

## IDIOMS

**Direction :- [Q.1. to Q.758. ]** Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom/phrase given in **Bold/Underline** in the following Questions.

### SSC CHSL 2023 Tier - 2

**Q.1.** Select the most appropriate idiom that best explains the given sentence.

I was unable to solve the geometry question myself. So, I have asked my teacher to help me out.

SSC CHSL Tier II (02/11/2023)

- (a) You can't always get what you want.
- (b) Two heads are better than one.
- (c) When the going gets tough, the tough gets going.
- (d) Two wrongs don't make a right.

**Q.2.** Select the sentence that gives the most appropriate meaning of the idiom 'In hot water'.

SSC CHSL Tier II (02/11/2023)

- (a) The chef added spices to the dish to enhance its flavour and make it more delicious.
- (b) The children enjoyed playing in the pool on a hot summer day.
- (c) After accidentally breaking the valuable vase, Sarah found herself in trouble with her parents.
- (d) The company faced challenges due to the economic downturn but managed to overcome them.

**Q.3.** Select the most appropriate idiom that best explains the given sentence.

Rajat irritated the street dog so much that it was about to bite him.

SSC CHSL Tier II (02/11/2023)

- (a) If you can't beat 'em, join 'em.
- (b) If it ain't broke, don't fix it.
- (c) If you want something done right, you have to do it yourself.
- (d) If you play with fire, you'll get burned.

**Q.4. 'Keep your chin up'.**

SSC CHSL Tier II (10/01/2024)

- (a) The students diligently completed their homework assignments before the deadline.
- (b) Despite facing setbacks, she remained positive and determined to achieve her goals.
- (c) The hiker enjoyed the breathtaking view from the mountaintop, taking in the natural beauty.
- (d) The scientist conducted experiments and gathered data to support his research hypothesis.

**Q.5.** Select the most appropriate option that best expresses the meaning of the proverb in the given sentence.

The salesperson for the project offered a sneak peek of the project as we expressed our interest in the area and amenities.

SSC CHSL Tier II (10/01/2024)

- (a) Getting a preview of something
- (b) To try something new
- (c) Sending a brief letter
- (d) To be in a winning position

**Solutions :-**

**Sol.1.(b) Two heads are better than one** - Two people can usually solve a problem more easily than one person.

**Sol.2.(c)** After accidentally breaking the valuable vase, Sarah found herself in trouble with her parents.

The idiom 'in hot water' means in a difficult situation in which you are likely to be punished.

**Sol.3.(d) If you play with fire, you'll get burned** - if you fool around with something that is potentially dangerous, you must expect to get harmed.

**Sol.4.(b)** Despite facing setbacks, she remained positive and determined to achieve her goals.

The idiom 'keep your chin up' means to stay cheerful and hopeful.

**Sol.5.(a)** Getting a preview of something to describe something or be shown before it officially begins.

### SSC CPO 2023 Tier - 2

**Q.6. bring to book**

SSC CPO Tier II (08/01/2024)

- (a) punish someone
- (b) teach someone
- (c) calm someone
- (d) support someone

**Q.7. bad blood**

SSC CPO Tier II (08/01/2024)

- (a) hostility between people
- (b) family of ill - repute
- (c) poor blood circulation
- (d) felling of brotherhood

**Q.8. split one's sides**

SSC CPO Tier II (08/01/2024)

- (a) meet with an accident
- (b) be extremely amused
- (c) scream in pain
- (d) undergo a surgery

**Q.9. a mare's nest**

SSC CPO Tier II (08/01/2024)

- (a) a familiar situation

- (b) a new situation
- (c) a refreshing situation
- (d) a confused situation

**Q.10. Rock the boat**

SSC CPO Tier II (08/01/2024)

- (a) divert someone's attention
- (b) overcome a difficult situation
- (c) disturb a stable situation
- (d) pester and irritate someone

**Q.11. have your heart in your mouth**

SSC CPO Tier II (08/01/2024)

- (a) to get worse and worse
- (b) to be extremely frightened
- (c) to be extremely jealous
- (d) to behave in a foolish manner

**Q.12. forty winks**

SSC CPO Tier II (08/01/2024)

- (a) a short sleep
- (b) a deep sleep
- (c) a secret signal
- (d) a long leave

**Q.13. cut from the same cloth**

SSC CPO Tier II (08/01/2024)

- (a) to be of a similar nature
- (b) to come from the same source
- (c) to share resources
- (d) belong to the same family

**Q.14. lose your marbles**

SSC CPO Tier II (08/01/2024)

- (a) miss an opportunity
- (b) be nervous
- (c) lose respect
- (d) go insane

**Solutions :-**

**Sol.6.(a) Bring to book**- punish someone. E.g.- After causing trouble at school, Tom was brought to book by the principal.

**Sol.7.(a) Bad blood** - hostility between people.

E.g.- The argument about the car created bad blood between the neighbors.

**Sol.8.(b) Split one's sides** - be extremely amused.

E.g.- The comedian's hilarious performance made everyone split their sides with laughter.

**Sol.9.(d) A mare's nest** - a confused situation.

E.g.- Finding a solution to the complex math problem turned out to be a mare's nest for the students.

**Sol.10.(c) Rock the boat** - disturb a stable situation.

E.g.- I don't want to rock the boat, but I think we need to discuss the project deadline.

**Sol.11.(b) Have your heart in your mouth** - to be extremely frightened.

E.g.- As she approached the edge of the cliff, her heart was in her mouth.

**Sol.12.(a) Forty winks** - a short sleep.

E.g.- After a long day at work, he decided to take forty winks on the sofa.

**Sol.13.(a) Cut from the same cloth** - to be of a similar nature.

E.g.- Rohan and Raj, both passionate about art and literature, are cut from the same cloth.

**Sol.14.(d) Lose your marbles**- go insane.

E.g.- After studying for hours, I feel like I'm starting to lose my marbles.

## SSC CGL 2023 Tier - 2

**Q.15. Bite the bullet**

SSC CGL Tier II (26/10/2023)

- (a) The children played in the park on a sunny day.
- (b) Despite the pain, Sarah decided to go ahead with the surgery.
- (c) The chef prepared a delicious meal for the guests.
- (d) Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of water.

**Q.16.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Despite their differences, the two politicians decided to \_\_\_\_\_ and work together for the greater good.

SSC CGL Tier II (26/10/2023)

- (a) bury the hatchet
- (b) burn the midnight oil
- (c) bark up the wrong tree
- (d) blow off steam

**Solutions:-**

**Sol.15.(b)** Despite the pain, Sarah decided to go ahead with the surgery.

The idiom 'bite the bullet' means to force yourself to do something unpleasant or difficult. Going through the options, the sentence given in option (b) has the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

**Sol.16.(a) Bury the hatchet** - to agree to end the disagreement that has divided two people or groups.

## SSC CPO 2023 Tier - 1

**Q.17. An arm and a leg**

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) To be lost and bewildered
- (b) To ask for too much
- (c) A large amount of money
- (d) Everything is ready

**Q.18.** We dodged a bullet when we didn't fall for the agents' words.

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) To be out of your comfort zone
- (b) To give something a try
- (c) To narrowly avoid situation
- (d) To start performing better

**Q.19. Bend over backwards**

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Working hard to try to impress
- (b) Going backward
- (c) Using wrongful means
- (d) Working slowly and lazily

**Q.20.** I hate to get off on the wrong foot.

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) To start a relationship or activity badly
- (b) To start something with an injury on the wrong foot
- (c) To start something with neutral factors
- (d) To start something with positive factors

**Q.21. A leopard can't change his spots**

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) A visual presentation is far more descriptive than words
- (b) Something good that isn't recognised at first
- (c) You cannot change who you are
- (d) Someone who is cherished above all others

**Q.22. The best of both worlds**

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Better to show than tell
- (b) Good things come after bad things
- (c) Make people comfortable
- (d) An ideal situation

**Q.23.** More people in Turkey are on the breadline now than thirty years ago.

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Earn a lot of money
- (b) Be very expensive
- (c) Be very poor
- (d) Are well educated

**Q.24.** Both Nitin and Uday are of the same interests.

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) blowing smoke without fire
- (b) birds of the same feather
- (c) different kettles of fish
- (d) under the weather

**Q.25. Left out in the cold**

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) To leave in hurry
- (b) To bear extreme weather condition
- (c) To serve stale and cold food
- (d) To be ignored

**Q.26.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

I think we should \_\_\_\_\_ before buying this car.

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) eat like a horse
- (b) get off our high horse
- (c) hold our horses
- (d) stop to change horses

**Q.27.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Choosing not to pursue a degree in computer engineering was \_\_\_\_\_, as the market for them is extremely limited nowadays.

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) airy fairy
- (b) a blessing in disguise
- (c) an elevator pitch
- (d) a cut above

**Q.28.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

All my efforts went in vain. The project on which I was working for the last two months has failed and we are \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) around the bend
- (b) back to square one
- (c) all in the seventh heaven
- (d) on the fly

**Q.29. Crack someone up**

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) To criticise someone
- (b) To make someone angry
- (c) To make someone laugh
- (d) To force someone to commit a mistake

**Q.30. What a small world!**

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) What a coincidence!
- (b) What a beautiful place!
- (c) The world is a village.
- (d) The world is great.

**Q.31.** Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Any sort of unfair conduct is not tolerated in international sports tournaments as it can completely ruin an athlete's career.

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) hand in the mud
- (b) straw in the eye
- (c) red handed
- (d) foul play

**Q.32.** Select the correct idiom to replace the underlined segment in the given sentence.

We should ask Emily to join our team. She is as keen as butter.

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) as keen as a bee  
(b) as keen as salt  
(c) as keen as mustard  
(d) as keen as sugar

**Q.33.** Select the correct idiom that can substitute the italicised group of words in the given sentence.

He really stinks and ***smells foul*** after a hard session at the gym.

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) lame excuse (b) pen and ink  
(c) an iron will (d) an old flame

**Q.34.** Choose the most suitable idiom for the given situation.

Ravi has a strong desire to be in college hockey team this year and he is working hard to gain such skills to fulfill his goal of life. He has clearly made up his mind to achieve his target.

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Set sights on  
(b) To move the goal posts  
(c) To rise to the occasion  
(d) To make the cut

**Q.35.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

I was going to mention it, but it \_\_\_\_.

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) bore in mind  
(b) slipped my mind  
(c) changed my mind  
(d) brought to mind

**Q.36.** Select the most appropriate idiom or phrase to complete the given sentence.

I like her because she never likes to make \_\_\_\_.

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) a drop in the bucket (b) a quick buck  
(c) a slap on the wrist (d) a bed of roses

**Q.37. Keep count of**

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) To act more politely  
(b) To accept an invitation  
(c) To remember a total  
(d) To remind of a deadline

**Q.38. Grasping at straws**

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Trying to find the best way to compete with others when nothing you choose is likely to work  
(b) Trying to find some way to succeed when nothing you choose is likely to work  
(c) Trying to find some way to succeed when you see others are also doing the same  
(d) Trying to find manipulative ways to succeed

**Q.39.** You cannot **throw dust into my eyes.**

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) hurt me (b) terrify me  
(c) abuse me (d) mislead or deceive me

**Q.40. A plum job**

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) A difficult job  
(b) A rare job  
(c) A job involving extensive travelling  
(d) An easy and pleasant job

**Q.41.** Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

He **made a mess** of that bookcase he was supposed to be repairing.

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) brought a dog's breast  
(b) made a clean breast  
(c) made a pig's ear  
(d) had a butcher hook

**Q.42. Keep a straight face**

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Get on extremely well with someone  
(b) Not laugh or change your expression even though you want to laugh  
(c) Become very confused  
(d) Make more of an effort

**Q.43. Face the music**

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) To work every possible way to succeed  
(b) To be cheated by someone you trust  
(c) To have the problems with money  
(d) To accept punishment for some mistake which you have done

**Q.44.** Ram could not go to Delhi for vacation since he **was banking on** his arrears of pay which he did not get in time.

SSC CPO 03/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Calling on (b) Sloping on  
(c) Relying on (d) Depending on his bank

**Q.45.** Select the most appropriate idiomatic expression to fill in the blank.

Our Director took a meeting and asked us to express our views on \_\_\_\_ of the new HR policy.

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) the pros and cons  
(b) the ups and downs  
(c) the bandwagon  
(d) the hook

**Q.46.** Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

He got a **burst of energy**, and started digging again.

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) took bull by the horns  
(b) a fancy of someone  
(c) heart on the sleeve  
(d) second wind

**Q.47.** Right now, **my hands are full.**

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) My hands are swollen  
(b) I'm very tired  
(c) I'm very busy  
(d) My hands are filled up

**Q.48. Boil the ocean**

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Try to do something impossible  
(b) To make someone very angry  
(c) Something which gets hot gradually  
(d) Something very big

**Q.49.** We've sent a very strong protest letter. That should make them sit up and **take notice.**

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Observe (b) Attend  
(c) Follow (d) Consider

**Q.50. Burn one's bridges**

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Impossible to return to an earlier state  
(b) Having an overnight success  
(c) Working very hard  
(d) Attack on one's enemy

**Q.51.** Select the most appropriate idiomatic expression to substitute for the underlined segment in the given sentence.

I had **to work late in the night** for nearly three months to write my first book.

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) to take a back seat  
(b) to blow a fuse  
(c) to look through coloured glasses  
(d) to burn the midnight oil

**Q.52.** You must **lie in the bed you have made.**

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Sleep on the bed you made yourself  
(b) Sleep in your own bed  
(c) Be contended always  
(d) Face the unpleasant consequences of your own acts

**Q.53. Open your heart**

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Immediately think of something  
(b) Feel relieved because the stress is removed  
(c) Could do something very easily  
(d) Share your deepest feelings

**Q.54. Part and parcel**

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Agreement with someone

- (b) Passing blame to someone else  
 (c) Basic or essential element  
 (d) A payment system for parcels

**Q.55.** The office management was in dire straits after the financial crash.

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Being direct or fair  
 (b) To be extremely happy  
 (c) In a very bad situation  
 (d) To walk on already trodden paths

**Q.56.** Choose the idiom that can best substitute the underlined part of the given sentence.

Shelley ignored her father's wish of studying arts and instead took admission in commerce.

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Beyond the pale (b) Bid defiance to  
 (c) Blew over (d) Big fish

**Q.57.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation.

He started with an online company and became a millionaire. Then, he sold it and invested in the share market and earned more money. Now, he has invested in the transportation industry and is generating huge wealth. What does he have?

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Sticky fingers  
 (b) As genuine as a three-dollar bill  
 (c) Rule of thumb  
 (d) Midas touch

**Q.58. A snowball effect**

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Cold and uncomfortable  
 (b) Slow movement  
 (c) Trick someone completely  
 (d) An accelerating growth of magnitude

**Q.59.** What we need is skilled and energetic planning and elbow grease.

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Hard work that one puts into doing something  
 (b) Hard work that one puts into cleaning one's elbow  
 (c) The grease that is earned through labour  
 (d) Hard work that one puts into removing grease

**Q.60.** Select the most appropriate idiom to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

My final round of Spell Bee Competition is coming up and to win this event, I need to study hard from today.

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) pour my heart out (b) burn the books  
 (c) cut to the chase (d) hit the books

**Q.61.** Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Do you believe that you have a possibility of getting that job ?

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) shoot the breeze (b) snow job  
 (c) spill the beans (d) stand a chance

**Q.62. Get your act together**

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) To organise yourself so that you can do something properly  
 (b) To ruin one's plans  
 (c) To understand something complicated  
 (d) To get the conversation going

**Q.63.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation focusing on the underlined segment.

The modern era statistics data provides useful advantage to the players at competent level.

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Play it by ear  
 (b) Put something on ice  
 (c) Grist to the mill  
 (d) Cost an arm and a leg

**Q.64.** Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

At some point in the past, there were rows of temporary shops that used to display various cooking utensils.

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) In the past few years  
 (b) Long ago  
 (c) Before now  
 (d) Once upon a time

**Q.65. Steer clear of**

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Loose temper and react furiously to someone  
 (b) Avoid someone or something because it is dangerous for you  
 (c) Be kind and empathetic to someone  
 (d) Show someone how to do a job or activity

**Q.66.** He ate the whole bunch of grapes under the nose of all of us.

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) After much persuasion  
 (b) Sharing equally  
 (c) In full view of somebody  
 (d) Secretly

**Q.67.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation.

You wanted to speak but you controlled yourself and became patient. What have you done?

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Pin drop silence (b) Dragged your feet  
 (c) Herculean task (d) Hold your horses

**Q.68.** Rahim had to eat a humble pie in starting a row with his neighbour over a trifle.

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) To feel sorry and apologise for a mistake  
 (b) To be punished for doing something wrong  
 (c) To remain without food  
 (d) To take simple food

**Q.69. Step up to the plate**

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Take control of a situation  
 (b) Plan for better performance  
 (c) Implement a plan  
 (d) Think about a crisis

**Q.70.** Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom in the given sentence.

Nancy held a grudge against her teacher for a long time, but she finally decided to let bygones be bygones.

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Ignore the past (b) Change the past  
 (c) Flatter someone (d) Take revenge

**Q.71.** Choose the option which means the same as the underlined segment.

The boss wanted to finish the case before the arrival of the Inspection team.

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) be over one's head  
 (b) be over and done with  
 (c) be over and over  
 (d) be over a barrel

**Q.72.** Yamini is a great singer. She will make it big one day.

SSC CPO 04/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Migrate and settle  
 (b) Educated and rich  
 (c) Succeed and become famous  
 (d) Become financially sound

**Q.73. Come what may**

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) No matter what happens  
 (b) To get frightened  
 (c) Meeting someone  
 (d) To be among the latest

**Q.74.** Christy should discuss this with her face to face.

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Remained normal and realistic  
 (b) Almost always  
 (c) With another person in their presence rather than, say, by phone or letter  
 (d) Come to fully accept or understand something



**Q.75. Apple of discord**

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Centre of attraction
- (b) Distant love
- (c) Practical
- (d) Bone of contention

**Q.76. Break a leg**

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) To hurt someone
- (b) To wish someone good luck
- (c) To love someone
- (d) To avoid someone

**Q.77. Fit as a fiddle**

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) In good health
- (b) To ignore what someone is saying
- (c) To betray a close person
- (d) At the last moment

**Q.78.** She can't make up her mind where to go for her summer vacation

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Decide how to do her makeup
- (b) Decide on a suitable parlour
- (c) Decide between alternatives or come to a decision
- (d) Engage her mind in creative activities

**Q.79. To hit the nail on the head**

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) To be indecisive
- (b) To miss an opportunity
- (c) To hit something accurately
- (d) To express an idea with great precision

**Q.80.** Sanchit stands by his friends through thick and thin.

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) In crowded areas
- (b) Under all circumstances
- (c) In winter and summer
- (d) In favourable situations

**Q.81. Hear someone out**

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Dismiss someone from listening to you
- (b) Keep someone out
- (c) Hear from far away
- (d) Let someone complete what they are saying

**Q.82. Pull yourself together**

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Feel agitated
- (b) Discourage the orphans
- (c) Calm down after an upsetting incident
- (d) Encourage the rich

**Q.83. Bite your tongue**

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) To avoid saying something
- (b) To have something explored

(c) To scold someone verbally

(d) To drink very heavily

**Q.84.** Doctors are raising hue and cry against the RTH bill.

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Abandon
- (b) Enquire
- (c) Postpone
- (d) Protest

**Q.85. To let the cat out of the bag**

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) To reveal a secret
- (b) To hide the truth
- (c) To be in a hurry
- (d) To be careful

**Q.86.** I did not even listen to him; he was only talking through his hat.

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Talking ignorantly
- (b) Talking non-stop
- (c) Talking garrulously
- (d) Talking nonsense

**Q.87.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank and complete the meaning of the sentence.

Most of the ministers are concerned with the \_\_\_\_\_ of office than the service of man.

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) leaps and bounds
- (b) wear and tear
- (c) loaves and fishes
- (d) Herculean task

**Q.88. Build castles in the air**

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) To make useless efforts
- (b) To build a palatial house
- (c) To make imaginary schemes
- (d) To talk pointlessly

**Q.89.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation focusing on the underlined segment.

I know every detail of his accident because I heard the facts directly from him.

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Straight from horse's mouth
- (b) Get something out of your system
- (c) Pour one's heart out
- (d) Speak of the devil

**Q.90.** Replace the underlined segment with the most appropriate idiom/phrase from the following options.

This is the critical point of the issue. One should always be focused on it.

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) A black sheep
- (b) The crux of the matter
- (c) Chip off the old block
- (d) Don't cry over spilt milk

**Q.91.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined word segment

He seems to be undecided about whether to move to another city for better prospects.

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Bouncing off the walls
- (b) Counting down the days
- (c) Running out of steam
- (d) Sitting on the fence

**Q.92. Bite the bullet**

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Decide to do the inevitable which you were avoiding
- (b) To bite something very hard
- (c) Decide to take the easier way out
- (d) Decide to do what is good

**Q.93. Spill the beans**

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) To be very expensive
- (b) Fail to make an impact
- (c) Give away a secret
- (d) Sound familiar

**Q.94.** Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom in the given sentence.

She said she liked my hair, but it turned out to be **a left handed compliment**.

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) A joke
- (b) A flattery
- (c) A praise
- (d) An insult

**Q.95.** Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

The team leader tried to remain positive or optimistic in the situation, even though they were facing tough competition and limited resources.

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) to put a strong desire in front of
- (b) to put on a strong exterior
- (c) to put a brave face on
- (d) to put a strong hand forward

**Q.96.** He was carried off his feet when he was declared to have won the prize.

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Was dizzy
- (b) Was wild with excitement
- (c) Danced on his toes
- (d) Became delirious

**Q.97.** The new routine will suit you to a T.

SSC CPO 05/10/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) nicely
- (b) a little bit
- (c) very poorly
- (d) exactly

**Solution:-**

**Sol.17.(c) An arm and a leg** - a large amount of money.

E.g.- Getting my car fixed cost me an arm and a leg.

**Sol.18.(c) Dodged a bullet** - to narrowly avoid the situation.

**Sol.19.(a) Bend over backwards** - working hard to try to impress.

**Sol.20.(a) get off on the wrong foot** - to start a relationship or activity badly.

**Sol.21.(c) A leopard can't change his spots** - you cannot change who you are.  
E.g.- No matter how hard he tries to be organized, his desk is always a mess. A leopard can't change his spots.

**Sol.22.(d) The best of both worlds** - an ideal situation.  
E.g.- Work from home offers the best of both worlds because you can be productive and also spend time with your family.

**Sol.23.(c) on the breadline** - be very poor.

**Sol.24.(b) Birds of the same feather** - of the same interests.

**Sol.25.(d) Left out in the cold** - to be ignored.  
E.g.- The new student was left out in the cold at lunch.

**Sol.26.(c) hold our horses** - to wait a moment.

**Sol.27.(b) a blessing in disguise** - something that seems bad at first, but results in good happening later.

**Sol.28.(b) back to square one**  
Back to square one means to start over. The given sentence states that the project on which I was working for the last two months has failed and we are back to square one. Hence, 'back to square one' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.29.(c) Crack someone up** - to make someone laugh.

**Sol.30.(a) What a small world!** - what a coincidence!  
E.g.- I bumped into my childhood friend while on vacation in a remote village. What a small world!

**Sol.31.(d) foul play** - unfair conduct.

**Sol.32.(c) as keen as mustard**  
'As keen as mustard' is the correct idiom that means to be very excited and interested. The given sentence states that we should ask Emily to join our team because she is very excited and interested. Hence, 'as keen as mustard' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.33.(b) Pen and ink** - smells foul

**Sol.34.(a) Set sights on** - to decide that you want something and to try very hard to get it.

**Sol.35.(b) slipped my mind**  
The idiom 'slipped my mind' means to forget something. The given sentence states that I was going to mention it, but it slipped my mind. Hence, 'slipped my mind' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.36.(b) a quick buck**  
A quick buck means easily and quickly earned money. The given sentence states that I like her because she never likes to make a quick buck. Hence, 'a quick buck' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.37.(c) Keep count of** - to remember a total.  
E.g.- During the game, I had to keep count of how many goals our team scored.

**Sol.38.(b) Grasping at straws** - trying to find some way to succeed when nothing you choose is likely to work.  
E.g.- The detective was grasping at straws, hoping for a breakthrough in the unsolved case.

**Sol.39.(d) throw dust into my eyes** - mislead or deceive me.

**Sol.40.(d) A plum job** - an easy and pleasant job.  
E.g.- Getting to travel the world and write about it for a living is a plum job for a travel writer.

**Sol.41.(c) made a pig's ear** - made a mess.

**Sol.42.(b) Keep a straight face** - not laugh or change your expression even though you want to laugh.

**Sol.43.(d) Face the music** - to accept punishment for some mistake which you have done.  
E.g.- After breaking the vase, I knew I had to face the music when my parents found out.

**Sol.44.(c) relying on**  
The phrase 'banking on' means relying on. The given sentence states that Ram could not go to Delhi for vacation since he was banking on his arrears of pay which he did not get in time. Hence, 'relying on' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.45.(a) The pros and cons** - the advantages and disadvantages of something.

**Sol.46.(d) Second wind** - a burst of energy.

**Sol.47.(c) My hands are full** - I'm very busy.

**Sol.48.(a) Boil the ocean** - try to do something impossible.  
E.g.- Completing the entire project in just one day is like boiling the ocean. It's simply impossible.

**Sol.49.(d) Take notice** - consider.

**Sol.50.(a) Burn one's bridges** - impossible to return to an earlier state.  
E.g.- He burned his bridges with his former business partners when he cheated them.

**Sol.51.(d) To burn the midnight oil** - to work late in the night.

**Sol.52.(d) Lie in the bed you have made** - face the unpleasant consequences of your own acts.

**Sol.53.(d) Open your heart** - share your deepest feelings.  
E.g.- When you're facing difficulties, don't be afraid to open your heart and talk to a friend about your feelings.

**Sol.54.(c) Part and parcel** - basic or essential element.  
E.g.- Studying is part and parcel of getting good grades.

**Sol.55.(c) in dire straits** - in a very bad situation.

**Sol.56.(b) Bid defiance to** - ignore or to offer resistance.

**Sol.57.(d) Midas touch** - the ability to make money out of anything one undertakes.

**Sol.58.(d) A snowball effect** - an accelerating growth of magnitude.  
E.g.- The viral video's popularity had a snowball effect, leading to millions of views and countless shares in just a few days.

**Sol.59.(a) Elbow grease** - hard work that one puts into doing something.

**Sol.60.(d) Hit the books** - study hard.

**Sol.61.(d) Stand a chance** - have a possibility.

**Sol.62.(a) Get your act together** - to organise yourself so that you can do something properly.  
E.g.- If you want to succeed in your new job, you need to get your act together and

manage your time effectively.

**Sol.63.(c) Grist to the mill** - provides useful advantage.

**Sol.64.(b) Long ago**

The phrase 'long ago' means at a time in the distant past, which is synonymous with the phrase 'at some point in the past'. Hence, 'long ago' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.65.(b) Steer clear of** - avoid someone or something because it is dangerous for you.

E.g.- After hearing about the recent increase in car thefts, she decided to steer clear of parking her vehicle in that area.

**Sol.66.(c) Under the nose** - in full view of somebody.

**Sol.67.(d) Hold your horses** - to be patient and stop making hasty decisions.

**Sol.68.(a) To eat a humble pie** - to feel sorry and apologise for a mistake.

**Sol.69.(a) Step up to the plate** - take control of a situation.

E.g.- When the team needed a leader, he was ready to step up to the plate and guide them through the challenging project.

**Sol.70.(a) Let bygones be bygones** - ignore the past.

**Sol.71.(b) Be over and done with** - finish.

**Sol.72.(c) Make it big** - succeed and become famous.

**Sol.73.(a) Come what may** - no matter what happens.

E.g.- Despite the stormy weather forecast, they were determined to have a picnic in the park, come what may.

**Sol.74.(c) Face to face** - with another person in their presence rather than, say, by phone or letter.

**Sol.75.(d) Apple of discord** - bone of contention / a subject or issue over which there is continuing disagreement.  
E.g.- The choice of the movie for our family night became the apple of discord, as everyone had a different preference.

**Sol.76.(b) Break a leg** - to wish someone good luck.

E.g.- Before his big performance, his friends told him, "Break a leg!" to wish him good luck.

**Sol.77.(a) Fit as a fiddle** - in good health.

E.g.- Despite his age, he's still as fit as a fiddle and can run marathons without any trouble.

**Sol.78.(c) Make up her mind** - decide between alternatives or come to a decision.

**Sol.79.(d) To hit the nail on the head** - to express an idea with great precision.

E.g.- When explaining the complex concept, the professor hit the nail on the head, making it clear to all the students.

**Sol.80.(b) Through thick and thin** - under all circumstances.

E.g.- The loyal dog remained with its owner through thick and thin, offering companionship and comfort in all situations.

**Sol.81.(d) Hear someone out** - let someone complete what they are saying.  
E.g.- Before making a decision, it's important to hear someone out to understand their perspective.

**Sol.82.(c) Pull yourself together** - calm down after an upsetting incident.

E.g.- After receiving the unexpected news, he had to pull himself together to face the challenges ahead.

**Sol.83.(a) Bite your tongue** - to avoid saying something.

E.g.- I wanted to tell her she was wrong, but I had to bite my tongue to avoid an argument.

**Sol.84.(d) Hue and cry** - protest.

**Sol.85.(a) To let the cat out of the bag** - to reveal a secret.

E.g.- John accidentally let the cat out of the bag about the surprise party when he mentioned the cake.

