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Idioms and Phrases Quiz 8

Directions: Identify the words that are similar in meaning to the phrase in underline. If none of option conveys the correct meaning, mark (E) as your answer. The options do not necessarily need to be grammatically correct.

1. The difference in the cultural relationship to punctuality is another stumbling block between India and Japan.

A. Consecration B. Impediment C. Slab of rock D. Assistance E. None of the above

2. A recent development that bodes well for the future is the collaboration between Panasonic and Tata Elxsi to develop smart solutions and products.

A. Definite B. Clues C. Certain D. Augur E. None of the above

3. He said that employees picked for jobs in India often act as though they have drawn the short straw.

A. Unfavorable outcome B. Desired result C. Exaggerate D. Camouflage

E. None of the above

4. The USA and Japan have a common strategic objective in countering Chinese hegemony in Asia, a goal that can be best met in collaboration.

A. Berate B. Mutually C. Distinctly D. Recuperate E. None of the above

5. Whenever such an audacious attack occurs, analysts hold their breath anticipating a major military confrontation between two nuclear powers.

A. Stop Breathing B. Become anxious C. Become excite D. Be hopeful E. None of the above

6. The Bangladesh freedom fighters were no match militarily for the Pakistan army.

A. Inferior B. Superior C. Allies D. Great E. None of the above

7. How can any cultural heritage remain intelligible when handed down to future generations without attention to its medium?

A. Sentenced

B. Passed over C. Passed on D. Given by hand E. None of the above

8. It was during one of the darkest days of his life when he hit upon the idea that was about to change his life as well as revolutionize the world of business forever.

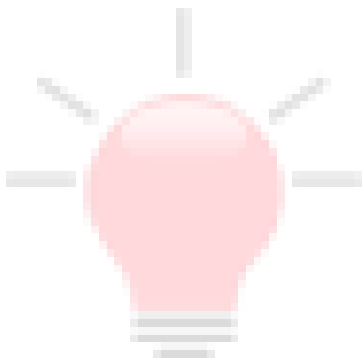
A. Device B. Assume C. Discover D. neglect E. None of the above

9. These four questions can help give you an idea of whether it's time to say goodbye, or keep at it just a little longer

A. Remember B. Persevere C. Give up D. Maintain distance E. None of the above

10. Entities which have joined in the race to buy Blackstone's BlueRidge SEZ in Pune include Shapoorji Pallonji-Allianz and Singapore-based Ascendas-Singbridge among others.

A. Participate B. Invited C. Engaging D. Unite E. None of the above



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Correct Answers:

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

Explanations:

1.

Stumbling Block: A circumstance that causes difficulty or hesitation.

Ex: The country's water shortage was a stumbling block to investors.

Consecration refers to blessing.

Assistance meaning help, is opposite to the correct meaning.

Slab of rock takes the phrase in the literal sense and is incorrect.

Only Impediment, meaning obstacle fits in.

Hence, option B is correct.

2.

Bode: refers to forecasting/indicate/augur

Something bodes well when the clues or signs imply a favorable outcome.

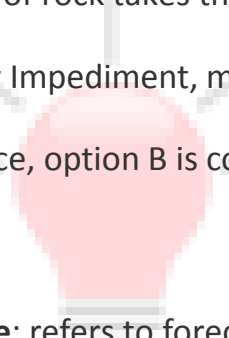
Ex: Because I am a light sleeper, the dog's barking does not bode well for my desire to take a nap.

Definite and certain are the opposite of indicate and incorrect.

lues is irrelevant.

Only augur meaning foretell/portend/signify/bode is correct.

Hence, option D is correct.



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3.

Draw the last straw: To obtain the least favorable, desirable, or fortunate outcome in a given selection.

Ex: I drew the short straw when it came to cleaning up after our shift last night.

Desired result is the opposite of what is meant by the idiom.

Exaggerate means to overstate/amplify something.

Camouflage means to hide something.

Unfavorable outcome fits in well.

Hence, option A is correct.

4.

Collaboration: To work jointly on an activity or project.

Ex: He collaborated with him on numerous hotel projects.

Berate means to scold severely and is irrelevant.

Distinctly is opposite to the correct meaning.

Recuperate is to recover.

Mutually means together and is correct.

Hence, option C is correct.

5.

Hold one's breath: . Be excited, anxious, or nervous. In the above context, the phrase is negative.

Ex: The election was so close that I held my breath until the final results were in.

Option A is absurd. Out of the rest, only option B fits in with the context.

Hence, option B is correct.

6.

No match: If one person or thing is no match for another, they are unable to compete successfully with the other person or thing.

Ex: I was no match for a man with such power.

Great and superior are opposite of the correct meaning.

Allies is irrelevant.

Only Inferior fits in.

Hence, option A is correct.

7.

Hand down: Pass on by tradition, inheritance etc.

Ex: My clothes were handed down to me by my older sister.

Sentenced means to punish and is incorrect.

Passed over means overlooked for something.

Option D is absurd.

Only Pass on makes sense here.

Hence, option C is correct.

8.

Hit on: Find unexpectedly or by inspiration.

Ex: As she watched the news she hit upon an idea for her new collection.

Device means an equipment and is incorrect.

Assume means to suppose something and is irrelevant.

Neglect means to ignore/overlook and is incorrect.

Only discover matches with the meaning given above.

Hence, option C is correct.

9.

Keep at something: to continue working hard at something difficult.

Ex: Learning a language is hard, but you just have to keep at it.

Out of all the options, only persevere which means to persist/continue is correct.

Hence, option B is correct.

10.

Joined in: to become involved in an activity with other people.

Ex: The discussion started between Suneeta and me, but then everyone joined in.

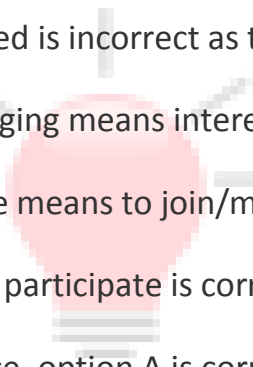
Invited is incorrect as the parties participate on their own.

Engaging means interesting and is incorrect.

Unite means to join/mix and does not make sense here.

Only participate is correct.

Hence, option A is correct.



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