



Parasummary Practice - 19 Sept

Special class

Idioms

Q1 He always ~~beats around the bush~~ when asked about his grades.

- ☒ A) Avoids the main point
- B) Speaks confidently
- C) Reveals secrets
- D) Talks briefly

Q2 After the long trek, she was completely dead on her feet.

- ☒ A) Extremely tired
- B) Restless and anxious
- C) Carefree
- D) Excited

Q3. The manager decided to call it a day after the meeting.

- A) Resign permanently
- ☒ B) End work for the day
- C) Avoid responsibility
- D) Delay a decision

Q4. He let the cat out of the bag about the surprise party.

- A) Created chaos
- ☒ B) Revealed a secret
- C) Solved the mystery
- D) Lost his patience

Q5. The politician's statement added fuel to the fire.

- A) Reduced anger
- ☒ B) Escalated the situation
- C) Created confusion
- D) Ignored the issue

Q6. She hit the nail on the head during the debate.

- A) Spoke inaccurately
- ☒ B) Made the exact point
- C) Missed the target
- D) Criticized harshly

Q7. They were ready to **face the music** for their mistakes.

- A) Avoid punishment
- B) Enjoy praise
- ☒ C) Accept consequences
- D) Seek help

Q8. His new startup turned out to be a **flash in the pan**.

- ☒ A) A temporary success
- B) A consistent performer
- C) A sudden failure
- D) An expensive venture

Q9. She was over the moon when she got the scholarship.

- A) Disappointed
- ☒ B) Extremely happy
- C) Doubtful
- D) Relieved

Q10. The deal was a blessing in disguise.

- ☒ A) Good outcome hidden in bad
- B) Disastrous result
- C) Obvious opportunity
- D) Unlucky event

Q11. He decided to burn the midnight oil before the exam.

☒ A) ~~Sleep early~~

☒ B) Work late into the night

C) Avoid studying

D) Waste time

Q12. Their friendship is really on the rocks these days.

☒ A) Growing stronger

☒ B) In trouble

C) Unchanged

D) Publicly known

Q13. The player finally threw in the towel after several injuries.

- A) Declared victory
- ☒ B) Gave up
- C) Asked for help
- D) Took a break

Q14. His promotion was the icing on the cake.

- A) Added difficulty
- B) Unnecessary detail
- ☒ C) Extra benefit
- D) Hidden flaw

Q15. The news came out of the blue.

- ☒ A) Totally unexpected
- B) Previously planned
- C) Well-known
- D) Easily predicted

Q16. She had to bite the bullet and accept the tough decision.

- ☒ A) Avoid it
- ☒ B) Handle bravely
- C) Delay further
- D) Pass responsibility

✓ Q17. He finally decided to spill the beans.

- ✓ A) Tell the truth
- B) Waste time
- C) Start fighting
- D) Hide information

✓ Q18. That exam was a real piece of cake for her.

- ✓ A) Very simple
- B) Quite difficult
- C) Boring
- D) Confusing

✓ the icing on the
cake
- piece of cake

Q19. The new law will cut both ways.

- A) Have both good and bad effects
- B) Be entirely harmful
- C) Affect only positively
- D) Solve all problems

Q20. They are just adding insult to injury by mocking him.

- A) Making a bad situation worse
- B) Apologizing sincerely
- C) Creating misunderstanding
- D) Correcting a mistake

Q21. He finally decided to ~~face the music~~ after being caught cheating.

- A) Avoid punishment
- ☒ B) Accept consequences
- C) Pretend innocence
- D) Ask for sympathy

Q22. Her sudden resignation was the last straw for the company.

- ☒ A) The final problem that broke patience
- B) The happiest moment
- C) An unnecessary action
- D) The easiest solution

Q23. The politician tried to muddy the waters during the debate.

- A) Clarify issues
- ☒ B) Create confusion
- C) Prove his point
- D) Support opponents

Q24. He is known to blow hot and cold on every issue.

- A) Be inconsistent
- B) Stay calm
- C) Speak wisely
- D) Avoid conflict

Q25. The witness's statement was above board.

- A) Dishonest
- B) Suspicious
- C) Honest and open
- D) Aggressive

She is on board with the new plan

on board
↓
support, agree

aboard

Q26. She finally got the **green light** for her project.

- A) Permission to proceed
- B) Warning signal
- C) Sudden rejection
- D) Clear explanation

Q27. His bold comments **rocked the boat** at the meeting.

- A) Caused trouble
- B) Avoided disputes
- C) Brought peace
- D) Solved problems

Q28. The cricketer is in the driver's seat now.