**Sol.86.(d) Talking through his hat** - talking nonsense.

**Sol.87.(c) loaves and fishes**

The idiom 'loaves and fishes' means material benefits. The given sentence states that most of the ministers are concerned with the material benefits of office rather than the service of man. Hence, 'loaves and fishes' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.88.(c) Build castles in the air** - to make imaginary schemes.

**Sol.89.(a) Straight from horse's mouth** - hear the facts directly.

**Sol.90.(b) The crux of the matter** - Critical point of the issue.

**Sol.91.(d) sitting on the fence** - to be undecided

**Sol.92.(a) bite the bullet** - decide to do the inevitable which you were avoiding.

**Sol.93.(c) Spill the beans** - give away a secret

**Sol.94.(d) A left handed compliment** - An insult

**Sol.95.(c) to put a brave face on** - to remain positive or optimistic

**Sol.96.(b) carried of his feet** - was wild with excitement

**Sol.97.(d) to a T** - exactly

## SSC MTS 2023 Tier - 1

**Q.98. Call the shots**

SSC MTS 01/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) To be a follower that makes less important decision
- (b) To be in a position to make decisions that influences a situation
- (c) To be in a powerless position that follows orders
- (d) To be in a neutral position

**Q.99. Cup of tea**

SSC MTS 01/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Long held desire
- (b) A cup brimming with tea
- (c) Favourite pastime
- (d) Something one likes/excels in

**Q.100. The council president is known to play devil's advocate often.**

SSC MTS 01/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) To allow others to rise
- (b) To play risky games
- (c) To argue, just for the sake of it
- (d) Make one's own destiny

**Q.101. The company was on thin ice.**

SSC MTS 01/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) In a situation of comfort
- (b) Forcing itself to collaborate
- (c) Depending on business competitors
- (d) In a precarious or risky situation

**Q.102. The executives were running around in circles, without any success.**

SSC MTS 01/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Achieving maximum mileage
- (b) Suffering huge profits and losses
- (c) Successfully accomplishing the target
- (d) Putting efforts into something that does not give a worthwhile result

**Q.103. Call it a day**

SSC MTS 01/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) To have the greatest day ever

- (b) To stop working  
 (c) To be very straightforward  
 (d) To refer to something as something else

**Q.104.** My friend's business has grown by leaps and bounds.

SSC MTS 04/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) rapidly (b) aimlessly  
 (c) perfectly (d) slowly

**Q.105.** Select the most appropriate idiom from the given options to fill in the blank. We broke the traffic rules unknowingly while coming back from the party, now we have to \_\_\_\_\_ sooner or later.

SSC MTS 04/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) face the music (b) look sharp  
 (c) cry for the moon (d) bid defiance

**Q.106. Barking up the wrong tree**

SSC MTS 04/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Provoke trouble  
 (b) To make a bad situation worse  
 (c) Getting a good start is important  
 (d) To be mistaken, to be looking for solutions in the wrong place

**Q.107.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the following sentence.

Shweta organises the sale of handmade pottery at a cheap rate.

SSC MTS 04/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Hush money  
 (b) Go for a song  
 (c) Having one's cake and eating it too  
 (d) Making a fuss out of something

**Q.108.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Rajat is known for his notorious nature. He will be friendly to your face but likes \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 04/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) to blow his trumpet  
 (b) to stab you in the back  
 (c) to paint the whole town red  
 (d) to get all bent out of the shape

**Q.109.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

The play I saw last night was a \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 04/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) hit the road (b) hit the hay  
 (c) smash hit (d) hit the roof

**Q.110. To cut someone some slack**

SSC MTS 04/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Avoid talking about problems till the very end  
 (b) To get the conversation going  
 (c) To criticise someone very strictly  
 (d) To not manage someone very strictly or critically

**Q.111. Beat around the bush**

SSC MTS 04/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) To be persistent in pursuing a goal  
 (b) To be impatient and short-tempered  
 (c) To be direct and formal  
 (d) To avoid addressing a topic correctly

**Q.112.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Our trainer asked for \_\_\_\_\_ on her for the next informative session.

SSC MTS 04/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) chasing rainbows  
 (b) being around the bend  
 (c) all eyes and ears  
 (d) going bananas

**Q.113.** The actor decided to live life in the fast lane.

SSC MTS 05/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Dropping charges of crime  
 (b) A life filled with excitement  
 (c) Racing away to the moon  
 (d) A life of extreme speed

**Q.114.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

I asked my friend to \_\_\_\_\_ against her employers who are doing wrong to her.

SSC MTS 05/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) fine words butter no parsnips  
 (b) finders keepers, losers weepers  
 (c) fight the good fight  
 (d) fight fire with fire

**Q.115.** After years of rivalry, the two families decided to bury the hatchet.

SSC MTS 05/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) To continue an old quarrel  
 (b) To end a quarrel by never talking to each other  
 (c) To end a quarrel and become friendly  
 (d) To start a new quarrel

**Q.116.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Jane, please don't tell me fairy tales; I just want to know the real matter \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 05/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) in the cold (b) in a fortnight  
 (c) in the long run (d) in a nutshell

**Q.117.** The shopkeeper was sly as a fox and tried to sell off the old stock.

SSC MTS 05/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) smart and clever  
 (b) slow  
 (c) suspicious  
 (d) in confusion or disagreement

**Q.118.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

I don't think you should go out in the rain, it's \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 05/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) rain on cats and dogs  
 (b) storming cats and dogs

- (c) raining cats and dogs  
 (d) raining dogs and puppies

**Q.119. To keep one's temper**

SSC MTS 05/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) To meet with disaster  
 (b) To become impatient  
 (c) To become angry  
 (d) To remain calm

**Q.120. To get cold feet**

SSC MTS 05/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) To be afraid (b) to fall sick  
 (c) to be indifferent (d) to run for life

**Q.121.** The Indian team had its back against the wall, but managed to fight back.

SSC MTS 06/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) In extreme joy or exhilaration  
 (b) Stuck in a difficult circumstance with no escape  
 (c) Forced to indulge in propaganda  
 (d) Throwing the opposition off guard

**Q.122.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

Tom waited until \_\_\_\_\_ to start working on his term paper but managed to finish it just in time.

SSC MTS 06/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) the twelfth hour (b) the thirteenth hour  
 (c) the tenth hour (d) the eleventh hour

**Q.123. Bigger fish to fry**

SSC MTS 06/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) To barely get something done  
 (b) Having something more important to take care of  
 (c) Having work more than one's capacity  
 (d) To be similar to one's parents in some way

**Q.124.** Mary is a ball of fire and is always engaged in something creative.

SSC MTS 06/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) An active and energetic person  
 (b) A dull and insipid person  
 (c) To be good and beneficial for someone  
 (d) A talkative person

**Q.125.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

By living in a rural area with access to the city, she gets \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 06/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) the best of both worlds  
 (b) to keep an ear to the ground  
 (c) on cloud nine  
 (d) in for a penny in for a pound

**Q.126. Get your act together**

SSC MTS 06/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) To have patience



- (b) To stay together  
(c) To act in a play  
(d) Get organised and do things better

**Q.127.** After having invested so much time and energy into the project, we are now back to square one.

SSC MTS 06/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Not ready for the consequence  
(b) In the same city  
(c) Fighting with each other  
(d) Having to start all over again

**Q.128. Be like chalk and cheese**

SSC MTS 06/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) To be completely different from each other  
(b) To be very similar to each other  
(c) To have a close relation with another person  
(d) To be distantly related to each other

**Q.129.** Select the most appropriate idiom from the given options to fill in the blank. Greta Thunberg \_\_\_\_\_ when she dared to question about accountability with respect to global warming and climate change.

SSC MTS 06/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) sowed wild oats  
(b) kept the pot boiling  
(c) gave the devil his due  
(d) hit the nail on the head

**Q.130.** The judge wanted to hear straight from the horse's mouth.

SSC MTS 06/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Directly from the lawyer  
(b) Directly from the person involved  
(c) In close vicinity to the juror  
(d) Having ears which never fail

**Q.131.** Select the most appropriate idiom from the given options to fill in the blank. Being a journalist, your first duty is to \_\_\_\_\_ or else your colleagues might surpass you.

SSC MTS 06/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) eat a humble pie  
(b) have an axe to grind  
(c) build castles in the air  
(d) keep your ear to the ground

**Q.132. As phony as a three-dollar bill**

SSC MTS 08/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Something that is attractive  
(b) Something that is genuine  
(c) Something that is disgusting  
(d) Something that is fake

**Q.133.** Ramesh always blows his own trumpet.

SSC MTS 08/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) praises himself  
(b) criticises himself

- (c) does his own work  
(d) depends on others

**Q.134.** He was on cloud nine when he got admission in Cambridge University.

SSC MTS 08/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) involved in useless journey  
(b) very happy  
(c) unsettled  
(d) available to be called to go to work

**Q.135. From scratch**

SSC MTS 08/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) From a skin disease  
(b) From the beginning  
(c) From utter disorder  
(d) From death

**Q.136.** The detective went the whole nine yards in his investigation.

SSC MTS 08/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Measuring every step  
(b) Everything, all the way  
(c) Close affinity with the law  
(d) Taking the distant call

**Q.137. Into hot water**

SSC MTS 08/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Not on good terms (b) In favour with  
(c) Came to nothing (d) Into trouble

**Q.138.** "Do not turn a blind eye to all the mischief your child is up to", the teacher told the young parent.

SSC MTS 08/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Close the door (b) Take pride in  
(c) Give rewards (d) Pretend not to notice

**Q.139. Have egg on your face**

SSC MTS 08/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Defeat someone thoroughly  
(b) To be made to look foolish or embarrassed  
(c) Making a choice between two unpleasant choices  
(d) Reveal a secret

**Q.140.** Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Our team is all on the same page when it comes to our goals for the upcoming project.

SSC MTS 08/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Be confused (b) Be in agreement  
(c) Be unsure (d) Be in conflict

**Q.141. Bite the dust**

SSC MTS 08/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) To suffer a defeat  
(b) To fall from a height  
(c) To remain calm  
(d) To fall asleep

**Q.142.** A man of character, he stuck to his guns even in the most difficult

situations.

SSC MTS 11/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) To do things that would please people  
(b) To behave disrespectfully  
(c) To find a treasure  
(d) To stand firm against all difficulties and challenges

**Q.143.** Riddhi believes in wearing her heart on her sleeve. That is why she has so many friends.

SSC MTS 11/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) To criticise everybody  
(b) To wear a badge of honour  
(c) To openly and freely express one's emotions  
(d) To talk aloud

**Q.144. To cross swords**

SSC MTS 11/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) To kill (b) To arrange  
(c) To fight (d) To defend

**Q.145.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

The deal was \_\_\_\_\_ for three months.

SSC MTS 11/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) cut no ice  
(b) broken the ice  
(c) tipped of the iceberg  
(d) put on ice

**Q.146.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

You are an intellectual with a professional degree; you can do wonders as \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 11/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) you are playing with fire  
(b) you can say it again  
(c) your mileage may vary  
(d) the world is your oyster

**Q.147.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

It's risky to invest all your savings in one company; it's like \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 11/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) going down in flames  
(b) putting all your eggs in one basket  
(c) biting the bullet  
(d) breaking a leg

**Q.148.** Irrespective of the chaos in the classroom, our class teacher stays cool as a cucumber.

SSC MTS 11/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Stays calm and composed  
(b) Behaves like a vegetable  
(c) Scolds all the students in the classroom  
(d) Develops a fever

**Q.149.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Naina has six children, and I always \_\_\_\_\_ with their names.

SSC MTS 11/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) get mixed up (b) get rid of  
(c) get away clean (d) get cold feet

**Q.150. Castles in the air**

SSC MTS 12/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Unrealistic and impossible plan  
(b) Unexpected change in the climate  
(c) Realistic and possible plan  
(d) Strong hope to get success

**Q.151. Grasping at straws**

SSC MTS 12/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Futile attempts to win  
(b) Desperate attempt to succeed  
(c) Holding the last strands of straw  
(d) Wasting time enjoying and relaxing

**Q.152.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

She told me, \_\_\_\_\_ that she was going to live in New York.

SSC MTS 12/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) blue blood (b) black and blue  
(c) out of the blue (d) once in a blue moon

**Q.153. Bone to pick**

SSC MTS 12/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) To be angry about something and want to discuss it  
(b) To stop trying hard  
(c) To not give up  
(d) Putting in extra effort

**Q.154.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Rahul speaks easily in front of a small group, but he seems \_\_\_\_\_ before a large audience.

SSC MTS 12/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) ill at ease (b) think ill of  
(c) man of ill repute (d) ill-disposed to

**Q.155.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the following sentence.

He made the business profitable from unprofitable in about a year of joining.

SSC MTS 12/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Easy come, easy go  
(b) Throw up  
(c) Where there is a will, there is a way  
(d) Still waters run deep

**Q.156. The apple of one's eye**

SSC MTS 12/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Very cheerful (b) Very dear  
(c) Very nice (d) Very pleasing

**Q.157.** The two neighbours will probably stop fighting when pigs fly.

SSC MTS 12/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) When their families meet  
(b) When there is magic  
(c) Something that is impossible

(d) When it rains

**Q.158. By the skin of your teeth**

SSC MTS 12/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) By a very narrow margin  
(b) To be less affected by criticisms and rebuffs  
(c) Very protective  
(d) Saved by others

**Q.159.** Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the following sentence.

His research on the migratory patterns of the birds is run-of-the-mill.

SSC MTS 12/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) absurd (b) one in a million  
(c) trash (d) average

**Q.160. Keep someone at arm's length**

SSC MTS 13/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) To ruin someone's plans  
(b) To avoid becoming too close or friendly with someone  
(c) Angry about something  
(d) Having energy again after being tired

**Q.161.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Jack took on three jobs at once but soon realised he had \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 13/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) cut corners  
(b) taken it with a grain of salt  
(c) bitten off more than he could chew  
(d) played by the ear

**Q.162.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

I know it was wrong to distract his friends, but \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 13/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) all's fair in love and war  
(b) all's unfair in the world  
(c) all's unfair in love and war  
(d) all's fair in the world

**Q.163.** He managed to save his father's business by the sweat of his brow.

SSC MTS 13/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) incidentally  
(b) hard work  
(c) tricks and strategies  
(d) any way possible

**Q.164.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

My manager forced me to resign from my job as a chef since I underwent a spine surgery. I was depressed and had lost all hope. Later my father motivated me to open my own café and showed me ways to be independent. After all it is true that one should not \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 13/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) grease the palm  
(b) blow one's own trumpet  
(c) cry over spilt milk  
(d) blow hot and cold

**Q.165.** He was quaking in his boots when he had to give a speech on the stage.

SSC MTS 13/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) To tremble in excitement  
(b) To shake in happiness  
(c) To tremble with fear  
(d) To shake in excitement

**Q.166.** The entrepreneur decided to throw caution to the wind.

SSC MTS 13/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Take a risk  
(b) Take the best option  
(c) Think innovatively  
(d) In extreme windy conditions

**Q.167. Child's play**

SSC MTS 13/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) In someone's role  
(b) Something very easy  
(c) Weakness  
(d) Just behaviour

**Q.168.** Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

I found my teacher's points casual and informal in the group discussion

SSC MTS 14/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) flesh and blood (b) free and easy  
(c) foot the bill (d) fair and square

**Q.169. Beauty of it**

SSC MTS 14/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Make things worse  
(b) Cause for dispute  
(c) Quite ordinary  
(d) Good points

**Q.170.** We prefer going to movies once in a blue moon.

SSC MTS 14/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Very rarely (b) Very amazingly  
(c) Very diligently (d) Very often

**Q.171.** Today's question paper felt like a cakewalk.

SSC MTS 14/09/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Very sweet (b) Very tasty  
(c) Very easy (d) Very difficult

**Q.172. All of a sudden**

SSC MTS 14/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Intentionally  
(b) Quickly and unexpectedly  
(c) Quickly and Expectedly  
(d) Accidentally

**Q.173.** These things are very hard to swallow.

SSC MTS 14/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

(a) difficult to resist (b) difficult to speak  
(c) difficult to believe (d) difficult to eat

**Q.174.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

The decision to go on a trip after my vacations was the \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 14/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

(a) ice on the cake  
(b) icing on the cake  
(c) apple on the cake  
(d) icing on the brownie

**Q.175.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

It's easy to say that you'll start exercising every day, but it is \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 14/09/2023 (2nd Shift)

(a) like fish out of water  
(b) easier said than done  
(c) crying wolf  
(d) going the extra mile

**Q.176.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Sameera has been in \_\_\_\_\_ since she got selected for a highly paid job at a multinational company.

SSC MTS 14/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

(a) seventh heaven (b) all the rage  
(c) the dark (d) a cold day in July

**Q.177.** I hope you **break a leg** at your performance tonight!

SSC MTS 14/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

(a) Give up (b) Make a mistake  
(c) Perform well (d) Hurt yourself

**Q.178.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

If Peter said he would get that book for you, he will do it. He always \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 14/09/2023 (3rd Shift)

(a) keeps under his hat  
(b) keeps him at arm's length  
(c) keeps his word  
(d) keeps his shirt on

#### Solutions:-

**Sol.98.(b) Call the shots** - to be in a position to make decisions that influence a situation.

E.g.- Since it's your project, you get to call the shots and decide how it's done.

**Sol.99.(d) Cup of tea** - something one likes/excels in.

E.g.- Cooking isn't my cup of tea. I would rather order takeout.

**Sol.100.(c) To play devil's advocate** - to argue, just for the sake of it.

**Sol.101.(d) On thin ice** - in a precarious or risky situation.

**Sol.102.(d) running around in circles** - putting efforts into something that does not give a worthwhile result.

**Sol.103.(b) Call it a day** - to stop working.  
E.g.- After working for hours on the project, I decided to call it a day and go home.

**Sol.104.(a) leaps and bounds** - rapidly.

**Sol.105.(a) face the music** - to accept unpleasant consequences.

**Sol.106.(d) Barking up the wrong tree** - to be mistaken, to be looking for solutions in the wrong place.

E.g.- John thought I knew where his lost phone was, but he was barking up the wrong tree.

**Sol.107.(b) Go for a song** - being sold at a cheap rate.

**Sol.108.(b) Stab in the back** - to betray or harm someone.

**Sol.109.(c) Smash hit** - something overwhelmingly successful or popular.

**Sol.110.(d) To cut someone some slack** - to not manage someone very strictly or critically.

E.g.- Cut John some slack. He is new and learning.

**Sol.111.(d) Beat around the bush** - to avoid addressing a topic correctly.

E.g.- Stop beating around the bush and tell me the truth.

**Sol.112.(c) All eyes and ears** - listening and watching eagerly and carefully.

**Sol.113.(b) In the fast lane** - A life filled with excitement.

**Sol.114.(d) fight fire with fire** - to respond to a problem or challenge with a similar or equally strong countermeasure.

**Sol.115.(c) Bury the hatchet** - to end a quarrel and become friendly.

**Sol.116.(d) in a nutshell**

The idiom 'in a nutshell' means in brief. The given sentence states that the person just wants to know the real matter in brief. Hence, 'in a nutshell' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.117.(a) sly as a fox** - smart and clever.

**Sol.118.(c) Raining cats and dogs** - raining heavily.

**Sol.119.(d)**

**To keep one's temper** - to remain calm.

E.g.- Even though he was frustrated, he managed to keep his temper during the meeting.

**Sol.120.(a) To get cold feet** - to be afraid.

E.g.- He was going to skydive, but he got cold feet at the last minute and decided to quit.

**Sol.121.(b) Back against the wall** - stuck in a difficult circumstance with no escape.

**Sol.122.(d) the eleventh hour**

The idiom 'the eleventh hour' means the last moment. The given sentence states that Tom waited until the last moment to start working on his term paper. Hence, 'the eleventh hour' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.123.(b) Bigger fish to fry** - having something more important to take care of.

E.g.- I can't chat right now. I have bigger fish to fry.

**Sol.124.(a) a ball of fire** - an active and energetic person.

**Sol.125.(a) the best of both worlds** - to enjoy the advantages or benefits of two different things or situations.

**Sol.126.(d) Get your act together** - Get organised and do things better.

E.g.- Before the important meeting, he realized he needed to get his act together, so he started organizing his notes and preparing his presentation.

**Sol.127.(d) back to square one** - having to start all over again.

**Sol.128.(a) Be like chalk and cheese** - to be completely different from each other.  
E.g.- The twins may look alike, but their personalities are like chalk and cheese.

**Sol.129.(d) hit the nail on the head**

The idiom 'hit the nail on the head' means to do or say something that is exactly right. The given sentence states that Greta Thunberg was right when she asked about accountability for global warming and climate change. Hence, 'hit the nail on the head' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.130.(b) Straight from the horse's mouth** - directly from the person involved.

**Sol.131.(d) keep your ear to the ground**

The idiom 'keep your ear to the ground' means to pay attention to everything that is happening. The given sentence states that as a journalist, it's crucial to stay well-informed and aware of current events and trends, otherwise, your colleagues might outperform you. Hence, 'keep your ear to the ground' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.132.(d) As phony as a three-dollar bill** - something that is fake.

E.g.- His excuses for missing the meeting were as phony as a three-dollar bill, and no one believed a word he said.

**Sol.133.(a)**

**Blows his own trumpet** - praises himself.

**Sol.134.(b) On cloud nine** - very happy**Sol.135.(b)**

**From scratch** - from the beginning

E.g.- She decided to bake a cake from scratch, starting with basic ingredients like flour, eggs, and sugar.

**Sol.136.(b) The whole nine yards** - everything, all the way**Sol.137.(d) Into hot water** - into trouble.

E.g.- He knew he would get into hot water with his parents if they found out he had skipped school.

**Sol.138.(d)**

**Turn a blind eye** - pretend not to notice.

**Sol.139.(b) have egg on your face** - to be made to look foolish or embarrassed.

E.g.- John confidently predicted that his team would win the championship, but they lost by a large margin, leaving him with egg on his face.

**Sol.140.(b)**

**On the same page** - be in agreement.

**Sol.141.(a)**

**Bite the dust** - to suffer a defeat.

E.g.- After a long and fierce battle, the opposing army had to bite the dust, and our soldiers emerged victorious.

**Sol.142.(d)**

**Stuck to his guns** - to stand firm against all difficulties and challenges.

**Sol.143.(c) Wearing her heart on her sleeve** - to openly and freely express one's emotions.**Sol.144.(c) To cross swords** - to fight.

E.g.- The two rival companies crossed swords in the courtroom over a patent dispute.

**Sol.145.(d) Put on ice** - to postpone or temporarily delay something.

**Sol.146.(d) the world is your oyster** - having many opportunities and possibilities available.

**Sol.147.(b) Putting all your eggs in one basket** - to put all the effort or resources into doing one thing.

**Sol.148.(a) Cool as a cucumber** - stays calm and composed.

**Sol.149.(a) get mixed up**

'Get mixed up' means to become confused in distinguishing or remembering things. The given sentence states that Naina has six children, and I always get confused with their names. Hence, 'get mixed up' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.150.(a) Castles in the air** - unrealistic and impossible plan.

E.g.- His idea of becoming a billionaire overnight by investing in a lottery ticket is nothing but castles in the air.

**Sol.151.(b) Grasping at straws** - desperate attempt to succeed.

E.g.- After losing his job, he was grasping at straws by applying for positions he was clearly unqualified for.

**Sol.152.(c) Out of the blue** - suddenly and unexpectedly.

**Sol.153.(a) Bone to pick** - to be angry about something and want to discuss it.

E.g.- I have a bone to pick with you because you promised to help me with my project, but you never showed up.

**Sol.154.(a) ill at ease**

The idiom 'ill at ease' means uncomfortable or embarrassed. The given sentence states that Rahul speaks easily in front of a small group, but he seems uncomfortable before a large audience. Hence, 'ill at ease' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.155.(c) Where there is a will, there is a way** - where there is determination, there is a path to success.

**Sol.156.(b)**

**The apple of one's eye** - very dear.

E.g.- My granddaughter is the apple of my eye. I cherish every moment with her.

**Sol.157.(c) When pigs fly** - something that is impossible.

**Sol.158.(a) By the skin of your teeth** - by a very narrow margin.

E.g.- I almost missed my flight, but I made it by the skin of my teeth.

**Sol.159.(d) Run-of-the-mill** - average.

**Sol.160.(b) Keep someone at arm's length** - to avoid becoming too close or friendly with someone.

E.g.- She decided to keep her nosy neighbor at arm's length by politely avoiding personal questions.

**Sol.161.(c)**

**bitten off more than he could chew**

The idiom 'bite off more than one can chew' means to take on more work than one can handle. The given sentence states that Jack took on three jobs at once but soon realized that he had taken on more work than he could handle. Hence, 'bitten off more than he could chew' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.162.(a) all's fair in love and war**

The idiom 'all's fair in love and war' means any kind of behaviour is acceptable in love and war. The given sentence states that I know it was not right to distract his friends but any kind of behaviour is acceptable in love and war. Hence, 'all's fair in love and war' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.163.(b)**

**the sweat of his brow** - hard work.

**Sol.164.(c) Cry over spilt milk** - to be upset or concerned about something that has already happened and cannot be changed.

**Sol.165.(c) Quaking in his boots** - to tremble with fear.

**Sol.166.(a) Throw caution to the wind** - take a risk.

**Sol.167.(b)**

**Child's play** - something very easy.

E.g.- For the experienced chef, preparing a gourmet meal is child's play.

**Sol.168.(b) free and easy**

'Casual and informal' means a relaxed or free approach to something which is synonymous with the phrase 'free and easy'. Hence, 'free and easy' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.169.(d) Beauty of it- good points.**

E.g.- The beauty of it is that you can create art in your own unique way, expressing your individuality through your work.

**Sol.170.(a)**

**Once in a blue moon** - very rarely.



**Sol.171.(c) Like a cakewalk** - very easy.

**Sol.172.(b) All of a sudden** - quickly and unexpectedly.

E.g.- All of a sudden, the lights went out during the storm.

**Sol.173.(c)**

**Hard to swallow** - difficult to believe.

**Sol.174.(b) icing on the cake**

The idiom 'icing on the cake' means something extra that makes a good thing even better. The given sentence states that the decision to go on a trip after my vacations was the perfect addition to an already enjoyable situation. Hence, 'icing on the cake' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.175.(b) Easier said than done** - easy to talk about but hard to put into practice.

**Sol.176.(a) Seventh heaven** - very happy.

**Sol.177.(c) Break a leg** - perform well.

**Sol.178.(c) keeps his word** - to do what he promised.

## SSC CHSL 2023 Tier - 1

**Q.179.** Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the following sentence.

With the harsh words of the boss, Srujan felt sad, but his colleague's words created insult to injury.

SSC CHSL 02/08/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) attached insult to injury
- (b) provoked insult to injury
- (c) added injury to insult
- (d) added insult to injury

**Q.180.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence

Brave people never hide at the moment of decision.

SSC CHSL 02/08/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) When the crunch comes
- (b) Beat the clock
- (c) A hell of time
- (d) Turn back the hands of time

**Q.181.** The principal posted all the staff rules in black and white.

SSC CHSL 02/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) on chart
- (b) on board
- (c) in writing
- (d) in coloured print

**Q.182.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the following statement.

It's better to get less than what you want than get nothing.

SSC CHSL 02/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

(a) Half a loaf is better than none.

(b) Waste not, want not.

(c) Where there is smoke, there is fire.

(d) A storm in a teacup

**Q.183.** Bharath is a skilful achiever, so he hits the nail on the leg.

SSC CHSL 02/08/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) hits the nail on the head
- (b) hits the nail on the shoulder
- (c) put the nail in the hole
- (d) hits the screw on the top

**Q.184.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the following sentence.

The government arrested the opposition leader, making the situation worse.

SSC CHSL 02/08/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) To cast pearls before swine
- (b) To be on the last leg
- (c) To add fuel to the fire
- (d) To bite the dust

**Q.185. Play it by ear**

SSC CHSL 02/08/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) Obey the rules blindly
- (b) Act as suggested
- (c) Discontinue impulsively
- (d) Perform without any rehearsals

**Q.186. Memory like sieve**

SSC CHSL 03/08/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Being healthy
- (b) Poor memory
- (c) Feeling ill
- (d) Remembering everything

**Q.187.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined words in the given sentence.

The candidate blamed the persistent traffic jam as reason of his being late and the interviewer believed him though he was not convinced.

SSC CHSL 03/08/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) gave the benefit of doubt
- (b) changed his tune
- (c) thought err is human and to forgive is divine
- (d) did not judge the book by its cover

**Q.188.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation.

Aurangzeb, the famous Mughal ruler, found that he had caught someone more powerful than him in the form of the brave Maratha, Shivaji.

SSC CHSL 03/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Nipping in the bud
- (b) Changing the hands
- (c) Catching a tartar
- (d) Blazing the trail

**Q.189.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation.

Geetika spoke a lot about her new movie. However, it came to nothing in the theatres.

SSC CHSL 03/08/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) To give the devil his dues
- (b) To get into hot water
- (c) To dig the grave
- (d) To end in smoke

**Q.190.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence

Raima takes her classes very attentively.

SSC CHSL 03/08/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) In accordance with
- (b) By blazing a trail
- (c) By losing in a cloud
- (d) Be all ears

**Q.191. Make up one's mind**

SSC CHSL 03/08/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) To disturb
- (b) To leave
- (c) To decide
- (d) To cheat

**Q.192.** After procrastinating for weeks, I finally had to bite the bullet and ask my boss for a raise.

SSC CHSL 04/08/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) To give up easily
- (b) To endure a painful or difficult situation with courage and determination
- (c) To be indecisive
- (d) To take the easy way out

**Q.193.** Getting the long-awaited promotion is a milestone in her career.

SSC CHSL 04/08/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Burden
- (b) Important event
- (c) Wonder
- (d) Mishap

**Q.194.** Coming from the movie around midnight, the boys hit the sack.

SSC CHSL 04/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) jumped with joy
- (b) went to sleep
- (c) hit a wall
- (d) shouted at parents

**Q.195.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank

Her son came from Europe to meet her\_\_\_\_\_ after 20 years

SSC CHSL 04/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) blowing off the steam
- (b) like a cakewalk
- (c) out of the blue
- (d) stepping up his game

**Q.196.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the given statement.

One who hurries up always gets the best

SSC CHSL 04/08/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) The early bird catches the worm.
- (b) His bark is worse than his bite.
- (c) Forewarned is forearmed.

