check or consider something”

S7. Ans.(b)

Sol. “Hand in” means “to submit or give something”

S8. Ans.(d)

Sol. **Cut back on** means **an act or instance of reducing something, especially expenditure.**

Grow up- Become an adult

Hand in- Submit

Count on- Rely on

Call on- demand that (someone) do something. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S9. Ans.(b)

Sol. **Get around** means **Have mobility or you visit a lot of different places as part of your way of life.**

Get on- Step onto a vehicle

Get away- Go on a vacation

Find out- Discover

Get back into-start doing something again.

Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

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S10. Ans.(d)

Sol. Catch up means **an act of catching up or matching someone or something in a particular activity.**

Break out- Escape

Catch up- Get to the same point as somebody else

Eat out- Eat at a restaurant

Fill in- to do the work of someone else for a short time

Look into-to try to discover the facts about something such as a problem or a crime.

Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S11. Ans.(c)

Sol. Go against means **oppose or resist.**

Get away with- do without being noticed or punished

Go over- Review or visit somebody nearby

Go after- Try to achieve something

Give in- to yield under insistence or entreaty: surrender.

Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S12. Ans.(e)

Sol. Run into means **reach (a level or amount).**

Check out- Leave a hotel

Drop out- Quit a class

Fill in- to write information on blanks

Get together- Meet

Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

S13. Ans.(e)

Sol. Wear off means **lose effectiveness or intensity.**

Warm up- Increase the temperature

Catch up- Get to the same point as somebody else

Get over- Overcome a problem or Recover from an illness

Use up- to use all of a supply of something

Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

S14. Ans.(a)

Sol. Ask out means **to invite someone to go with you to a cinema, restaurant etc because you want to start a romantic or sexual relationship with them.**

Blow up- Add air, or explode

Break into- Enter forcibly

Break in- Interrupt or

Work out-manage to do something.

Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S15. Ans.(a)

Sol. Think back means **recall a past event or time.**

Bring up- Start talking about a subject

Calm down- Relax after being angry

Take off- Remove something or Start to fly

Tear up-To destroy or severely damage something.

Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S16. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'Abide by' means 'To respect or obey a decision, a law or a rule'.

S17. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Back Away' means 'to move backward away from something or someone, usually, because you are frightened'.

S18. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'Block off' means 'to cover or close something completely so that nothing can move through it' or 'to completely stop something from happening or progressing'.

S19. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'Clam up' means 'to refuse to speak'.

S20. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'Drag on' means 'To last longer than expected'.

S21. Ans.(c)

Sol. Use up means **to use all of a supply of something.** Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

Wear off- Fade away

Warm up- Increase the temperature

Catch up- Get to the same point as somebody else

Get over- Overcome a problem or Recover from an illness

S22. Ans.(c)

Sol. Work out means **manage to do something.** Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

Ask out- Invite on a date


Blow up- Add air, or explode

Break into- Enter forcibly

Break in- Interrupt or

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S23. Ans.(c)

Sol. Tear up means To destroy or severely damage something. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

Think Back- Remember

Bring up- Start talking about a subject

Calm down- Relax after being angry

Take off- Remove something or Start to fly

S24. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'Iron out' means 'to resolve by discussion' or 'to eliminate differences'

S25. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Put off' means 'to postpone or arrange a later date'

S26. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'Shop around' means 'to compare prices'.

S27. Ans.(e)

Sol. 'Get back at' means 'retaliate or take revenge'.

S28. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'Grow into' means 'become as a result of natural development or gradual increase' or 'become large enough to wear comfortably' or 'to develop and become a particular thing or person'.

S29. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'Stick to' means 'continue or confine oneself to doing or using (a particular thing) Or adhere to (a commitment, belief, or rule)'.

S30. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Throw away' means 'dispose of'.

S31. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'get around' means to release or to avoid something unpleasant or laborious.

S32. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'get back at' means take revenge on.

S33. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'give out' means to stop working.

S34. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'put back' means to delay it or arrange for it to happen later than you previously planned.

S35. Ans.(e)

Sol. 'think through' means to carefully consider the possible results of doing something.

S36. Ans.(a)

Sol. **Option (a)** is the correct choice. "**dime a dozen**" means something is extremely common, inexpensive or available anywhere. Therefore, the correct idiom required here is '**chip on your shoulder**' which means an ingrained feeling of resentment deriving from a sense of inferiority and sometimes marked by aggressive behaviour.

piece of cake is often used to describe a situation that was easy, or required little effort.

An arm and a leg phrase is used to refer something that is very expensive.

Bread and butter means used in reference to something every day or ordinary.

