

## Exercise

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- Section 1

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Some proverbs/idioms are given below together with their meanings. Choose the correct meaning of proverb/idiom, If there is no correct meaning given, E (i.e.) 'None of these' will be the answer.

1. To make clean breast of

- A. To gain prominence
- B. To praise oneself
- C. To confess without of reserve
- D. To destroy before it blooms
- E. None of these

### Answer & Explanation

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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2. To keeps one's temper

- A. To become hungry
- B. To be in good mood
- C. To preserve ones energy
- D. To be aloof from
- E. None of these

### Answer & Explanation

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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3. To catch a tarter

- A. To trap wanted criminal with great difficulty
- B. To catch a dangerous person
- C. To meet with disaster
- D. To deal with a person who is more than one's match
- E. None of these

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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4. To drive home

- A. To find one's roots
- B. To return to place of rest
- C. Back to original position
- D. To emphasise
- E. None of these

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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5. To have an axe to grind

- A. A private end to serve
- B. To fail to arouse interest

- C.** To have no result                      **D.** To work for both sides
- E.** None of these

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question

6.

To cry wolf

- A.** To listen eagerly                      **B.** To give false alarm
- C.** To turn pale                      **D.** To keep off starvation
- E.** None of these

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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7. To end in smoke

- A.** To make completely understand
- B.** To ruin oneself
- C.** To excite great applause
- D.** To overcome someone

- E.** None of these

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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8. To be above board

- A.** To have a good height
- B.** To be honest in any business deal
- C.** They have no debts
- D.** To try to be beautiful
- E.** None of these

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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9. To put one's hand to plough

- A.** To take up agricultural farming
- B.** To take a difficult task
- C.** To get entangled into unnecessary things
- D.** Take interest in technical work
- E.** None of these

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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10. To do oneself justice

- A.** To dispense justice on our own
- B.** To treat others with due respect
- C.** To defend one's point of view
- D.** To follow the path of truth and justice
- E.** None of these

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **E**

11. To pick holes

- A.** To find some reason to quarrel
- B.** To destroy something
- C.** To criticise someone
- D.** To cut some part of an item
- E.** None of these

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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12. To leave someone in the lurch

- A. To come to compromise with someone
- B. Constant source of annoyance to someone
- C. To put someone at ease
- D. To desert someone in his difficulties
- E. None of these

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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13. To play second fiddle

- A. To be happy, cheerful and healthy
- B. To reduce importance of one's senior
- C. To support the role and view of another person
- D. To do back seat driving
- E. None of these

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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14. To be the question

- A. To refer to
- B. To take for granted

- C.** To raise objections
- D.** To be discussed
- E.** None of these

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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15. A black sheep

- A.** An unlucky person
- B.** A negro
- C.** An ugly person
- D.** A partner who takes no share of the profits
- E.** None of these

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **E**

**Explanation:**

In the English language, 'Black sheep' is an idiom used to describe an odd or disreputable member of a group, especially within a family.

16. A man of straw

- A.** A man of no substance
- B.** A very active person
- C.** A worthy fellow
- D.** An unreasonable person
- E.** None of these

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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17. To smell a rat

- A.** To see signs of plague epidemic
- B.** To get bad smell of a bad dead rat
- C.** To suspect foul dealings
- D.** To be in a bad mood
- E.** None of these

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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18. To hit the nail right on the head

- A.** To do the right thing
- B.** To destroy one's reputation
- C.** To announce one's fixed views
- D.** To teach someone a lesson
- E.** None of these

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**



To do exactly the right thing; to do something in the most effective and efficient way.

19. To set one's face against

- A. To oppose with determination
- B. To judge by appearance
- C. To get out of difficulty
- D. To look at one steadily
- E. None of these

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

SECTION-2

In the following questions four alternatives are given for the idiom/phrase *italicised and underlined* in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of idiom/phrase.

1. Sobhraj could be easily arrested because the police were *tipped off* in a advance.

- A. Toppled over
- B. Bribed
- C. Given advance information
- D. Threatened

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

2. I met him after a long time, but he gave me *the cold shoulder*.

- A. scolded me
- B. insulted me
- C. abused me
- D. ignored me

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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3. He passed himself off as a noble man.

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> Was regarded as   | <b>B.</b> Pretended to be |
| <b>C.</b> Was thought to be | <b>D.</b> Was looked upon |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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4. This matter has been hanging fire for the last many months and must therefore be decided one way or the other.