(d) Brevity is the soul of wit.

**Q.197.** Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

When I was in Italy for a tour, the tourist guide provided by Azim was \_\_\_\_ Because of him, the whole tour was successful  
SSC CHSL 04/08/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) looking for a needle in a haystack
- (b) burning the midnight oil
- (c) worth his weight in gold
- (d) armed to the teeth

**Q.198.** The new entrant in the class felt uncomfortable as all were unfamiliar to him.

SSC CHSL 04/08/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) Left out in cold
- (b) Was not given a fig
- (c) Was fish out of water
- (d) Buried his head in the sand

**Q.199. Cutting corners**

SSC CHSL 07/08/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) To take the long way around
- (b) To do something quickly or cheaply, often at the expense of quality or safety
- (c) To follow the rules strictly
- (d) To be honest and fair

**Q.200.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation.

Shayam was accused of bribery, but he submitted proofs for his innocence.

SSC CHSL 07/08/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Buying the pig in a poke
- (b) Cast pearls before they swine
- (c) Chapter and verse
- (d) Beating about the bush

**Q.201.** I was so nervous for the job interview that I was sweating bullets the whole time.

SSC CHSL 07/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) very happy
- (b) extremely nervous or anxious
- (c) very cold
- (d) very hard

**Q.202. Forty winks**

SSC CHSL 07/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) A small talk
- (b) A precarious situation
- (c) A short nap
- (d) An opportunity in hand

**Q.203. Cut to the chase**

SSC CHSL 07/08/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) To take a shortcut
- (b) To change the subject
- (c) To get to the point
- (d) To interrupt someone

**Q.204. Like a cat on a hot tin roof**

SSC CHSL 07/08/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) Studying very hard

(b) Being lazy

(c) Being in a state of agitation

(d) Urging somebody not to worry about something

**Q.205.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the sentence given below.

Most of the people say that some people fight for the cause but most of them don't support it.

SSC CHSL 07/08/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) Are out of frying pan onto the fire
- (b) Spare the rod and spoil the child
- (c) Pay only lip service
- (d) Mind their P's and Q's

**Q.206. Head in the clouds**

SSC CHSL 08/08/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Being extremely tall
- (b) Being absent minded
- (c) Being extremely happy
- (d) Being extremely sad

**Q.207.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence .

We should protect ourselves from jealous people.

SSC CHSL 08/08/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) High-spirited
- (b) Any Tom, Dick or Harry
- (c) One trick pony
- (d) Green-eyed

**Q.208. Devil's advocate**

SSC CHSL 08/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) One who takes an opposing position for the sake of argument
- (b) One who presents very logical arguments
- (c) One who is very precise and accurate
- (d) One who never argues

**Q.209. Spill the beans**

SSC CHSL 08/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Open the flow of the stopped water
- (b) Liberate the controlled emotions
- (c) Distribute food grains freely
- (d) Disclose the secrets accidentally

**Q.210. On the straight and narrow**

SSC CHSL 08/08/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) The unrefined and complicated
- (b) The straightforward and ethically acceptable
- (c) The honest but dubious
- (d) The unpredictable though genuine

**Q.211. A hard nut to crack**

SSC CHSL 08/08/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) Any subject which several folks are talking about
- (b) Something that people believe or accept as true without questioning it

(c) An excessive enthusiasm or rage about a minor matter

(d) A problem that is difficult to solve

**Q.212.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the following sentence.

Her visits to her family are very rare because she lives out of the country.

SSC CHSL 08/08/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) Few and far between
- (b) Egg on
- (c) Beck and call
- (d) All in all

**Q.213.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

The servants know the secrets of the family they are working for.

SSC CHSL 09/08/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Ins and outs
- (b) Latin and Greek
- (c) Hornet's nest
- (d) Long and short

**Q.214.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

Shruti is a strange person because of her attitude.

SSC CHSL 09/08/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) A one man
- (b) A scarlet woman
- (c) Queer fish
- (d) A straw man

**Q.215. Fallen flat**

SSC CHSL 09/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) To do something ultimately
- (b) To fail or be ineffective
- (c) To resolve
- (d) To fall on the ground

**Q.216.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation.

Mayank was speaking a lot about honesty, but when Rita reminded him about the money paid to him for the work, he behaved cowardly and left the place.

SSC CHSL 09/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Flogging a dead horse
- (b) Gliding the pill
- (c) Falling flat
- (d) Going with his tail between his legs

**Q.217. Have a bash**

SSC CHSL 09/08/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) to betray a close friend
- (b) to make an attempt
- (c) to spoil a moment
- (d) to put something on hold

**Q.218.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation.

Don't annoy or irritate Raghav, otherwise he will oppose our proposal in the meeting.

SSC CHSL 09/08/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) Pass the buck
- (b) Pour oil on troubled water
- (c) Rub in the wrong way

(d) Loose the ground

**Q.219.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the given statement.

Doing things in a hurry does not give fruitful results.

SSC CHSL 09/08/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) Nothing succeeds like success.
- (b) Still waters run deep.
- (c) Haste is waste.
- (d) Wisdom is too high for a fool.

**Q.220.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined words in the given sentence.

Playing fantasy games on internet is an easy way to make money quickly but it's risky.

SSC CHSL 10/08/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) in for a penny in for a pound
- (b) not fair and square
- (c) making a quick buck
- (d) bigger fish to fry

**Q.221.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the following statement.

We should be together to fight any danger. Otherwise, separately, we won't be able to fight.

SSC CHSL 10/08/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Nothing ventured, nothing gained.
- (b) A full purse makes the mouth speak.
- (c) United we stand, divided we fall.
- (d) Well begun is half done

**Q.222.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

Rohit is very mischievous and always annoys his teachers.

SSC CHSL 10/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Gets in his teacher's hair
- (b) Puts his shoulders to the wheel
- (c) A storm in a tea cup
- (d) Leads up the garden path

**Q.223.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

The child played the video game as much as he wanted to.

SSC CHSL 10/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) To his heart's content
- (b) To gild the pill
- (c) To kick the bucket
- (d) To assume airs

**Q.224.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

The proud people forget the fact that the world is tangible.

SSC CHSL 10/08/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Hobson's choice
- (b) Head and shoulders

- (c) High and mighty
- (d) Hard-nosed attitude

**Q.225. Queer pitch**

SSC CHSL 10/08/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) Make a weird request
- (b) Make a lot of progress
- (c) Act out of normal
- (d) Spoil somebody's chance of doing something

**Q.226.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the sentence given below.

Richa was provoking her neighbours against her maid Shanta who spoke against her but none of them responded.

SSC CHSL 11/08/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Smelling a rat
- (b) Egging on
- (c) Carrying the conviction
- (d) Rising like a phoenix

**Q.227.** Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Tourists from all around the world visit Agra to see the Taj mahal.

SSC CHSL 11/08/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Ever and anon
- (b) Cut and dried
- (c) Few and far
- (d) Far and wide

**Q.228.** Select the most appropriate option to substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Teja is a successful businessman; he always makes hay when the moon shines.

SSC CHSL 11/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) makes hay while the sun sets
- (b) makes hay while the sun shines
- (c) makes hey while the moon rises
- (d) makes hay while the stars twinkle

**Q.229.** Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Having a chip on one's shoulder

SSC CHSL 11/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Having an unnecessary feeling of guilt
- (b) Having an irritated and unfriendly attitude
- (c) Having a proud and self-centred arrogance
- (d) Showing great resistance to any adversities

**Q.230.** Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

I told Benny that the die was cast, and there was no further escape.

SSC CHSL 11/08/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) the course of action ended and it couldn't be restarted

- (b) the course of action would never begin

- (c) the course of action began and it could not be blocked

- (d) the course of action yet to start and it could be postponed

**Q.231. Turn his hand to**

SSC CHSL 11/08/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) To resolve
- (b) To adapt or apply to
- (c) To try new things
- (d) To try hard

**Q.232.** Though Ravi is silent and reserved, he

has got a finger in every pie.

SSC CHSL 11/08/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) special interest in certain things
- (b) involved in many things
- (c) an opinion of his own
- (d) a cold attitude toward everything

**Q.233. Throw cold water on**

SSC CHSL 14/08/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) To show indifference
- (b) To rinse thoroughly
- (c) To encourage
- (d) To talk nicely

**Q.234.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined words in the given sentence.

Piyush is inexperienced in leather industry.

SSC CHSL 14/08/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) in great hands
- (b) a sore thumb
- (c) hang fire
- (d) a greenhorn

**Q.235.** She's been beating around the bush all afternoon - I just wish she would come out and tell us what she really thinks.

SSC CHSL 14/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) avoiding to talk directly about a topic or issue
- (b) trying to be overprotective
- (c) denying to have her head in the clouds
- (d) there to give the cold shoulder

**Q.236.** It's not polite to blow your own trumpet in front of others.

SSC CHSL 14/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) brag one's own accomplishment
- (b) criticise someone unfairly
- (c) play a musical instrument
- (d) give someone a compliment

**Q.237. Cry for the moon**

SSC CHSL 14/08/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) To start performing better
- (b) To have patience
- (c) To desire the unattainable
- (d) To be extremely happy

**Q.238.** Instead of taking the time to do the job properly, they decided to cut corners and save time by using cheap materials.

SSC CHSL 14/08/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) avoid someone or something intentionally
- (b) physically cut a corner off of something
- (c) take a shortcut for easy way out in order to save efforts
- (d) break a promise or commitment

**Q.239. Have a narrow escape**

SSC CHSL 14/08/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) Only just succeed in doing something
- (b) Likely to fall in the near future
- (c) Do something very risky
- (d) Just manage to avoid danger or trouble

**Q.240.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined words in the given sentence.

The childhood days are peaceful days of our life.

SSC CHSL 14/08/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) halcyon days (b) live wire days
- (c) all years (d) hard and fast days

**Q.241.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the given sentence.

When he made fun of the sage, who was already infuriated, it made a bad situation worse.

SSC CHSL 17/08/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Made them at the loggerheads
- (b) Pulled someone's legs
- (c) Added fuel to the fire
- (d) Budged up

**Q.242.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the following sentence.

The recent strike of the employees left the factory and its machinery in disorder.

SSC CHSL 17/08/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Need of the hour (b) Out of gear
- (c) Pin-money (d) Lock and key

**Q.243.** Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

My mother asked my father to increase her personal use allowance.

SSC CHSL 17/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) pell mell (b) rank and file
- (c) pins and needles (d) pin money

**Q.244.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the following statement.

The manager was punished for his negligence in work.

SSC CHSL 17/08/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Bid defiance

- (b) Burn one's boats
- (c) Bolt from the blue
- (d) Bring to book

**Q.245.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

Everything in the mansion was in great confusion after the robbery.

SSC CHSL 17/08/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Pick holes (b) Pell-mell
- (c) Turn over a new leaf (d) Damp squib

**Q.246.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined words in the given sentence.

He was alone and knew the dangers ahead during his journey, but he tried to keep up his confidence.

SSC CHSL 17/08/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) whistled in the dark
- (b) made a sterner stuff
- (c) stepped up his game
- (d) wouldn't be caught dead

**Q.247.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

Nitish's promotion is due.

SSC CHSL 17/08/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) On the cards
- (b) Not worth his salt
- (c) With due respect
- (d) Done to death

**Q.248. Costs an arm and a leg**

SSC CHSL 17/08/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) To be affordable
- (b) To be moderately priced
- (c) To be free of charge
- (d) To be very expensive

**Solutions:-**

**Sol.179.(d) Added insult to injury** - made the situation even worse.

**Sol.180.(a) When the crunch comes** - at the moment of decision.

**Sol.181.(c) In black and white** - in writing.

**Sol.182.(a) Half a loaf is better than none** - it's better to get less than what you want than get nothing.

E.g.- Even though I only got a small raise, I know that half a loaf is better than none.

**Sol.183.(a) Hits the nail on the head** - find exactly the right solution.

**Sol.184.(c) To add fuel to the fire** - to make a situation worse.

**Sol.185.(d) Play it by ear** - perform without any rehearsals.

E.g. Anjali had not heard the song before. She was playing it by ear at the annual function.

**Sol.186.(b)**

**Memory like sieve** - poor memory.

E.g.- She has a memory like a sieve. She forgot what I told her just five minutes ago.

**Sol.187.(a) Gave the benefit of doubt** - believe someone's statement or explanation, but not be convinced entirely.

**Sol.188.(c) Catching a tartar** - to attack or oppose someone too strong for one.

**Sol.189.(d) To end in smoke** - to come to nothing or to have no positive result.

**Sol.190.(d) Be all ears** - to listen very attentively.

**Sol.191.(c) Make up one's mind** - to decide.

E.g.- Sarah couldn't decide between pizza and sushi for dinner, but after thinking for a while, she finally made up her mind and chose pizza.

**Sol.192.(b) Bite the bullet** - to endure a painful or difficult situation with courage and determination.

**Sol.193.(b) Milestone** - important event.

**Sol.194.(b) hit the sack** - went to sleep

**Sol.195.(c) out of the blue**

'Out of the blue' means something that happens suddenly and unexpectedly. The given sentence states that her son came from Europe to meet her unexpectedly after 20 years. Hence, 'out of the blue' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.196.(a) The early bird catches the worm** - one who hurries up always gets the best.

E.g.- John arrived at the store before it opened, and he got the best deals. The early bird catches the worm.

**Sol.197.(c) Worth his weight in gold** - something that is extremely valuable or useful.

**Sol.198.(c) Was fish out of water** - felt uncomfortable.

**Sol.199.(b) Cutting corners** - To do something quickly or cheaply, often at the expense of quality or safety.

E.g.- The students didn't have enough time to finish their homework, so they



started cutting corners by copying answers from the internet.

**Sol.200.(c) Chapter and verse** - to provide full, specific and authoritative information to support your statement.

**Sol.201.(b) Sweating bullets** - extremely nervous or anxious.

**Sol.202.(c) Forty winks** - a short nap.  
E.g.- After a long day at work, she took forty winks on the couch to recharge her energy before dinner.

**Sol.203.(c)**

**Cut to the chase** - To get to the point.  
E.g.- Let's cut to the chase and get straight to the important details of the project.

**Sol.204.(c) Like a cat on a hot tin roof** - being in a state of agitation.  
E.g.- The pitcher was so nervous that he was sweating like a cat on a hot tin roof.

**Sol.205.(c) Pay only lip service** - some people fight for the cause but most of them don't support it.

**Sol.206.(b) Head in the clouds** - Being absent minded.  
E.g.- During the science lecture, John always has his head in the clouds, daydreaming about his next adventure.

**Sol.207.(d) Green-eyed** - jealous

**Sol.208.(a) Devil's advocate** - one who takes an opposing position for the sake of argument.  
E.g.- John played devil's advocate during the meeting, presenting opposing arguments to encourage a more thorough discussion of the proposal.

**Sol.209.(d) Spill the beans** - Disclose the secrets accidentally  
E.g.- She promised not to spill the beans about the surprise party, but she couldn't keep the secret and told her friend all the details.

**Sol.210.(b) On the straight and narrow** - the straightforward and ethically acceptable.  
E.g.- After a troubled past, he's now on the straight and narrow.

**Sol.211.(d) A hard nut to crack** - a problem that is difficult to solve.  
E.g.- Solving the tricky math problem was like trying to crack a hard nut for the young student.

**Sol.212.(a) Few and far between** - very rare or not happening frequently.

**Sol.213.(a) Ins and outs** - secrets and detailed or complicated facts of something.

**Sol.214.(c) Queer fish** - a strange person

**Sol.215.(b)**

**Fallen flat** - to fail or be ineffective.  
E.g.- Despite his efforts, the comedian's jokes fell flat, and the audience didn't laugh.

**Sol.216.(d) Going with his tail between his legs** - feeling ashamed or embarrassed about something.

**Sol.217.(b)**

**Have a bash** - to make an attempt.  
E.g.- I've never played chess before, but I'll have a bash at it.

**Sol.218.(c) Rub in the wrong way** - to irritate or annoy someone.

**Sol.219.(c) Haste is waste** - doing things in a hurry does not give fruitful results.

**Sol.220.(c) Making a quick buck** - an easy way to make money quickly.

**Sol.221.(c) United we stand, divided we fall** - together we are strong, when divided we fail.

**Sol.222.(a)**

**Get in somebody's hair** - to annoy.

**Sol.223.(a) To his heart's content** - as much as he wanted to.

**Sol.224.(c)**

**High and mighty** - proud people.

**Sol.225.(d) Queer pitch** - spoil somebody's chance of doing something.  
E.g.- The unexpected rain queered our pitch for the outdoor picnic.

**Sol.226.(b) Egging on** - to encourage or provoke someone to do something.

**Sol.227.(d)**

**Far and wide** - all around the world.

**Sol.228.(b) Makes hay while the sun shines** - to take advantage of a favourable situation.

**Sol.229.(b) Having a chip on one's shoulder** - having an irritated and unfriendly attitude.  
E.g.- After the argument, Sarah had a chip on her shoulder, making it hard for her to smile.

**Sol.230.(c) The die was cast** - the course of action began and it could not be blocked.

**Sol.231.(c)**

**Turn his hand to** - to try new things.  
E.g.- John is a valuable team member. He is always willing to turn his hand to new challenges.

**Sol.232.(b) A finger in every pie** - involved in many things.

**Sol.233.(a) Throw cold water on** - to show indifference.

E.g.- When he talked about his acting skills, his friends threw cold water on it.

**Sol.234.(d) a greenhorn** - inexperienced.

**Sol.235.(a) beating around the bush** - avoiding to talk directly about a topic or issue

**Sol.236.(a) blow your own trumpet** - brag one's own accomplishment.

**Sol.237.(c) Cry for the moon** - to desire the unattainable.

E.g.- Susan knows that getting a sports car for her birthday is crying for the moon, but she can't help dreaming about it.

**Sol.238.(c) Cut corners** - take a shortcut for easy way out in order to save efforts.

**Sol.239.(d) Have a narrow escape** - just manage to avoid danger or trouble.  
E.g.- The house had a narrow escape from being flooded when the storm changed direction at the last minute.

**Sol.240.(a)**

**Halcyon days** - peaceful days.

**Sol.241.(c) Added fuel to the fire** - made a bad situation worse.

**Sol.242.(b) Out of gear** - in a state of disorder; not functioning properly.

**Sol.243.(d) Pin money** - personal use allowance.

**Sol.244.(d) Bring to book** - to punish someone for something they are accountable for.

**Sol.245.(b) Pell-mell** - great confusion.

**Sol.246.(a) Whistled in the dark** - tried to keep up his confidence.

**Sol.247.(a) On the cards** - due or likely to happen.

**Sol.248.(d) Costs an arm and a leg** - to be very expensive.  
E.g.- The designer dress would cost an arm and a leg, so she opted for a more budget-friendly option.

## SSC CGL 2023 Tier - 1

### Q.249. Lily-livered

SSC CGL 14/07/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) Brave (b) Comical  
(c) Not brave (d) Naughty

**Q.250.** Pooja tried to explain the problem, but soon she tyed herself up in knots.

SSC CGL 14/07/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) Be forced to explain your actions and (probably) punished  
(b) Become very confused when you are trying to explain something  
(c) Make no progress in an argument or discussion  
(d) Won't modify an opinion or agree to even small changes that another person wants

### Q.251. To kick the bucket

SSC CGL 14/07/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) To be ill (b) Be sad  
(c) Be happy (d) To die

### Q.252. To bell the cat

SSC CGL 14/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) To feed pets (b) To play with kids  
(c) To love cats (d) To face risk

**Q.253.** Select the most appropriate idiom/phrase that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Vennela made a big fuss about a small problem.

SSC CGL 14/07/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) Get a taste of your own medicine  
(b) Barking up the wrong tree  
(c) Add insult to injury  
(d) A storm in a teacup

**Q.254.** Today, the country's nationalists rule the roost and hand out the jobs.

SSC CGL 17/07/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) To be in charge  
(b) To be prejudiced  
(c) To save a criminal  
(d) To exploit someone

### Q.255. Scrape the barrel

SSC CGL 17/07/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) Trying to find something  
(b) Hiding something  
(c) Using all the ways to achieve the desired result  
(d) To be forced to use one's last and weakest resource

### Q.256. A dime a dozen

SSC CGL 17/07/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) Her ideas were worth a dime a dozen and didn't impress the boss.  
(b) The concert tickets were a dime a

dozen and sold out quickly.

- (c) The restaurant had some delicious desserts that were a dime a dozen.  
(d) The antique store had some rare finds, but they were a dime a dozen.

**Q.257.** Do not beat about the bush when you have anything to say.

SSC CGL 17/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) To try to influence  
(b) To shift blame on others  
(c) To argue  
(d) To avoid giving a definite answer or position

### Q.258. Back against the wall

SSC CGL 17/07/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) Be in an easy situation from where escape is difficult  
(b) Be in a difficult situation from where escape is difficult  
(c) Be in a relationship which one wants to escape  
(d) Be in a difficult situation from where escape is easy

### Q.259. To prime the pump

SSC CGL 17/07/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) Manipulate someone to achieve success  
(b) Encourage the growth or action of something  
(c) To use a pump efficiently  
(d) Ask others to be ambitious

### Q.260. Bad iron

SSC CGL 18/07/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) No steam (b) Not hot  
(c) Bad luck (d) Bad behaviour

### Q.261. By the skin of your teeth

SSC CGL 18/07/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) Confident of victory  
(b) Kind towards the weak  
(c) Determined to strike  
(d) Just barely

**Q.262.** Has he lost his mind? He is falling foul of everybody.

SSC CGL 18/07/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) Quite puzzled with  
(b) Maintaining a sort of coldness  
(c) Having an amicable talk with  
(d) Quarrelling with

### Q.263. Gift of the gab

SSC CGL 19/07/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) Fluency of speech  
(b) Freedom of speech  
(c) First speech  
(d) Figures of speech

### Q.264. Get into a scrape

SSC CGL 19/07/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) Creating a problem  
(b) Solving a problem

- (c) Explaining a problem  
(d) Involved in a problem

### Q.265. Blow something out of (all) proportion.

SSC CGL 19/07/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) Make things difficult for someone without reason  
(b) Leave someone at a time when they need you to stay and help them  
(c) Control the level of something in order to stop it increasing  
(d) Behave as if something that has happened is much worse than it really is

### Q.266. To go to the dogs

SSC CGL 19/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) To win a race  
(b) To become worse  
(c) To stand on guard  
(d) To win support

### Q.267. Go back to the drawing board

SSC CGL 19/07/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) Mediate a task  
(b) Accomplish a task  
(c) Start over  
(d) Leave a work unfinished

**Q.268.** I'm going to be in trouble if I don't submit my homework to the teacher.

SSC CGL 19/07/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) a devil's advocate (b) off base  
(c) the lion's share (d) up the creek

### Q.269. On the ball

SSC CGL 20/07/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) Doing a job in a slow and incorrect manner  
(b) Doing a job in a quick and competent manner  
(c) Playing with a ball  
(d) Exercising using a ball

**Q.270.** Select the most appropriate idiom for the given situation.

I was very excited about my new assignment. I sent the email without the required attachment. What have I done?

SSC CGL 20/07/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) Shook a leg  
(b) As swift as an eagle  
(c) Jumped the gun  
(d) Tested the waters

### Q.271. Stir up a hornets' nest

SSC CGL 20/07/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) Provoke trouble (b) Resist a fight  
(c) Create doubts (d) Scare the birds

### Q.272. Taking a bull by the horns

SSC CGL 20/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Wearing a skull cap  
(b) To decapitate a bull for beef  
(c) To make a stupid decision thinking it

to be daring

- (d) To deal with a difficult situation in a very direct or confident way

**Q.273.** The peasants worked the whole day in the fields and stopped working in the evening and went to their homes.  
SSC CGL 20/07/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) gave it a whirl (b) put ice on it  
(c) ran around in circles (d) called it a day

**Q.274. A perfect storm**

SSC CGL 21/07/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) Pretty good judgement  
(b) Healing from trauma  
(c) The worst possible situation  
(d) Appropriate for all occasions

**Q.275.** Select the sentence that has the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

**Bad blood**

SSC CGL 21/07/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) She is so scared of cockroaches that she fainted when she saw them crawling near her foot.  
(b) The doctor dropped the bad news to Ravi as he was suffering from a serious disease.  
(c) The gangster had some bitter relations with a local activist so he warned him to stay out of his business.  
(d) Sushant always gets in trouble for telling lies but he never learns anything.

**Q.276.** Your career is now completely obsolete.

SSC CGL 21/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) moving like a worm  
(b) as dead as a doornail  
(c) dead even  
(d) hanging by a thread

**Q.277.** Select the correct idiom that can substitute the italicised group of words in the given sentence.

My business partners thought that I would simply accept their cheating, but they will soon realise that *I am more powerful than what they expected.*

SSC CGL 21/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) damsel in distress  
(b) they caught a tartar  
(c) cutting a cloth  
(d) casting pearls before swine

**Q.278. Hit the jackpot**

SSC CGL 21/07/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) Found a piece of gold  
(b) Harm the opportunity  
(c) Receiving a reward  
(d) Gaining a big success

**Q.279.** This incident occurred without a warning.

SSC CGL 24/07/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) On thin ice  
(b) Bolt from the blue  
(c) Ignorance is bliss  
(d) Play devil's advocate

**Q.280.** Select the most appropriate idiom/phrase that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Mahesh has learnt not to take things seriously.

SSC CGL 24/07/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) Your guess is as good as mine  
(b) Take it with a grain of salt  
(c) That's the last straw  
(d) Pull someone's leg

**Q.281.** Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Vinay missed his flight but good luck came to him from bad circumstances as the flight crashed in the sea.

SSC CGL 24/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) it was a tinker's curse  
(b) it was counting his blessings  
(c) it was a blessing and a curse  
(d) it was a blessing in disguise

**Q.282.** Many analysts are tipping stable, blue-chip companies to weather the storm.

SSC CGL 24/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) to deal with a simple situation without being harmed  
(b) to deal with a situation without thinking  
(c) to deal with a difficult situation without being harmed  
(d) to deal with a simple situation without harming anyone else

**Q.283.** Harry always speaks his eye but he is not always very diplomatic!

SSC CGL 24/07/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) speaks his tongue (b) reads his heart  
(c) speaks his mind (d) listens his ear

**Q.284. Pass the buck**

SSC CGL 24/07/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) Providing essential services  
(b) Trying to calm down  
(c) Blaming another person  
(d) Saying something unpleasant

**Q.285.** Identify the option that can be substituted as the correct idiom for the underlined part of the given sentence.

As soon as the principal came to know about the inspection in the school, he put everything in perfect order.

SSC CGL 25/07/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) Apple pie order (b) Apple of discord  
(c) Alley apple (d) Apple of one's eye

**Q.286.** Select the correct idiom that can substitute the italicised group of words in the given sentence.

Shelley has been contemplating for a few days but still has not decided to quit the job.

SSC CGL 25/07/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) biting the dust  
(b) chewing the cud  
(c) cooling one's heels  
(d) getting into hot waters

**Q.287. At cross purposes**

SSC CGL 25/07/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) Developing and amplifying ideas given  
(b) Finalising ideas and plans  
(c) Blindly following each other's ideas  
(d) Disagreeing with each other's ideas

**Q.288.** Select the correct idiom that can substitute the italicised group of words in the given sentence.

You must not participate in the marathon this year without any training. It is *an unreal hope* on your part!

SSC CGL 25/07/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) carrying coal to new castle  
(b) a pipe dream  
(c) a will-o'-the-wisp  
(d) to lose one's temper

**Q.289.** I just went to Bali on a backpacking trip and did everything by the ear without any itinerary.

SSC CGL 25/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) by spreading rumors  
(b) by improvisation  
(c) while criticising  
(d) by asking

**Q.290. You snooze, you lose**

SSC CGL 25/07/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) If you oversleep, you are likely to lose a job  
(b) Laziness is not good  
(c) You may lose your money if snoozing is not stopped  
(d) If you are not alert, you are likely to miss opportunities

**Q.291.** Though very rich, Alexander always saves for a rainy day.

SSC CGL 26/07/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) Saves money for later  
(b) Lives like a miser  
(c) Spends too much  
(d) Accumulates less wealth

**Q.292.** His voice gets on my nerves.

SSC CGL 26/07/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) Makes me ill (b) Pierces my eardrums  
(c) Irritates me (d) Makes me sad

**Q.293.** Select the most appropriate idiom/phrase that can substitute the given group of words.

**The better you know someone the less you like him.**

SSC CGL 26/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Save for a rainy day
- (b) Spill the beans
- (c) The elephant in the room
- (d) Familiarity breeds contempt

**Q.294.** I really don't want to pour cold water on your theory but it cannot be applied to real life situations.

SSC CGL 26/07/2023 (4th shift)

- (a) To destroy someone's written piece of work
- (b) To take revenge on someone by destroying their lives' work under the pretext of bad quality
- (c) To be critical or doubtful of a plan that someone is excited about
- (d) To give goosebumps by showing a Prospect

**Q.295.** Riya always considers sincerity, devotion and dedication as the highest priority of a good employee.

SSC CGL 27/07/2023 (1st shift)

- (a) Fair and square (b) Ever and anon
- (c) Free and easy (d) First and foremost

**Q.296. Treading on thin ice**

SSC CGL 27/07/2023 (2nd shift)

- (a) Playing with a sharp icicle
- (b) To be in a dangerous risky position
- (c) Skating on ice fallen in a hailstorm
- (d) Making a thin ice sculpture

**Q.297. Get up on the wrong side of the bed.**

SSC CGL 27/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) Someone who is having a horrible day
- (b) Destroy or ruin a plan
- (c) Someone who is having a good day
- (d) Go to bed or go to sleep

**Q.298.** Identify the option that can be substituted as the correct idiom for the underlined part of the given sentence.

