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Idioms n Phrases Questions for SBI CLERK Pre & IBPS CLERK Pre Exams.

Idioms n Phrases Quiz 11

Directions: In this question, you need to replace the bold part of the sentence by the most suitable idiom/expression given as option.

1. You must **be extra careful with even minor details** with electrical work.

- A. go the whole hog
- B. be on your toes
- C. linger on
- D. dot your i's and cross your t's
- E. stay the course

2. You don't have to **rebuke everyone angrily** who misuses the office facilities for personal use.

- A. take everyone to task
- B. take everyone with a pinch of salt
- C. give a cold shoulder to everyone
- D. cut everyone some slack
- E. rain on everyone's parade

3. The police department wants a little more **freedom** at work.

- A. Rubber room
- B. Gab room
- C. Elbow room
- D. Engine room
- E. Rumpus room

4. I was **suspended** for over a month while the matter was being debated.

- A. on ice
- B. on cloud nine
- C. under the weather
- D. on the rocks
- E. on the scent

5. After decades of neglect, Delhi's government schools are finally **making a fresh start** with much-needed improvements to facilities and teaching methods.

- A. grabbing the eye-balls
- B. turning the page
- C. giving a jumpstart
- D. going berserk
- E. beginning to see daylight

Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5
D	A	C	A	B

Explanations :

1. **Go the whole hog (Idiom):**

To do something completely or thoroughly.

Ex. Vineeta decided to go the whole hog and joined the Army.

Be on toes (Idiom):

To stay active and alert.

This idiom could have been the correct choice, had 'with minor details' part not been there in the sentence.

Linger on (Idiom):

To remain alive; continue or persist, although gradually dying, ceasing, disappearing.

Ex. She lingered a few months after the heart attack.

Dot your i's and cross your t's (idiom):

To pay complete attention to the details.

Ex. Your instructor is a tough grader, be sure to dot your 'i's and cross your 't's on your research.

Stay the course (Idiom)

To keep going strongly to the end of a race or contest.

Ex. Critics predicted the car could not stay the distance.

Clearly, option D implies the same meaning as given in bold in the sentence.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

2. **Take to task (Idiom):**

To scold, reprimand, rebuke or lecture someone on some wrong or error they have committed.

Ex. Mom took me to task over the alcohol she found in my car.

Take someone/something with a pinch of salt (Idiom):

To not completely believe something that you are told, because you think it is unlikely to be true.

Ex. You have to take everything she says with a pinch of salt, because she tends to exaggerate.

Give someone a cold shoulder (Idiom):

To intentionally ignore someone or treat someone in an unfriendly way.

Ex. I thought she really liked me, but the next day she gave me the cold shoulder.

Cut someone some slack (Idiom):

To allow one more latitude or freedom than usual; to be lenient with one.

Ex. Oh, you know I never make requests like this, cut me some slack.

Rain on someone's parade (Idiom):

To prevent someone from enjoying an event; spoil someone's plans.

Evidently, out of the options given, only option A replaces the bold part most appropriately.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

3. Rubber room (Noun phrase):

A room in which the walls are padded. It is typically found in psychiatric institutions, where it houses one who is not mentally stable, in an effort to prevent self-harm.

Gab room (Noun phrase):

A women's restroom where women are said to chatter. She went to the gab room to powder her nose.

Elbow room (Idiom):

The freedom and ability to act as one wants.

Ex. If you're worried about her having too much elbow room as student council president, you should impose limitations.

Engine room (Idiom):

The main source of talent, power, or ability in a team or group, likened to the room that houses a ship's engine.

Ex. Sarah is our engine room, so with her injured, I'm not sure how we'll be able to win on Saturday.

Rumpus room (Idiom):

A family recreation room.

Ex. If you kids are going to play rough, you'll have to go down to the rumpus room.

Clearly, option C is the correct answer.

4. On ice (Idiom):

Suspended or left hanging.

Ex. This matter should be on ice for a while.

On cloud nine (Idiom):

Extremely happy.

Under the weather (Idiom):

Slightly unwell or in low spirits.

Ex. She was sufficiently under the weather to have to pull out of the championship"

On the rocks (Idiom):

(of a relationship or enterprise) experiencing difficulties and likely to fail.

Ex. His marriage was on the rocks.

On the scent (Idiom):

In possession of a useful clue in a search or investigation.

Ex. He might be on the scent of something.

Evidently, option A is the correct answer.

5. Grabbing the eye-balls (Idiom):

Gaining attention.

Turning the page (Idiom):

To move on to new involvements or activities; to make a fresh start.

Ex. You've been divorced for three years. It's time to turn the page and start looking for somebody else.

Giving a jumpstart (Idiom):

To give a super start to someone's career.

Going berserk (Idiom):

To erupt in furious rage, become crazily violent.

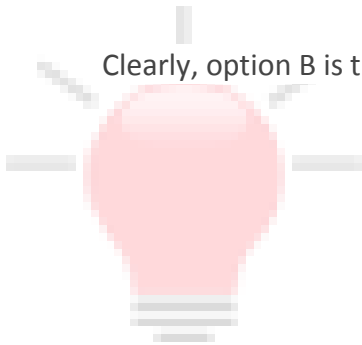
Ex. When they announced the gymnast's score, her coach went berserk.

Beginning to see daylight (Idiom):

To realize that one is approaching the end of a project or task.

Ex. When I scheduled my thesis defense, I began to see daylight after two years of hard work.

Clearly, option B is the correct answer in the context of the sentence.



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