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> going on slowly | <b>B.</b> hotly debated |
| <b>C.</b> stuck up        | <b>D.</b> ignored       |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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5. In the armed forces, it is considered a great privilege to die in harness.

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> die on a horse back     | <b>B.</b> die in the battlefield |
| <b>C.</b> die while still working | <b>D.</b> die with honour        |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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6. The cricket match proved to be a big draw.

**A.** a keen contest

**B.** a huge attraction

**C.** a lovely spectacle

**D.** a game without any result

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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7. When he heard that he had once again not been selected he lost heart.

**A.** became desperate

**B.** felt sad

**C.** became angry

**D.** became discouraged

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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8. He was undecided. He let the grass grow under his feet.

**A.** loitered around

**B.** stayed out

**C.** sat unmoving

**D.** moved away

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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9. Although he has failed in the written examination, he is using backstairs influence to get the job.

- A.** Political influence
- B.** Backing influence
- C.** Deserving and proper influence
- D.** Secret and unfair influence

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

10. No answer description available for this question.

Companies producing goods play to the gallery to boost their sales.

- A.** advertise
- B.** cater to the public taste
- C.** attempt to appeal to popular taste



No answer description available for this question.

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13. I am afraid he is burning the candle at both ends and ruining his life.

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> wasting his money       | <b>B.</b> becoming overgenerous |
| <b>C.</b> overtaxing his energies | <b>D.</b> losing his objectives |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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14. The university will have to shelve its plans for expansion in view of present situation

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>A.</b> cancel     | <b>B.</b> discuss  |
| <b>C.</b> reconsider | <b>D.</b> postpone |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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15. Do no trust a man who blows his own trumpet

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> flatters          | <b>B.</b> praises others  |
| <b>C.</b> admonishes others | <b>D.</b> praises himself |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

16. He is out and out a reactionary.

A. no more

B. thoroughly

C. in favour of

D. deadly against

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

17. I did not mind what he was saying, he was only through his hat.

A. talking nonsense

B. talking ignorantly

C. talking irresponsibly

D. talking insultingly

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

18. The case was held over due to the great opposition to it.

A. stopped

B. postponed

C. dropped

D. cancelled

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option B

19. In the organised society of today no individual or nation can plough a lonely furrow.

A. remain unaffected

B. do without the help of others

C. survive in isolation

D. remain non-aligned

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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20. It was he who put a spoke in my wheel.

A. tried to cause an accident

B. helped in the execution of the plan

C. thwarted in the execution of the plan

D. destroyed the plan

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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21. It is no longer easy to strike gold in Shakespeare's research since much work has already been done on him.

A. Hit a golden spot

B. Come across gold

C. Come across the word "gold"

D. Uncover or find a valuable line of argument or information

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option D



**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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22. Sanjay is very different about passing the Civil Services Examination this year.

- A. Dead sure of
- B. Very hopeful of
- C. Lacking self confidence about
- D. Reasonably certain of

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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23. Why must you look a gift horse in the mouth ?

- A. welcome a gift
- B. find fault with a gift
- C. be fastidious
- D. examine a gift carefully

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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24. Dowry is a burning question of the day.

- A. a widely debated issue
- B. a dying issue
- C. a relevant problem
- D. an irrelevant issue

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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25. Leaders should not only make speeches they should also be prepared to to bell the cat.

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> To take lead in danger.  | <b>B.</b> To tie bell to a cat's neck |
| <b>C.</b> To be alert of the enemy | <b>D.</b> To make noise               |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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26. The popularity of the yesterday's superstar is is on the wane.

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> at its peak  | <b>B.</b> at rock bottom |
| <b>C.</b> growing more | <b>D.</b> growing less   |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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27. He is leaving the country for a good.

- |                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> for better prospects | <b>B.</b> for a good cause |
| <b>C.</b> for ever             | <b>D.</b> for others good  |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

28. He is an interesting speaker but tends to go off at a tangent.

- A.** change the subject immediately
- B.** forget things in between
- C.** go on at great length
- D.** become boisterous

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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29. He sold his house for a song.

- |                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> at a reasonable price | <b>B.</b> at a discount |
| <b>C.</b> very cheaply          | <b>D.</b> at a premium  |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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30. Despite the trust bestowed on the minister he turned out to be a snake in the grass during the revolution.

