

**ENGLISH**

# **AARAMBH CHECKLIST PRE**

**ENGLISH IS A VERY EASY LANGUAGE  
I AM VERY GOOD AT ENGLISH  
I WILL DEFINITELY GET MY DREAM JOB**

**CHECKLIST 203**



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**Idiom Based Fillers**

**Directions (1-10):** In each of the following questions, a sentence is given with a blank. Choose the idiom from the given options that best completes the sentence meaningfully and contextually.

1. Although the negotiations grew tense at times, the diplomat retained her poise and professionalism, always striving to \_\_\_\_\_ when conflicts arose.

- a) break the ice
- b) toe the line
- c) fly off the handle

- A. Only a
- B. Only b
- C. Both a and b
- D. Only c
- E. All a, b, and c

2. After months of ignoring the early warnings, the company's decision to cut corners in safety protocols proved to be a classic case of \_\_\_\_\_ .

- a) biting the bullet
- b) digging their own grave
- c) hitting the sack

- A. Only b
- B. Only a
- C. Both a and c
- D. Only c
- E. All a, b, and c

3. In many metropolitan cities, the unchecked greed of builders has led them to violate safety norms and environmental laws, effectively \_\_\_\_\_ in pursuit of profit.

- a) turning a blind eye
- b) going for broke
- c) biting the hand that feeds them

- A. Only a
- B. Only b
- C. Both a and b
- D. Only c
- E. All a, b, and c

4. Despite the public outrage over the collapsed flyover, the officials continued to \_\_\_\_\_, denying any accountability or structural flaws.

- a) wash their hands of it
- b) beat around the bush
- c) jump the gun

- A. Only a
- B. Only b
- C. Only c
- D. Both a and b
- E. All a, b, and c

5. When the market crashed suddenly, only those investors who had the foresight to \_\_\_\_\_ managed to avoid huge losses.

- a) play their cards right
- b) jump on the bandwagon
- c) keep their ear to the ground

- A. Only b
- B. Both a and c
- C. Only a
- D. Only c
- E. All a, b, and c

6. Despite facing unexpected setbacks, Aditi managed to stay focused and keep her \_\_\_\_\_, which helped her complete the project successfully.

- a) head in the clouds
- b) cool under pressure
- c) nose to the grindstone

- A. Only b
- B. Only a
- C. Both b and c
- D. Only c
- E. All a, b, and c

7. Maria's explanation for missing the deadline was so unbelievable that it felt like she was \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) spinning a yarn
- b) beating a dead horse
- c) jumping the gun

- A. Only a
- B. Only b
- C. Both a and c
- D. Only c
- E. All a, b, and c

8. Emily was overwhelmed with multiple deadlines and felt like she had \_\_\_\_\_, while also struggling to speak clearly due to her nervousness.

- a) a lot on her plate
- b) a frog in her throat
- c) a shot in the dark

- A. All a, b, and c
- B. Only a
- C. Both a and b
- D. Only c
- E. Only b

9. After the sudden resignation of the CEO, the future of the company was \_\_\_\_\_, causing uncertainty among employees and investors alike.

- a) a blessing in disguise
- b) up in the air
- c) a double-edged sword

- A. Both a and c
- B. Only b
- C. Only a
- D. Only c
- E. All a, b, and c

**10.** After working late for weeks, getting the project approved was the perfect \_\_\_\_\_ for the team's hard work and dedication.

- a) steep learning curve
- b) nail in the coffin
- c) icing on the cake

- A. Only b
- B. Only a
- C. Both a and c
- D. Only c
- E. All a, b, and c

**ANSWER**

**1.Ans: C**

**Explanation:**

**Break the ice:** to initiate conversation in a tense or awkward situation – fits the context of diplomacy.

**Toe the line:** to conform to expected standards or rules – relevant in maintaining professionalism.

**Fly off the handle:** to suddenly lose one's temper – opposite of retaining poise.

**2.Ans: A**

**Explanation:**

**Digging their own grave:** doing something that will cause serious trouble for oneself – fits the context.

**Biting the bullet:** accepting something painful or unpleasant – unrelated here.

**Hitting the sack:** going to bed – irrelevant.

**3.Ans: C**

**Explanation:**

**Turn a blind eye:** ignore something deliberately – fits the context of neglecting rules.

**Go for broke:** take big risks for potential huge gains – matches the profit-hungry behavior.

**Bite the hand that feeds them:** harm someone who helps you – not appropriate here.

**4.Ans: D**

**Explanation:**

**Wash their hands of it:** to disclaim responsibility – fits the officials' behavior.

**Beat around the bush:** to avoid addressing the main issue – aligns with their avoidance.

**Jump the gun:** to act prematurely – doesn't fit the context of denial or evasion.

**5.Ans: B**

**Explanation:**

**Play their cards right:** act wisely and strategically – fits the idea of avoiding losses.

**Keep their ear to the ground:** stay informed and aware – also suitable in a market context.

**Jump on the bandwagon:** follow a trend – not relevant when talking about *foresight* or caution.

**6.Ans: C**

**Explanation:**

**Cool under pressure:** staying calm despite difficulties – fits Aditi's behavior.

**Nose to the grindstone:** working hard and diligently – also relevant.

**Head in the clouds:** being dreamy or unrealistic – not fitting here.

**7.Ans: A**

**Explanation:**

**Spinning a yarn:** telling a tall tale or an unbelievable story – fits Maria's excuse.

**Beating a dead horse:** wasting effort on a lost cause – not relevant here.

**Jumping the gun:** acting prematurely – doesn't fit the context of excuses.

**8.Ans: C.**

**Explanation:**

**A lot on her plate:** having many responsibilities – fits with being overwhelmed.

**A frog in her throat:** having difficulty speaking, often due to nervousness – fits struggling to speak clearly.

**A shot in the dark:** a wild guess – not relevant to feeling overwhelmed or nervous.

**9.Ans: B**

**Explanation:**

**Up in the air:** uncertain or undecided – fits perfectly the situation.

**A blessing in disguise:** something that seems bad but turns out good – not fitting the uncertainty context.

**A double-edged sword:** something having both positive and negative consequences – not suitable here.

**10. Ans: D. Only c**

**Explanation:**

**Icing on the cake:** an additional benefit or positive aspect – fits perfectly here.

**Steep learning curve:** a difficult period of learning – not suitable for this context.

**Nail in the coffin:** something that leads to failure or end – opposite of the positive context.

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