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English Questions for CLAT Exam.

CLAT English Quiz 35

Directions: In this question you are required to choose the correct meaning of the idiom/phrase given in italics in the sentence.

1. These spooky creatures like spiders at times *make our skin crawl*.

- A. to cause infection
- B. to cause one to feel frightened or unnerved
- C. to leave someone's skin shivering.
- D. to try to regain one's senses

2. At the time of my sister's marriage I found Mohan as *a friend at court*.

- A. a legal advisor in court
- B. a hidden enemy
- C. a domestic help
- D. an influential acquaintance

3. My thesis is almost done—the only *loose ends* are formatting and proofreading.

- A. Unresolved aspects
- B. Loose strings
- C. Important parts
- D. Delayed portions

4. That crook hasn't been arrested yet because he's always *one step ahead* of the cops.

- A. Faster in running
- B. More prepared or skilled
- C. More important
- D. Giving chase

5. It took a while for solar panels to catch on for ordinary consumers, but now it's *full speed ahead*.

- A. Without any support
- B. Gaining popularity
- C. Better
- D. As quickly and efficiently as possible

6. We all *rooted for* our school's football team.

- A. To cheer and encourage someone
- B. To chase someone
- C. To prepare for something
- D. To fight someone

7. This curtain would *fit the bill* for your room.

- A. be suitable for a particular purpose
- B. to fit the measurements
- C. to not pay the bill
- D. to be a misfit

8. Now a days students are burdened *over the top*.

- A. overconfidently
- B. initially
- C. excessively
- D. rarely

9. While other Telecom companies are *battening down the hatches*, Jio is leading an assault.

- A. to get ready for trouble
- C. to start a new project

- B. to relax
- D. to make peace

10. Many employees *jumped the ship* by the time company collapsed.

- A. to jump with excitement
- C. to go for sailing

- B. to abandon
- D. to start working

Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
B	D	A	B	D	A	A	C	A	B

Explanations:

1. **Make someone's skin crawl (Idiom):** if someone or something makes your skin crawl, you think they are extremely unpleasant or frightening.

Ex. That horror movie made my skin crawl.

Synonyms: make flesh crawl, make skin creep.

Hence, the correct answer is option B.

2. **A friend at court (Idiom):** a person in a position to use their influence on one's behalf.

Ex. I knew that it never hurt to have a friend at court.

Hence, the correct answer is option D.

3. Loose ends (idiom)

A loose end is a fragment of unfinished business. It is basically a part of something (such as a job or story) that has not been completed. The aspects of something that are unresolved or unfinished are called loose ends.

For example, The arrangements have been made, except for a few *loose ends*.

I just need to tie up a few *loose ends* before I put the house up for sale.

Hence option A is correct.

4. One step ahead (idiom)

It means 'managing to avoid competition or danger from someone or something.'

For example, The teacher really has to work to keep *one step ahead* of the class.

She always seems to be *one step ahead* of me.

Hence, **option B** is correct.

5. Full speed ahead (idiom)

It means 'as quickly and efficiently as possible; with all possible energy and determination.'

For example, We'll have to go *full speed ahead* if we want to get this done by the deadline.

We're ready to go *full speed ahead* once the health inspector signs off.

Hence, **option D** is right.

6. To root for (idiom)

It means to be a regular supporter of; to be a fan of.

For example, 'Are you *rooting for* anyone in particular, or are you just shouting because you're excited?'

I'm *rooting for* the tax bill.

Hence option A is correct.

7. To fit the bill (idiom)

It means to be suitable, fit, be right, be suited.

For example, I wanted someone who really knew their way around film-making and I knew that Richard would *fit the bill*.

Hence option A is correct.

8. Over the top (idiom)

It means excessively.

For example, Our fund-raising campaign went *over the top* by Rs.13,000.

Hence, **option 'C'** is the correct answer.

9. Batten down the /one's hatches (idiom)

While this originated as a nautical phrase, it is now used for any sort of imminent problem. It stands for 'to prepare for stormy weather: used as a command.'

Today it also means 'to prepare to meet an emergency or face a great difficulty.'

For example, The government must batten down its hatches before the election.

Hence, **option 'A'** is the correct answer.

10. To jump the ship (idiom)

Literally, it means to escape from a sinking ship. By extension, it can also mean 'to leave a failing organization or bad situation.'

For example, We had to *jump the ship* after the collision with the rocks tore a hole in the hull.

Hence option B is correct.

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