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> a secret enemy       | <b>B.</b> a treacherous person     |
| <b>C.</b> an unforeseen danger | <b>D.</b> an unexpected misfortune |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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31. Women should be paid the same as men when they do the same job, for, surely what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

- A. What is thought suitable pay for a man should also be for a woman
- B. Goose and the gender eat the same sauce
- C. Both goose and gander should be equally treated
- D. The principle of equal treatment should be implemented

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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32. The party stalwarts have advised the President to take it lying down for a while.

- A. to be cautious
- B. to be on the defensive
- C. to take rest
- D. to show no reaction

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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33. The thief took to his heels when he saw a policeman on the beat.

- A. had some pain in his heels
- B. ran away from the scene

**C.** confronted the policeman

**D.** could not decide what to do

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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34. He struck several bad patches before he made good.

**A.** came across bad soil

**B.** Had a bad time

**C.** Went through many illness

**D.** Had many professional difficulties

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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35. The accounts of the murder made her flesh creep.

**A.** Made her sad

**B.** Surprised her

**C.** Made her cry bitterly

**D.** Fill her with horror

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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36. How long will the people put up with the increasing economic hardships?

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>A.</b> welcome               | <b>B.</b> take easily |
| <b>C.</b> remain satisfied with | <b>D.</b> tolerate    |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

37. The teacher warned the student once for all that no mischief shall be tolerated in the class.

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>A.</b> authoritatively | <b>B.</b> finally |
| <b>C.</b> angrily         | <b>D.</b> coldly  |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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38. I hope it will not put you out If I am late.

- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> harm you   | <b>B.</b> irritate you |
| <b>C.</b> please you | <b>D.</b> worry out    |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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39. Govind has left his country for good.

- |                                    |                                   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> for better opportunities | <b>B.</b> on an important mission |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|

C. forever

D. to return soon

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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40. Sanjay was the real power behind the throne and all politicians were aware of this.

A. The person who had the real control and power

B. The acknowledged leader

C. The person who controlled the monarch

D. The person who advised the queen

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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41. His friends let him down.

A. failed

B. comforted

C. succeeded

D. stood by

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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42. I felt like a fish out of water among all those business tycoons.

A. troubled

B. stupid

C. uncomfortable

D. inferior

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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43. Some people now wonder whether we just pay lip-service or genuinely subscribe to democracy.

A. pay oral tribute

B. attach no value

C. remain indifferent

D. show only outward respect

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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44. Don't thrust your nose into my affairs.

A. Advise me about

B. Be in opposition

C. Deal with

D. Meddle officiously in

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.



45. He visits the doctor off and on

- A. everyday
- B. regularly
- C. never at all
- D. occasionally

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

46. The recent film "Secular India" has tried to keep the pot of Muslim women's Bill boiling

- A. Earning enough to keep body and soul together
- B. Keep a controversy alive
- C. Boil the bill
- D. Boil something in a pot

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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47. The robber took to his heels when the police arrived.

- A. opened fire
- B. hid himself
- C. ran off
- D. surrendered

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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48. You cannot have your cake and eat it too.

- A. Enjoy forever

- B. Have it both ways
- C. Run away from responsibility
- D. Absolve yourself of guilt

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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49. The rebels held out for about a month

- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| A. waited    | B. retreated |
| C. bargained | D. resisted  |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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50. The new economic policy is likely to run into rough weather.

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| A. create problems | B. encounter difficulties |
| C. confuse matters | D. makes things difficult |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

51. The old father brought home the moral of unity by asking each of his sons to break the bundle of sticks

A. emphasised

B. voiced

C. declared

D. suggested

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

52. If you give John all your money, you are likely to burn your fingers.

A. be unhappy

B. be happy

C. suffer

D. be ill

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

53. I am sure they will fight tooth and nail for their rights.

A. with all their might

B. without any other weapon

C. resorting to violence

D. very cowardly

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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54. We were in hurry. The road being zigzag we had to cut off a corner to reach in time.

- A. To cut a portion of the road
- B. To take a short cut
- C. To go fast
- D. To take an alternative route

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

55. Discipline is on the wane in schools and colleges these days.

- |              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| A. declining | B. increasing |
| C. spreading | D. spiralling |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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56. In spite of the efforts of all peace loving people, world peace is still a fry cry.

