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

## Idioms and Phrases Quiz 4

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.

Directions:

1. We should give a wide berth to bad characters.

- A. keep away from      B. publicly condemn      C. give publicity to      D. not sympathise with

2. The boy turned a deaf ear to the pleadings of all his well-wishers.

- A. listened carefully      B. was deadly opposed      C. posed indifference

D. did not pay any attention

3. Rohit had to search high and low before he could find his scooter key outside.

- A. nowhere      B. secretly      C. everywhere      D. in a hidden place

4. You may rush from pillar to post, but you stand no chance of getting what you want without a bribe.

- A. be very busy      B. rush in all directions and suffer much harassment

C. go to all post boxes and post offices.      D. go to many offices and post letters

**5. At a party, he is always in high spirits.**

A. talkative      B. cheerful      C. drunk      D. uncontrollable

**6. She rejected his proposal of marriage point blank.**

A. directly      B. pointedly      C. absurdly      D. briefly

**7. We should guard against our green-eyed friends.**

A. rich      B. jealous      C. handsome      D. enthusiastic

**8. Rahul fought tooth and nail to save his company.**

A. with weapons      B. with all one's resources or energy      C. using unfair means

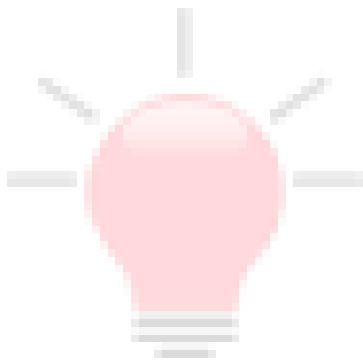
D. with strength and greed

**9. The popularity of the yester year's superstar is on the wane.**

A. growing more      B. at its peak      C. growing less      D. at rock bottom

**10. The sight of the accident made my flesh creep.**

A. worried me      B. frightened me      C. confused me      D. drew my attention



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**Correct Answers:**

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
A	D	C	B	B	A	B	B	C	B

**Explanations:**

**1.**

**To give someone or something a wide berth:**

to keep a reasonable distance from someone or something; to steer clear (of someone or something).

**Ex.** The dog we are approaching is very mean. Better give it a wide berth.

**Ex.** The sad state of journalism in India was on display this Monday when the nation's leading newspapers gave a wide berth to the farmers' march in Maharashtra.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

**2.**

**To turn a deaf ear:**

refuse to listen or respond to a statement or request.

**Ex.** He turned a deaf ear to all appeals.

**Ex.** The government cannot turn a deaf ear to the needs of common man.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

**3.**

**High and low:**

To search very thoroughly, to search for something or someone

**Ex.** I've searched high and low but without success.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

**4.**

**From pillar to post:**

from one place to another in an unceremonious or fruitless manner.

**Ex.** They were made to run pillar to post and make frenetic calls to Make My Trip who did not respond.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

**5.**

**In high spirits:**

happy and excited and energetic

**Ex.** Telangana is in high spirits as liquor sales zoom to 9000 crore.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

**6.**

**Point blank:**

Blunt; direct and to the point.

**Ex.** Such a point-blank accusation really undermines the relationship I thought we had together.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

**7.**

**Green-eyed:**

jealous or envious

**Ex.** News headline: *Virat Kohli Was Just Spotted With The Most Expensive Wallet Ever*

Now now, before you let your inner green eyed monster take over, let's just get real here. 80K isn't really a big deal for someone who is as successful as Virat Kohli.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

**8.**

**Tooth and nail:**

Engage in vigorous combat or make a strenuous effort, using all one's resources.

**Ex:** I'm going to fight tooth and nail for that promotion.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

**9.**

**On the wane:**

becoming less; fading away.

**Ex.** Her influence in on the wane, but she is still the boss.

**Ex.** Is Modi wave on the wane?

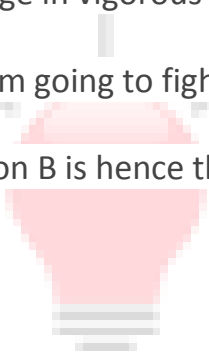
Option C is hence the correct answer.

**10.**

**To make one's flesh creep:** (esp of something ghostly)

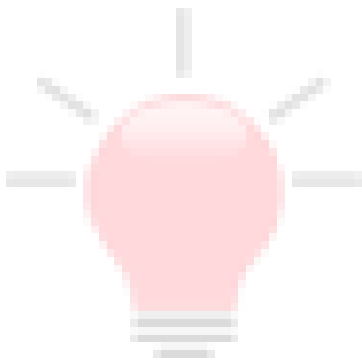
to frighten and horrify one

**Ex.** Having to look all those surgical photos made my flesh creep



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Option B is hence the correct answer.



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