My cousin sister Neetu had an aerial view of the trade fair from the top of the giant wheel.

SSC CGL 27/07/2023 (3rd shift)

- (a) A bird in the gilded cage
- (b) Bird's eye view
- (c) Birds of same feather
- (d) Bird brain

**Solutions :-**

**Sol.249.(c) Lily-livered - Not brave.**

**E.g.-** The soldier was called lily-livered because he ran away from the battlefield at the first sign of danger.

**Sol.250.(b) To tie yourself in knots -** Become very confused when you are trying to explain something.

**Sol.251.(d) To kick the bucket - To die**

**E.g.-** The elderly man lived a long and joyful life, but eventually, he kicked the bucket in his sleep.

**Sol.252.(d)**

**To bell the cat -** to face the risk

**E.g.-** No one was quite ready to bell the cat.

**Sol.253.(d) A storm in a teacup -** a big fuss about a small problem.

**Sol.254.(a)**

**Rule the roost -** to be in charge.

**Sol.255.(d) Scrape the barrel -** To be forced to use one's last and weakest resource

**E.g.-** After months of searching, they had to scrape the barrel to find any remaining job candidates.

**Sol.256.(a) Her ideas were worth a dime a dozen and didn't impress the boss.**

The idiom "a dime a dozen" means that something is very common and of no particular value. Going through the options, the sentence given in option 'a' has the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

**Sol.257.(d) Beat about the bush -** to avoid giving a definite answer or position.

**Sol.258.(b) Back against the wall -** Be in a difficult situation from where escape is difficult.

**E.g.-** With his back against the wall, John had no choice but to confront his fears and take a stand.

**Sol.259.(b) To prime the pump -** Encourage the growth or action of something.

**E.g.-** To get more people to join the club, they offered free snacks as a way to prime the pump.

**Sol.260.(c) Bad iron - bad luck.**

**E.g.-** Spilling coffee on my white shirt before the presentation was another instance of bad iron.

**Sol.261.(d) By the skin of your teeth-** Just barely

**E.g.-** He managed to pass the exam by the skin of his teeth.

**Sol.262.(d) Falling foul -** quarrelling with.

**Sol.263.(a) Gift of the gab -** Fluency of speech

**E.g.-** With his gift of gab, he charmed the entire audience during his speech, leaving them laughing and applauding.

**Sol.264.(d)**

**Get into a scrape -** Involved in a problem

**E.g.-** Tommy got into a scrape when he borrowed his sister's bike without asking and then accidentally damaged it.

**Sol.265.(d) Blow something out of (all) proportion -** behave as if something that has happened is much worse than it really is.

**E.g.-** She blew the small argument out of proportion by telling everyone in the neighborhood about it.

**Sol.266.(b)**

**To go to the dogs -** to become worse.

**E.g.-** The company went to the dogs after the new CEO took over.

**Sol.267.(c) Go back to the drawing board -** start over.

**E.g.-** The new design didn't work well, so they had to go back to the drawing board to come up with a better plan.

**Sol.268.(d) Up the creek -** In trouble

**Sol.269.(b) On the ball-** Doing a job in a quick and competent manner

**E.g.-** The project manager is always on the ball and ensures that every task is completed efficiently.

**Sol.270.(c)**

**Jumped the gun -** to act prematurely or before the appropriate time.

**Sol.271.(a)**

**Stir up a hornets' nest -** Provoke trouble.

**E.g.-** When the politician made that controversial statement, he unknowingly stirred up a hornets' nest and faced severe criticism from the public and media.

**Sol.272.(d) Taking a bull by the horns -** to deal with a difficult situation in a very direct or confident way.

**E.g.-** He faced his problems by taking a bull by the horns.

**Sol.273.(d)**

**Called it a day -** stopped working

**Sol.274.(c) A perfect storm -** the worst possible situation.

**E.g.-** The shortage of ingredients and a busy evening rush in the restaurant kitchen created a perfect storm of chaos.

**Sol.275.(c)** The gangster had some bitter relations with a local activist so he warned him to stay out of his business.



The idiom 'bad blood' means hostile or bitter relations. Going through the options, the sentence given in option 'c' has the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

**Sol.276.(b) As dead as a doornail** - Completely obsolete.

**Sol.277.(b) Caught a tartar** - more powerful than expected.

**Sol.278.(d) Hit the jackpot** - Gaining a big success  
E.g.- Sarah couldn't believe her luck when she hit the jackpot at the casino and won a huge sum of money.

**Sol.279.(b) Bolt from the blue** - occurred without a warning.

**Sol.280.(b) Take it with a grain of salt** - Not to take things seriously

**Sol.281.(d) it was a blessing in disguise**  
A blessing in disguise- a misfortune that eventually has good results.

**Sol.282.(c) To weather the storm** - To deal with a difficult situation without being harmed.

**Sol.283.(c) speaks his mind** - to express thoughts, opinions, or feelings openly and honestly

**Sol.284.(c) Pass the buck** - blaming another person.  
E.g.- During the game, when the team lost, he passed the buck to the referee.

**Sol.285.(a) Apple pie order** - In a perfect order.

**Sol.286.(b) Chewing the cud** - to think slowly and carefully about something.

**Sol.287.(d) At cross purposes** - Disagreeing with each other's ideas  
E.g. - Their conversation seemed confusing as they were communicating at cross purposes.

**Sol.288.(b) a pipe dream** - an unreal hope

**Sol.289.(b) by the ear** - by improvisation

**Sol.290.(d) You snooze, you lose** - If you are not alert, you are likely to miss opportunities  
E.g. - She missed out on the special discount because she didn't make a decision quickly. You snooze, you lose!

**Sol.291.(a) Saves for a rainy day** - Saves money for later

**Sol.292.(c) Gets on my nerves** - Irritates me

**Sol.293.(d) Familiarity breeds contempt** - the better you know someone the less you like him.

**Sol.294.(c) To pour cold water on** - To be critical or doubtful of a plan that someone is excited about

**Sol.295.(d) First and foremost** - highest priority.

**Sol.296.(b) Treading on thin ice** - To be in a dangerous risky position  
E.g.- Driving without a seatbelt is like treading on thin ice.

**Sol.297.(a) Get up on the wrong side of the bed** - Someone who is having a horrible day.  
E.g.- He seems annoyed today. Maybe he got up on the wrong side of the bed.

**Sol.298.(b) Bird's eye view**  
The idiom 'Bird's eye view' means seeing something from a high place. Hence, 'Bird's eye view' is the most appropriate answer.

### SSC Selection Post (Phase - XI)

**Q.299.** Julia has the habit of comparing apples to oranges.

Graduate Level 30/06/2023 (Shift - 1)

- (a) Comparing two things that cannot be compared
- (b) Blaming others for her mistakes
- (c) Choosing things after careful scrutiny
- (d) Purchasing different fruits for different purposes

**Q.300. Die a dog's death**

Graduate Level 30/06/2023 (Shift - 1)

- (a) The old businessman died in peace after meeting his whole family on his deathbed.
- (b) Yesterday, a poor vegetable seller died in an unfortunate accident.
- (c) The doctor who used illegal methods to conduct experiments on humans must die a shameful death.
- (d) Wars compel people to starve to death and they are helpless.

**Q.301. I don't buy it**

Higher Secondary 27/06/2023 (Shift - 3)

- (a) Purchasing should be controlled
- (b) Only good decisions can be agreed on
- (c) I am not convinced
- (d) I do not like to buy

**Q.302. Pull yourself together**

Higher Secondary 28/06/2023 (Shift - 2)

- (a) Fight violently
- (b) Work overtime
- (c) Help the needy
- (d) Calm down

**Q.303. Easier said than done**

Matriculation Level 27/06/2023 (Shift - 1)

- (a) Not as easy as it appears to be
- (b) Not as moderate as it appears to be
- (c) Not as restricted as it appears to be
- (d) Not as difficult as it appears to be

**Q.304. To show a clean pair of heels**

Matriculation Level 27/06/2023 (Shift - 1)

- (a) To clean shoes fast
- (b) Show clean shoes
- (c) Show clean feet
- (d) To run fast

**Q.305.** 'Honesty is the best policy' does not remain valid in the present times of corruption and greed.

Matriculation Level 27/06/2023 (Shift - 1)

- (a) Go through thick and thin
- (b) Put up
- (c) Keep pace with
- (d) Hold good

**Q.306.** Choose the option which means the same as the underlined segment  
His deep study of the case uncovered more problems.

Matriculation Level 27/06/2023 (Shift - 2)

- (a) opened a Pandora's box
- (b) opened the fire on
- (c) opened conversation
- (d) opened a season on

**Q.307.** Select the idiom that gives the most appropriate meaning of the underlined phrase in the following sentence.

My neighbour has decided to join the air force.

Matriculation Level 27/06/2023 (Shift - 2)

- (a) Made up his mind
- (b) Made a clean sweep
- (c) Made a fuss
- (d) Made his own way

**Q.308.** Chanda always annoys everyone by praising herself all the time.

Matriculation Level 28/06/2023 (Shift - 1)

- (a) Crying over the spilt milk
- (b) Catching one's eyes
- (c) Blowing her own trumpet
- (d) Facing the music

**Q.309. Through the grapevine**

Matriculation Level 28/06/2023 (Shift - 1)

- (a) Through difficulties
- (b) Via gossip
- (c) Extremely ill
- (d) Succeeded brilliantly

**Q.310. Ruffle someone's feathers**

Matriculation Level 28/06/2023 (Shift - 4)

- (a) Be relaxed and in control
- (b) Do something very easily
- (c) Make more of an effort
- (d) Make someone annoyed

**Q.311.** Select the idiom that gives the most appropriate meaning of the underlined phrase in the following sentence.

Our secretary is always in the mood for an argument. He must **learn to keep quiet**.

Matriculation Level 30/06/2023 (Shift - 3)

- (a) To go through (b) To turn up  
(c) To take off (d) To hold his tongue

**Q.312.** Reghu's been trying to **keep a lid on** his emotions, but every now and then his anger erupts.

Matriculation Level 30/06/2023 (Shift - 3)

- (a) make things difficult for someone  
(b) either take less care of your appearance or relax completely and enjoy yourself  
(c) leave someone at a time when they need you to stay and help them  
(d) control the level of something in order to stop it increasing

**Q.313.** Identify the idiom that best expresses the meaning of the underlined group of words.

There are a number of things that the country needs to improve but the **main part of the problem** is corruption.

Matriculation Level 30/06/2023 (Shift - 3)

- (a) Crux of the matter (b) Last resort  
(c) Grasping at straws (d) Dodged a bullet

**Q.314.** A piece of information received **by word of mouth** has no authenticity.

Matriculation Level 30/06/2023 (Shift - 4)

- (a) through an official order  
(b) through rumours  
(c) in written form  
(d) in spoken form

**Q.315.** Select the idiom that gives the most appropriate meaning of the underlined phrase in the following sentence.

I **finally understood** how to operate the new smart television.

Matriculation Level 30/06/2023 (Shift - 4)

- (a) Cast aside (b) Hit the sack  
(c) Don't know (d) Figured out

**Q.316.** Athira would like to get him a special birthday present, but nothing **springs to mind**.

Matriculation Level 30/06/2023 (Shift - 4)

- (a) almost always  
(b) forget about something  
(c) dawns on  
(d) from the beginning of time

**Solutions :-**

**Sol.299.(a) comparing apples to oranges**  
- comparing two things that cannot be compared.

**Sol.300.(c) The doctor who used illegal methods to conduct experiments on humans must die a shameful death.**

The idiom 'Die a dog's death' means to die a shameful, dishonorable, or miserable death. Going through the options, the sentence given in option (c) has the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

**Sol.301.(c) I don't buy it** - I am not convinced.

E.g.- You may think so, but I don't buy it.

**Sol.302.(d)**

**Pull yourself together** - calm down.

E.g.- Even though she was upset, she pulled herself together before facing the difficult situation.

**Sol.303.(a) Easier said than done** - Not as easy as it appears to be.

**Sol.304.(d) To show a clean pair of heels-** to run fast

E.g.- The clever fox showed a clean pair of heels to the pursuing hounds.

**Sol.305.(d) Hold good-** Remain valid

**Sol.306.(a) Opened a Pandora's box-** uncovered more problems.

**Sol.307.(a)**

**Made up his mind-** has decide.

**Sol.308.(c) Blowing her own trumpet** - praising herself.

Crying over the spilt milk - to feel sorry or sad about something that has already happened.

Catching one's eyes - to get someone's attention.

Facing the music - to accept unpleasant consequences.

**Sol.309.(b)**

**Through the grapevine** - Via gossip.

E.g.- News about the party spread through the grapevine.

**Sol.310.(d) Ruffle someone's feathers** - make someone annoyed.

E.g.- His criticism of her work really ruffled her feathers.

**Sol.311.(d)**

**Learn to keep quiet** - To hold his tongue.

**Sol.312.(d) Keep a lid on** - control the level of something in order to stop it increasing.

**Sol.313.(a) Crux of the matter** - main part of the problem

**Sol.314.(d)**

**by word of mouth** - in spoken form

**Sol.315.(d)**

**Figured out** - finally understood

**Sol.316.(c) springs to mind** - dawns on

## SSC CHSL 2022 Tier - 2

**Q.317.** The officer asked his subordinates to **keep him posted** of the workplace developments.

SSC CHSL Tier II (26/06/2023)

- (a) maintain secrecy  
(b) send letters by post  
(c) keep sharing the latest information  
(d) not disturb him in matters

**Solutions :-**

**Sol.317.(c) keep him posted** - keep sharing the latest information

## SSC MTS 2022 Tier - 1

**Q.318. A blind spot**

SSC MTS 02/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) A person who is blind  
(b) A person with no emotional feelings  
(c) A situation where no progress is made  
(d) An area in your range of vision that you cannot see properly

**Q.319. Get down to brass tacks**

SSC MTS 02/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) To become serious about something  
(b) Get fired from the job  
(c) Compromise, cooperation between people  
(d) To be ready

**Q.320. A bed of nails**

SSC MTS 02/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) A problematic or uncomfortable situation  
(b) A quick and automatic response  
(c) A person with no moral ethics  
(d) A fiercely contested fight or dispute

**Q.321. To have an itching palm**

SSC MTS 03/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) To have no mercy  
(b) To gain strength  
(c) To have an urge to slap  
(d) To be greedy for money

**Q.322. Out of the woods**

SSC MTS 03/05/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Out of danger  
(b) To lose contact  
(c) To meet with disaster  
(d) Not adhering to rules

**Q.323. Buy a lemon**

SSC MTS 03/05/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Wear fashionable clothing

- (b) The ability to know what's happening  
 (c) To not complain  
 (d) To buy something that is worthless

**Q.324.** Select the most appropriate meaning of the bracketed idiom in the given sentence.

The first sample of ore from the trial boring is very promising, but we should remember that **(one swallow does not make a summer.)**

SSC MTS 04/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) The fact of failure or escape is not affected by the narrowness of the margin  
 (b) To come out of one trouble and get into a worse  
 (c) A single fortunate event does not mean that what follows will also be good.  
 (d) The whole of everything

**Q.325. To meet one's eyes**

SSC MTS 04/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) To look at someone directly while they are looking at you  
 (b) To confess something  
 (c) To make haste  
 (d) To meet someone regularly

**Q.326. A blast from the past**

SSC MTS 04/05/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) A competition where the outcome is difficult to judge or predict  
 (b) Punishment for the crime committed in the past  
 (c) Something powerfully nostalgic  
 (d) An unresolved argument

**Q.327. Against the clock**

SSC MTS 04/05/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) To take on a task that is a way to big  
 (b) On the point of achievement  
 (c) To avoid talking  
 (d) Rushed and short on time

**Q.328. In the groove**

SSC MTS 04/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) To muse on in an aimless manner  
 (b) Starting to perform very well  
 (c) Simplify the producers  
 (d) A widely debated issue

**Q.329.** The statement below has been given with bracketed text. Select the option with correct idiom for the bracketed text.

His mother and I **(share the same opinion)** about his decision to drop out of college.

SSC MTS 08/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) see eye to eye  
 (b) feel blue  
 (c) leave no stone unturned  
 (d) paint the town red

**Q.330. Walk on air**

SSC MTS 08/05/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) To work hard  
 (b) To describe an unusual situation  
 (c) To be extremely happy  
 (d) Feeling weakened or tired

**Q.331. Wet behind the ears**

SSC MTS 08/05/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) A sudden change in fortune due to a windfall  
 (b) To place a bad bet  
 (c) To be young and without experience  
 (d) To win a bet

**Q.332.** The statement below has been given with bracketed text. Select the option with correct idiom for the bracketed text.

That new budget bill was **(totally useless)** before it hit the Senate.

SSC MTS 09/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) a cry wolf (b) a dead duck  
 (c) cold feet (d) a fuel to the fire

**Q.333. To pull the trigger**

SSC MTS 09/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) To make an exaggerated statement  
 (b) To do unnecessary things  
 (c) To insult and disgrace the people  
 (d) To commit a course of action

**Q.334. On the job**

SSC MTS 09/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) In the war  
 (b) Avoiding the work  
 (c) Working at a particular job  
 (d) On the contrary

**Q.335. The life and soul of the party**

SSC MTS 10/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) The only person who dances in the party  
 (b) Chief guest of the party  
 (c) A person who brings lots of gifts  
 (d) Person who brings lots of energy to the party

**Q.336.** Select the most appropriate meaning of the bracketed idiom in the given sentence.

Later, Brooks' brother alleged that racism helped put the **(pedal to the metal)**.

SSC MTS 10/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Very excessive  
 (b) To go full speed, especially while driving a vehicle  
 (c) To enjoy yourself by going out  
 (d) Avoid responsibility by giving it to someone else

**Q.337.** Select the most appropriate meaning of the bracketed idiom in the given sentence.

After repeated failures and disappointments he was tempted **(to**

**throw up the sponge)**, but continued perseverance finally brought success.

SSC MTS 10/05/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) To catch somebody off guard  
 (b) To surrender or give up the contest  
 (c) To reveal secret information  
 (d) To be afraid

**Q.338.** The statement below has been given with bracketed text. Select the option with correct Idiom for the bracketed text.

Susie **(has such strong resemblance to)** Kate Winslet that sometimes people would ask her for her autograph.

SSC MTS 10/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) dead ringer  
 (b) gone bananas  
 (c) jack of all trades  
 (d) pound the pavement

**Q.339. In the long run**

SSC MTS 10/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Lack of energy (b) Long walk  
 (c) In tough times (d) In the end

**Q.340. To see the light**

SSC MTS 11/05/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) To gain conscious  
 (b) To misunderstand the situation  
 (c) To be optimistic  
 (d) Suddenly realize or understand something

**Q.341. Go down like a lead balloon**

SSC MTS 11/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) To be received badly by an audience  
 (b) Put yourself in a tough position in order to support someone / something  
 (c) Surrender peacefully  
 (d) To gamble everything you have

**Q.342.** The statement below has been given with bracketed text. Select the option with correct idiom for the bracketed text.

I'm sorry I snapped at you earlier, I think I **(am just in a bad mood today)**.

SSC MTS 11/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) two wrongs don't make right  
 (b) clam up  
 (c) dressed to the nines  
 (d) got up on the wrong side of the bed

**Q.343. It takes two to tango**

SSC MTS 12/05/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Two people are required for a couple dance  
 (b) To fight fiercely  
 (c) For an argument both parties are equally responsible  
 (d) An interesting idea

**Q.344. To scratch one's head**

SSC MTS 15/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) To think hard in a puzzled way
- (b) To think about good days
- (c) To come up with an idea
- (d) To lose all the wealth

**Q.345. Dead men's shoes**

SSC MTS 15/05/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Making oneself available for all the tasks being assigned
- (b) A career where a lot of cheques are signed
- (c) Job that one takes over from somebody who has left unexpectedly or died
- (d) Acquiring the wealth of a dead man through malpractices

**Q.346. To stretch one's legs**

SSC MTS 15/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) To leave a place without permission
- (b) To go for a party
- (c) To go for a walk after you have been sitting for a long time
- (d) To measure one's worth

**Q.347. Drastic times call for drastic measures**

SSC MTS 15/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) When you are extremely desperate you need to take extremely desperate actions
- (b) Don't rely on it until you are sure of it
- (c) Something that ends at the last minute or last few seconds
- (d) Do not pull all your resources in one possibility

**Q.348. To sing a different tune**

SSC MTS 16/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) To change the way one talks about something
- (b) To brag about something
- (c) To be able to handle a jolt
- (d) To buy or sell something

**Q.349. Gut Feeling**

SSC MTS 16/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) To have a dispute with someone
- (b) A personal intuition you get, especially when you feel something may not be right
- (c) Very excited and/or joyful, especially when in love
- (d) Doing things recklessly

**Q.350.** The statement below has been given with bracketed text. Select the option with correct idiom for the bracketed text.

Although Shagan was competently doing the project on her own, Pranav couldn't stop himself from **(giving her unnecessary advice)**

SSC MTS 16/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) being a backseat driver

- (b) devil's advocate
- (c) a bitter pill to swallow
- (d) cutting the mustard

**Q.351. To fly into a rage**

SSC MTS 17/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) To harm oneself
- (b) To get very angry
- (c) To make inappropriate gestures
- (d) To be very excited

**Q.352. Between a rock and a hard place**

SSC MTS 17/05/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Stuck between two very bad options
- (b) Willing to do anything
- (c) On the point of achievement
- (d) Avoiding the main topic, not speaking directly about the issue

**Q.353. To mind one's P's and Q's**

SSC MTS 17/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) To write English alphabets accurately
- (b) To supervise something carefully
- (c) To be polite and careful in one's behaviour and speech
- (d) To make amends after a fight

**Q.354. Rolling in cash**

SSC MTS 18/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Have a large quantity of money
- (b) A business magnate
- (c) Buying things on interest
- (d) To borrow a costly attire

**Q.355. Queer somebody's pitch**

SSC MTS 18/05/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) A secret plan
- (b) Upset someone's plans
- (c) To make an exaggerated statement
- (d) To come out successfully

**Q.356. Get the ball rolling**

SSC MTS 18/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Get everyone's vote
- (b) Behave in a crazy manner
- (c) Collect one's belongings
- (d) Set an activity in motion

**Q.357. To go a long way**

SSC MTS 18/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) To become successful in life
- (b) To join a foreign company
- (c) To avoid short cuts
- (d) To go on a long drive

**Q.358.** Select the most appropriate meaning of the bracketed idiom in the given sentence.

Did you know David went to school with my brother? It's **(a small world)**, isn't it?

SSC MTS 19/05/2023 (Morning)

- (a) Overwhelmed by what is happening in the moment
- (b) Meeting someone not expected to be at a certain place
- (c) A two-person conflict where both

people are at fault

- (d) An aggressive and bold confrontation

**Q.359. In ones and twos**

SSC MTS 19/05/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) In small numbers
- (b) By unfair means
- (c) Large margin
- (d) To count resources

**Q.360.** The statement below has been given with bracketed text. Select the option with correct idiom for the bracketed text.

History certainly gives you **(something to think about)**, doesn't it?

SSC MTS 19/05/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) food for thought
- (b) cup of Joe
- (c) golden handshake
- (d) forty winks

**Q.361.** Select the most appropriate meaning of the bracketed idiom in the given sentence.

That were remarks made **(in the heat of the moment)**.

SSC MTS 19/05/2023 (Evening)

- (a) At time when you cannot think carefully
- (b) To exert all efforts
- (c) To present a counter argument
- (d) To be dismissed from your job

**Q.362.** The statement below has been given with bracketed text. Select the option with correct idiom for the bracketed text.

He **(made an irreversible change, that will greatly impact his life)** when he got that huge tattoo on his back!

SSC MTS 13/06/2023 (Morning)

- (a) beat the dead horse
- (b) became the devil's advocate
- (c) crossed the Rubicon
- (d) put a rose on his nose

**Q.363. Ethnic Cleansing**

SSC MTS 13/06/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Worshiping of a certain ethnic or religious group on a massive scale
- (b) Killing of a certain ethnic or religious group on a massive scale
- (c) One who was previously unknown and is now prominent
- (d) A large number of people either falling ill or dying

**Q.364.** The statement below has been given with bracketed text. Select the option with correct idiom for the bracketed text.

Don't start to think we've **(won this game certainly)**, gentlemen.

SSC MTS 14/06/2023 (Morning)

- (a) swallowed the bitter truth
- (b) held our horses



- (c) have skin in the game  
(d) got this game in the bag

**Q.365. Fixed in one's ways**

SSC MTS 14/06/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Something that shows potential or looks promising in the beginning but fails to deliver anything in the end  
(b) To establish one's rule  
(c) Not willing or wanting to change from your normal way of doing something  
(d) An aggressive attack on someone by a group

**Q.366. Cold fish**

SSC MTS 14/06/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) A person lacking in sympathy  
(b) To make a lot of money  
(c) A dead body  
(d) To retract one's statements

**Q.367. Go bananas**

SSC MTS 14/06/2023 (Evening)

- (a) To become excited or angry  
(b) To win a match  
(c) To finish household chores  
(d) To feel low

**Q.368. To pull your weight**

SSC MTS 15/06/2023 (Morning)

- (a) To do your full share of work  
(b) To help one's relatives  
(c) To buy something  
(d) To give something

**Q.369.** The statement below has been given with bracketed text. Select the option with correct idiom for the bracketed text.

They were really (**selecting from the last or worst of the resources left**) when they picked you.

SSC MTS 15/06/2023 (Morning)

- (a) scraping the bottom of the barrel  
(b) rolling the stones  
(c) pulling up snakes  
(d) going haywire

**Q.370.** The statement below has been given with bracketed text. Select the option with correct Idiom for the bracketed text.

Mom said these instructions are (**not understood by her**) and that we should show them to Dad.

SSC MTS 15/06/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) Greek to her  
(b) smart cookie to her  
(c) pound the investment to her  
(d) full of beans to her

**Q.371. Be at a crossroads**

SSC MTS 15/06/2023 (Evening)

- (a) To have taken the wrong road  
(b) To be confused  
(c) To make a very important decision

- (d) To have forgotten the way

**Q.372. To pick holes in someone's coat**

SSC MTS 16/06/2023 (Morning)

- (a) To discharge one's duty well  
(b) To deceive someone for personal gain  
(c) To aspire for something difficult  
(d) To find fault with someone

**Q.373.** The statement below has been given with bracketed text. Select the option with correct Idiom for the bracketed text.

That's just like Julie - always (**coming to conclusions too quickly**) even before she knows the facts.

SSC MTS 16/06/2023 (Afternoon)

- (a) jumping in with both feet  
(b) raring to go  
(c) sailing in the same boat  
(d) biting her own tongue

**Q.374. Rust bucket**

SSC MTS 16/06/2023 (Evening)

- (a) To be absent minded  
(b) An old man  
(c) A vehicle that is old or almost broken  
(d) To be late for everything

**Q.375. Hit the hay**

SSC MTS 19/06/2023 (Morning)

- (a) To go to bed  
(b) To buy or sell something  
(c) To take revenge  
(d) A sarcastic response

**Q.376.** Select the most appropriate meaning of the bracketed idiom in the given sentence.

Let the bully have (**a taste of his own medicine**).

SSC MTS 19/06/2023 (Evening)

- (a) A dangerous person pretending harmless  
(b) A result that is still unclear and can go either way  
(c) When you are mistreated the same way you mistreat others  
(d) A visual presentation is far more descriptive than words

**Q.377. A broth of a boy**

SSC MTS 19/06/2023 (Evening)

- (a) Not attached to someone  
(b) To have specific food choices  
(c) To behave foolishly  
(d) A lively, energetic young person

**Q.378. To eat crow**

SSC MTS 20/06/2023 (Morning)

- (a) To take great care  
(b) To become non-vegetarian  
(c) To take money back  
(d) To admit that one is wrong

**Q.379.** The statement below has been given with bracketed text. Select the option with correct idiom for the bracketed text.

She started repaying the money she borrowed from me, but the amount she returned me is (**insignificant compared**) to what she still owes.

SSC MTS 20/06/2023 (Morning)

- (a) eat out of your hand  
(b) jaw dropping  
(c) an eye for an eye  
(d) a drop in a bucket

**Q.380. Long in the tooth**

SSC MTS 20/06/2023 (Evening)

- (a) The show has come to an end  
(b) Be optimistic, even difficult times will lead to better days  
(c) To be old, often too old to do something  
(d) Killing of a certain ethnic or religious group on a massive scale

**Solutions :-**

**Sol.318.(d) A blind spot** - An area in your range of vision that you cannot see properly.

E.g.- He was a great scientist, but he had his blind spots.

**Sol.319.(a) Get down to brass tacks** - To become serious about something.

E.g. - After a long and general discussion, let's get down to brass tacks and decide on a budget for the project.

**Sol.320.(a) A bed of nails** - A problematic or uncomfortable situation.

E.g. - Life is a bed of nails for street children in India.

**Sol.321.(d) To have an itching palm** - To be greedy for money

E.g. - He was known for having an itching palm, always eager to receive bribes and take advantage of his position of power.

