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Idioms n Phrases Quiz 23

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

1. After breaking his hand, Gordon's dream to play professional basketball **went up in smoke**.
A. to accomplish B. Destroyed C. hopeful D. Continue E. None of the above
2. She cooks and bakes when she needs to **let off some steam**.
A. get rid of strong emotion B. to enjoy C. to be alone D. to play sport E. None of the above
3. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu asked US President Donald Trump not to withdraw from Syria and to work to remove Iran from the Syrian arena, but Trump **gave him the cold shoulder**.
A. To hurry B. To take something lightly C. To ignore someone
D. To disapprove of something E. None of the above
4. In the Economic Survey 2017-18, it was said that the government's priority should be to flush farmers out of agriculture and **adding insult to the injury**, the Survey also quoted Dr. Ambedkar warning about the dangers of romanticising rural India.
A. To avenge something B. to make a bad situation worse. C. To divorce
D. Willing to deceive E. None of the above
5. Creativity is something that anybody who is remotely original has to guard very fiercely and passionately because people just want you to be **run-of-the-mill**.
A. Remarkable B. Expensive C. Unlicensed D. Ordinary E. None of the above
6. The picture he painted of the business is **a far cry** from the perception the shareholders had before the meeting.
A. Dedicated yet a failure B. Very different C. Astounding success
D. Caring and sincere E. None of these
7. Opposition leaders have criticized the government for failing to rein in rising fuel prices which have now turned into a political **hot potato**.
A. Interesting issue B. Justified matter C. Court case
D. Burning topic E. None of these

8. Housing in the city these days **costs an arm and a leg**.

A. Very expensive
D. Fatal

B. Uphill task
E. None of these

C. Tiresome job

9. The company already does not have the required number of employees and with this project it has finally **bitten off more than it can chew**.

A. Difficult task
D. In detail

B. Impossible job
E. None of these

C. Impractical job

10. Indian politicians love to stage dharnas or sit-ins at the **drop of a hat**, quite often taking their political melodrama to ridiculous levels.

A. Immediately

B. Instantly

C. Diligently

D. Factual

E. None of these

Correct Answers:

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

Explanations :

1. **Go up in smoke:** be destroyed or ruined

Example: Without a scholarship, her dreams of college are likely to go up in smoke.

As per the meaning above, only option B is apt.

Hence, option B is correct.

2. **Let off steam:** Get rid of pent-up energy or strong emotion.

Example: The kids can let off steam in the gardens while mum and dad relax for a while.

As per the meaning above, only Option B is incorrect. The others do not make sense.

Hence, option A is correct.

3. **Give someone the cold shoulder:** Ignore someone

Eg: Ravi wanted to join hands with Dev but it is likely the latter **gave him the cold shoulder**.

As per the meaning above, Option C is the most suitable answer. The others are incorrect.

Hence, option C is correct.

4. **To add insult to injury:** act in a way that *makes a bad situation worse*.

Example : Employees were forced to work longer hours, and to *add insult to injury*, the company decided not to give pay raises.

As per the meaning above, Only option B, *to make a bad situation worse*, fits in.

Hence option B is correct.

5. **Run-of-the-mill** means *lacking unusual or special aspects; ordinary*.

Example: I was just a very average run-of-the-mill kind of student.

As per the meaning above, only option D *ordinary* fits in with the others not fitting in well.

Hence, option D is correct.

6. **A far cry** means that it is very different from what is being perceived.

'Astounding success' refers to very commendable action by someone. The other options are completely out of context.

Hence, Option B is the correct answer.

7. A hot potato refers to any burning topic regarding which people are talking about and which is usually disputed. 'Burning topic' refers to something that is very much talked about in the present context. Other options are completely out of context in the given question.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

8. If something costs an arm and a leg that means that it is very expensive.

'Uphill task' means something very difficult to be completed.

'Tiresome job' refers to something which is tiring to do.

'Fatal' means very dangerous.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

9. If you bite off more than you can chew it means that you have taken a commitment that you cannot fulfill with your existing capacity.

'Difficult task' means that something which cannot be done easily.

'Impossible task' means something that cannot be done.

'Impractical job' refers to something that has no pragmatic value.

The other option does not fit in the given context.

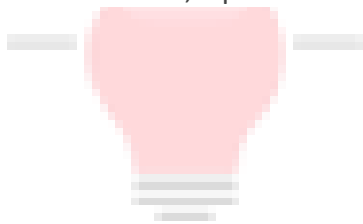
Hence, option E is the correct choice as none of the given options implies the meaning of the phrase in bold.

10. 'At the drop of a hat' means without any hesitation or instantly without giving much thought before doing something.

'Immediately' is close but it does not explicitly mean doing something without giving any thought.

'Diligently' and 'factual' are completely out of context in the given question.

Hence, Option B is the correct answer.



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