A) Feeling nervous

☒ B) In control

C) Under pressure

D) Feeling left out

Q29. The old traditions are slowly dying out

A) Becoming stronger

B) Gaining popularity

☒ C) Disappearing gradually

D) Spreading widely

Q30. Don't jump the gun before hearing the full story.

- ☒ A) React too quickly
- B) Be cautious
- C) Wait patiently
- D) Speak softly

Q31. The detective finally nailed down the suspect.

- ☒ A) Trapped successfully
- B) Lost track
- C) Negotiated fairly
- D) Escaped punishment

Q32. His explanation was wide of the mark.

- A) Very accurate
- ☒ B) ~~Totally wrong~~
- C) Clearly explained
- D) Partially true

Q33. He always tries to keep the ball rolling in discussions.

- A) Stop arguments
- ☒ B) ~~Continue progress~~
- C) End debates
- D) Avoid work

Q34. The new rule will **hit the nail on the head**.

- A) Be completely correct
- B) Mislead everyone
- C) Cause controversy
- D) Offer no solution

Q35. She decided to **turn a blind eye** to his mistakes.

- ☒ A) Ignore deliberately
- B) Criticize harshly
- C) Support fully
- D) Handle carefully

IDIOMS FOR *OMETS*

Question 1:

The vendor pitched a "basic or premium" package, but the fine print made it Hobson's choice for small NGOs.

☒ (a) a trade-off between two equally bad options

☒ (b) a take-it-or-leave-it situation with no real choice

☒ (c) a bundle priced below cost

☒ (d) a transparent bait-and-switch

(e) None of these.

Question 2:

Our head chef spent her only day off running a pop-up for a charity—a busman's holiday, as the sous-chef put it.

(a) a break full of travel

(b) a mandated rest day

(c) a paid volunteering day

☒ (d) time off spent doing work similar to one's job

(e) None of these.

Question 3:

The lawsuit ended in a settlement that looked like a win but was a **Pyrrhic victory** once legal fees and lost goodwill were tallied.

✓ (a) a hollow win achieved at ruinous cost

(b) a strategic draw to avoid risk

(c) an accidental windfall

✓ (d) an early concession to save face

(e) None of these.

Question 4:

Even after the award, debt covenants hung over the startup like the sword of Damocles.

(a) a stroke of ~~luck~~ about to arrive

☒ (b) a constant threat poised to fall

(c) a negotiating ~~leverage~~

(d) an outdated clause with ~~no force~~

(e) None of these.

↑ agreement

Question 5:

We hit the quarterly targets, but the board moved the goalposts by redefining "active user" the next morning.

- (a) ~~compared~~ us with a higher-performing peer group
- (b) introduced a fairer scoring metric
- ☒ (c) changed the rules mid-play to make success harder
- ☒ (d) reset targets ~~after a merger~~
- (e) None of these.

Question 6:

Rebranding without addressing the outage root causes will only paper over the cracks.

- ☒ (a) permanently fix the underlying issues
- ☐ (b) conceal problems to make things seem better
- ☐ (c) delay the relaunch responsibly
- ☐ (d) escalate the issue to regulators
- ☐ (e) None of these.

conceal - hide

Question 7:

Pitching a "Basics of AI" bootcamp to our research lab is like carrying coals to Newcastle.

- ☒ (a) offering something redundant to those who already have plenty
- (b) proposing a risky but necessary experiment
- (c) underpricing a scarce resource
- (d) replacing core training with electives
- (e) None of these.

Question 8:

The finance brief asks us to raise stipends while cutting overall spend—trying to square the circle.

- (a) prioritize stipends over operations
- (b) perform a complex calculation
- ☒ (c) attempt something practically impossible to reconcile
- (d) hide costs under a new ledger
- (e) None of these.



Question 9:

"Your draft is surprisingly clear—for a first-timer," he said, a **backhanded compliment** that soured the room.

(a) sincere praise with detailed suggestions

✓ (b) praise that actually contains an insult

(c) neutral feedback on structure

(d) playful teasing with no judgment

(e) None of these.

Hint

Question 10:

After months of wrangling, the minister cut the Gordian knot by merging the two clashing departments overnight.

(a) complicated a simple matter

☒ (b) solved a difficult problem decisively and directly

(c) delegated the issue to a task force

(d) postponed a decision indefinitely

(e) None of these.

A1) B

A2) D

A3) A

A4) B

A5) C

A6) B

A7) A

A8) C

A9) B

A10) B

Thank You