**Sol.322.(a)**

**Out of the woods** - Out of danger

E.g. - After months of financial struggle, Sarah finally got a new job that paid well, and she was thrilled to be out of the woods and on the path to financial stability.

**Sol.323.(d) Buy a lemon** - To buy something that is worthless

E.g. - We often try to save money by buying second-hand cars but little do we realise that we are up to buy a lemon.

**Sol.324.(c) One swallow does not make a summer**- A single fortunate event does not mean that what follows will also be

good.

**Sol.325.(a) To meet one's eyes-** To look at someone directly while they are looking at you

E.g.- I tried to avoid meeting his eye.

**Sol.326.(c) A blast from the past** - Something powerfully nostalgic  
E.g.- The class tenth photograph was a blast from the past.

**Sol.327.(d) Against the clock** - Rushed and short on time.  
E.g.- We are working against the clock to finish the report by Friday.

**Sol.328.(b) In the groove** - Starting to perform very well  
E.g. - After a few warm-up songs, the band finally found their rhythm and got in the groove, delivering an electrifying performance.

**Sol.329.(a) See eye to eye** - share the same opinion

**Sol.330.(c) Walk on air** - To be extremely happy  
E.g. - The boys are walking on air because their team won the game.

**Sol.331.(c) Wet behind the ears** - To be young and without experience  
E.g. - He's just finished high school, so he's still wet behind the ears.

**Sol.332.(b) A dead duck** - Totally useless

**Sol.333.(d) To pull the trigger** - To commit a course of action  
E.g. - After months of deliberation, she finally decided to pull the trigger and start her own business.

**Sol.334.(c) On the job** - Working at a particular job  
E.g. - The new programme offers on - the - job training with vocational qualifications.

**Sol.335.(d) The life and soul of the party** - Person who brings lots of energy to the party  
E.g. - Sarah was always the life and soul of the party, captivating everyone with her infectious laughter and entertaining stories.

**Sol.336.(b) Pedal to the metal** - To go full speed, especially while driving a vehicle.  
E.g. - You are running late. You are going to miss the plane unless you put pedal to the metal.

**Sol.337.(b) To throw up the sponge** - To surrender or give up the contest

E.g. - After struggling through multiple rounds, the boxer finally threw up the sponge, admitting defeat to his formidable opponent.

**Sol.338.(a) Dead ringer** - someone having strong resemblance to someone else.

**Sol.339.(d) In the long run** - In the end  
E.g. - While it may seem challenging at times, investing in your education will pay off in the long run, opening doors to better career opportunities and personal growth.

**Sol.340.(d) To see the light** - Suddenly realize or understand something  
E.g. - After months of confusion, he finally saw the light and realized the true meaning behind his friend's advice.

**Sol.341.(a) Go down like a lead balloon** - To be received badly by an audience  
E.g. - Despite his excitement, his new invention went down like a lead balloon when the public showed little interest in it.

**Sol.342.(d) got up on the wrong side of the bed** - in a bad mood

**Sol.343.(c) It takes two to tango** - For an argument both parties are equally responsible  
E.g. - The disagreement escalated because they failed to realize it takes two to tango.

**Sol.344.(a) To scratch one's head** - To think hard in a puzzled way  
E.g. - The riddle was so challenging that it made him scratch his head in confusion.

**Sol.345.(c) Dead men's shoes-** Job that one takes over from somebody who has left unexpectedly or died  
E.g- He advanced quickly in his career thanks to dead men's shoes.

**Sol.346.(c) To stretch one's leg-** To go for a walk after you have been sitting for a long time.  
E.g.- After sitting for hours, I decided to stretch my leg.

**Sol.347.(a) Drastic times call for drastic measures** - When you are extremely desperate you need to take extremely desperate actions.  
E.g.- When faced with a major crisis, it is essential to remember that drastic times call for drastic measures.

**Sol.348.(a) To sing a different tune** - To change the way one talks about

something

E.g. - After the election results, the politicians started to sing a different tune about their proposed policies.

**Sol.349.(b) Gut Feeling** - A personal intuition one gets, especially when one feels something may not be right  
E.g. - Despite his friendly nature, she had a gut feeling that he couldn't be trusted.

**Sol.350.(a) being a backseat driver** - giving someone unnecessary advice

**Sol.351.(b) To fly into a rage - To get very angry.**  
E.g.- When I told her I accidentally broke her favorite mug, she flew into a rage.

**Sol.352.(a) Between a rock and a hard place** - Stuck between two very bad options  
E.g.- He was stuck between a rock and a hard place, having to choose between betraying his friend or breaking the law.

**Sol.353.(c) To mind one's P's and Q's** - To be polite and careful in one's behavior and speech  
E.g. - Tom's good manners impressed everyone. He minded his P's and Q's by being polite and respectful.

**Sol.354.(a) Rolling in cash** - Have a large quantity of money.  
E.g. - Ever since she won the lottery, she's been rolling in cash, enjoying a life of luxury and extravagance.

**Sol.355.(b) Queer somebody's pitch** - Upset someone's plans  
E.g. - The unexpected arrival of a new competitor completely queered the established company's pitch in the market.

**Sol.356.(d) Get the ball rolling** - Set an activity in motion  
E.g. - Let's get the ball rolling on the presentation by preparing the opening slides.

**Sol.357.(a) To go a long way** - To become successful in life  
E.g. - Maintaining a positive mindset can go a long way in achieving success and fulfillment in life.

**Sol.358.(b) a small world** - Meeting someone not expected to be at a certain place

**Sol.359.(a) In ones and twos** - in small numbers.  
E.g.-The children entered the amusement park in ones and twos, eagerly anticipating the day of fun ahead.

**Sol.360.(a) Food for thought** - something to think about

**Sol.361.(a) In the heat of the moment** - At time when you cannot think carefully

**Sol.362.(c) crossed the Rubicon** - made an irreversible change, that will greatly impact his life

**Sol.363.(b) Ethnic Cleansing** - Killing of a certain ethnic or religious group on a massive scale.  
E.g.- During the conflict, the region witnessed the horrifying act of ethnic cleansing, with countless innocent lives lost.

**Sol.364.(d) Got this game in the bag** - Won this game certainly

**Sol.365.(c) Fixed in one's ways** - Not willing or wanting to change from your normal way of doing something.  
E.g. - He is fixed in his ways. He always follows the same procedure in order to complete the projects.

**Sol.366.(a) Cold fish** - A person lacking in sympathy  
E.g. - Ashish is a cold fish because he barely helps anyone in pain.

**Sol.367.(a) Go bananas** - to become excited or angry  
E.g.- She'll go bananas when you tell her the news.

**Sol.368.(a) To pull your weight** - to do your full share of work  
E.g.- In group projects, everyone must pull their weight and contribute equally for success.

**Sol.369.(a) Scraping the bottom of the barrel** - selecting from the last or worst of the resources left.  
E.g.- They had to scrape the bottom of the barrel to find someone willing to do the job.

**Sol.370.(a) Greek to her** - not understood by her

**Sol.371.(c) Be at a crossroads** - To make a very important decision  
E.g. - After completing her education, she found herself at a crossroads, unsure of which career path to pursue.

**Sol.372.(d) To pick holes in someone's coat** - to find fault with someone.  
E.g.- She constantly finds faults in his work, no matter how much effort he puts in.

**Sol.373.(a) jumping in with both feet** - coming to conclusions too quickly

**Sol.374.(c) Rust bucket** - A vehicle that is old or almost broken  
E.g. - I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw him driving that old rust bucket of a car.

**Sol.375.(a) Hit the hay** - To go to bed  
E.g. - After a long day at work, I was exhausted and decided to hit the hay early.

**Sol.376.(c) A taste of his own medicine** - when you are mistreated the same way you mistreat others

**Sol.377.(d) A broth of a boy** - a lively, energetic young person.  
E.g.- He's a broth of a boy, always full of energy and mischief.

**Sol.378.(d) To eat crow** - To admit that one is wrong  
E.g. - When the weatherman predicted sunshine but it rained all day, he had to eat crow for his inaccurate forecast.

**Sol.379.(d) A drop in a bucket** - insignificant compared to the required amount.

**Sol.380.(c) Long in the tooth** - To be old, often too old to do something.  
E.g.- She's still a great dancer, but she's getting a little long in the tooth.

### SSC CHSL 2022 Tier - 1

**Q.381. A shot in the dark.**  
SSC CHSL 09/03/2023 (2nd Shift)  
(a) Shooting in the night  
(b) Randomly doing something, the outcome of which is unknown  
(c) Abilnd man's cane  
(d) Looking at the stars

**Q.382. A Bull market**  
SSC CHSL 09/03/2023 (3rd Shift)  
(a) A fertile field  
(b) A market where cattle is traded  
(c) To boast  
(d) Market where prices are rising

**Q.383. To shake in one's shoes**  
SSC CHSL 09/03/2023 (4th Shift)  
(a) To be afraid  
(b) To leave no remark  
(c) An unpleasant scenario  
(d) To fail to understand

**Q.384. Slack off**  
SSC CHSL 10/03/2023 (2nd Shift)  
(a) To understand a hidden meaning  
(b) To ease pressure on something  
(c) To make most effort  
(d) To be very rude

**Q.385. Pig in a poke**  
SSC CHSL 10/03/2023 (2nd Shift)  
(a) To bring something to an end  
(b) A brave man amongst all the cowards  
(c) Something that is bought without examining properly  
(d) To obstruct someone's work

**Q.386. Ace in the hole**  
SSC CHSL 10/03/2023 (3rd Shift)  
(a) To create noisy disturbances so that competitors are unable to work.  
(b) A major advantage that one keeps hidden until an ideal time.  
(c) To attempt to do the impossible.  
(d) To suffer an injury on the lower body.

**Q.387. For old time's sake**  
SSC CHSL 10/03/2023 (4th Shift)  
(a) To consider the options  
(b) Deliberately stop someone  
(c) To be friends with an old person  
(d) Because of sentimental memories of the past

**Q.388. Water under the bridge**  
SSC CHSL 13/03/2023 (1st Shift)  
(a) To be very sick  
(b) Anything from the past that isn't significant or important anymore.  
(c) A paranormal sense that allows you to communicate with the dead.  
(d) someone else who takes the blame.

**Q.389. Give cold shoulder**  
SSC CHSL 13/03/2023 (4th Shift)  
(a) Start doing something before the appropriate time  
(b) Be guiltless  
(c) Think only of one thing  
(d) Ignore, avoid or be unfriendly towards someone

**Q.390. To twiddle one's thumbs**  
SSC CHSL 13/03/2023 (4th Shift)  
(a) To be idle  
(b) To play safe  
(c) To waste one's resources  
(d) To show no mercy

**Q.391. Armed to the teeth**  
SSC CHSL 14/03/2023 (1st Shift)  
(a) Fully armed, having many weapons  
(b) Different attacking techniques  
(c) Safeguard oneself in every possible way  
(d) To have no weapon to fight

**Q.392. To sleep like a dog**  
SSC CHSL 14/03/2023 (1st Shift)  
(a) To be less mindful  
(b) To be insomniac  
(c) To sleep soundly  
(d) To make noise while sleeping

**Q.393. Apropos of nothing**

SSC CHSL 14/03/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Any difficult situation or obstacle
- (b) To be enraged
- (c) Almost everything and anything has been included
- (d) Having no relevance to any previous discussion or situation

**Q.394. Neck of the woods**

SSC CHSL 14/03/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) Neighbourhood (b) Barren land
- (c) Valley (d) Highways

**Q.395. Zero tolerance**

SSC CHSL 15/03/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) To detect someone in the group is betraying the others
- (b) Riding in the front passenger seat of a car
- (c) To escape and not have to pay
- (d) A policy of not allowing any violations of a rule or law

**Q.396. To bridge the gap**

SSC CHSL 15/03/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) To reduce differences and reconcile
- (b) To push people apart
- (c) To mend a broken bridge
- (d) To slander someone

**Q.397. High and dry**

SSC CHSL 15/03/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) Abandoned (b) Occasionally
- (c) Perplexed (d) Failed

**Q.398. The whole ball of wax**

SSC CHSL 15/03/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) Everything (b) Sagacious
- (c) Meagre (d) Complete disaster

**Q.399. Method to my madness**

SSC CHSL 16/03/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Someone who is unpredictable and can cause damage if not kept in check.
- (b) To get someone drunk.
- (c) To state a fact so that there are no doubts or objections.
- (d) Strange or crazy actions that appear meaningless but in the end are done for a good reason.

**Q.400. To lay someone by the heels**

SSC CHSL 16/03/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) To confine somebody in prison
- (b) To gain support
- (c) To praise someone
- (d) To force someone for something

**Q.401. To make one's mark**

SSC CHSL 16/03/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) To prove a point (b) To attain success
- (c) To make no effort (d) To be indifferent

**Q.402. Have people rolling in the aisles**

SSC CHSL 16/03/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) To use false promises to pull people

on one's side

- (b) Make an audience laugh uncontrollably
- (c) To have a dispute with someone
- (d) Willing to do something immediately

**Q.403. To breast the tape**

SSC CHSL 16/03/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) To shut someone's mouth
- (b) To create problems
- (c) To bring joy
- (d) To win a race

**Q.404. Good grief**

SSC CHSL 17/03/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) To dig a hole
- (b) To be very systematic
- (c) To try everything possible
- (d) An expression of surprise or Frustration

**Q.405. To jump out of one's skin**

SSC CHSL 17/03/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) To argue with someone
- (b) To feel immense pain
- (c) To show one's real side
- (d) To be extremely surprised

**Q.406. Penny wise and pound foolish**

SSC CHSL 17/03/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Careless with large amounts, but not small
- (b) To act like a fool
- (c) An intelligent person who behaves foolishly
- (d) Dissipating money without caring about consequences

**Q.407. Appeal to Caesar**

SSC CHSL 17/03/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) An authority given to a foolish person
- (b) To expect good from a wrong person
- (c) To live in a false reality
- (d) Appeal to the highest possible Authority

**Q.408. A bite at the cherry**

SSC CHSL 17/03/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) A wrong move
- (b) An attempt or opportunity to do something
- (c) To have a leverage over someone
- (d) A dog bite

**Q.409. Save your breath**

SSC CHSL 20/03/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) To make an effort that will be futile
- (b) To hold one's anger
- (c) To work hard
- (d) To be resentful

**Q.410. A beast of burden**

SSC CHSL 20/03/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) A liability
- (b) An animal that carries luggage
- (c) A person who works hardly
- (d) A violent man

**Q.411. Cast someone adrift**

SSC CHSL 20/03/2023 (3rd Shift)

- (a) To leave someone without any support or purpose
- (b) To change plan suddenly
- (c) Call someone repeatedly
- (d) To blame someone for One's mistakes

**Q.412. To take the veil**

SSC CHSL 20/03/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) To help someone
- (b) To become a nun
- (c) To take a responsibility
- (d) To show interest

**Q.413. To the manner born**

SSC CHSL 20/03/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) To have high manners
- (b) To do something as though it is coming naturally
- (c) To be sophisticated
- (d) To give a ride to someone

**Q.414. Be my guest**

SSC CHSL 21/03/2023 (1st Shift)

- (a) Please do it (b) Stop, don't go ahead
- (c) Be with me (d) Come with me

**Q.415. To have a nodding acquaintance**

SSC CHSL 21/03/2023 (2nd Shift)

- (a) To have a great experience
- (b) To neglect all the parameters
- (c) Know somebody/something slightly
- (d) To have nothing in common

**Q.416. The whys and wherefores**

SSC CHSL 21/03/2023 (4th Shift)

- (a) References (b) Circumstances
- (c) Requirements (d) Reasons

**Solutions :-**

**Sol.381.(b) A shot in the dark** - Randomly doing something, the outcome of which is unknown.

**E.g.-** Ram took a shot in the dark when teacher asked him for trigonometric formulas.

**Sol.382.(d) A Bull market** - Market where prices are rising

**E.g. -** From April 2003 to January 2008, the Bombay Stock Exchange Index in India was in a bull market trend, rising from 2,900 points to 21,000 points.

**Sol.383.(a) To shake in one's shoes** - To be afraid

**E.g.** Harry was shaking in his shoes when he saw the ghost.

**Sol.384.(b) Slack off** - to ease pressure on something.

**E.g.-** Do not slack off in your studies.

**Sol.385.(c) Pig in a poke** - Something



that is bought without examining properly

**E.g.-** Be careful about buying that old car. It might turn out to be a pig in a poke.

**Sol.386.(b) Ace in the hole** - A major advantage that one keeps hidden until an ideal time.

**E.g.-** The prosecutor had an ace in the hole: an eyewitness.

**Sol.387.(d) For old time's sake** - Because of sentimental memories of the past

**E.g.-** Let's go back to village for old time's sake.

**Sol.388.(b) Water under the bridge** - Anything from the past that isn't significant or important anymore.

Yes, we did have our disagreements, but that's water under the bridge.

**Sol.389.(d) Give cold shoulder** - Ignore, avoid or be unfriendly towards someone

**E.g.** I fought with my cousin, and he is now giving me the cold shoulder.

**Sol.390.(a)**

**To twiddle one's thumbs** - To be idle.

**E.g.** I arrived early for the meeting so I was twiddling my thumbs for half an hour.

**Sol.391.(a) Armed to the teeth** - Fully armed, having many weapons

**E.g.** The police were armed to the teeth.

**Sol.392.(c)**

**To sleep like a dog** - To sleep soundly

**E.g.** He slept like a dog, sixteen hours a day, rising to eat and smoke, and then falling back in his bunk, where he coiled himself very much like a hibernating bear.

**Sol.393.(d) Apropos of nothing** - Having no relevance to any previous discussion or situation.

**E.g.** So, apropos of nothing, I need to ask you about one last thing.

**Sol.394.(a) Neck of the woods** - Neighbourhood

**E.g.** - I haven't been in this neck of the woods for years.

**Sol.395.(d) Zero tolerance** - A policy of not allowing any violations of a rule or law

**E.g.** I need zero tolerance in the recruitment process.

**Sol.396.(a) To bridge the gap** - To reduce differences and reconcile

**E.g.** The idea was to bridge the gap between citizens and the Union's institutions.

**Sol.397.(a) High and dry** - Abandoned

**E.g.** - They pulled out of the deal at the last minute leaving us high and dry.

**Sol.398.(a) The whole ball of wax** - everything related to a particular situation; the whole thing.

**E.g.** - He came back from Chicago with the contract for the whole ball of wax.

**Sol.399.(d) Method to my madness** - Strange or crazy actions that appear meaningless but in the end are done for a good reason.

**E.g.** He keeps talking to himself loudly, but he insists there is a method in his madness.

**Sol.400.(a) To lay someone by the heels** - To confine somebody in prison.

**E.g.** Superior forces laid the invaders by the heels.

**Sol.401.(b) To make one's mark** - To attain success.

**E.g.** He's only been here four days but he's already made his mark.

**Sol.402.(b) Have people rolling in the aisles** - Make an audience laugh uncontrollably.

**E.g.** The comedian made the audience rolling in the aisles.

**Sol.403.(d)**

**To breast the tape** - To win a race

**E.g.-** Goutam is able to sprint ahead and breast the tape.

**Sol.404.(d) Good grief** - An expression of surprise or frustration

**E.g.** Oh God, good grief we are again stuck in a traffic jam.

**Sol.405.(d) To jump out of one's skin** - To be extremely surprised

**E.g.** My friends made me jump out of my skin on my birthday.

**Sol.406.(a) Penny wise and pound foolish** - Careless with large amounts, but not small.

**E.g.-** someone who will drive across town to save five cents a gallon on gasoline but just recently purchased a BMW that he or she cannot afford could be said to be "penny wise and pound foolish."

**Sol.407.(d) Appeal to Caesar** - Appeal to the highest possible authority

**E.g.** Paul appealed to Caesar for justice.

**Sol.408.(b) A bite at the cherry** - An attempt or opportunity to do something.

**E.g.** I got a bite at the cherry after my first attempt at the task.

**Sol.409.(a) Save your breath** - To make an effort that will be futile

**E.g.** If you tell someone to save their breath, you mean that they should not bother saying something, because you will not agree to it or you do not want to hear it.

**Sol.410.(b) A beast of burden** - An animal that carries luggage

**E.g.** One beast of burden is not enough to pull the cart. Get another one.

**Sol.411.(a) Cast someone adrift** - To leave someone without any support or purpose

**E.g.** His parents cut her adrift after they found drugs in his room.

**Sol.412.(b)**

**To take the veil** - To become a nun

**E.g.** The young woman took the veil after her fiancé died.

**Sol.413.(b) To the manner born** - To do something as though it is coming naturally

**E.g.** She took to her new life as to the manner born.

**Sol.414.(a) Be my guest** - Please do it

**E.g.** Do you mind if I use your phone? sure, be my guest.

**Sol.415.(c)**

**To have a nodding acquaintance** - Know somebody / something slightly

**E.g.** I have a nodding acquaintance with Jack's novels.

**Sol.416.(d)**

**The whys and wherefores** - Reasons

**E.g.** She explained the whys and the wherefores of the sudden price increase.

## SSC CGL 2022 Tier - 2

**Q.417.** The team members seem to be running around in circles.

SSC CGL Tier II (03/03/2023)

(a) To be extremely successful

(b) Hardly any time to breathe

(c) To be very active but with few results

(d) Very dynamic and hardworking

**Q.418. Achilles' Heel**

SSC CGL Tier II (06/03/2023)

(a) Irrelevant thing (b) Vulnerable point

(c) Fast runner (d) Costly item

**Solutions :-**

**Sol.417.(c) Running around in circles** - to be very active but with few results.

**Sol.418.(b)**

**Achilles' Heel** - vulnerable point.  
E.g.- Varun is trying to cut the body fat but desert is his Achilles' Heel.

## SSC CGL 2022 Tier - 1

### Q.419. In weal and woe

SSC CGL 01/12/2022 (2nd Shift)

- (a) In sad and gloomy days
- (b) In happiness and good times
- (c) In prosperity and adversity
- (d) In despair and failure

### Q.420. He was murdered **in cold blood**.

SSC CGL 01/12/2022 (3rd Shift)

- (a) in cold weather
- (b) deliberately
- (c) when blood was cold
- (d) regretfully

### Q.421. A skeleton in the cupboard

SSC CGL 01/12/2022 (4th Shift)

- (a) A popular fact which is not hidden
- (b) A popular fact to be kept secret
- (c) An embarrassing fact not to be kept secret
- (d) An embarrassing fact to be kept secret

### Q.422. Fly into a passion

SSC CGL 01/12/2022 (4th Shift)

- (a) To be aggressive at times
- (b) To become aggressive often
- (c) To become angry suddenly
- (d) To be always angry

**Q.423.** Mr. Raghav **racked his brain**, but couldn't think where he had left the book.

SSC CGL 02/12/2022 (2nd Shift)

- (a) thought very hard
- (b) had a series of consecutive thoughts
- (c) knew it, but couldn't quite remember it
- (d) thought he had heard something before

**Q.424.** By the end of the football match, feelings had **reached fever pitch**.

SSC CGL 02/12/2022 (4th Shift)

- (a) in or to many places
- (b) to get so strong that one cannot control them
- (c) be extremely serious and worrying
- (d) start well

### Q.425. Cut a poor figure

SSC CGL 03/12/2022 (3rd Shift)

- (a) In a poor state
- (b) To put a good impression
- (c) To put a bad impression
- (d) Bad physical form

**Q.426.** "Just add a bit of cheese to your pasta and **Bob's your uncle!**" Reena

suggested to me over dinner last night.

SSC CGL 05/12/2022 (1st Shift)

- (a) It becomes easily and quickly achievable
- (b) It changes the appearance
- (c) It ruins everything
- (d) It changes nothing

**Q.427.** Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the italicised words in the given sentence.

He was sacked from his job because of a **grave error** on his part.

SSC CGL 05/12/2022 (3rd Shift)

- (a) raining cats and dogs
- (b) minding one's p's and q's
- (c) picking holes in one's cot
- (d) Himalayan blunder

**Q.428.** The announcement of the new tourism policy of the government has made some people **excited or interested**.

SSC CGL 05/12/2022 (4th Shift)

- (a) Pull out all the stops
- (b) Run around in circles
- (c) Quicken the pulse
- (d) Reach for the moon

**Q.429.** Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the italicised words in the given sentence.

Some people still feel that they have very **little freedom** to be innovative in their work.

SSC CGL 06/12/2022 (1st Shift)

- (a) elbow room
- (b) an old lady
- (c) an old head on young shoulders
- (d) to make a pile

**Q.430.** When the war breaks out, all the war mongering social media activists become **yellow bellies**.

SSC CGL 06/12/2022 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Zealots
- (b) Cowards
- (c) Sceptics
- (d) Upset stomachs

### Q.431. A rolling stone gathers no moss

SSC CGL 06/12/2022 (3rd Shift)

- (a) A person who settles for a short time and runs from place to place, enjoying his freedom
- (b) A person who does not settle anywhere for a short time, and is always searching for gold
- (c) A person who settles for a long time and leads a boring and useless Life
- (d) A person who does not settle in one place for a long time, does not gain wealth, name or fame

**Q.432.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

The great director Satyajit Ray after

receiving the Honorary Academic Award from Audrey Hepburn, \_\_\_\_\_ in his Kolkata home.

SSC CGL 06/12/2022 (3rd Shift)

- (a) breathed his last
- (b) nipped in the bud
- (c) kept the ball rolling
- (d) dug the grave

### Q.433. Take something at face value

SSC CGL 07/12/2022 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Accept something as it looks without thinking about whether it might, in fact, not be quite what it appears
- (b) According to the appearance of something
- (c) Not laugh or change your expression even though you want to laugh
- (d) Show that you do not like something by making an unpleasant expression

### Q.434. Cudgel one's brain

SSC CGL 08/12/2022 (1st Shift)

- (a) Thinking about a debate
- (b) To think hard
- (c) Not to think
- (d) To overthink

**Q.435.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

One has to be persistent in studies if he/she wants to get his/her dream job. Success will remain unattainable if one studies \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC CGL 08/12/2022 (1st Shift)

- (a) root and branch
- (b) the three R's
- (c) in ups and downs
- (d) by fits and starts

**Q.436.** I bought some extra copies from the stationery shop. These may **come in handy** during exams.

SSC CGL 08/12/2022 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Be useful
- (b) Cause trouble
- (c) Be sold
- (d) Bring luck

**Q.437.** Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

One has to \_\_\_\_\_ the risks associated with global warming.

SSC CGL 08/12/2022 (2nd Shift)

- (a) cook in mind
- (b) bear in mind
- (c) take in mind
- (d) break in mind

### Q.438. Someone's heart is in the right place

SSC CGL 08/12/2022 (3rd Shift)

- (a) Suddenly feel so excited or frightened that your heart beats faster
- (b) Change your opinion or the way you

- feel  
(c) Share secret worries with someone else  
(d) Someone is good even if they sometimes behave in a wrong manner

**Q.439. Down the tubes**

SSC CGL 08/12/2022 (4th Shift)

- (a) Minting money  
(b) Failing completely  
(c) Being informal  
(d) Going to swim

**Q.440.** I begged him to reconsider my application, but he **put his foot down**.

SSC CGL 09/12/2022 (1st Shift)

- (a) stamped his foot down  
(b) agreed to reconsider  
(c) refused to yield  
(d) did not run

**Q.441. Lose your marbles**

SSC CGL 09/12/2022 (4th Shift)

- (a) To go insane  
(b) To handle stress  
(c) To lower down anger  
(d) To be patient

**Q.442.** The sailor tells great tales of adventure that you should **take with a grain of salt**.

SSC CGL 12/12/2022 (2nd Shift)

- (a) Great admiration  
(b) Great patriotism  
(c) Not take too seriously  
(d) Be afraid to refrain from

**Q.443.** Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the italicised words in the given sentence.

My mother said, **"Make consistent progress for success."**

SSC CGL 13/12/2022 (3rd Shift)

- (a) slow and steady (b) make a habit  
(c) in and outs (d) do's and don'ts

**Q.444.** I must tell you that it all **went pear-shaped** after you left the meeting in the middle.

SSC CGL 13/12/2022 (4th Shift)

- (a) Went terribly wrong  
(b) Became very entertaining  
(c) Became tragic  
(d) Turned out fine

**Q.445.** Select the idiom from the given options that gives the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted text in the following sentence.

A village fair is **a place that contains many interesting objects**. People of all age groups eagerly wait for this.

SSC CGL 13/12/2022 (4th Shift)

- (a) Road to Damascus  
(b) Ivory tower

- (c) Aladdin's cave  
(d) Jewel in the crown

**Solutions :-**

**Sol.419.(c) In weal and woe** - in prosperity and adversity

**E.g.-** Rahul is my best friend, I can count on him to be there in weal and woe.

**Sol.420.(b) In cold blood**- deliberately.

**Sol.421.(d) A skeleton in the cupboard**- an embarrassing fact to be kept secret.

**E.g.-** On accepting the job, Rahul assured his employers that he had no skeletons in the cupboard.

**Sol.422.(c) Fly into a passion**- to become angry suddenly.

**E.g.-** The political leader flew into a passion on being asked about the scam.

**Sol.423.(a)** thought very hard.

'Racked his brain' is a phrase that means to think very hard. The given sentence states that Mr. Raghav thought very hard, but couldn't think where he had left the book. Hence, 'thought very hard' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.424.(b) to get so strong that one cannot control them**

'Fever pitch' is a phrase that means a state of extreme excitement. The given sentence states that by the end of the football match, feelings had reached a state of extreme excitement. Hence, 'fever pitch' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.425.(c) Cut a poor figure**- to put a bad impression.

