



BALABHAIYA'S BAAP ONLINE ACADEMY



Paper 1 - idioms and phrases

Q.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) regrettfully

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) to 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

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