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| A. an impracticable idea | B. an abstract idea |
| C. out of reach          | D. a long way off   |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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57. I felt that it was a tall order to expect Monisha to go home alone at twelve in the night.



No answer description available for this question.

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60. The question of abolition of private property is still a most point.

- |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>A.</b> undecided | <b>B.</b> uncertain |
| <b>C.</b> unknown   | <b>D.</b> not clear |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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61. This regular absenteeism is a bad business since on work is being completed.

- |                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> Bad for business     | <b>B.</b> Non-business like |
| <b>C.</b> An unfortunate event | <b>D.</b> Creating ill-will |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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62. When he tells stories about himself, he is inclined to draw the long bow.

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> understate | <b>B.</b> get emotional |
| <b>C.</b> exaggerate | <b>D.</b> get excited   |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

63. Vikram said that he has got a problem to square up with the manager.

A. consider

B. discuss

C. settle

D. workout

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option C

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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64. Although both the parents are running the show for the last ten years but their business is now on its last legs.

A. About to fructify

B. About to perish

C. About to produce results

D. About to take off

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

65. The time is running out, you must look sharp.

A. be careful

B. make haste

C. be punctual

D. be sensible

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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66. He is in the habit of throwing dust in his superiors eyes

- |                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> To put sand into eyes | <b>B.</b> To make blind        |
| <b>C.</b> To deceive            | <b>D.</b> To show false things |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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67. In modern democratic societies lynch law seems to have become the spheres of life.

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> law of the mob          | <b>B.</b> law of the underworld |
| <b>C.</b> law of the constitution | <b>D.</b> law of the parliament |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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68. He was in high spirits when I met him in the restaurant.

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| <b>A.</b> He was in a drunken state           |
| <b>B.</b> He was very cheerful                |
| <b>C.</b> He talked incoherently              |
| <b>D.</b> He was deeply engrossed in thoughts |

**Answer & Explanation**



**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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69. In his youth, he was practically rolling in money

- A.** Spending more than his income
- B.** Borrowing money liberally
- C.** Very rich
- D.** Wasting a lot of money

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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70. Jaya had a chequered career. since I first knew him as an office assistant in the insurance company.

- A.** Had a variety of jobs and experiences
- B.** A career which helped him make lot of money
- C.** A career where he signed a lot of cheques
- D.** Did odd jobs

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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71. The sight of the accident made my flesh creep.

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| <b>A.</b> draw my attention | <b>B.</b> confused me |
| <b>C.</b> frightened me     | <b>D.</b> worried me  |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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72. There is no hard and fast rule regarding this subject.

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| <b>A.</b> rule that is difficult                 |
| <b>B.</b> rule that is fat changing              |
| <b>C.</b> rule that cannot be broken or modified |
| <b>D.</b> rule that can be broken or modified    |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

73. He went to his friend's house in the evening as was his wont.

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| <b>A.</b> as usual        | <b>B.</b> as he wanted          |
| <b>C.</b> as his want was | <b>D.</b> as he wanted that day |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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74. Why do you wish to tread on the toes?

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| <b>A.</b> To give offence to them     | <b>B.</b> To follow them grudgingly |
| <b>C.</b> To treat them indifferently | <b>D.</b> To be kicked by them      |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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75. He intends setting up as a lawyer in the adjoining district.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>A.</b> To establish himself | <b>B.</b> To migrate |
| <b>C.</b> To join              | <b>D.</b> To settle  |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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76. The autographed bat from the famous cricketer Sunil Gavaskar is worth a jew's eye

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| <b>A.</b> Not a worthy possession | <b>B.</b> unnecessary                |
| <b>C.</b> A costly items          | <b>D.</b> A possession of high value |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

77. The speaker gave a bird's eye view of the political conditions in the country.

- A. a personal view
- B. a general view
- C. a biased view
- D. a detailed presentation

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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78. He resigned the post of his own accord.

- A. which he liked
- B. according to his convenience
- C. voluntarily and willingly
- D. according to his judgement

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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79. As a politician he is used to being in the limelight all the time.

- A. giving speeches
- B. the object of admiration
- C. the centre of attraction
- D. an object of public notice

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

80. I ran out of money on my European tour.

- A. exhausted my stock of
- B. did not have enough
- C. lost
- D. carried a lot

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

81. Madhuri might scream blue murder, but I feel Deepali should get the promotion since she is better qualified for the job.