**E.g.-** I cut a poor figure in my last show as it was an extempore.

**Sol.426.(a) Bob's your uncle** - it becomes easily and quickly achievable.

**Sol.427.(d) Himalayan blunder**- a very serious mistake or error, grave error.

**Sol.428.(c)** 'Quicken the pulse' is a phrase that means excited or interested.

**Sol.429.(a) Elbow room**- little freedom.

**Sol.430.(b) Yellow bellies**- cowards.

**E.g.-** George is a yellow-bellied guy, don't send him on such a tough assignment.

**Sol.431.(d)** A rolling stone gathers no moss- a person who does not settle in one place for a long time, does not gain wealth, name or fame.

**Sol.432.(a)** breathed his last.

'Breathed his last' means to die. The

given sentence states that the great director Satyajit Ray after receiving the Honorary Academic Award from Audrey Hepburn, died in his Kolkata home. Hence, 'breathed his last' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.433.(a) Take something at face value** - accept something as it looks without thinking about whether it might, in fact, not be quite what it appears.

**E.g.-** Udit seems very sweet but be careful of taking people at face value.

**Sol.434.(b)**

**Cudgel one's brain** - to think hard.

**E.g.-** Neha cudgelled her brains, trying to decide what had caused such a problem.

**Sol.435.(d)** 'By fits and starts' means something happening with irregular intervals of action and inaction. The given sentence states that success will remain unattainable if one studies irregularly. Hence, 'by fits and starts' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.436.(a)** Come in handy- be useful.

**Sol.437.(b)** 'Bear in mind' means to remember a fact or circumstance and take it into account. The given sentence states that one has to take into account the risks associated with global warming. Hence, 'bear in mind' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.438.(d) Someone's heart is in the right place** - someone is good even if they sometimes behave in a wrong manner.

**Sol.439.(b)**

**Down the tubes**- failing completely.

**E.g.-** All the hard work of Tushar for the project went down the tubes.

**Sol.440.(c)**

**Put his foot down** - refused to yield.

**Sol.441.(a) Lose your marbles**- to go insane.

**E.g.-** The defence lawyer seems to have lost his marbles as he is not handling the witnesses properly.

**Sol.442.(c) Take with a grain of salt**- not take too seriously.

**Sol.443.(a) Slow and steady**- make consistent progress for success.

**Sol.444.(a) Went pear shaped**- went terribly wrong.

**Sol.445.(c) Aladdin's cave** - a place filled with a great number and variety of strange or precious items.

## SSC CPO 2022 Tier - 1

**Q.446.** They are rivals and cannot work together in harmony.

SSC CPO 09/11/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Potter about (b) Make up  
(c) Put down (d) Pull together

**Q.447. Be on the breadline**

SSC CPO 09/11/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Having plenty of money  
(b) Find a successful way of making money  
(c) Earn a lot of money very easily  
(d) Be very poor

**Q.448. Crying wolf**

SSC CPO 09/11/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) To be in pain by getting hit by something  
(b) To frighten someone in your comfort zone  
(c) To ask for help when you don't need it  
(d) To cry over little things that don't matter

**Q.449. Belly laugh**

SSC CPO 09/11/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Mocking someone  
(b) Laughing with inhibition  
(c) A loud and unrestrained laugh  
(d) To be subjected to mockery and ridicule

**Q.450. A mare's nest**

SSC CPO 09/11/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Deep crisis  
(b) Simple and interesting work  
(c) Complicated situation  
(d) Area of law

**Q.451. To give someone the cold shoulder**

SSC CPO 09/11/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) To ignore someone  
(b) To carry the burden of everyone  
(c) To be carried on someone's back  
(d) To listen to someone with empathy

**Q.452.** The mother-in-law deliberately rained on the new bride's parade when she asked her to change the dress of her choice.

SSC CPO 09/11/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Force traditions upon someone  
(b) Make someone tearful out of viciousness  
(c) To spoil a moment  
(d) Save one from embarrassment

**Q.453. At the drop of a dime**

SSC CPO 09/11/2022 (Evening)

- (a) A way of saying that you are happy to see someone  
(b) Something that is not popular

(c) Something that can happen very fast without hesitation

(d) Extremely easy to understand

**Q.454. Snowed under**

SSC CPO 09/11/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Lazy (b) Silent (c) Calm (d) Busy

**Q.455.** He was beaming from ear to ear.

SSC CPO 10/11/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Playing (b) Smiling broadly  
(c) Criticising bitterly (d) Working

**Q.456.** You can ask Mr. Dinakar for anything; he would give you the shirt off his back.

SSC CPO 10/11/2022 (Morning)

- (a) is willing to do anything to help another person  
(b) is a person who makes the decisions  
(c) is a person who is selfish  
(d) is a person who is arrogant

**Q.457. A lot on one's plate**

SSC CPO 10/11/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) To eat a lot  
(b) A lot to do  
(c) To have a serious ailment  
(d) To serve all dishes on one plate

**Q.458.** Ms.Tina could finish the assignment by Friday - at a push, Wednesday.

SSC CPO 10/11/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) try very hard to do something, usually something nice  
(b) probably possible, but it will be difficult  
(c) make more of an effort  
(d) using whatever methods are necessary

**Q.459.** Select the correct meaning of the idiom in bold and italics.

***Our hearts go out to*** the families of the victims of this terrible tragedy.

SSC CPO 10/11/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) To receive or express praise for a job well done  
(b) To feel sympathy for someone when they are distressed  
(c) Well wishes for a deceased person  
(d) To wish for things does not yield to anything

**Q.460. Toffee-nosed**

SSC CPO 10/11/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) A person who thinks he is of a high social class and looks down on people of lower class  
(b) A solid, respectable and respected member of society  
(c) Continue to live at the same social standard we have lived at, even though we have money problems  
(d) A person who seems impolite/of low education at first, but who is usually of good character

**Q.461.** The evidence put forward could not confirm his guilt.

SSC CPO 10/11/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Bring up (b) Break down  
(c) Bear up (d) Blow off

**Q.462.** The family's meeting on property dispute begins today and I'm just sitting down with a cup of coffee, enjoying \_\_\_\_.

SSC CPO 10/11/2022 (Evening)

- (a) the better of  
(b) the corridors of power  
(c) the calm before the storm  
(d) the bottom line

**Q.463.** Sometimes doing something that makes it impossible to return to the previous situation later strengthens you.

SSC CPO 10/11/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Painting the town red  
(b) Knocking your socks off  
(c) Burning your bridges  
(d) A red - letter day

**Q.464. Up in the air**

SSC CPO 10/11/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Something that is tossed up in the air  
(b) Something that is certain and decided  
(c) Something that is unknown entirely  
(d) Something that is invisible and unattainable

**Q.465.** The dacoit was shot from up close by the police officer.

SSC CPO 10/11/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Milksop (b) Smell a rat  
(c) Point blank (d) Bullet proof

**Q.466. Get on like a house on fire**

SSC CPO 11/11/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Like someone immediately  
(b) Get on extremely well with someone  
(c) Feel a lot of affection for one particular person, often without knowing why  
(d) Do something good for someone you have done something bad to in the past

**Q.467. So far so good**

SSC CPO 11/11/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Not impressed with how things are  
(b) Things are going well so far  
(c) No improvement in the work being done  
(d) Good things can go far away

**Q.468. Hang in there**

SSC CPO 11/11/2022 (Morning)

- (a) To remain unresolved  
(b) To give up completely  
(c) To spend time with people  
(d) To persist in a difficult situation



**Q.469. Left, right and centre**

SSC CPO 11/11/2022 (Morning)

- (a) To have been happening for a long time and there is a lot of activity
- (b) Happening in a lot of places or to a lot of people
- (c) Start well
- (d) The news went from one person to the next

**Q.470. To beat a retreat**

SSC CPO 11/11/2022 (Morning)

- (a) To make a situation
- (b) To leave a situation
- (c) To solve a situation
- (d) To face a situation

**Q.471.** The judgment was **rejected** by the Chief Justice.

SSC CPO 11/11/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Seen through
- (b) Stand out
- (c) Set aside
- (d) Run in

**Q.472. Be hard hit**

SSC CPO 11/11/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) An extreme struggle
- (b) To speak something unpleasant
- (c) Severely affected by something unpleasant
- (d) To hit someone hard

**Q.473. Go round in circles**

SSC CPO 11/11/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Be forced to explain your actions and probably be punished
- (b) Make no progress in an argument or discussion
- (c) Become very confused when you are trying to explain something
- (d) Believe something good about someone even though you could believe either good

**Q.474.** I **took a quick trip** to my cousin's house before going on vacation to Africa.

SSC CPO 11/11/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Break the journey
- (b) Paid a flying visit
- (c) Lived out of a suitcase
- (d) Float one's boat

**Q.475. As good as gold**

SSC CPO 11/11/2022 (Evening)

- (a) A person who is obedient and well-behaved
- (b) A person who loves gold
- (c) A person who is good like gold but not better
- (d) A golden person

**Q.476.** She **brought** new ideas for the innovative promotion of the product.

SSC CPO 11/11/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Draw on
- (b) Swept off
- (c) Came up with
- (d) Carry off

**Q.477.** Select the correct meaning of the idiom in bold and italics.

Look, ***the devil is beating his wife***. Do you think we'll see a rainbow?

SSC CPO 11/11/2022 (Evening)

- (a) One who presents a counter argument
- (b) If you have nothing to do, you are likely to do some mischief
- (c) The sun is shining while it rains
- (d) When someone comes in unexpectedly while being talked about

**Solutions :-****Sol.446.(d)**

**Pull together-** work together in harmony.

**Sol.447.(d)**

**Be on the breadline -** Be very poor.

**E.g. -** Most of the people in this society are on the breadline.

**Sol.448.(c) Crying wolf -** To ask for help when you don't need it

**E.g.-** If you cry wolf too often, people will stop believing that you need help.

**Sol.449.(c) Belly laugh -** A loud and unrestrained laugh

**E.g.-** His childish joke caused a belly laugh.

**Sol.450.(c) A mare's nest -** Complicated situation

**E.g.-** It was a mare's nest when his father found him drinking alcohol.

**Pinnacle note-** A mare's nest is a false discovery. It is a place, condition, or situation of great disorder or confusion.

**Sol.451.(a) To give someone the cold shoulder -** To ignore someone

**E.g.-** He has given me the cold shoulder for four days.

**Sol.452.(c) Rain on the new bride's parade -** To spoil a moment

**Sol.453.(c) At the drop of a dime -**

Something that can happen very fast without hesitation.

**E.g.-** The game can start at the drop of a dime, you just need to say the word.

**Sol.454.(d) Snowed under -** Busy

**E.g.-** Manju is snowed under with work.

**Sol.455.(b) Beaming from ear to ear-** smiling broadly.

**Sol.456.(a) Give you the shirt off his back-** is willing to do anything to help another person.

**Sol.457.(b) A lot on one's plate-** a lot to do.

**E.g.-** My father works 60 hours a week, and he is taking care of my grandparents, so he always has a lot on his plate.

**Sol.458.(b)** 'At a push' is an idiom that means something is probably possible, but it will be difficult. The given sentence states that it is probably possible, but it will be difficult for Mrs. Tina to finish the assignment by Wednesday.

**Sol.459.(b) Heart go/goes out to-** to feel sympathy for someone when they are distressed.

**Sol.460.(a) Toffee-nosed-** a person who thinks he is of a high social class and looks down on people of lower class.

**E.g.-** Rahul is a toffee nosed boy as he mistreats his juniors in the college.

**Sol.461.(c)** 'Bear up' is an idiom that means to support, encourage something. The given sentence states that the evidence put forward does not support his guilt. Hence, 'bear up' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.462.(c)** 'The calm before the storm' is a phrase that means a period of unusual tranquillity or stability that seems likely to presage difficult times. The family's meeting on property dispute begins today and I'm just sitting down with a cup of coffee, enjoying the calm before the storm. Hence, 'the calm before the storm' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.463.(c) Burning your bridges-** doing something that makes it impossible to return to the previous situation later.

**Sol.464.(c) Up in the air-** something that is unknown entirely.

**E.g.-** If Harsh hasn't decided whether or not to give a final attempt for the exam, it's up in the air

**Sol.465.(c)**

**Point blank -** shot from up close.

**Sol.466.(b) Get on like a house on fire-** get on extremely well with someone.

**E.g.-** I was worried that they wouldn't like each other but in fact they're getting on like a house on fire.

**Sol.467.(b) So far so good-** things are going well so far.

**E.g.-** It's been so far, so good with the colleague and I hope it stays that way.

**Sol.468.(d) Hang in there -** to persist in a difficult situation.

**E.g.-** We know you're worried, but hang in there the police will find out who did this.

**Sol.469.(b) Left, right and centre** - happening in a lot of places or to a lot of people.

**E.g.-** Priyanka has been spending money left, right, and centre.

**Sol.470.(b) To beat a retreat**- to leave a situation.

**E.g.-** When the criminals saw the police arriving they beat a hasty retreat.

**Sol.471.(c) Set aside** - declare a legal decision or process to be invalid.

**Sol.472.(c) Be hard hit** - severely affected by something unpleasant.

**E.g.-** The seaside town was hard hit by storms this year

**Sol.473.(b) Go round in circles** - make no progress in an argument or discussion.

**E.g.-** The manager has been running round in circles trying to get all the reports finished before the meeting.

**Sol.474.(b)**

**Paid a flying visit** - took a quick trip.

**Sol.475.(a) As good as gold**- a person who is obedient and well-behaved.

**E.g.-** Sheila has been as good as gold all morning.

**Sol.476.(c)** 'Came up with' means to suggest or think of an idea or plan. The given sentence states that she suggested new ideas for the innovative promotion of the product. Hence, 'came up with' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.477.(c) The devil is beating his wife** - the sun is shining while it rains.

**E.g.-** Today, the devil is beating his wife in our city

## SSC CGL 2021 Tier - 2

**Q.478. fight shy of**

SSC CGL Tier II (08/08/2022)

- (a) to invite (b) to avoid  
(c) to challenge (d) to perform

**Q.479. clam up**

SSC CGL Tier II (08/08/2022)

- (a) to be upset (b) to be frustrated  
(c) to become silent (d) to lose temper

**Q.480. all in all**

SSC CGL Tier II (08/08/2022)

- (a) having all authority (b) first in line  
(c) completely lost (d) every person

**Q.481. cut a sorry figure**

SSC CGL Tier II (08/08/2022)

- (a) render an apology  
(b) make a sculpture

(c) create a poor impression

(d) break a record

**Solutions :-**

**Sol.478.(b) Fight shy of**- to avoid

**E.g.-** My friends always fight shy of me when I need them the most.

**Sol.479.(c) Clam up** - to become silent

**E.g.-** Teenagers should always clam up in a heated argument.

**Sol.480.(a) All in all** - having all authority

**E.g.-** He has all in all powers to amend this rule.

**Sol.481.(c) Cut a sorry figure** - create a poor impression

**E.g.-** For five years, he took drugs, drank, hosted friends, and cut a sorry figure as a father.

## SSC Selection Post (Phase - X)

**Q.482.** Select the most appropriate idiom or phrase to complete the given sentence.

I'm not coming to office today, I'm \_\_\_\_\_.

Higher Secondary 02/08/2022 (Shift - 2)

- (a) taking a back seat  
(b) not playing with the full deck  
(c) feeling a bit under the weather  
(d) letting sleeping dogs lie

**Q.483.** All eyes turned to him because he was the only person who could **stave off** the impending war.

Higher Secondary 02/08/2022 (Shift - 2)

- (a) draw (b) invoke  
(c) prevent (d) provoke

**Q.484.** His grandfather always **laughs like a drain**.

Higher Secondary 03/08/2022 (Shift - 4)

- (a) Laugh bitterly (b) Laugh fearfully  
(c) Laugh silently (d) Laugh loudly

**Q.485.** In his speech on dowry, he **set forth** his views at length.

Higher Secondary 03/08/2022 (Shift - 4)

- (a) ran (b) started (c) explained (d) hid

**Q.486.** The rope **gave way** while the workmen were hauling up the iron pillar.

Higher Secondary 04/08/2022 (Shift - 3)

- (a) repressed (b) lulled  
(c) stifled (d) snapped

**Q.487. Clear the air**

Higher Secondary 04/08/2022 (Shift - 3)

- (a) To deal openly with misunderstandings to get rid of them  
(b) To switch off fans  
(c) To use aroma to sweeten the air  
(d) To reduce pollution

**Q.488. Nothing ventured, nothing gained**

Higher Secondary 05/08/2022 (Shift - 2)

- (a) Nothing can be gained with ventures  
(b) Doing nothing is the best thing  
(c) One has to make every effort in order to achieve something  
(d) Through hard work one can receive nothing

**Q.489.** The question **came up** before the Municipal Corporation last week.

Higher Secondary 05/08/2022 (Shift - 2)

- (a) cleared up (b) was raised  
(c) was left (d) departed

**Solutions :-**

**Sol.482.(c) Feeling a bit under the weather** - not completely well.

I'm not coming to office today, I'm feeling a bit under the weather.

**Sol.483.(c) Stave off** - prevent or delay something bad or dangerous.

All eyes turned to him because he was the only person who could stave off the impending war.

**Sol.484.(d)**

**Laugh like a drain** - Laugh loudly

**Sol.485.(c) Set forth** - explained

**Sol.486.(d) Gave way** - snapped or to break

Example - I finally gave way to their pleas and let the kids have ice cream for dinner.

**Sol.487.(a) Clear the air** - To deal openly with misunderstandings to get rid of them.

Example - I had a massive argument with Sue, but at least it has cleared the air.

**Sol.488.(c) Nothing ventured, nothing gained** - One has to make every effort in order to achieve something.

**Sol.489.(b) was raised**

Come up - raised

## SSC MTS 2021 Tier - 1

**Q.490. Chew the scenery**

SSC MTS 05/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) To understate  
(b) To act overly emotional  
(c) To beautify  
(d) To mismanage

**Q.491. Out for the count**

SSC MTS 06/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Very expensive  
(b) Prepared for battle  
(c) In a deep, insensible sleep  
(d) Ready for scrutiny

**Q.492. Change of heart**

SSC MTS 06/07/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) To narrowly escape disaster
- (b) An unfair attack
- (c) Different opinion about someone or something
- (d) Very similar in appearance

**Q.493. To lead one by the nose**

SSC MTS 06/07/2022 (Evening)

- (a) To try again after failing at something
- (b) To control someone completely
- (c) To have the freedom to choose
- (d) To be anxious to start something

**Q.494. To foot the bill**

SSC MTS 07/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) To reveal a secret (b) To be friendly
- (c) To hold grudges (d) To make payment

**Q.495.** My elder brother is so innocent that winning an argument against him is like shooting fish in a barrel.

SSC MTS 07/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Indulge in an illegal activity
- (b) Exceptionally easy to do
- (c) Asking for charity
- (d) Making someone uneasy

**Q.496. To walk the tight rope**

SSC MTS 08/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Be an expert (b) Be very cautious
- (c) Be well trained (d) Be very nervous

**Q.497.** Ron added a feather in his cap by winning that international tournament.

SSC MTS 08/07/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) To feel well and healthy
- (b) An achievement to be proud of
- (c) To take advantage of one's position
- (d) An expression of extreme annoyance

**Q.498. Ignorance is bliss**

SSC MTS 11/07/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) To gain attention and be the topic of conversation
- (b) To remain ignorant of things that may cause stress
- (c) To want something that has been denied
- (d) To have rage underneath a calm expression

**Q.499.** Samuel accused Jane of stealing the thunder on the capital punishment issue.

SSC MTS 11/07/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Get praise for doing something before someone
- (b) Go on a futile search
- (c) Fail miserably at something
- (d) Pass wrong judgments

**Q.500. Have a whale of a time**

SSC MTS 12/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Be extremely busy with work

- (b) A good thing that seems bad at first
- (c) Have an exceptionally fun or exciting experience
- (d) Immediate involvement of everyone Present

**Q.501. Chase rainbows**

SSC MTS 12/07/2022 (Evening)

- (a) To be unprepared for something
- (b) To lose one's patience
- (c) To pursue unrealistic goals
- (d) To judge someone

**Q.502.** He is foaming at the mouth about the committee's decision.

SSC MTS 13/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) To be enraged and show it
- (b) to cause damage to someone
- (c) to not recognize something good
- (d) to be upset about something that happened in the past

**Q.503. Back on one's feet**

SSC MTS 13/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) To support the losing side
- (b) Relive previous moments
- (c) Well or successful again
- (d) Forced to begin something again

**Q.504.** Does my name ring a bell for you?

SSC MTS 13/07/2022 (Evening)

- (a) To sound familiar
- (b) To be very frightened
- (c) To take advantage
- (d) To mock someone

**Q.505. Kick someone when they are down**

SSC MTS 13/07/2022 (Evening)

- (a) To create a disturbance deliberately
- (b) To reject or disown friends
- (c) To be angry with or disappointed in someone
- (d) To cause further trouble to someone already in a difficult situation

**Q.506. To raise a dust**

SSC MTS 14/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) To meet one's defeat
- (b) To be satisfied with what you have achieved
- (c) To be secretly or inwardly amused
- (d) To cause disruption or confusion

**Q.507. That ship has sailed**

SSC MTS 15/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) To arrive early
- (b) To reach safely
- (c) Too late to do something
- (d) Too extreme to follow

**Q.508. My mother is in raptures over her new stove.**

SSC MTS 15/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) completely dissatisfied with

- (b) extremely delighted
- (c) extremely angry
- (d) working vigorously

**Q.509. No spring chicken**

SSC MTS 15/07/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) A person who is courageous
- (b) A person who steals
- (c) A person who is no longer young
- (d) A person who lies

**Q.510. Move the goalposts**

SSC MTS 15/07/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Unfairly alter the conditions or rules of a procedure during its course
- (b) To do your research and understand clearly what your goals are
- (c) To put a lot of effort into something
- (d) To move the goalpost after an attempt has been made to score a goal

**Q.511.** He was bragging about how he bullied the newcomers, I told him in a sarcastic manner that nobody cared.

SSC MTS 18/07/2022 (Evening)

- (a) that when it rains it pours
- (b) to put a rose on the nose
- (c) he was dressed to kill
- (d) it was a blessing in disguise

**Q.512. Go the extra mile**

SSC MTS 19/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Overwhelming the competitors
- (b) Going in search of something better
- (c) Going above and beyond whatever is required for the task at hand
- (d) Wasting time in unnecessary efforts

**Q.513. A leopard cannot change its spots**

SSC MTS 19/07/2022 (Evening)

- (a) It is possible to complete a tedious job
- (b) being ready to do anything is not common
- (c) Working with full devotion brings results
- (d) It is impossible to change who you are

**Q.514.** Roy's customers think that the council has become irrational.

SSC MTS 20/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Too much on their plates
- (b) A piece of cake
- (c) Brownd off
- (d) Gone bananas

**Q.515. Beyond the shadow of a doubt**

SSC MTS 21/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) located in a remote area
- (b) live in fear and uncertainty
- (c) With certainty; for sure
- (d) Forget all past problems

**Q.516. Hold the fort**

SSC MTS 21/07/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) To stop talking about something
- (b) To avoid being found guilty of a crime
- (c) To finish something before time
- (d) To take responsibility for a situation temporarily

**Q.517. To blaze the trail**

SSC MTS 22/07/2022 (Evening)

- (a) To oppose all criticism
- (b) To cause the failure of
- (c) To start a movement
- (d) To mark the end of the movement

**Q.518. A child in an art museum is like a bull in a China shop.**

SSC MTS 25/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) A clumsy person in a delicate situation
- (b) A person who cries for everything
- (c) A talkative person
- (d) A person with no moral values

**Q.519. Bite someone's head off**

SSC MTS 25/07/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Respond to someone with anger that is often sudden or unprovoked
- (b) Ignoring something that is evidently wrong or unavoidable
- (c) Cause something to be done in a new way
- (d) Guessing or estimating without full information

**Q.520. An eye opener**

SSC MTS 25/07/2022 (Evening)

- (a) A tough decision
- (b) A shocking revelation
- (c) A difficult task
- (d) A small opening

**Q.521. The last straw**

SSC MTS 26/07/2022 (Morning)

- (a) The last ray of hope in an unfortunate situation
- (b) The last financial resource
- (c) The only option left after a series of unsuccessful attempts
- (d) The final problem in a series of problems that makes the situation Intolerable

**Solutions :-****Sol.490.(b) Chew the scenery** - to act overly emotional.**E.g.-** If the group wants to perform a perfect play, the performing actors must not chew the scenery at any moment during the act.**Sol.491.(c) Out for the count** - in a deep, insensible sleep.**E.g.-** Mohan's friends gave him so much to drink in the party that he was out for the count by 9 pm.**Sol.492.(c) Change of heart** - different opinion about someone or something.**E.g.-** At first I wanted to give a doll to my daughter, then I had a change of heart & gave her a toy car.**Sol.493.(b) To lead one by the nose** - to control someone completely.**E.g.-** John has to lead his team by the nose to get the acquired result.**Sol.494.(d) To foot the bill** - to make payment.**E.g.-** Jay's parents footed the bill for his college education.**Sol.495.(b) Shooting fish in a barrel** - exceptionally easy to do.**Sol.496.(b) To walk the tight rope** - be very cautious.**E.g.-** My senior told me to walk the tight rope while working on this project.**Sol.497.(b) Added a feather in his cap** - an achievement to be proud of.**E.g.-** Himesh added a feather in his cap by clearing the UPSC examination.**Sol.498.(b) Ignorance is bliss** - to remain ignorant of things that may cause stress.**E.g.-** Some doctors believe ignorance is bliss so they don't provide their patients with all the required facts.**Sol.499.(a) Stealing the thunder** - get praise for doing something before someone.**Sol.500.(c)** Have a whale of a time - have an exceptionally fun or exciting experience.**E.g. -** I had a whale of a time at my brother's marriage ceremony.**Sol.501.(c) Chase rainbows** - to pursue unrealistic goals.**E.g.-** I told my son to get an office job instead of chasing rainbows.**Sol.502.(a) Foaming at the mouth** - to be enraged and show it.**Sol.503.(c) Back on one's feet** - well or successful again.**E.g.-** Kunal is back on his feet after the loss in the business.**Sol.504.(a) Ring a bell** - to sound familiar.**Sol.505.(d) Kick someone when they are down** - to cause further trouble to someone already in a difficult situation.**E.g.-** The foreign invaders did not believe in the doctrine that you did not kick someone when he was down.**Sol.506.(d) To raise a dust** - to cause disruption or confusion.**E.g.-** The MP's resignation raised a dust of uncertainty within the parliament.**Sol.507.(c) That ship has sailed** - too late to do something.**E.g.-** I told my friend that it is of no use to invest his money now in the scheme as that ship has sailed.**Sol.508.(b)****In raptures** - extremely delighted.**Sol.509.(c) No spring chicken** - a person who is no longer young.**E.g.-** Umar's father gets tired easily as he is a no spring chicken.**Sol.510.(a) Move the goalposts** - unfairly alter the conditions or rules of a procedure during its course.**E.g. -** We'd almost signed the contract when the other guys moved the goalposts and said they wanted more money.**Sol.511.(b) To put a rose on the nose** - in a sarcastic manner that nobody cared.**Sol.512.(c) Go the extra mile** - going above and beyond whatever is required for the task at hand.**E.g.-** Reena has gone the extra mile to complete the project in time.**Sol.513.(d) A leopard cannot change its spots** - it is impossible to change who you are.**E.g.-** Ram is a conservative, no matter what he says, the leopard cannot change its spots.**Sol.514.(d)****Gone bananas** - become irrational.**Sol.515.(c) Beyond the shadow of a doubt** - with certainty; for sure.**E.g.-** A high level of lead in blood is now, beyond a shadow of a doubt, a serious problem which must be tackled.**Sol.516.(d) Hold the fort** - to take responsibility for a situation temporarily.**E.g.-** I'm leaving my husband to hold the fort while I'm away.**Sol.517.(c) To blaze the trail** - to start a movement.**E.g.-** The company blazed a trail with the first small computers.**Sol.518.(a) A bull in a China shop** - a clumsy person in a delicate situation.**E.g.-** I need to go to the bank, and if I drop the books off at the library on the way I'll be killing two birds with one stone.



