



# **BALABHAIYA'S BAAP ONLINE ACADEMY**



## **Paper 1 - idioms and phrases**

### **0.1. All eyes**

- (a) Watching with anger
- (b) Watching eagerly
- (c) Watching with no interest
- (d) Not watching at all

### **Q.2. In weal and woe**

- (a) In sad and gloomy days
- (b) In happiness and good times
- (c) In prosperity and adversity
- (d) In despair and failure

### **Q.3. A green horn**

- (a) Uneducated person
- (b) Inexperienced person
- (c) Clever person
- (d) Skilled person

### **Q.4. Bag and baggage**

- (a) with burden
- (b) without any aim
- (c) without happiness
- (d) with all of one's possessions



**Q.5. He was murdered in cold blood.**

- (a) in cold weather
- (b) deliberately
- (c) when blood was cold
- (d) regretfully

**Q.6. A skeleton in the cupboard.**

- (a) A popular fact which is not hidden
- (b) A popular fact to be kept secret
- (c ) An embarrassing fact not to be kept secret
- (d) An embarrassing fact to be kept secret

**Q.7. Fly into a passion**

- (a) To be aggressive at times
- (b) To become aggressive often
- (c) To become angry suddenly
- (d) fo be always angry

**Q.8. Break the ice**

- (a) Make people meeting first time feel uncomfortable
- (b) Make people meeting first time feel sad
- (c) Make people meeting first time feel more detached
- (d) Make people meeting first time feel more comfortable

**Q.9. Mr. Raghav racked his brain, but couldn't think where he had left the book.**

- (a) thought very hard
- (b) had a series of consecutive thoughts
- (c) knew it, but couldn't quite remember it
- (d) thought he had heard something before

**Q.10. To smell a rat**

- (a) To have reason to know the presence of a rat
- (b) To have reason to suspect
- (c) To know the smell of a rat
- (d) To learn the smell of a rat

**Q.11. By the end of the football match, feelings had reached fever pitch.**

- (a) in or to many places
- (b) to get so strong that one cannot control them
- (c) be extremely serious and worrying
- (d) start well

**Q.12. Fair and square**

- (a) Honestly
- (b) Fair-skinned
- (c) Being vague
- (d) Good looking

**Q.13. Cut a poor figure**

- (a) In a poor state
- (b) To put a good impression
- (c) To put a bad impression
- (d) Bad physical form

**Q.14. Bear the palm**

- (a) To bring joyful news
- (b) To lose a game
- (c) To advocate peace
- (d) To be a winner

**Q.15. "Just add a bit of cheese to your pasta and Bob's your uncle!" Reena suggested to me over dinner last night.**

- (a) It becomes easily and quickly achievable
- (b) It changes the appearance
- (c) It ruins everything
- (d) it changes nothing

**Q.16. I know she really wants the promotion, but she really hit me below the hand by telling the boss about my personal problems.**

- (a) hit me the bricks
- (b) hit me below the books
- (c) hit me below the bottle
- (d) hit me below the belt

Q.17. Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the italicised words in the given sentence.

**I have been a vegetarian for a *very long time*.**

- (a) donkey's years
- (b) duck in the thunderstorm
- (c) die in harness
- (d) Damocles' sword

Q.18. Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the italicised words in the given sentence.

**He was sacked from his job because of a *grave error* on his part.**

- (a) raining cats and dogs
- (b) minding one's p's and q's
- (c) picking holes in one's cot
- (d) Himalayan blunder

**Q.19. The announcement of the new tourism policy of the government has made some people excited or interested.**

- (a) Pull out all the stops
- (b) Run around in circles
- (c) Quicken the pulse
- (d) Reach for the moon

**Q.20. The lecture by the French professor seemed Latin and Greek to the young students.**

- (a) Interesting
- (c) Unbiased
- (b) Lucid
- (d) Incomprehensible

Q.21. Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the italicised words in the given sentence.

**Some people still feel that they have very little freedom to be innovative in their work.**

- (a) elbow room
- (b) an old lady
- (c) an old head on young shoulders
- (d) to make a pile

**Q.22. On the ball**

- (a) To be alert
- (b) Doing a bad job
- (c) Doing an average job
- (d) To be lazy

**Q.23. When the war breaks out, all the war mongering social media activists become yellow bellies.**

- (a) Zealots
- (b) Cowards
- (c) Sceptics
- (d) Upset stomachs

**Q.24. A rolling stone gathers no moss**

- (a) A person who settles for a short time and runs from place to place, enjoying his freedom
- (b) A person who does not settle anywhere for a short time, and is always searching for gold
- (c) A person who settles for a long time and leads a boring and useless Life
- (d) A person who does not settle in one place for a long time, does not gain wealth, name or fame

Q.25. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

**The great director Satyajit Ray after receiving the Honorary Academic Award from Audrey Hepburn, \_\_\_\_\_ Kolkata home.**

- (a) breathed his last
- (b) nipped in the bud
- (c) kept the ball rolling
- (d) dug the grave

**Q.26. The young boy was born with a silver spoon in his mouth.**

- (a) born with a spoon stuck in his mouth
- (b) born to riches and luxury
- (c) born with a spoon that was not of gold
- (d) born to not so rich parents

Q.27. Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the italicised words in the given Sentence.

