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The Question Bank

Idioms n Phrases Questions for SBI Clerk Pre, IBPS Clerk Pre, LIC Assistant Pre and EPFO SSA Pre Exams.

Idioms n Phrases Quiz 25

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

Questions:

1. Maths is the only subject that seems **extremely difficult for me to understand**.

- A. a piece of cake B. all greek to me C. ducks and drakes
D. ace in the hole E. Both A and B

2. A mother is **always engaged** in performing her duties.

- A. as busy as bee B. at the drop of a hat C. barking up the wrong tree
D. Both A and C E. None of these

3. Harish Salve is **an important and powerful** lawyer as he wins every court case he gets.

- A. a jack of all trades B. a big shot C. a big gun
D. Both B and C E. None of these

4. I have to **work late night** only then this task will be finished on time.

- A. cut corners B. cut the mustard C. burn midnight oil
D. Both B and C E. All of these

5. I will not come to meet you today as I am **feeling ill**.

- A. hitting the sack B. feeling a bit under the weather C. making a long story short
D. the last straw E. None of these

6. Shoaib remembers the past things **very quickly**.

- A. by leaps and bounds B. far cry from C. at daggers drawn
D. Both A and B E. None of these

7. He **missed the chance** of becoming a famous singer.

- A. missed the boat B. leaped in the dark C. let sleeping dogs lie
D. Both A and B E. None of these

8. **A selfish friend** is one that has made things all about them most of the time.
- A. A snake in the grass B. A fair weather friend C. A fly in the oinment
 D. An elephant in the room E. None of the above
9. Even the greatest of India's political leaders have **a bad quality that they keep hidden**.
- A. hand in glove B. an axe to grind C. jaundiced eye
 D. feet of clay E. None of the above
10. Do you think a man in today's era can **stay alive** by selling coconuts?
- A. knit the brow B. keep abreast of C. keep body and soul together
 D. kick the bucket E. None of the above

Correct Answers:

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

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Explanations:

1. A piece of cake (idiom): Something very easy.

All greek to me (idiom): Something difficult to understand.

Ducks and Drakes (Idiom): Behave recklessly

Ace in the hole (Idiom): A hidden strength.

Clearly option B is the most suitable idiom.

Hence option B is correct.

2. **As busy as bee (idiom):** Occupied with lot of work.

At the drop of a hat (idiom): without any hesitation.

Barking up the wrong tree (idiom): looking at the wrong place.

Clearly option A is the most suitable idiom.

Hence option A is correct.

3. **A jack of all trades (Idiom):** A person who has dabbled in many skills.

A bit shot (Idiom): An important or influential person.

A big gun (Idiom): An important or influential person.

Clearly, both option B and C are replacing the bold part appropriately.

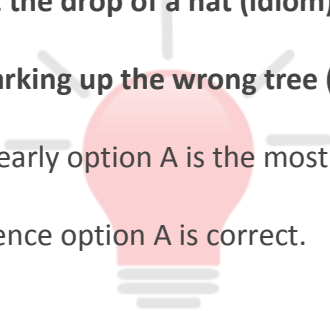
Option D is hence the correct answer.

4. Cut Corners (Idiom): Do something to save money.

Cut the mustard (Idiom): To come upto expectations.

Burn Midnight oil (Idiom): To work late night.

Hence option C is correct.



5. Hitting the sack (Idiom): going to bed.

feeling a bit under the weather (idiom): Feeling sick

making a short story short (idiom): to come to the point.

The last straw (idiom): The final problem in a series of problems.

Hence option B is correct.

6. By leaps and bounds (idiom): Very rapidly.

Far cry from (idiom): Very different

at daggers drawn (idiom): Angry with someone.

Hence option A is correct.

7. missed the boat (Idiom): Miss a chance/opportunity

leaped in the dark (idiom): Something uncertain

let sleeping dogs lie (idiom): To leave a situation on its own condition.

Hence option A is correct.

8. **A snake in the grass (Idiom):**

A treacherous person.

A fair weather friend (Idiom):

A friend who supports others only when it is easy and convenient to do so; a selfish friend.

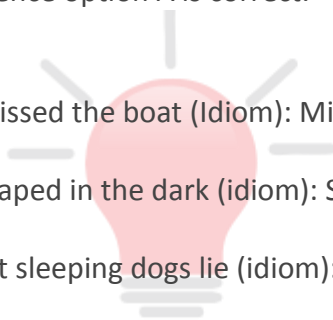
A fly in the ointment (Idiom):

A minor irritation that spoils the success or enjoyment of something.

An elephant in the room (Idiom):

A matter or problem that is obvious or of great importance but that is not discussed openly. Evidently, out of the options given, only option B replaces the bold part most appropriately.

Option B is hence the correct answer.



9. Hand in glove (Idiom):
In close collusion or association.

An axe to grind (Idiom):
To have some ulterior motives to prove.

Ex. I don't have an ax to grind here—I just want to know the truth.

Jaundiced eye (Idiom):
A biased view.

Feet of clay (Idiom):
To have a bad quality that you keep hidden.

Ex. Some of the greatest geniuses in history had feet of clay.

Evidently, out of the options given, only option D replaces the bold part most appropriately.
Option D is hence the correct answer.

10. Knit the brow (Idiom):
To frown.

Ex. Her mother-in-law always knits the brow at everything she does.

Keep abreast of (Idiom):
Not to fall behind.

Ex. It is very important for the young persons to keep abreast of political developments in the country.

Keep body and soul together (Idiom):
To maintain life.

Ex. These days because of rising prices it is difficult to keep body and soul together.

Kick the bucket (Idiom):
To die.

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

Option C is hence the correct answer.

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