**Sol.519.(a) Bite someone's head off** - respond to someone with anger that is often sudden or unprovoked.

**E.g.-** I made some comment and he bit my head off.

**Sol.520.(b)**

**An eye opener** - a shocking revelation.

**E.g.-** The trip proved an eye-opener to the master in more senses than one.

**Sol.521.(d) The last straw** - the final problem in a series of problems that makes the situation intolerable.

**E.g.-** My wife has always been rude to me, but it was the last straw, when she started insulting my mother.

## SSC CHSL 2021 Tier - 1

**Q.522. A fly on the wall**

SSC CHSL 24/05/2022 (Morning)

- (a) A vigilant security guard
- (b) An unperceived observer
- (c) Very intelligent person
- (d) An unwelcome guest

**Q.523. Gear up for**

SSC CHSL 24/05/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Start off
- (b) Pass into
- (c) Get ready for
- (d) Put on

**Q.524. Call upon**

SSC CHSL 24/05/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) To adjust
- (b) To stop
- (c) To follow
- (d) To order

**Q.525. Lose your touch**

SSC CHSL 24/05/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Doing someone a favour in hopes that the favour will be returned
- (b) To be passed from one person to another
- (c) Not being as successful as previously
- (d) Something being very difficult to find

**Q.526. At one's elbow**

SSC CHSL 24/05/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Next to someone
- (b) Far away
- (c) Strong grip
- (d) Strong bond

**Q.527. Blow up**

SSC CHSL 24/05/2022 (Evening)

- (a) To suffice
- (b) To live up greatly
- (c) To destroy by an explosion
- (d) To stand upright

**Q.528. Tell upon**

SSC CHSL 25/05/2022 (Evening)

- (a) To strike hard
- (b) To advise someone
- (c) To affect adversely
- (d) To write down

**Q.529. Win laurels**

SSC CHSL 26/05/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) To gain honour
- (b) To be decisive
- (c) To change
- (d) To punish

**Q.530. Safe pair of hands**

SSC CHSL 26/05/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Miss an opportunity
- (b) Speak rashly without thinking carefully
- (c) A secret or hidden advantage
- (d) A person who can be trusted to do something efficiently

**Q.531. Let down**

SSC CHSL 26/05/2022 (Evening)

- (a) To hire
- (b) To care about
- (c) To fail
- (d) To nurse

**Q.532. Go to the wall**

SSC CHSL 27/05/2022 (Morning)

- (a) To become strong
- (b) To obtain protection
- (c) To fail
- (d) To start

**Q.533. Knock down**

SSC CHSL 27/05/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) To re do
- (b) To accept
- (c) To succeed
- (d) To demolish

**Q.534. Eat like a horse**

SSC CHSL 27/05/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Eat a lot of food
- (b) Eat making sound
- (c) Dislike food
- (d) Eat food while running

**Q.535. A kick in the teeth**

SSC CHSL 27/05/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Great disappointment
- (b) Extraction of a tooth
- (c) Toothache
- (d) Alcohol consumption

**Q.536. Wipe the floor** with someone

SSC CHSL 30/05/2022 (Morning)

- (a) To defeat someone
- (b) To criticise someone
- (c) To cheat someone
- (d) To help someone

**Q.537. Pull the plug**

SSC CHSL 30/05/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) End something
- (b) Distract someone
- (c) Launch something
- (d) Annoy someone

**Q.538. At loggerheads**

SSC CHSL 30/05/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) In one's absence
- (b) At mercy
- (c) Disagreeing with
- (d) To write down

**Q.539. Under duress**

SSC CHSL 31/05/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Under pressure
- (b) Under shelter
- (c) Under confusions
- (d) Under support

**Q.540. To pay lip service**

SSC CHSL 31/05/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) To express loyalty, respect, or support for something insincerely
- (b) To face a risk
- (c) To pretend to be very old
- (d) To ignore what someone is saying

**Q.541. Every dog has his day**

SSC CHSL 31/05/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Every dog is treated well
- (b) Celebration of dogs as man's best friend
- (c) Everyone has good luck or success at a point of time
- (d) Dogs are faithful animals

**Q.542. Come about**

SSC CHSL 31/05/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) To happen
- (b) To explode
- (c) To support
- (d) To deduce

**Q.543. Pull a long face**

SSC CHSL 01/06/2022 (Morning)

- (a) To look angry
- (b) To look sad
- (c) To flatter someone
- (d) To chide someone

**Q.544. Hit the books**

SSC CHSL 01/06/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) To have a very long list
- (b) To feel sorry about a mistake
- (c) Become very confused
- (d) To study very hard

**Q.545.** The coach **felt extremely nervous** on seeing the team performing poorly in the first quarter.

SSC CHSL 01/06/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Heart skipped a beat
- (b) Like a cakewalk
- (c) Crying Wolf
- (d) Raining cats and dogs

**Q.546. White elephant**

SSC CHSL 02/06/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Useful and expensive possession
- (b) Memorable possession
- (c) Costly but useless possession
- (d) Motivational possession

**Q.547. To put someone's back up**

SSC CHSL 02/06/2022 (Morning)

- (a) To flatter someone
- (b) To irritate someone
- (c) To help someone
- (d) To deceive someone

**Q.548. Be like chalk and cheese**

SSC CHSL 02/06/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Be absolutely lonely
- (b) Be absolutely rich
- (c) Be absolutely deceptive
- (d) Be absolutely different

**Q.549. Charley horse**

SSC CHSL 02/06/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Very fast (b) Lucky  
(c) Cramp (d) Cunning

**Q.550.** For the time being, the liberals seem to have carried the day.

SSC CHSL 02/06/2022 (Evening)

- (a) unpopular (b) winning  
(c) popular (d) despised

**Q.551. Get away**

SSC CHSL 03/06/2022 (Morning)

- (a) To equalise (b) To fall off  
(c) To visit (d) To leave

**Q.552. Be at a loose end**

SSC CHSL 03/06/2022 (Morning)

- (a) To have nothing to do  
(b) On a turning point  
(c) Defining moment  
(d) In much trouble

**Q.553.** The memory of all that blood was enough to make my flesh crawl.

SSC CHSL 06/06/2022 (Morning)

- (a) frightened me (b) worried me  
(c) drew my attention (d) confused me

**Q.554. Start from scratch**

SSC CHSL 06/06/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Start it from the previous situation  
(b) Start from the given line  
(c) Start something fast to finish it before a particular time  
(d) Start entirely from the beginning

**Q.555.** The attitude of the culprit made the judge extremely angry.

SSC CHSL 06/06/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Throw caution to the wind  
(b) Make one's blood boil  
(c) Play by the ear  
(d) Back to the drawing board

**Q.556.** The minister is a little hard of hearing.

SSC CHSL 06/06/2022 (Evening)

- (a) inaccessible (b) callous  
(c) partially deaf (d) insensitive

**Q.557. Elbow grease**

SSC CHSL 06/06/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Psychological pressure  
(b) Relational difference  
(c) Hard physical efforts  
(d) Mental disturbance

**Q.558. Jump the gun**

SSC CHSL 07/06/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Start something too soon or act hastily  
(b) Watch a person carefully  
(c) There is always a cost to do something  
(d) Intentionally raise a false alarm

**Q.559. Upset the apple-cart**

SSC CHSL 08/06/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Withdraw  
(b) Spoil careful plans  
(c) Consider unsatisfactory  
(d) To be offended

**Q.560. Pocket an insult**

SSC CHSL 08/06/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Insult someone strongly  
(b) Endure insult and protest  
(c) Tolerate insult without protest  
(d) Rebel against insult

**Q.561. In your birthday suit**

SSC CHSL 08/06/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Not wearing any clothes  
(b) A suit which covers one's entire body  
(c) Birthday celebrations  
(d) A suit which is designed for only birthday functions

**Q.562.** The coach was trying to twist the player's arm by asking him to practice throughout the day.

SSC CHSL 08/06/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) To try to force someone to do something  
(b) To refrain from resting  
(c) To train someone in warfare  
(d) To console the weak

**Q.563. Cast aside**

SSC CHSL 08/06/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) To blow up (b) To bear with  
(c) To display (d) To reject

**Q.564. Tick all the boxes**

SSC CHSL 08/06/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) To make a bad situation worse  
(b) To fulfill the required norms  
(c) To be extremely happy  
(d) To make a decision

**Q.565. Get one's dander up**

SSC CHSL 09/06/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Rush into someone  
(b) get into a difficult situation  
(c) Lose one's temper  
(d) To glare venomously

**Q.566. Hit the sack**

SSC CHSL 09/06/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Miss the mark  
(b) Confirm the target  
(c) Complete the assignment  
(d) Go to sleep

**Q.567. In queer street**

SSC CHSL 09/06/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Among scoundrels (b) In prison  
(c) Lost your way (d) In debt

**Q.568. The movers and shakers**

SSC CHSL 09/06/2022 (Evening)

- (a) People who have a lot of power and

influence

- (b) Transportation company  
(c) Labourers  
(d) Travelling agency

**Q.569. Face up to**

SSC CHSL 10/06/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Look into face  
(b) Personally  
(c) Alter the face of  
(d) To accept a difficult situation

**Solutions :-**

**Sol.522.(b) A fly on the wall-** an unperceived observer.

**E.g.-** I will love to be a fly on the wall when the admissions officer reads my application.

**Sol.523.(c) Gear up for** - get ready for.

**E.g.-** I encouraged Rahul to gear up for the final cricket match of the tournament.

**Sol.524.(d) Call upon** - to order.

**E.g.-** The government called upon the company to reverse its decision of making the product.

**Sol.525.(c) Lose your touch** - not being as successful as previously.

**E.g.-** Mr. Uma Shankar is losing his touch on his vocal skills as he is getting old.

**Sol.526.(a)**

**At one's elbow** - next to someone.

**E.g.-** Raman is standing at her elbow holding out her glass.

**Sol.527.(c)**

**Blow up** - to destroy by an explosion.

**E.g.-** The authorities have blown up a part of the mountain to extend the road.

**Sol.528.(c)**

**Tell upon** - to affect adversely.

**E.g.-** The last stage of cancer has started telling upon my mother's health.

**Sol.529.(a) Win laurels** - to gain honour.

**E.g.-** Kunal is a hard-working boy so he will surely win laurels in life.

**Sol.530.(d) Safe pair of hands** - a person who can be trusted to do something efficiently.

**E.g.-** Whenever I go out I give my house keys to Mr.Rohan as he has a safe pair of hands.

**Sol.531.(c) Let down** - to fail.

**E.g.-** Naved got a little fewer marks in the examination but he couldn't let them down completely.

**Sol.532.(c) Go to the wall** - to fail

**E.g.-** My friend's business goes to the

wall because of drug addiction.

**Sol.533.(d) Knock down** - to demolish.

**E.g.-** The illegally constructed building was knocked down by the authorities.

**Sol.534.(a)**

**Eat like a horse** - eat a lot of food.

**E.g.-** My friend is a body builder so he eats like a horse after his workout.

**Sol.535.(a) A kick in the teeth** - a great disappointment.

**E.g.-** The act of breaking his promise is a kick in the teeth for his beloved wife.

**Sol.536.(a) Wipe the floor with someone** - to defeat someone.

**E.g.-** Prithviraj Chauhan wiped the floor with Mohammad Ghori in the first battle of Tarain.

**Sol.537.(a) Pull the plug** - end something

**E.g.-** The network pulled the plug on the show after three weeks.

**Sol.538.(c)**

**At loggerheads** - disagreeing with

**E.g.-** Mr. Sharma & Mr. Chopra are at loggerheads on the issue of parking their cars in the same empty place.

**Sol.539.(a)**

**Under duress** - under pressure

**E.g.-** Sonu is completely under duress as he has to submit his project anyhow by tomorrow.

**Sol.540.(a) To pay lip service** - to express loyalty, respect, or support for something insincerely.

**E.g.-** Neha claims to be in favour of the proposal, but so far she has only paid lip service to the idea.

**Sol.541.(c) Every dog has his day** - everyone has good luck or success at a point of time.

**E.g.-** Suraj has waited a long time nearly five years for success but every dog has its day.

**Sol.542.(a) Come about** - to happen.

**E.g.-** My dream job offer finally came about yesterday.

**Sol.543.(b) Pull a long face** - to look sad.

**E.g.-** Kunal pulled a long face when he did not pass the examination.

**Sol.544.(d)**

**Hit the books** - to study very hard.

**E.g.-** Payal is hitting the books to crack the competitive examination.

**Sol.545.(a) Heart skipped a beat** - felt extremely nervous.

**Sol.546.(c) White elephant** - costly but useless possession.

**E.g.-** When Ram bought the bungalow he didn't know it was going to be such a white elephant.

**Sol.547.(b) To put someone's back up** - to irritate someone.

**E.g.-** Bhaskar didn't try to argue with his boss as it would just put his back up.

**Sol.548.(d) Be like chalk and cheese** - be absolutely different.

**E.g.-** Akshay and his brother are like chalk and cheese.

**Sol.549.(c) Charley horse** - cramp.

**E.g.-** Pankaj has got a bad charley horse after an intense swimming session.

**Sol.550.(b) Carried the day** - winning.

**Sol.551.(d) Get away** - to leave.

**E.g.-** We walked to the next beach to get away from the crowds.

**Sol.552.(a) Be at a loose end** - to have nothing to do.

**E.g.-** Neha is at a loose end as everyone in the family is on the vacation.

**Sol.553.(a)**

**Make my flesh crawl** - frightened me.

**Sol.554.(d) Start from scratch** - start entirely from the beginning.

**Sol.555.(b) Make one's blood boil** - extremely angry.

**Sol.556.(c) little hard of hearing** - Partially deaf

**E.g. -** older people are generally a little hard of hearing.

**Sol.557.(c) Elbow grease** - hard physical work, especially vigorous polishing or cleaning

**Eg-** It takes a lot of elbow grease to get a good government job.

**Sol.558.(a) Jump the gun** means to start something too soon or act hastily.

**Eg-** These days the media jumps the gun and gives out the verdict of controversial cases even before the investigation completes.

**Sol.559.(b) Upset the apple-cart** - Spoil careful plans

**Eg-** The rain has upset the apple cart for the outdoor party.

**Sol.560.(c) Pocket an insult** - Tolerate insult without protest

**Eg-** The students had no other choice but to keep quiet and pocket the insult.

**Sol.561.(a) In your birthday suit** - Not wearing any clothes

**Eg-** The little boy was in his birthday suit and ran all around the house.

**Sol.562.(a) To twist the arm** - To try to force someone to do something.

**Eg-** I didn't want to pay the bill, but my wife twisted my arm.

**Sol.563.(d) Cast aside** means to reject.

**Eg-** The boy tried to cast aside his fear and jumped into the pool.

**Sol.564.(b) Tick all the boxes** - To fulfill the required norms

**Eg-** The new bride ticked all the boxes as she did everything in the right way.

**Sol.565.(c) Get one's dander up** - Lose one's temper

**Eg-** The behaviour of the salesman got my dander up.

**Sol.566.(d) Hit the sack** means to go to sleep.

**Eg-** I am going to hit the sack now as it's past midnight.

**Sol.567.(d) In queer street** - In debt

He will be in queer street if he does not stop gambling.

**Sol.568.(a) The movers and shakers** - People who have a lot of power and influence

**Eg-** He's one of the movers and shakers in the decision making process of the company

**Sol.569.(d) Face up to** - To accept a difficult situation

**Eg-** The man has to face up to his short temper problems now, or else he will lose his job.

## SSC CGL 2021 Tier - 1

**Q.570. Be hard up**

SSC CGL 11/04/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Unable to calculate
- (b) Have very little money
- (c) Have difficulty in climbing stairs
- (d) Find it very difficult to wake up early

**Q.571. In the same breath**

SSC CGL 11/04/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Try and hold your breath
- (b) Say two contradictory things at the same time
- (c) Able to get a foul smell
- (d) Practice breathing exercises

**Q.572. A long shot**

SSC CGL 11/04/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) A correct prediction

- (b) A perfect aim
- (c) Very profitable
- (d) Little chance of success

**Q.573.** It is good to **take into account** all the important factors before making a decision.

SSC CGL 11/04/2022 (Evening)

- (a) leave (b) select
- (c) control (d) consider

**Q.574. To take after**

SSC CGL 12/04/2022 (Morning)

- (a) To chase someone
- (b) To be similar in appearance
- (c) To mock someone
- (d) To change sides often

**Q.575. On the wane**

SSC CGL 11/04/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) On the way (b) On the top
- (c) On the decline (d) On the rise

**Q.576.** When I asked for an expensive dress for my friend's wedding, my mother reminded me that **money does not grow on trees**.

SSC CGL 12/04/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Money is freely available to spend
- (b) Money is like leaves of a tree and freely available
- (c) Money grows on shrubs and there's plenty
- (d) Money is hard earned and limited

**Q.577. Lie low**

SSC CGL 12/04/2022 (Evening)

- (a) Sit on a low chair
- (b) Lie down and relax after a tiring day
- (c) Fly a plane at a low altitude
- (d) Try not to be noticed

**Q.578. Hold the key**

SSC CGL 13/04/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) To own a property
- (b) To keep a secret
- (c) To have control of something
- (d) To have the right of succession

**Q.579.** You have put me in **a tight corner** by telling me to keep quiet.

SSC CGL 13/04/2022 (Evening)

- (a) An embarrassing situation
- (b) A comfortable situation
- (c) A difficult situation
- (d) A secret place

**Q.580. A hair in the butter**

SSC CGL 18/04/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Easy to handle
- (b) A slippery road
- (c) Sinking in debt
- (d) A challenging situation

**Q.581. Easy money**

SSC CGL 18/04/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Collect someone's cash for them easily
- (b) Work hard to earn a large salary without telling anyone
- (c) Have no difficulty in collecting money that is due
- (d) Make money without much effort, maybe illegally

**Q.582. Sticky fingers**

SSC CGL 19/04/2022 (Morning)

- (a) An inclination to steal
- (b) A habit of licking fingers
- (c) A tendency to interfere
- (d) A tendency to forget

**Q.583. On purpose**

SSC CGL 20/04/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Intentionally (b) Accidentally
- (c) Luckily (d) Mischievously

**Q.584. Hit a brick wall**

SSC CGL 21/04/2022 (Morning)

- (a) Demolish a brick wall
- (b) Not able to make any progress
- (c) Use physical force
- (d) Fight a powerful foe

**Q.585. Feast one's eyes on**

SSC CGL 21/04/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Arrange a delicious meal
- (b) Gaze at something with pleasure
- (c) Prepare a rare delicacy
- (d) Notice something alarming

**Q.586. Cold comfort**

SSC CGL 21/04/2022 (Afternoon)

- (a) Unbearable weather
- (b) Enjoyment in the hills
- (c) Very soothing
- (d) Very little satisfaction

**Q.587. Cat's paw**

SSC CGL 21/04/2022 (Evening)

- (a) A person used as a tool by another
- (b) The most important attribute
- (c) To attack someone
- (d) Move at a fast pace

**Solutions :-**

**Sol.570.(b)**

**Be hard up** - Have very little money.

**E.g.-** I know Ram was very hard up in his struggling days.

**Sol.571.(b) In the same breath** - say two contradictory things at the same time.

**E.g.-** Tarun praised the project but in the same breath expressed suspicion about the objectives of the project.

**Sol.572.(d) A long shot** - a little chance of success

**E.g.-** Clearing the UPSC exam is a long shot.

**Sol.573.(d) Take into account** - consider.

**Sol.574.(b)** To take after - to be similar in appearance.

**E.g.-** Varun takes after his father.

**Sol.575.(c) On the wane** - on the decline.

**E.g.-** The combat was on the wane after the death of the commander.

**Sol.576.(d) Money does not grow on trees** - money is hard-earned and limited.

**Sol.577.(d)**

**Lie low** - try not to be noticed.

**E.g.-** The accused thought it would be better to lie low as the police were investigating the matter.

**Sol.578.(c) Hold the key** - to have control of something.

**E.g.-** The two main parties have won almost the same votes in the recent election, and now the minority group holds the key to the result.

**Sol.579.(c)**

**A tight corner** - a difficult situation.

**Sol.580.(d) A hair in the butter** - a challenging situation.

**E.g.-** Ascending this steep mountain has become a hair in the butter for him.

**Sol.581.(d) Easy money** - make money without much effort, maybe illegally.

**E.g.-** The perfect example of making easy money is winning a lottery.

**Sol.582.(a)**

**Sticky fingers** - an inclination to steal.

**E.g.-** I am very much sure that Raj has sticky fingers.

**Sol.583.(a) On purpose** - intentionally.

**E.g.-** I told you many times that I did not do that on purpose.

**Sol.584.(b) Hit a brick wall** - Not able to make any progress.

**E.g.-** The project will eventually hit a brick wall as we are having a shortage of funds.

**Sol.585.(b) Feast one's eyes on** - Gaze at something with pleasure.

**E.g.-** The poor man feast his eyes on the food as he was very hungry.

**Sol.586.(d) Cold comfort** - very little satisfaction. **E.g.-** The ad-hoc teachers are crying for help but are being offered cold comfort by the authorities.

**Sol.587.(a) Cat's paw** - a person used as a tool by another.

**E.g.-** Everybody in the office knows that Rahul is a cat's paw of the manager.



## SSC CGL 2020 Tier - 2

### Q.588. To turn the corner

SSC CGL Tier II (29/01/2022)

- (a) To change one's goal
- (b) To wait for an opportunity
- (c) To pass the critical stage
- (d) To go back to the past

### Q.589. To rise like a phoenix

SSC CGL Tier II (29/01/2022)

- (a) To be modest
- (b) To set on fire
- (c) To emerge with a new life
- (d) To behave like a royal

### Q.590. Against one's grain

SSC CGL Tier II (29/01/2022)

- (a) Against the law
- (b) Against the society
- (c) Against one's nature
- (d) Against one's family

### Q.591. Full of hot air

SSC CGL Tier II (03/02/2022)

- (a) Talking nonsense
- (b) Talking too much
- (c) Being too proud
- (d) Being hot tempered

### Q.592. Not make head or tail

SSC CGL Tier II (03/02/2022)

- (a) very boring and not at all fun
- (b) not able to understand anything
- (c) not find something interesting
- (d) very unusual and strange

### Q.593. Not mince words

SSC CGL Tier II (03/02/2022)

- (a) Not to be honest
- (b) To speak in a garbled way
- (c) Not to come directly to the point
- (d) To speak in a direct way

### Q.594. To take stock of

SSC CGL Tier II (03/02/2022)

- (a) To assess (b) To discuss
- (c) To assemble (d) To modify

### Q.595. On tenterhooks

SSC CGL Tier II (03/02/2022)

- (a) Anxious and tense
- (b) Happy and joyous
- (c) Alert and enthusiastic
- (d) Neutral and undecided

### Solutions :-

### Sol.588.(c) To pass the critical stage

**To turn the corner** - To pass the critical stage

**E.g-** The coming stages of the game are much easier as Harish has turned the corner.

### Sol.589.(c) To emerge with a new life

**To rise like a phoenix** - To emerge with a new life

**E.g-** Mr. Gupta rises like a phoenix with his new textile business after the severe failure of his previous work.

### Sol.590.(c) Against one's nature

**Against one's grain** - Against one's nature

**E.g-** I cannot believe that Ram has gone against his grain to commit this mistake.

### Sol.591.(a) Talking nonsense

**Full of hot air** - Talking nonsense

**E.g-** I easily noticed that Nitin's talks were full of air.

### Sol.592.(b) not able to understand anything

**Not make head or tail** - not able to understand anything

**E.g-** I did not make any head or tail of the speech that I attended yesterday.

### Sol.593.(d) Not mince words

**To speak in a direct way**

**E.g-** I like Rahul because he does not have the habit of mincing words.

### Sol.594.(a) To take stock of

**To assess**

**E.g-** We should take stock of our budget if we want to go on a trip to the Maldives.

### Sol.595.(a) Anxious and tense

**On tenterhooks** - Anxious and tense

**E.g-** Tarun is on tenterhooks as he is expecting a loss in his business dealings.

## SSC MTS 2020 Tier - 1

### Q.596. Keep someone in the loop

SSC MTS 05/10/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) Make them do exercises regularly
- (b) Save all their numbers
- (c) Give them all the information
- (d) Take good care of them

### Q.597. Of the old school

SSC MTS 05/10/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) School in an old age home
- (b) School one attended long ago
- (c) Old fashioned in thought
- (d) Old dilapidated building

### Q.598. Break new ground

SSC MTS 05/10/2021 (Evening)

- (a) Break an old structure
- (b) Build a new house
- (c) Do or discover something new
- (d) Dig fresh ground for sowing seeds

### Q.599. Go bonkers

SSC MTS 06/10/2021 (Morning)

- (a) Become crazy (b) Become wealthy
- (c) Become selfish (d) Become greedy

### Q.600. Pull someone up

SSC MTS 06/10/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) Agree with someone
- (b) Drag someone
- (c) Criticise someone
- (d) Help someone

### Q.601. Over the moon

SSC MTS 06/10/2021 (Evening)

- (a) Extremely happy
- (b) Highly imaginative
- (c) Very ambitious
- (d) Very unrealistic

### Q.602. Go off

SSC MTS 07/10/2021 (Morning)

- (a) Continue or happen
- (b) Stop working
- (c) Leave or disappear
- (d) Explain something in detail

### Q.603. Break in

SSC MTS 07/10/2021 (Morning)

- (a) Enter a building illegally
- (b) End a relationship
- (c) Be unable to control (one's) feelings
- (d) Begin to do (something) suddenly

### Q.604. Babe in the woods

SSC MTS 07/10/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) A wise old person
- (b) A young defenceless person
- (c) A pale and sickly person
- (d) A foolish and stupid person

### Q.605. To be off your food

SSC MTS 08/10/2021 (Morning)

- (a) To have no food
- (b) To help someone
- (c) To give food to others
- (d) To have no appetite

### Q.606. To go bananas

SSC MTS 08/10/2021 (Morning)

- (a) To become nervous
- (b) To feel very hungry
- (c) To become very excited or angry
- (d) To keep eating bananas

### Q.607. Comb through

SSC MTS 08/10/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) To carefully look through
- (b) To be trapped somewhere
- (c) To hide information
- (d) To come out of a problem

### Q.608. Change for the better

SSC MTS 08/10/2021 (Evening)

- (a) Exchange an old product for new
- (b) Pretend to be someone else
- (c) To keep loose change
- (d) An improvement in the situation

### Q.609. Loosen the purse strings

SSC MTS 08/10/2021 (Evening)

- (a) To reduce the expenditure

- (b) To increase the money available for expenditure  
 (c) To lose a purse  
 (d) To be miserly

**Q.610. Fly the nest**

SSC MTS 11/10/2021 (Morning)

- (a) Children returning home after studying abroad  
 (b) To run at a very fast pace to reach home  
 (c) To lose direction and not reach one's destination  
 (d) Children leaving their parents' home to live on their own

**Q.611. Your guess is as good as mine**

SSC MTS 11/10/2021 (Morning)

- (a) To have the same idea as another  
 (b) To have no idea of the answer  
 (c) To play a guessing game  
 (d) To have a better idea than others

**Q.612. Many a slip between the cup and the lip**

SSC MTS 11/10/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) The work is going as per plan and must be completed  
 (b) The cup is slippery and likely to break if you are not careful  
 (c) The tea is too hot and likely to burn the lips  
 (d) Bad things may happen before the task is finished

**Q.613. Drop in**

SSC MTS 12/10/2021 (Morning)

- (a) Reduce in numbers  
 (b) Have very little effect  
 (c) Go back on a promise  
 (d) Pay a casual visit

**Q.614. Have your heart set on something**

SSC MTS 12/10/2021 (Evening)

- (a) To not want something at all  
 (b) To want something very much  
 (c) To be always in a nervous state  
 (d) To be in control of one's feelings

**Q.615.** Vidushi liked the cake so much that she \_\_\_\_.

SSC MTS 13/10/2021 (Morning)

- (a) pulled at it      (b) poked with it  
 (c) polished it off    (d) pushed it over

**Q.616. Chinks in the armour**

SSC MTS 13/10/2021 (Morning)

- (a) An old fashioned and useless weapon  
 (b) A weakness that can be taken advantage of  
 (c) A protective shield with ventilation  
 (d) A soldier's inner vest that protects

**Q.617. Hit the ceiling**

SSC MTS 13/10/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) Explode in anger

- (b) Reach the top  
 (c) Make good progress  
 (d) Have high hopes

**Q.618. Months on end**

SSC MTS 13/10/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) In a month's time  
 (b) End of the month  
 (c) Last month of the year  
 (d) Several months in a row

**Q.619. A piece of the pie**

SSC MTS 14/10/2021 (Morning)

- (a) Feel humbled  
 (b) An unpleasant thing to accept  
 (c) Make a sweet dish  
 (d) A share in money or business

**Q.620. Follow suit**

SSC MTS 14/10/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) To do as others have done  
 (b) To chase a convict  
 (c) To take a different path  
 (d) To dress as someone else

**Q.621. Tighten one's belt**

SSC MTS 18/10/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) To make efforts to be slim  
 (b) To cut one's expenditure  
 (c) To stop working full time  
 (d) To lose one's job

**Q.622. Be Off**

SSC MTS 18/10/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) To switch off the light  
 (b) To not eat anything  
 (c) To be in a bad mood  
 (d) To go away

**Q.623. Fall for**

SSC MTS 18/10/2021 (Evening)

- (a) To be supported by  
 (b) To be tricked or fooled by  
 (c) To invite someone  
 (d) To fall down and injure oneself

**Q.624. Whet your appetite**

SSC MTS 20/10/2021 (Morning)

- (a) To want something more  
 (b) To find the food tasteless  
 (c) To feel lonely and isolated  
 (d) To go on a diet

**Q.625. Get something off one's chest**

SSC MTS 20/10/2021 (Morning)

- (a) To escape from a dangerous situation  
 (b) To defeat someone in a physical fight  
 (c) Talk about something that is worrying you  
 (d) To stop oneself from confiding in a friend

**Q.626. At a stretch**

SSC MTS 20/10/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) Within a month    (b) After some time  
 (c) Without a stop    (d) During a year

**Q.627. Make out**

SSC MTS 22/10/2021 (Morning)

- (a) Understand someone or something with difficulty  
 (b) Invent an explanation for something  
 (c) Become friends again with someone  
 (d) Run away from a difficult situation

**Q.628. Pick and choose**

SSC MTS 22/10/2021 (Morning)

- (a) Start all over again after a crisis  
 (b) Select only the best from choices  
 (c) Question someone on a topic  
 (d) Start a quarrel or a fight over something

**Q.629. To be moved to tears**

SSC MTS 22/10/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) To be mesmerised by something  
 (b) To be overwhelmed with emotion  
 (c) To be surprised or shocked  
 (d) To be transported to another world

**Q.630. To gain ground**

SSC MTS 22/10/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) To make progress    (b) To be happy  
 (c) To grow crops        (d) To buy land

**Q.631. Lean and mean**

SSC MTS 22/10/2021 (Evening)

- (a) Fat and lazy    (b) Evil and selfish  
 (c) Thin and weak    (d) Ready and efficient

**Q.632. Keep in check**

SSC MTS 22/10/2021 (Evening)

- (a) To keep something safe  
 (b) To place an order  
 (c) To control something  
 (d) To test something

**Q.633. Play safe**

SSC MTS 26/10/2021 (Morning)

- (a) Avoid risks and take precautions  
 (b) Do something following rules  
 (c) Play a game steadily  
 (d) Play a game without getting hurt

**Q.634. Feel the pinch**

SSC MTS 26/10/2021 (Morning)

- (a) Maintain total silence  
 (b) Be in an agitated state of mind  
 (c) Listen carefully  
 (d) Face financial difficulties

**Q.635. Change hands**

SSC MTS 26/10/2021 (Evening)

- (a) Pass from one person to another  
 (b) Give away something you do not need  
 (c) Move from one hand to another  
 (d) Carry something in both hands

**Q.636. To go nuts**

SSC MTS 27/10/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) To look for nuts  
 (b) To become crazy

- (c) To become nervous  
(d) To feel very hungry

**Q.637. To be on a roll**

SSC MTS 27/10/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) To be experiencing a successful period  
(b) To be experiencing setbacks  
(c) To be feeling extremely unhappy  
(d) To be moving from place to place

**Q.638. He who laughs last laughs loudest**

SSC MTS 02/11/2021 (Morning)

- (a) Success in early life ensures success later also  
(b) He who laughs last has more energy  
(c) The person who understands the joke late laughs loudest  
(d) He who focuses on winning in the long term is successful

**Solutions :-**

**Sol.596.(c) Keep someone in the loop -** Give them all the information

**Sol.597.(c) Of the old school -** Old fashioned in thought

**Sol.598.(c) Break new ground -** Do or discover something new

**Sol.599.(a) Go bonkers -** Become crazy

**Sol.600.(c)**

**Pull someone up-** Criticise someone

**Sol.601.(a)**

**Over the moon -** Extremely happy

**Sol.602.(b) Go off -** Stop working

**Sol.603.(a) Break in -** Enter a building illegally. Break in a phrasal verb.

**Sol.604.(b) Babe in the woods -** A young defenceless person

**Sol.605.(d) To be off your food -** To have no appetite

**Sol.606.(c) To go bananas -** To become very excited or angry

**Sol.607.(a) Comb through -** To carefully look through

**Sol.608.(d) An improvement in the situation**  
**Change for the better -** An improvement in the situation

**Sol.609.(b) Loosen the purse strings -** To increase the money available for expenditure

**Sol.610.(d) Fly the nest -** Children leaving their parents' home to live on their own

**Sol.611.(b) Your guess is as good as mine -** To have no idea of the answer

**E.g.-** When it comes to the election, your guess is as good as mine as far as who is going to win.

**Sol.612.(d) Many a slip between the cup and the lip -** Bad things may happen before the task is finished

**Sol.613.(d) Drop in -** Pay a casual visit

**Sol.614.(b) Have your heart set on something -** To want something very much

**Sol.615.(c) polished it off**

'Polish off' is a phrasal verb that means to quickly finish or consume something. Similarly in the given sentence, Vidushi quickly consumed the cake as she liked it very much. Hence, 'polished it off' is the most appropriate answer.