**The world needs a global leader who can hold out a gesture of peace.**

- (a) mother wit
- (b) halcyon days
- (c) a grass widow
- (d) an olive branch

**Q.28. Nobody in the conference seemed to believe the cock and bull story about such a major movie star.**

- (a) Factual story
- (b) Wildly exaggerated or falsified story
- (c) Interesting story
- (d) Secretive story

**Q.29. The game is now in full swing.**

- (a) very passive
- (b) very uninteresting
- (c) playing on the swings
- (d) very active

**Q.30. Take something at face value**

- (a) Accept something as it looks without thinking about whether it might, in fact, not be quite what it appears
- (b) According to the appearance of something
- (c) Not laugh or change your expression even though you want to laugh
- (d) Show that you do not like something by making an unpleasant expression

**Q.31. A fair-weather friend can never be trusted in the times of exigency.**

- (a) A close friend after
- (b) A pen friend ward
- (c) A selfish friend his
- (d) An old acquaintance

**Q.32. Cudgel one's brain**

- (a) Thinking about a debate
- (b) To think hard
- (c) Not to think
- (d) To overthink



Q.33. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

**One has to be persisted in studies if he\she wants to get his\her dream job. Success will remain unattainable if one studies \_\_\_\_.**

- (a) root and branch
- (b) the three R's
- (c) in ups and downs
- (d) by first and starts

**Q.34. I bought some extra copies from the stationery shop. These may come in handy during exams.**

- (a) Be useful
- (b) Cause trouble
- (c) Be sold
- (d) Bring luck

**Q.35. Play it by ear**

- (a) To do something without special preparation
- (b) To plan
- (c) To listen carefully
- (d) To Improve

Q.36. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

**One has to \_\_\_\_ the risks associated with global warming.**

- (a) Cook in mind
- (b) Bear in mind
- (c) Take in mind
- (d) break in mind

**Q.37. On cloud nine**

- (a) Flying
- (b) Floating
- (c) Dreaming
- (d) Very happy

**Q.38. Someone's heart is in the right place**

- (a) Suddenly feel so excited or frightened that your heart beats faster
- (b) Change your opinion or the way you feel
- (c) Share secret worries with someone else
- (d) Someone is good even if they sometime behave in a wrong manner

**Q.39. Down the tubes**

- (a) Minting money
- (b) Failing complete
- (c) Being informal
- (d) Going to swim

Q.40. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

**APJ Abdul Kalam's house, located on Mosque Street was within the reach of the famous temple of Rameswaram. It was just \_\_\_\_ from it.**

- (a) a stone's throw away
- (b) at one's fingertip
- (c) at arm's length
- (d) from pillar to post

**Q.41. I begged him to reconsider my application, but he put his foot down.**

- (a) stamped his foot down
- (b) agreed to reconsider
- (c) refused to yield
- (d) did not run

**Q.42. Select the most appropriate option to complete the given sentence.**

**The news of his arrest spread rapidly in every \_\_\_\_ of the city.**

- (a) rack and ruin
- (b) ins and outs
- (c) nook and corner
- (d) life and soul

**Q.43. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.**

**The activist is working really hard and was determined to \_\_\_\_ for this cause.**

- (a) have feet of clay
- (b) blow his own trumpet
- (c) move heaven and earth
- (d) keep the wolf from the door

**Q.44. Select the sentence that uses the idiom correctly.**

- (a) Ranita was not selected for the job as she got cold feet.
- (b) Walking bare feet on grass gave him cold feet.
- (c) After too much cycling Arun got cold feet
- (d) One can swim easily with cold feet.

Q.45. Select the most appropriate option to complete the given sentence.

**She raised a \_\_\_\_\_ when she saw her luggage missing.**

- (a) hue and cry
- (c) hand and foot
- (b) spick and span
- (d) whip and spur

**Q.46. After several years of cheating on his PhD work, the candidate finally had to face the music and lose the opportunity.**

- (a) Accept ignorance
- (b) To accept unpleasant consequences
- (c) Choose another alternative that is uninteresting
- (d) Be exposed

**Q.47. Lose your marbles**

- (a) To go insane
- (b) To handle stress
- (c) To lower down anger
- (d) To be patient

**Q.48. The sailor tells great tales of adventure that you should take with a grain of salt.**

- (a) Great admiration
- (b) Great patriotism
- (c) Not take too seriously
- (d) Be afraid to refrain from

**Q.49. The anxious duke was found strolling in the garden to and fro.**

- (a) From north to south
- (b) From west to east
- (c) Forward and backward
- (d) Upward and downward

**Q.50. Eat humble pie**

- (a) To apologies humbly
- (b) To live in penury
- (c) To live a life of humility
- (d) To enjoy life to the fullest