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Idioms and Phrases Questions for Bank Exams (IBPS Clerk Pre & SBI Clerk Pre)

Idioms and Phrases Quiz 10

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. He said he was serious about his stand against the war and was not just another yellow-belly.

A. Pushover B. Weak C. Coward D. Unworthy E. None of the above

2. Indian applications for the coveted H-1B work permit visas could fall amid increased scrutiny by the US government and changing business models.

A. Probe B. Inspection C. Glance D. Only A and B E. None of the above

3. Urjit Patel's speech on PNB Fraud made it clear that he is no yes-man for New Delhi.

A. Minion B. Accomplice C. Authoritative D. Aggressive E. None of the above

4. The surgery went very well, and the doctor is optimistic that she'll be up and about soon.

A. Conscious B. Out of bed C. Fully recovered D. Wanted for further testing

E. None of the above

5. China's Ambassador to the United States said it was China's preference to resolve the trade dispute with Washington through negotiations but it takes two to tango.

A. Cooperation B. Dissent C. Disagree D. Annihilate E. None of the above

6. Because the department has made it mandatory for schools to pick up the tab in terms of finances, the Sports hostels that are already running are on the verge of closure.

A. Sell B. Buy C. Pay D. Rent E. None of the above

7. Once his one-track mind got to functioning on a certain objective it seldom digressed.

A. Deviated B. Irritated C. Focused D. Reluctant E. None of the above

8. The news that the company appeared to have cooked the books has resulted in pension funds and bondholders losing billions of dollars.

A. Nefarious activities B. Deflate profits C. Avoid Taxes D. Tamper with financial data

E. None of the above

9. The Narendra Modi government is walking on eggshells to avoid offending Chinese authorities' sensibilities over Tibet, which has long been a source of friction in bilateral relations.

A. Cautious B. Exuberant C. Consult D. Reckless E. None of the above

10. As per a recent study, consumption of fast food results in hormones going haywire.

A. Amiss B. Disordered C. Defective D. All of the above E. None of the above

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Correct Answers:

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

Explanations:

1.

Yellow-belly: A person who is yellow-bellied is cowardly, or not at all brave.

Ex: The bus was full of yellow-bellied passengers who disappeared when the driver was attacked by two youths.

As per the meaning, only option C fits in.

Hence, option C is correct.

2.

Scrutiny: Someone or something that is under (close) scrutiny is being watched or examined carefully.

Ex: The police are keeping the suspect under close scrutiny.

Probe and inspection mean to examine and match with the meaning of scrutiny.

Glance is the opposite of scrutiny.

Hence, option D is correct.

3.

Yes-man: A yes-man is someone who always agrees with a person in authority in order to please them.

Ex: He is a yes-man. He agrees with everything the boss says!

Accomplice means a partner and does not depict the correct relationship here (of a boss and subordinate).

Both C and D can be easily eliminated.

Minion means somebody who is a subordinate/follower. This fits in.

Hence, option A is correct.

4.

Up and about: If someone is up and about, they are out of bed or have recovered after an illness or an injury.

Ex: The boy was kept in hospital for a week but he's up and about again.

Out of all the options, only out of bed matches the meaning given above.

Hence, option B is correct.

5.

Takes two to tango: You say this when you think that a difficult situation cannot be the fault of one person alone.

Ex: We've heard her side of the story - but it takes two to tango!

Dissent and disagree are synonyms and opposite of the correct meaning.

Annihilate means to destroy and is irrelevant.

Only cooperation is correct here.

Hence, option A is correct.

6.

Pick up the tab: If you pick up the tab, you pay the bill or pay the cost of something.

Ex: There was a celebration lunch for the team and Bill picked up the tab.

As per the meaning above, only C- pay- fits in. The rest can be easily eliminated.

Hence, option C is correct.

7.

One-track mind: If you have a one-track mind, you have a tendency to think about only one subject.

Ex: The boy has a one-track mind; all he thinks about is football!

Deviated is the opposite of the correct meaning. Irritated is clearly incorrect while reluctant meaning unwilling is also wrong.

Only focused fits in well.

Hence, option C is correct.

8.

Cook the books: Changing the facts or figures in the financial accounts, often in order to steal money.

Ex: The actor discovered after a while that his agent was cooking the books.

Option A means any type of immoral activities while cooking the book refers only to financial fraud.

Option B is opposite of the meaning and illogical.

Option C is incorrect.

Only option D matches the correct meaning well.

Hence, option D is correct.

9.

Walking on eggshells: If you walk on eggshells with someone, you are careful not to hurt or offend them.

Ex: Khushi is so sensitive you have to walk on eggshells with her all the time.

Exuberant means enthusiastic and is incorrect.

Reckless is the opposite of the correct meaning.

Only cautious fits in well here.

Hence, option A is correct.

10.

Haywire: If something goes haywire, it becomes disorganized or goes out of control.

Ex: The photocopier has gone completely haywire. It's only printing half of each page!

All of the words convey the correct meaning of the word and are correct.

Hence, option D is correct.



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