S37. Ans.(b)

Sol. **Option (b)** is the correct choice. '**On cloud nine**' means being extremely happy making the sentence contextually incorrect. '**A sitting duck**' means a person or thing with no protection against an attack or other source of danger. Thus, it makes the sentence logical.

Off base means mistaken; or relying on a mistaken premise.

Spilling the beans means to reveal secret information unintentionally or indiscreetly.

Scot-free means without suffering any punishment or injury.

S38. Ans.(b)

Sol. **Option (b)** is the correct choice. '**at eleventh hour**' means the last moment or almost late. Thus, the idiom given fails to make the sentence meaningful and logical. It should be replaced with the idiom '**par for the course**' which means what is normal or expected in any given circumstances.

Draconian law means measures which are extremely harsh or severe.

Sword of Damocles means situation threatening imminent harm or disaster.

Once in a blue moon means very rarely.

S39. Ans.(d)

Sol. **Option (d)** is the correct choice. The idiom "**head over heels**" means falling deeply in love with another person. Thus, it doesn't make the sentence comprehensible. However, "**greased lightening**" is an expression that's used to describe someone or something that is very fast. Therefore, the idiom "**greased lightening**" provides the correct context to the sentence.

Hands down means anything that's easy or has no difficulty; something that has a certainty.

Goody-two-shoes means a virtuous person.

A man of straw means someone who has a weak character:

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S40. Ans.(e)

Sol. Option (e) is the correct choice, as the given idiom is contextually and grammatically correct. “**on the ropes**” means being in a rough situation that looks difficult to recover from.

On the same page means thinking alike or understanding something in a similar way with others.

Out of left field means something that's surprising or unexpected

In the red means losing money or Being in debt.

In a pickle means being in a difficult predicament; a mess; an undesirable situation.

S41. Ans.(b)

Sol. The idiom ‘**a wild goose chase**’ means a search that is completely unsuccessful and a waste of time because the person or thing being searched for does not exist or is somewhere else. Therefore, the phrase “**futile search**” perfectly depicts the context of the idiom. All the other phrases fail to provide the meaning of the given idiom. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Exuberant means full of energy, excitement, and cheerfulness.

Fruitful errand means a short successful journey

Fecund emulation means producing many achievable ideas

S42. Ans.(e)

Sol. The idiom ‘**on thin ice**’ means in a precarious or risky situation. Therefore, the word “**at risk**” perfectly reflects the meaning of the idiom. All the other phrases fail to provide the meaning of the given idiom hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

Relaxed means free from tension and anxiety.

Tortured means inflict severe pain on.

Skated means move on ice skates or roller skates in a gliding fashion.

S43. Ans.(a)

Sol. Option (a) is the correct answer choice. ‘**devil's advocate**’ means someone who pretends, in an argument or discussion, to be against an idea or plan that a lot of people support, in order to make people discuss and consider it in more detail. Therefore, the word ‘**sophism**’ is perfectly depicting the meaning of the given idiom. ‘**Sophism**’ means a clever but false argument, especially one used deliberately to deceive. All the other words fail to express the meaning of the given idiom.

Exhibit means manifest clearly (a quality or a type of behaviour).

Consort means habitually associate with (someone), typically with the disapproval of others.

Opine means hold and state as one's opinion.

Counsel means give advice to (someone).

S44. Ans.(b)

Sol. Option (b) is the correct answer choice. ‘**throw caution to the wind**’ means to do something without worrying about the risk or negative results. Therefore, the word ‘**riskily**’ is perfectly depicting the meaning of the given idiom. ‘**riskily**’ is an adverb which means the possibility that something unpleasant or unwelcome will happen. All the other words fail to express the meaning of the given idiom.

Deliberately means consciously and intentionally; on purpose.

Decisively means in a manner that settles an issue convincingly or produces a definite result.

Trickily means (of a task, problem, etc.) requiring care and skill because difficult or awkward.

S45. Ans.(c)

Sol. Option (c) is the correct answer choice. 'rain or shine' means to do it regularly, without being affected by the weather or other circumstances. Therefore, the word 'regardless' is perfectly depicting the meaning of the given idiom. 'Regardless' is an adverb which means despite the prevailing circumstances. All the other words fail to express the meaning of the given idiom.

Extravagant means lacking restraint in spending money or using resources.

Inaccurate means not accurate

Improvident means not having or showing foresight; spendthrift or thoughtless.

Considerate means careful not to inconvenience or harm others.

S46. Ans.(e)

Sol. 'Spelled out' means to explain something explicitly, so that the meaning is unmistakable.

S47. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'Look down' means to regard with contempt.

S48. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'cut out' means delete, remove or leave out.

S49. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'hang around' means loiter, wait around.

S50. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'Put through' means transfer or connect somebody on the telephone.

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