- A. Someone has been murdered with some blue liquid
- B. Someone is being murdered and has become blue
- C. Suffer from persecution complex
- D. Make a great deal of noise and object vehemently

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

82. Having sold off his factory, he is now a gentleman at large.

- A. Has no serious occupation
- B. Is living comfortably
- C. Is respected by everybody
- D. Is held in high esteem

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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83. Though he has lot of money, yet all his plans are built upon sand.

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| <b>A.</b> established on insecure foundations | <b>B.</b> based on inexperience     |
| <b>C.</b> resting on cheap material           | <b>D.</b> resting on immature ideas |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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84. His plan was so complicated that it floored his listeners.

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| <b>A.</b> entertained | <b>B.</b> puzzled    |
| <b>C.</b> annoyed     | <b>D.</b> encouraged |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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85. There has been bad blood between the two communities even before shouting.

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>A.</b> Impure blood  | <b>B.</b> Ill feeling |
| <b>C.</b> Bloody fights | <b>D.</b> Quarrels    |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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86. The curious neighbours were disappointed as the young couple's quarrel was just astorm in a tea cup.

**A.** violent quarrel

**B.** fuss about a trifle

**C.** brittle situation

**D.** quarrel about tea cups

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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87. Mohan always keeps himself to himself

**A.** Is too busy

**B.** Is selfish

**C.** Is unsociable

**D.** Does not take sides

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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88. While the ladies continued their small talk in the drawing room, I felt bored.

**A.** whispering

**B.** backbiting

**C.** gossip

**D.** light conversation

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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89. My car broke down on way to the railway station.

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> stopped           | <b>B.</b> met with an accident |
| <b>C.</b> ran out of petrol | <b>D.</b> failed to work       |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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90. My father strained every nerve to enable me to get settled in life.

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| <b>A.</b> worked very hard | <b>B.</b> spent a huge amount    |
| <b>C.</b> tried all tricks | <b>D.</b> bribed several persons |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

91. He is always picking holes in every project.

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| <b>A.</b> creating problems in           |
| <b>B.</b> finding fault with             |
| <b>C.</b> suggesting improvement in      |
| <b>D.</b> asking irrelevant questions on |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.



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92. The die is cast and now let us hope for the best.

- A. project is over
- B. decision is made
- C. death is inevitable
- D. cloth has been dyed

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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93. Pt. Nehru was born with a silver spoon in his mouth.

- A. born in a middle class family
- B. born in a wealthy family
- C. born in a royal family
- D. born in a family of nationalists

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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94. The arrival of the mother-in-law in the family proved a rift in the lute.

- A. caused unnecessary worries
- B. brought about disharmony
- C. caused a pleasant atmosphere

- D.** brought about a disciplined atmosphere

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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95. The prince did not take after the king.

- A.** run after

- B.** follow

- C.** precede

- D.** resemble

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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96. Don't lose patience, things will improve by and by

- A.** soon

- B.** finally

- C.** gradually

- D.** unexpectedly

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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97. Do not imagine that Dharmendra is really sorry that his wife died. Those are only crocodile tears.

- A.** Pretended sorrow

- B.** Tears a crocodile

C. A weeping crocodile

D. Mild regret

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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98. The P.M has pulled up Orissa partymen.

A. elevated

B. rewarded

C. punished

D. reprimanded

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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99. He did me a good turn by recommending me for the post of Vice Principal.

A. returned my kindness

B. did an act of kindness

C. improved my prospects

D. became suddenly good

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

100. He believes in the policy of making hay while the sun shines.

A. giving bribes to get his work done

B. seeking advice from one and all

C. helping those who help him

D. making the best use of a favourable situation

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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101. His friends advised him to be fair and square in his dealings.

**A.** Careful

**B.** Considerate

**C.** Polite

**D.** Upright

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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102. It is high time that India did something about the population problem.

**A.** already late

**B.** appropriate time

**C.** desired occasion

**D.** auspicious moment

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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103. He is always standing up for the weak and oppressed.

**A.** Boosting the claims of

**B.** Championing the cause of

**C.** Seeking help of others for

**D.** Moving about with

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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

**A.** give publicity to

**B.** publicly condemn

**C.** keep away from

**D.** not sympathise with

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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105. Turban is in vogue in some communities.

**A.** in fashion

**B.** out of use

**C.** vaguely used

**D.** never used

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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106. The old man was cut to the quick when his rich son refused to recognise him.

