

Idioms and Phrases

Directions (Qs.1 - 15): Fill in the blanks with the correct idiom/phrasal verb to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

1. The company's decision to expand internationally was considered a by the industry experts.

- A) red herring
- B) blessing in disguise
- C) feather in the cap
- D) cold shoulder
- E) small fry

2. Despite facing many difficulties, the team managed to and complete the project successfully.

- A) throw in the towel
- B) keep their chin up
- C) beat around the bush
- D) hit the sack
- E) blow hot and cold

3. The manager's explanation was so clear that it really the issue perfectly.

- A) hit the nail on the head
- B) let the cat out of the bag
- C) face the music
- D) call it a day
- E) play it by ear

4. The politician's involvement in the scandal was damaging his reputation severely.

- A) a blessing in disguise
- B) a piece of cake
- C) a red herring
- D) a shot in the dark
- E) a bitter pill to swallow

5. The manager asked the team to the presentation several times to avoid any mistakes.

- A) pull strings
- B) call it a day
- C) jump the gun
- D) run through
- E) take it easy

6. His continuous absence from work was by the management, and he was asked to explain.

- A) swept under the rug
- B) looked down upon
- C) called off
- D) put up with
- E) broke into

7. He's known for being very strict and doesn't any nonsense at the workplace.

- A) put up with B) run away from
C) call in D) blow over
E) face the music

8. The new software implementation was much faster than expected.

- A) a red herring B) under the weather
C) a piece of cake D) over the moon
E) on thin ice

9. The politician tried to by making promises but failed to address the real issue.

- A) hit the sack
B) burn the midnight oil
C) break even
D) beat around the bush
E) call the shots

10. The detective's discovery of the hidden documents the mystery of the case.

- A) let the cat out of the bag
B) throw in the towel
C) jump the gun
D) pay through the nose
E) shed light on

11. He made a decision to invest in the emerging market without proper research.

- A) cold shoulder
B) blind alley
C) shot in the dark
D) bolt from the blue
E) feather in the cap

12. After the scandal, the CEO was forced to and resign immediately.

- A) face the music B) pull strings
C) kick the bucket
D) bite the bullet
E) break the ice

13. The union leader tried to the workers to go on strike.

- A) call the shots B) drum up
C) go over D) play it by ear

E) put the cart before the horse

14. The politician's scandal was a that diverted public attention from the real problems.

- A) uphill battle B) white elephant

C) green light D) double-edged sword

E) red herring

15. The sudden market crash came, leaving investors in shock.

A) once in a blue moon

B) under the table

C) over the moon

D) out of the blue

E) a dime a dozen

KEY

1-C, 2-B, 3-A, 4-E, 5-D, 6-B, 7-A, 8-C, 9-D, 10-E, 11-C, 12-A, 13-B, 14-E, 15-D.