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# Idioms n Phrases Questions for LIC AAO, SBI PO Pre, IBPS PO Pre, SBI Clerk Mains IBPS Clerk Mains and IBPS SO Pre Exams.

## Idioms n Phrases Quiz 22

Directions: You are required to identify the words that are contextually similar to the phrase given in bold and mark that as your answer. If none of the option expresses the correct meaning, mark (E) as your answer. The options do not need to be correct grammatically.

1. The investors began to **smell a rat** when the company ceased paying dividends and delayed the mandatory audit.

- A. Suspicion      B. Deceive      C. Incorrect      D. Wonder      E. None of the above

2. India still attracts investors from a long-term perspective as this is still a country with a very good entrepreneurial talent and is a **low hanging fruit** for smart people to grab and make money.

- A. Not worthy      B. Very Lucrative      C. Easily achieved      D. Simple but time consuming  
E. None of the above

3. The Competition Commission's inquiry into the government's land-based transport market comes **not a moment too soon**, as a succession of petitions describe the sad state of the country's public transport system.

- A. Before needed      B. Just in time      C. Too late      D. Hesitating      E. None of the above

4. The National Human Rights Commission is **all bark and no bite** as it lacks the authority to penalize those guilty of human rights violations.

- A. Impressive action      B. Intimidating action      C. Low on action      D. Threatening action  
E. None of the above

5. Being a student with a technological background, the concepts of balance of payments, macroeconomics, statement of loss and profit, liability and assets are **all Greek to me**.

- A. Complex      B. Alienated      C. Different      D. Extreme      E. None of the above

6. Compliance is a **necessary evil** especially in a workplace where there is no prevailing culture of integrity.

- A. Essential and pleasant      B. Pleasant but not urgent      C. Unpleasant but essential  
D. Evil and despicable      E. None of the above

7. Shatrughan Sinha has cautioned actors Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan - who recently joined politics - saying politics is not a **bed of roses**.

- A. Enjoyable      B. Easy      C. Tough      D. Complex      E. None of the above

8. The actor admitted in many interviews about how he **burnt his bridges** in the film world, becoming a nightmare to work with and constantly flying off the handle.

- A. To handover      B. To cross the bridge      C. To eliminate the possibility of conflict  
D. To eliminate the possibility of return      E. None of the above

9. The house party **got out of hand**, so we had to call the police.

- A. Lack of interest      B. attempt to thrash      C. become abusive      D. chaotic and unmanageable  
E. None of the above

10. If you think you can pass the prestigious exam, then you definitely need to **give it a shot**.

- A. try or attempt      B. wait to take up      C. to apply      D. go for it      E. None of the above

**Correct Answers:**

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

**Explanations :**

1. **Smell a rat:** Suspect that something is not right.

Eg: When he made that offer, I smelt a rat. It sounded too good to be true.

From the meaning above, options B and C are incorrect. Out of A and D, A is a better choice as *wonder* means the *desire to know something; feel curious*.

Hence, option A is correct.

2. **Low hanging fruit:** a goal that can be easily reached/ something that is easy to take advantage of.

Eg: what the present government has done on the economic front is the plucking of low hanging fruits by and large.

As per the meaning, the only option that fits in is option C.

Hence, option C is correct.

**3. Not a moment too soon:** in the nick of time, only just in time.

Eg: The rescue arrived not a moment too soon.

As per the meaning above, the correct option is B. The inquiry has come *just at the right time*.

The other options are incorrect.

Hence, option B is correct.

**4. All bark and no bite:** Full of talk that is more threatening or impressive than that which one can or will actually do.

Eg: He always threatens to call the police if I don't stay off his lawn, but he's all bark and no bite.

The most suitable option thus is C. The rest do not convey the correct meaning.

Hence, option C is correct.

**5. All Greek To Me:** When something is extremely difficult to understand due to being new and complex.

From the meaning given above, option A is the best fit here.

Eg: Students of economics are often faced with a plethora of Greek symbols leading many to despair "it's all Greek to me".

*Alienated* means separated and is incorrect.

Hence, option A is correct.

**6. Necessary evil:** something unpleasant that must be done in order to achieve a goal or objective.

Eg: Getting a good education is a necessary evil to get a chance at a better life.

As per the meaning above, option C is the suitable answer here. The others are incorrect.

Hence, option C is correct.

**7. Bed of roses:** used in reference to a situation or activity that is comfortable or easy.

Eg: Life is definitely not a bed of roses- we are all fighting battles, which nobody else really knows of.

As per the meaning stated above, only option B fits in.

Hence, option B is correct.

**8. Burn one's bridges** means to *eliminate the possibility of return or retreat*.

Example: **burn one's bridges** : If you get mad and quit your job, you'll be burning your bridges behind you.

As per the meaning above, only option D- *to eliminate the possibility of return*- matches the context.

Hence, option D is correct.

**9. To get out of hand** means to *become chaotic and unmanageable*.

Example : The costs have continued to increase, and now seem to *be getting out of hand*.

As per the meaning above, options A,B and C are not apt & can be ruled out.

Only option D matches with the context.

Hence, option D is correct.

**10. Give a shot** : to try or attempt to do (something)

Example: You should *give painting a shot*.

As per the meaning above, Only option A with the context fits in well.

Hence, option A is correct.



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