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# Idioms n Phrases Questions for SBI Clerk Pre, IBPS Clerk Pre and IBPS RRB Exams.

## Idioms n Phrases Quiz 13

**Directions:** Identify the words that are similar in meaning to the word/idiom/phrase in bold. If none of the options conveys the correct meaning, mark (E) as your answer. The options do not necessarily need to be grammatically correct.

1. The Kolkata Municipal Corporation has decided to undertake a special drive to keep the litterbugs **at bay**.

- A. In proximity      B. To gather      C. Away      D. To ignore      E. None of the above

2. His room was at **sixes and sevens** when I entered.

- A. Scooped      B. Well decorated      C. Disarray      D. Smelly      E. None of the above

3. Buying gifts for your father on Father's day feels like **a piece of cake** when you compare it to Valentine's Day shopping.

- A. Something very easy      B. Difficult to achieve      C. Possible with extra efforts      D. Absurd  
E. None of the above

4. It's the kind of coincidence that comes only **once in a blue moon**, so random that it could never possibly happen again frequently

- A. for the first time      B. rarely      C. Once in 15 days' time  
D. Occasionally      E. None of the above

5. Analysts **smelt a rat** in Fuel price hikes resuming right after Karnataka election.

- A. To criticize      B. False allegation      C. To conspire      D. To begin to suspect  
E. None of the above

6. Priya **burned the midnight oil** for the final semester examinations of her university.

- A. Work or study late into the night      B. Cram      C. Study in breaks  
D. Burn the study material      E. None of the above

7. Kids of all ages had **a whale of a time** at the water park.

- A. An amusing experience      B. A horrible experience      C. Boring moments      D. A long wait  
E. None of the above

8. The company is in dire need of new investors to **save their bacon**.

- A. Keep the shares                      B. Investment                      C. To rescue from failure  
D. To become bankrupt              E. None of the above

9. Raghuram Rajan sees a **silver lining** in ongoing trade war between India and China.

- A. Tussle                      B. Spat                      C. A futile effort  
D. A negative aspect              E. None of the above

10. The deadline seeking bids was extended twice, and yet, no one has come forward to buy Air India that has now become the proverbial **white elephant** for the government.

- A. An expensive yet useless possession              B. Something annoying              C. A possession worth having  
D. A state of foolishness                      E. None of the above

Correct Answers:

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

Explanations :

1. **At bay (Idiom):** forced to face or confront one's attackers or pursuers; cornered.  
**Ex.** They lit smoky fires to keep the mosquitoes at bay.  
Hence, option C is hence the correct answer.
2. **At sixes and sevens (Idiom):** In a state of total confusion or disarray.  
**Ex.** After taking care of three sick kids all week, I'm totally at sixes and sevens.  
Option C is hence the correct answer.
3. **Piece of cake-** A very easy task or accomplishment.  
**Ex.** I thought I was going to fail the test, but it turned out to be a piece of cake!  
Option A is hence the correct answer.
4. **Once in a blue moon (Idiom):** Occasionally; very rarely.  
**Ex.** Rohan only comes out for a drink once in blue moon now that he has kids.  
Option B is hence the correct answer.

**5. Smell a rat (Idiom):**

To suspect that someone is guilty of betrayal, deception, or causing a situation to go wrong.

**Ex.** He thought he could smell a rat when he saw Smith walking away from the scene of the crime.  
Hence, option D is the correct answer.

**6. Burned the midnight oil (Idiom):** To work or study late into the night/ To work studiously, especially late into the night.

**Ex.** He was burning the midnight oil to finish his paper.

Hence, the appropriate option here is to work or study hard. All other options are irrelevant.  
Hence, option A is correct.

**7. Whale of a time (Idiom):** To have an exceptionally fun, exciting, or amusing experience.

**Ex.** Come out to our party this weekend, you're sure to have a whale of a good time!

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

**8. Save (one's) bacon (Idiom):** To rescue one from failure, danger, or disaster; to prevent something bad from happening to one.

**Ex.** Thanks for bringing me some extra cash—you really saved my bacon.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

**9. A silver lining (Idiom):** Use the term silver lining when you want to emphasize the hopeful side of a situation that might seem gloomy on the surface. The common expression "every cloud has a silver lining" means that even the worst events or situations have some positive aspect.

**Ex.** A silver lining for Indian job seekers, says Edvancer and Analytics India Magazine study.

Clearly, none of the options implies the same meaning.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

**10. White elephant (Idiom):** a possession that is useless or troublesome, especially one that is expensive to maintain or difficult to dispose of.

**Ex.** The stadium is likely to become a white elephant after the championships are over.

Option A is hence the correct answer.



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