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Idioms and Phrases Questions for Exams SSC Exams (CGL Tier 1, CGL Tier 2 & SSC 10+2), CLAT and CDS Exams

Idioms and Phrases Quiz 1

Directions: For each of the following sentences four alternatives are given. You are required to choose the correct meaning of the idiom or phrase given underlined in the sentence.

1. Spill the beans

- A. To tell people about someone's secrets
- B. As a low priority
- C. Everyone gets a chance eventually
- D. Once in a life-time

2. To feel blue

- A. To work hard and stay up very late night
- B. To feel very sad
- C. To have faith in god
- D. To commit a blunder

3. No strings attached

- A. An agreement without conditions
- B. Enjoy different opportunities at a single time
- C. To be judged as acceptable
- D. Worried for frivolous things

4. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush

- A. Something is better than nothing
- B. To give credit to a disagreeable person
- C. Only just
- D. To sniff something wrong

5. A doubting Thomas

- A. An skeptical person

- B. To keep people at a distance
- C. To interfere in someone's affairs
- D. To regret in vain that can't be undone.

6. Pass the buck

- A. To tell people about someone's secrets
- B. To pass the blame C. Everyone gets a chance eventually D. Once in a life-time

7. Put a brave face

- A. To work hard and stay up very late night B. To feel very sad
- C. To act confident in a difficult situation D. To commit a fraud

8. Take a back seat

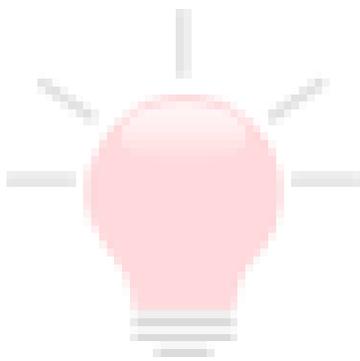
- A. An agreement without conditions
- B. Enjoy different opportunities at a single time
- C. Take a subordinate position D. Worried for frivolous things

9. A Hobson's choice

- A. Something is better than nothing
- B. To give credit to a disagreeable person
- C. The only choice
- D. To sniff something wrong

10. To lose ground to somebody/something

- A. An skeptical person
- B. To keep people at a distance
- C. To interfere in someone's affairs
- D. To lose a sustained share/position



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Correct Answers:

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

Explanations:

1.

Meaning: to give away a secret or surprise.

Ex. She threatened the president to spill the beans about their affair in front of media.

2.

Meaning: To feel disappointed, dejected, sad or shattered.

Ex. As her exam didn't go well, she's feeling blue.

3.

Meaning: there are no special or hidden demands or limitations that are included in an agreement.

Ex. Mahesh never believes in a no strings attached kind of relation

4.

Meaning: Having something that is certain is much better than taking a risk for more, because you might lose everything.

Ex. You should have accepted the job because a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

5.

Meaning: A skeptic who needs physical or personal evidence in order to believe something.

Ex. Mr. Sharma is a doubting Thomas. He always asks for bills.

6.

Meaning: to blame someone or to make them responsible for a problem that you should deal with yourself.

Ex. Don't try to pass the buck! It's your fault, and everybody knows it.

7.

Meaning: to put a brave front; to face a situation with determination.

Ex. After her parents' sudden death, she's put a brave face on everything.

8.

Meaning: to let other people/things take a more active and responsible part in an organization or a situation.

Ex. As he got an offer from Bollywood, his plan to go for an MBA has taken a back seat.

9.

Meaning: the choice between taking what is offered and getting nothing at all.

Ex. If you want a yellow car, it's Hobson's choice. The garage has only one.

10.

Meaning: to fail to maintain a share of something compared to others.

Ex. Good Indian restaurants are losing ground to less expensive ones which that have opened all over the city.



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