

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.