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Idioms and Phrases Questions for Exam SSC Exams (CGL Tier 1, CGL Tier 2 & SSC 10+2), CLAT and CDS Exam

Idioms and Phrases Quiz 3

Directions: For each of the following sentences four alternatives are given. You are required to choose the correct meaning of the idiom or phrase given underlined in the sentence.

1. To go overboard

- A. To tell people about someone's secrets B. To encourage someone in his bad times
C. To do too much of something D. Once in a life-time

2. On the rocks

- A. likely to fail B. To feel very sad C. To act confident in a difficult situation
D. To commit a fraud

3. From the horse's mouth

- A. To make to bear the sins for others B. From an authoritative or dependable source
C. Take a subordinate position D. Worried for frivolous things

4. To cut corners

- A. Something is better than nothing B. To look disappointed for something
C. To take short-cuts D. To sniff something wrong

5. Take something with a pinch of salt

- A. Believing something with a doubt B. To keep people at a distance
C. To interfere in someone's affairs D. To lose a sustained share/position

6. Every dog has its day

- A. Almost too late B. As a low priority C. Everyone gets a chance eventually
D. Once in a life-time

7. To burn the candle at both ends

- A. To work hard and stay up very late night B. To contribute money for a party
C. To have faith in god D. To commit a blunder

8. Best of both worlds

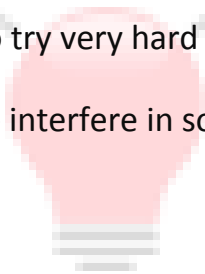
- A. To win a victory over B. Enjoy different opportunities at a single time
C. To be judged as acceptable D. Worried for frivolous things

9. A blessing in disguise

- A. A favourable situation under the pretence of an unlucky one
B. To give credit to a disagreeable person C. Only just D. To sniff something wrong

10. Bend over backwards

- A. To try very hard to do something, esp for someone B. To keep people at a distance
C. To interfere in someone's affairs D. To regret in vain that can't be undone.



Correct Answers:

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

Explanations:

1.

Meaning: to do too much; to be extravagant

Ex. When it comes to having chicken, I go overboard.

2.

Meaning: If something, like a relationship, is on the rocks, it is in trouble and may come to an end.

Ex. Their marriage is on the rocks.

3.

Meaning: to listen to or hear something from a valid and genuine source.

Ex. 'Where did you hear it from?' 'From the horse's mouth.'

4.

Meaning: To do something in the easiest, quickest, or cheapest way, often harming the quality of your work

Ex. You can't pass IAS exam by cutting corners.

5.

Meaning: to listen to a story or an explanation with considerable doubt.

Ex. You must take anything she says with a pinch of salt. She doesn't always tell the truth.

6.

Meaning: something that you say which means that everyone is successful during some period in their life.

Ex. He'll get that promotion eventually. Every dog has its day.

7.

Meaning: to get little sleep or rest because you are busy until late every night

Ex. No wonder Mary is ill. She has been burning the candle at both ends for a long time.

8.

Meaning: a situation wherein one can enjoy two different opportunities

Ex. She's a working woman and has a loving and understanding husband. She has got the best of both worlds.

9.

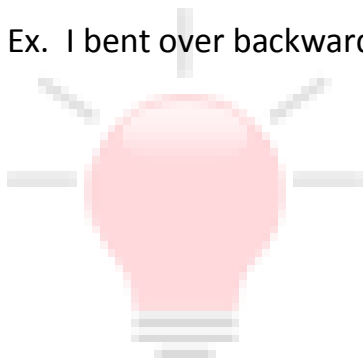
Meaning: If some bad luck or misfortune ultimately results in something positive, it's a blessing in disguise.

Ex. Losing my job was a blessing in disguise, I couldn't even have thought about starting my own business that went so successful.

10.

Meaning: to work very hard to accomplish something for someone

Ex. I bent over backwards for you, and you showed no thanks!



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