

Phrasal Verbs

Directions (Qs. 1-20): Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

1. Ramesh always tries to **put his best foot forward** during interviews.

- A) walk confidently
- B) show his best side
- C) stay silent
- D) pretend to be perfect

2. Priya **let the cat out of the bag** about the surprise party.

- A) rescued a pet B) spoiled the plan
- C) revealed the secret
- D) ran away in fear

3. The manager's instructions **went in one ear and out the other** for most workers.

- A) were strictly followed
- B) were forgotten instantly
- C) were appreciated
- D) echoed loudly

4. After the argument, he decided to **bury the hatchet**.

- A) hide his weapon B) take revenge
- C) forget the quarrel
- D) stay away from others

5. She **jumped on the bandwagon** and started investing in crypto.

- A) followed a trend B) got scared
- C) started driving
- D) hesitated to try

6. Ishan **burned the midnight oil** to complete his project.

- A) wasted time
- B) did household chores
- C) used extra electricity
- D) worked late at night

7. The soldier was praised for **keeping a stiff upper lip** during the crisis.

- A) showing courage
- B) remaining silent
- C) blaming others
- D) looking arrogant

8. Despite her injury, Mithali **went the extra mile** to help her team win.

- A) walked far B) followed the leader
- C) slowed down D) put in more effort

9. When asked about his failure, he tried to **beat around the bush**.

- A) cut trees
- B) spoke indirectly
- C) explained clearly
- D) ignored the question

10. You need to **pull up your socks** if you want to pass this exam.

- A) dress formally
- B) stop studying
- C) take rest
- D) make a stronger effort

11. He **spilled the beans** about the company's secret strategy.

- A) wasted food
- B) played a prank
- C) disclosed the information
- D) made a guess

12. The politician tried to **blow his own trumpet** during the debate.

- A) praise himself
- B) play music
- C) attack others
- D) stay silent

13. The scientist's new theory was **ahead of its time**.

- A) too early to be accepted
- B) copied from others
- C) outdated
- D) easily understood

14. He was caught **red-handed** while stealing the documents.

- A) in a red shirt
- B) with the evidence
- C) while escaping
- D) acting suspiciously

15. During the recession, many businesses had to **cut corners** to survive.

- A) move carefully
- B) expand operations
- C) change direction
- D) reduce quality to save money

16. She always **keeps her cards close to her chest** in business meetings.

- A) plays fair
- B) reveals secrets
- C) remains secretive
- D) asks questions

17. His explanation was just a **cock and bull story**.

- A) a true event
- B) a confusing tale
- C) a fabricated story
- D) a long discussion

18. I told him to **bite the bullet** and face the consequences.

- A) act brave in a tough situation
- B) use a weapon
- C) leave the situation

D) argue continuously

19. The boss was in a bad mood and read the riot act to the team.

A) gave an award B) told a story

C) started crying

D) gave strict warning

20. He was under the weather after returning from the trip.

A) facing a storm B) feeling unwell

C) acting confused

D) celebrating

KEY:

1-B, 2-C, 3-B, 4-C, 5-A, 6-D, 7-A, 8-D, 9-B, 10-D, 11-C, 12-A, 13-A, 14-B, 15-D, 16-C, 17-C, 18-A, 19-D, 20-B.