**A.** surprised

**B.** hurt intensely

**C.** annoyed

**D.** irritated

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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107. I requested him to put in a word for me.

**A.** introduce

**B.** assist

**C.** support

**D.** recommend

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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108. The dacoit murdered the man in cold blood.

**A.** coldly

**B.** boldly

**C.** ruthlessly

**D.** deliberately

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

109. He has built a big business empire by his sharp practices.

**A.** extreme hard work

**B.** keen business skills

**C.** dishonest dealings

**D.** sharp intelligence

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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110. The secretary and the treasurer are hand in glove with each other.

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> very good friends         | <b>B.</b> constantly fighting      |
| <b>C.</b> associates in some action | <b>D.</b> suspicious of each other |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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111. He never liked the idea of keeping his wife under his thumb and so he let her do what she liked.

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|---------------------------|--|
| <b>A.</b> Pressed down    | <b>B.</b> Unduly under control         |
| <b>C.</b> Below his thumb | <b>D.</b> Under tyrannical conditions. |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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112. It is time that professors came down from their ivory towers and studied the real needs of the students.

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>A.</b> Detachment and seclusion | <b>B.</b> A tower made of ivory |
| <b>C.</b> Prison                   | <b>D.</b> Dream lands           |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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113. You have to be a cool customer and be patient if you want to get the best buys.

- A. Be calm and not be excitable
- B. Have a cool head
- C. Be uncommunicative
- D. Be choosy

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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114. There was no opposition to the new policy by the rank and file of the Government.

- A. the official machinery
- B. the ordinary members
- C. the majority
- D. the cabinet ministers

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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115. The clerk wiped the nose of his employer by submitting a false bill and was dismissed from his job.

- A. Cleaned the nose
- B. Cheated
- C. Abused
- D. Slapped

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**



**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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116. I have a bone to pick with you in this matter.

**A.** Am in agreement

**B.** Am angry

**C.** Am indebted

**D.** Will join hands

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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117. The new C.M stuck his neck out today and promised 10kgs. free wheat a month for all rural families.

**A.** took an oath

**B.** took a risk

**C.** extended help

**D.** caused embarrassment

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

118. Harassed by repeated acts of injustice. he decided to put his foot down.

**A.** not to yield

**B.** resign

**C.** to accept the proposal unconditionally

**D.** withdraw

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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119. The class could not keep a straight face on hearing the strange pronunciation of the new teacher.

A. remain silent

B. remain serious

C. remain mute

D. remain disturbed

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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120. The parliamentary inquiry into the Bofors deal did not bring to light any startling facts.

A. Prove

B. Probe

C. Highlight

D. Disclose

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option D

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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121. His speech went down well with the majority of the audience.

A. found acceptance with

B. was attentively listened to by

C. was appreciated by

D. was applauded by

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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122. Rohit has bitten off more than he chew.

- A.** Is trying to do much
- B.** Is very greedy
- C.** Is always hungry
- D.** Has little regard for others

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **A**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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123. The detective left no stone unturned to trace the culprit.

- A.** took no pains
- B.** did very irrelevant things
- C.** resorted to illegitimate practices
- D.** used all available means

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **D**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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124. The authorities took him to task for his negligence.

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| <b>A.</b> gave him additional work | <b>B.</b> suspended his assignment |
| <b>C.</b> reprimanded him          | <b>D.</b> forced him to resign     |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **C**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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125. In spite of the immense pressure exerted by the militants, the Government has decided not to give in.

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|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>A.</b> accede | <b>B.</b> yield   |
| <b>C.</b> oblige | <b>D.</b> confirm |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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126. Their business is now on its last legs.

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| <b>A.</b> About to fructify        | <b>B.</b> About to perish   |
| <b>C.</b> About to produce results | <b>D.</b> About to take off |

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option **B**

127. He went back on his promise to vote for me.

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|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>A.</b> withdrew | <b>B.</b> forgot |
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C. reinforced

D. supported

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option A

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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128. The old beggar ran amuck and began to throw stones at the passerby.

A. became desperate

B. ran about wildly

C. become annoyed

D. felt disgusted

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option B

**Explanation:**

No answer description available for this question.

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129. I cannot conceive of a time when I was without a refrigerator

A. Imagine

B. Give birth

C. Understand

D. Depend

**Answer & Explanation**

**Answer:** Option A