**Sol.616.(b) Chinks in armor -** a weakness that can be taken advantage of

**Sol.617.(a)**

**Hit the ceiling -** Explode in anger

**Sol.618.(d)**

**Months on end -** Several months in a row

**Sol.619.(d) A piece of the pie -** A share in money or business

**Sol.620.(a) To do as others have done**

**Follow suit -** To do as others have done

**Sol.621.(b) To cut one's expenditure**

**Tighten one's belt -** To cut one's expenditure

**Sol.622.(d) Be Off -** To go away

**Sol.623.(b)**

**Fall for -** To be tricked or fooled by

**Sol.624.(a) Whet your appetite -** To want something more

**Sol.625.(c)**

**Get something off one's chest -** To talk about something that is worrying you

**Sol.626.(c) At a stretch -** Without a stop

**Sol.627.(a) Make out -** Understand someone or something with difficulty

**Sol.628.(b) Pick and choose -** Select only the best from choices

**Sol.629.(b) To be moved to tears -** To be overwhelmed with emotion

**Sol.630.(a)**

**To gain ground -** To make progress

**Sol.631.(d)**

**Lean and mean -** Ready and efficient

**Sol.632.(c)**

**Keep in check -** To control something

**Sol.633.(a) Play safe -** Avoid risks and take precautions

**Sol.634.(d) Feel the pinch -** Face financial difficulties

**Sol.635.(a) Change hands -** Pass from one person to another

**Sol.636.(b)**

**To go nuts -** To become crazy

**Sol.637.(a) To be on a roll -** To be experiencing a successful period

**Sol.638.(d) He who laughs last laughs loudest-** He who focuses on winning in the long term is successful .

**SSC CGL 2020 Tier - 1****Q.639. Bang for the buck**

SSC CGL 13/08/2021 (Morning)

- (a) Dash against something  
(b) More value for money  
(c) Less value for money  
(d) A sorrowful heart

**Q.640. Want to curl up and die**

SSC CGL 13/08/2021 (Evening)

- (a) Want to die comfortably  
(b) Unable to sleep well  
(c) Feel terribly ashamed and sorry  
(d) Too tired from physical labour

**Q.641. To the nines**

SSC CGL 16/08/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) To be exalted (b) To be jealous  
(c) To great depths (d) To perfection

**Q.642. Go easy on something**

SSC CGL 17/08/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) Fill one's plate easily  
(b) Use only a small amount of  
(c) Take as much as one wants  
(d) Eat slowly and liberally

**Q.643. Pat on the back**

SSC CGL 17/08/2021 (Evening)

- (a) Friendly tap to push someone  
(b) Praise or approval for doing something good  
(c) Good massage for aches and pains  
(d) Mild form of disapproval or blame

**Q.644. A stumbling block**

SSC CGL 18/08/2021 (Morning)

- (a) Putting stones along the way  
(b) An obstacle to progress  
(c) Skipping over a hurdle  
(d) Removing stones on the way

**Q.645. Tide someone over**

SSC CGL 20/08/2021 (Morning)

- (a) Complete a voyage successfully
- (b) Give temporary help, usually financial
- (c) Ask someone for financial assistance
- (d) Get a boat ready to cross a river or water body

**Q.646. On the horizon**

SSC CGL 20/08/2021 (Evening)

- (a) The successful beginning of a business venture
- (b) A plan for the distant future
- (c) An event that is likely to end soon
- (d) An event that is likely to happen soon

**Q.647. On edge**

SSC CGL 23/08/2021 (Evening)

- (a) Keeping things safely
- (b) Doing exercises regularly
- (c) Nervous and unable to relax
- (d) Playing a tiring game

**Q.648. Twiddling one's thumbs**

SSC CGL 24/08/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) Feeling hungry
- (b) Feeling bored
- (c) Feeling angry
- (d) Feeling sad

**Solutions :-**

**Sol.639.(b) Bang for the buck** - more value for money

**Example-** I didn't get the bang for the buck that I expected on the sale of my car.

**Sol.640.(c) Want to curl up and die** - feel terribly ashamed and sorry

**Example-** I just wanted to curl up and die when I accidentally broke his new mobile phone.

**Sol.641.(d) To the nines** - to perfection

**Example** - Tarun is dressed to the nine for the party.

**Sol.642.(b) Go easy on something** - use only a small amount of

**Example** - Mohit will respond in a better way if his father goes easy on him.

**Sol.643.(b) Pat on the back** - praise or approval for doing something good

**Example-** I got a pat on the back from my father for scoring good marks in exams.

**Sol.644.(b) A stumbling block** - an obstacle to progress

**Example-** Unemployment is a stumbling block in the developing country.

**Sol.645.(b) Tide someone over** - give temporary help, usually financial.

**Example-** Can you lend me some money to tide me over till next month?

**Sol.646.(d) On the horizon** - an event that is likely to happen soon

**Example** - We have some new and fresh plans on the horizon.

**Sol.647.(c)**

**On edge** - Nervous and unable to relax

**Example** - I was on edge last week waiting to see my SSC exam result.

**Sol.648.(b)**

**Twiddling one's thumbs** - feeling bored

**Example-** Rohit arrived early for the meeting so he was twiddling his thumbs for an hour.

**SSC CHSL 2020 Tier - 1**

**Q.649.** The eradication of corona virus is still **a far cry**.

SSC CHSL 12/04/2021 (Morning)

- (a) very near
- (b) very easy
- (c) very fast
- (d) very distant

**Q.650. Living in a fool's paradise**

SSC CHSL 12/04/2021 (Morning)

- (a) To believe wrongly that your situation is good
- (b) To be fooled by someone
- (c) To live in luxuriously after fooling someone
- (d) To live in a world of imagination

**Q.651. To put one's foot in one's mouth**

SSC CHSL 12/04/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) To deliberately provoke someone
- (b) To accidentally embarrass or upset someone
- (c) To gather all of one's resources
- (d) To be disorderly and stupid

**Q.652. To run around like a headless chicken**

SSC CHSL 13/04/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) To do things methodically one by one
- (b) To be lazy and unwilling to work
- (c) To do many things in a disorganized manner
- (d) To be unable to catch escaping chicken

**Q.653. Be glad to see the back of**

SSC CHSL 15/04/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) Be happy at another's success
- (b) Be relieved at another's failure
- (c) Be happy to see someone again
- (d) Be happy when a person leaves

**Q.654. Go back to the drawing board**

SSC CHSL 15/04/2021 (Evening)

- (a) get started on a new job as the old one wasn't good
- (b) look back at your achievements and learn from them
- (c) withdraw support to someone whom

you always supported

- (d) start planning again because earlier plans failed

**Q.655. Provide a blueprint**

SSC CHSL 15/04/2021 (Evening)

- (a) Propose a plan of a secret meeting
- (b) Submit a printed application for a blue-collared job
- (c) Give a detailed plan or scheme
- (d) Have a building plan printed in blue

**Q.656. To drag one's feet**

SSC CHSL 19/04/2021 (Morning)

- (a) To walk unsteadily
- (b) To walk with a limp
- (c) To pull someone's legs
- (d) To delay taking a decision

**Q.657. A grey area**

SSC CHSL 19/04/2021 (Evening)

- (a) An unclear situation
- (b) A special part of the brain
- (c) An unspoken truth
- (d) An unusual spot

**Q.658. Under wraps**

SSC CHSL 04/08/2021 (Morning)

- (a) under estimate
- (b) double layered
- (c) secretly
- (d) underhand

**Q.659. To go red in the face**

SSC CHSL 04/08/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) To shout at someone for doing something wrong
- (b) To feel embarrassed
- (c) To feel very happy and proud
- (d) To feel extremely irritated

**Q.660. Pull something off**

SSC CHSL 04/08/2021 (Evening)

- (a) Drag something forcibly
- (b) Take out the cover or lid
- (c) Make something happen
- (d) Make a lot of noise

**Q.661. To have eggs on one's face**

SSC CHSL 05/08/2021 (Morning)

- (a) To be embarrassed because of one's action
- (b) To apply egg yolk on one's face for making it look beautiful
- (c) To throw eggs on a speaker's face
- (d) To buy eggs and break them

**Q.662. Thick as thieves**

SSC CHSL 05/08/2021 (Morning)

- (a) Having a close friendship
- (b) Being very dishonest
- (c) Never helping anyone
- (d) Telling lies all the time

**Q.663.** He is very impulsive and does things **without rhyme or reason**.

SSC CHSL 06/08/2021 (Morning)

- (a) without proper planning



- (b) without a reasonable explanation  
 (c) without any resources  
 (d) without anyone's help

**Q.664.** Organic food seems to be in vogue these days.

SSC CHSL 06/08/2021 (Evening)

- (a) readily available (b) out of stock  
 (c) in fashion (d) very expensive

**Q.665. A fire in someone's belly**

SSC CHSL 09/08/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) one who is energetic and enthusiastic about something  
 (b) one who is rich and powerful and exploits the poor  
 (c) one who comes from a middle class background  
 (d) one who continues to work without wanting a reward

**Q.666. To come round**

SSC CHSL 10/08/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) To meet someone by chance  
 (b) To spend a lot of time with someone  
 (c) To go round and round  
 (d) To become conscious again

**Q.667. A lean patch**

SSC CHSL 10/08/2021 (Evening)

- (a) Cloth that is beginning to tear  
 (b) A part of hair that is thin  
 (c) Friendship that has ended  
 (d) A period of poor performance

**Q.668. Hang on every word**

SSC CHSL 11/08/2021 (Morning)

- (a) Speak very slowly  
 (b) Listen very carefully  
 (c) Stop after hearing one word  
 (d) Stammer while speaking

**Q.669.** Their marriage wasn't working but they kept up appearances.

SSC CHSL 12/08/2021 (Morning)

- (a) maintained an expression of well being  
 (b) maintained peace and harmony  
 (c) kept throwing parties  
 (d) revealed the truth

**Q.670. Method to one's madness**

SSC CHSL 12/08/2021 (Afternoon)

- (a) Being very neat and particular about details  
 (b) Seeming disorderly yet having a structure  
 (c) Always behaving like a mad person  
 (d) Not following rules and conventions

**Solutions :-**

**Sol.649.(d) A far cry** - very distant

**Example:** The climate in Delhi is a far cry from that of Mussoorie.

**Sol.650.(a) Living in a fool's paradise** - To believe wrongly that your situation is good

**Example:** Rahul was living in a fool's paradise that he was preparing very well for UPSC, but he was shocked to see the result when he failed the exam.

**Sol.651.(b) To put one's foot in one's mouth** - to accidentally embarrass or upset someone

**Example:** I really put my foot in my mouth when I asked her about her boyfriend.

**Sol.652.(c)** To do many things in a disorganized manner

**Example:-** Hemant ran around like a headless chicken after he missed his flight to Mumbai.

**Sol.653.(d) Be glad to see the back of** - be happy when a person leaves

**Example:** I never liked Raul so I was happy to see the back of him.

**Sol.654.(d) Go back to the drawing board** - start planning again because earlier plans failed.

**Example** - Rahul should have to go back to the drawing board and start preparing again for the exam.

**Sol.655.(c) Provide a blueprint** - give a detailed plan or scheme

**Example:** The manager told the employee to provide a blueprint of the project.

**Sol.656.(d) To drag one's feet-** To delay taking a decision

**Example-** Neha is dragging her feet on the decision of marriage with Rahul.

**Sol.657.(a)**

**A grey area** - An unclear situation

**Example:** Do not create a grey area if you want to clear this controversy.

**Sol.658.(c)** Under wraps: kept hidden from other people/secretly

**Ex:** The plans for the new space mission are still under wraps.

**Sol.659.(b). To go red in the face** - To feel embarrassed.

**Ex:** I could hear people making fun of me during my speech, so I was pretty red in the face by the time I finished.

**Sol.660.(c) Pull something off** - Make something happen

**Ex:** If you pull off the highway at Exit 5, you'll be able to reach the town in less than an hour.

**Sol.661.(a) To have eggs on one's face:**

To be embarrassed because of one's action

**Ex:** Amisha had an egg on his face after boasting that the examinations were really easy, but ended up failing most of his papers.

**Sol.662.(a) Thick as thieves:** Having a close friendship.

**Ex:** Ram and Shyam became thick as thieves, opening a cafe and committing crimes together.

**Sol.663.(b)** without rhyme or reason means without a reasonable explanation.

**Sol.664.(c) In vogue** - in fashion

**Sol.665.(a) A fire in someone's belly** - one who is energetic and enthusiastic about something

**Example** - Whenever I meet Varun I feel that he has a fire in his belly for cricket.

**Sol.666.(d)**

**To come round** - recover consciousness. After that horrific accident, Ram came around after 2 hours.

**Sol.667.(d) A lean patch** - A period of poor performance

**Eg :-** Almost every aspirant experiences a lean patch at some point or another.

**Sol.668.(b) Hang on every word** - Listen very carefully

It is very important to hang on to every word while attending the class.

**Sol.669.(a) Kept up appearances** - maintained an expression of well being

**Example-** The relationship between Navin and Neha was not so good but they kept up their appearances in public.

**Sol.670.(b) Method to one's madness** - seeming disorderly yet having a structure

**Example** - The way he completed the project seemed strange, but when we saw its outcome, we realized that there was a method to the madness.

## SSC CPO 2019 Tier - 2

**Q.671.** I cannot take up any new assignment as I have my hands full.

SSC CPO Tier II (26/07/2021)

- (a) am very rich (b) need to seek help  
 (c) am very busy (d) am short of time

**Q.672.** India's problem boils down to just one thing - lack of infrastructure for health services.

SSC CPO Tier II (26/07/2021)

- (a) fulfils something  
 (b) adapts to something

- (c) heats up to  
(d) sums up to

**Q.673.** You must seize the opportunity to make amends for your earlier curtness.  
SSC CPO Tier II (26/07/2021)

- (a) to correct a mistake  
(b) to give a suggestion  
(c) to make a proposal  
(d) to offer a deal

**Solutions :-**

**Sol.671.(c)**

**I have my hands full** - am very busy

**Eg:-** You have your hands full with managing the store.

**Sol.672.(d) Boils down to** - sums up to

**Eg:-** All of the complaints at work boil down to a lack of good leadership.

**Sol.673.(a) To make amends for** - to correct a mistake

**Eg:-** He wanted to make amends for causing their marriage to fail.

## SSC CPO 2020 Tier- 1

**Q.674. Call on**

SSC CPO 23/11/2020 (Morning)

- (a) announce (b) visit  
(c) step out (d) telephone

**Q.675. Look out**

SSC CPO 23/11/2020 (Morning)

- (a) find out (b) search  
(c) locate (d) be careful

**Q.676. Speak one's mind**

SSC CPO 23/11/2020 (Evening)

- (a) to put one's thoughts in writing  
(b) to speak without thinking  
(c) to speak in an assembly  
(d) to voice one's thoughts plainly

**Q.677. Grin from ear to ear**

SSC CPO 23/11/2020 (Evening)

- (a) to ridicule someone  
(b) to have very sharp ears  
(c) to smile a lot because of happiness  
(d) to make funny faces

**Q.678. Know like the back of one's hand**

SSC CPO 23/11/2020 (Evening)

- (a) to copy another's trade secrets  
(b) to be unaware of the situation  
(c) to hit someone with the back of one's hand  
(d) to have detailed knowledge of something

**Q.679. Rise to the occasion**

SSC CPO 24/11/2020 (Morning)

- (a) challenge an opponent who is strong

- (b) show you can deal with a situation successfully

- (c) assess a critical situation carefully  
(d) take a big risk in order to succeed

**Q.680. Kick up a row**

SSC CPO 24/11/2020 (Evening)

- (a) cause a disturbance  
(b) hit someone angrily  
(c) break a queue  
(d) arrange in rows

**Q.681. Get your money's worth**

SSC CPO 25/11/2020 (Morning)

- (a) to be cheated in a purchase  
(b) to get something of poor quality for free  
(c) to pay and get something of good value  
(d) to buy something very expensive

**Q.682. High time**

SSC CPO 25/11/2020 (Evening)

- (a) well in time for something  
(b) past the appropriate time  
(c) time to celebrate something  
(d) time to fly high

**Q.683. Sitting on a gold mine**

SSC CPO 25/11/2020 (Evening)

- (a) wasting a vast treasure  
(b) secretly hunting for something precious  
(c) to own something potentially valuable  
(d) not availing of an opportunity

**Solutions :-**

**Sol.674.(b) Call on** - to Visit.

**Eg :** My friend Suraj is always helpful if I need to call on him.

**Sol.675.(d) Look Out** - Be careful.

**Eg :** If you don't look out, you might fall on the ice.

**Sol.676.(d) Speak one's mind** - to voice one's thoughts plainly.

**Eg :** Ravi is very shy, so he does not speak his mind.

**Sol.677.(c) Grin from ear to ear** - to smile a lot because of happiness.

**Eg :** When my daughter was awarded a scholarship, she grinned from ear to ear all evening.

**Sol.678.(d) Know like the back of one's hand**- to have detailed knowledge of something.

**Eg :** I know my friend Juhi like the back of my hand.

**Sol.679.(b) Rise to the occasion** - show you can deal with a situation successfully.

**Eg :** In the semester exams, Rahul rose

to the occasion and scored brilliant marks.

**Sol.680.(a)**

**Kick up a row** - cause a disturbance.

**Eg :** The agitated crowd will be going to kick up a row if the government does not come to a consensus.

**Sol.681.(c) Get your money's worth** - to pay and get something of good value.

**Eg :** I have been driving my car for the last five years without any engine problem, I think I got my money's worth.

**Sol.682.(b)**

**High time** - past the appropriate time.

**Eg :** It's high time that India had retaliated against Pakistan in its own words.

**Sol.683.(c) Sitting on a gold mine** - to own something potentially valuable.

**Eg :** You know you are sitting on a gold mine because you have thousands of shares in that multinational company.

## SSC CGL 2019 Tier - 2

**Q.684. Eat one's words**

SSC CGL Tier II (15/11/2020)

- (a) retract what one has said  
(b) forgive and forget  
(c) become less acceptable  
(d) oppose sternly

**Q.685. On the spur of the moment**

SSC CGL Tier II (15/11/2020)

- (a) deciding after a lot of thinking  
(b) being extremely careful  
(c) waiting nervously for something  
(d) acting impulsively without thinking

**Q.686. One track mind**

SSC CGL Tier II (15/11/2020)

- (a) using a well-known path  
(b) thinking of another point of view  
(c) waiting anxiously for something  
(d) always thinking of only one thing

**Q.687. On the double**

SSC CGL Tier II (15/11/2020)

- (a) on the verge of collapse  
(b) between two undesirable things  
(c) at a fast pace  
(d) out of order

**Q.688. Rose-coloured glasses**

SSC CGL Tier II (15/11/2020)

- (a) a difficult situation  
(b) a positive outlook on life  
(c) an outdated attitude  
(d) a belief not based on facts

**Q.689.** If we lay our heads together, we will surely find a solution.

SSC CGL Tier II (16/11/2020)

- (a) take a break
- (b) work in isolation
- (c) rest for a while
- (d) work in consultation

**Q.690.** The threat of the pandemic is not just **a cry in the wilderness**.

SSC CGL Tier II (16/11/2020)

- (a) Mourning for the loss
- (b) an unheeded warning
- (c) tears of sorrow
- (d) spreading rumours

**Q.691.** His comments **cast a slur upon** the integrity of his manager.

SSC CGL Tier II (16/11/2020)

- (a) praised (b) damaged
- (c) redeemed (d) improved

#### Solutions :-

**Sol.684.(a)** Retract what one has said.  
**Eg** : You said that I would never be able to clear CGL, now you will have to eat your words.

**Sol.685.(d)**

Acting impulsively without thinking.

**Eg** : My friend Himanshu decided, on the spur of the moment, to marry his girlfriend.

**Sol.686.(d)**

Always thinking of only one thing.

**Eg** : Shyam had a one-track mind since he started preparation for UPSC examinations.

**Sol.687.(c)** At a fast pace.

**Eg** : Sam said that he wanted to see me in his office on the double.

**Sol.688.(b)** A positive outlook on life

**Eg** : At first, I saw my girlfriend through rose-colored glasses but after a year I realized she was just selfish and arrogant.

**Sol.689.(d) Work in consultation.**

**Example** : if we want to complete this project within time, we should lay our heads together.

**Sol.690.(b)**

**An unheeded/careless warning.**

**Eg** : Shivam was a voice crying in the wilderness as he tried to expose the media trial over the corruption issue in the state government.

**Sol.691.(b) Damaged**

**Eg** : The involvement of Deepak in a bribery case cast a slur upon his family.

## SSC CHSL 2019 Tier - 1

**Q.692. Stir up a hornet's nest**

SSC CHSL 12/10/2020 (Morning)

- (a) Destroy a nest (b) Call for dialogue
- (c) Provoke trouble (d) Lead a revolt

**Q.693. Like talking to a brick wall**

SSC CHSL 13/10/2020 (Morning)

- (a) Frightened (b) Inattentive
- (c) Curious (d) Fascinated

**Q.694.** It took Rohan a long time to **get the hang of** the machine in the new factory.

SSC CHSL 13/10/2020 (Afternoon)

- (a) bring someone to run
- (b) clean and dry
- (c) put up safely
- (d) learn how to use

**Q.695.** Akshay is likely to **take the heat** for having miscalculated the expenses.

SSC CHSL 13/10/2020 (Evening)

- (a) enjoy warm climate
- (b) feel very hot
- (c) receive criticism
- (d) scold everyone

**Q.696.** To restart his **cash-strapped** company he decided to apply for a bank loan.

SSC CHSL 14/10/2020 (Morning)

- (a) impoverished (b) improving
- (c) expensive (d) expanding

**Q.697. Jump on the bandwagon**

SSC CHSL 14/10/2020 (Afternoon)

- (a) Get involved in an activity because it is likely to succeed
- (b) Do an activity that is fun
- (c) Do something because circumstances force you to
- (d) Get engaged in an activity that is very important

**Q.698.** Sandeep **received a new lease of life** after moving to Pune.

SSC CHSL 14/10/2020 (Evening)

- (a) became energetic again
- (b) started looking for a job
- (c) started talking healthy food
- (d) looked for a group of friends

**Q.699. Let off the hook**

SSC CHSL 16/10/2020 (Morning)

- (a) Not made to wait for a long time
- (b) Not allowed to take part in an activity
- (c) Allowed to escape from blame
- (d) Made to pay for one's actions

**Q.700. Parthian shot**

SSC CHSL 16/10/2020 (Morning)

- (a) Parting hit (b) Victory
- (c) Praise (d) Say goodbye

**Q.701. Plain as day**

SSC CHSL 16/10/2020 (Evening)

- (a) Very simple and easy to do
- (b) Visible only in broad daylight
- (c) Very obvious and easy to understand
- (d) Very interesting to know

**Q.702. Be behind the times**

SSC CHSL 19/10/2020 (Morning)

- (a) Be very old (b) Not be alert
- (c) Always dreaming (d) Be old fashioned

**Q.703. Make a beeline**

SSC CHSL 20/10/2020 (Morning)

- (a) Stand in a queue (b) Remain busy
- (c) Go straight to (d) Be crazy

**Q.704.** Have you heard the news that Hema is **looking for greener pastures?**

SSC CHSL 20/10/2020 (Afternoon)

- (a) has been transferred
- (b) was feeling rejected
- (c) exploring new opportunities
- (d) has been fired

**Q.705.** Ashutosh **kept a stiff upper lip** even when he was reprimanded in the presence of clients.

SSC CHSL 20/10/2020 (Afternoon)

- (a) remained expressionless
- (b) started sniggering
- (c) behaved insolently
- (d) kept shouting

**Q.706. Flying off the handle**

SSC CHSL 20/10/2020 (Evening)

- (a) Day-dreaming
- (b) Having lofty ideas
- (c) Suddenly becoming enraged
- (d) Flying away, being launched from a handle

**Q.707. Sleep on it**

SSC CHSL 21/10/2020 (Morning)

- (a) To make a decision immediately
- (b) To make a wrong decision
- (c) To prefer to sleep than take action
- (d) To wait before making a decision

**Q.708. Full of sound and fury**

SSC CHSL 21/10/2020 (Afternoon)

- (a) A fiery and effective speaker
- (b) Someone who gets angry very quickly
- (c) Merely loud and angry words but ineffective
- (d) An angry and unruly mob

**Q.709. The straw that broke the camel's back.**

SSC CHSL 21/10/2020 (Evening)

- (a) To show strength and continue without a fuss
- (b) To be the last in a series of events leading one to feel that it is intolerable
- (c) To make a wish for an escape from

- existing conditions  
(c) To undertake a difficult journey across a desert

**Q.710. Come hell or high water**

SSC CHSL 26/10/2020 (Afternoon)

- (a) Not ready to go on adventures  
(b) Tired of all kinds of dangers  
(c) In spite of any obstacles  
(d) Afraid of the challenges

**Q.711. Out of bounds**

SSC CHSL 26/10/2020 (Afternoon)

- (a) Forbidden (b) Within limits  
(c) Tied up (d) Limitless

**Q.712. Hats off to someone**

SSC CHSL 17/03/2020 (Morning)

- (a) Give hats to  
(b) Announce a prize for  
(c) Make new hats for  
(d) Congratulations to

**Q.713. His guide asked him to pull up his socks if he wanted a good rank.**

SSC CHSL 17/03/2020 (Afternoon)

- (a) take care to be more formal  
(b) make a greater effort to improve  
(c) give attention to his appearance also  
(d) dress more carefully and neatly

**Q.714. Back in saddle**

SSC CHSL 17/03/2020 (Evening)

- (a) Learn how to ride  
(b) Resume duty  
(c) Teach someone riding  
(d) Put a new saddle

**Q.715. When they read about the proposed strike of buses they said, "We'll cross that bridge when we come to it."**

SSC CHSL 17/03/2020 (Evening)

- (a) Prevent them  
(b) Call them for talks  
(c) Solve the problem  
(d) Cancel our plans

**Q.716. Touch all bases**

SSC CHSL 18/03/2020 (Afternoon)

- (a) Force someone to do something  
(b) Include everything  
(c) Stretch your hands high  
(d) Imagine you are flying

**Q.717. Cut to the chase**

SSC CHSL 18/03/2020 (Evening)

- (a) Talking about the important point and leaving out the detail  
(b) Sleeping long hours and spoiling the health  
(c) Cutting long pieces and spoiling the dish cooked  
(d) Stopping unexpectedly and missing the chase

**Q.718. Made out of whole cloth**

SSC CHSL 19/03/2020 (Morning)

- (a) Entirely fabricated though believable  
(b) Entirely true and convincing  
(c) Entirely false and fabricated  
(d) Entirely false though convincing

**Q.719. Reinventing the wheel**

SSC CHSL 19/03/2020 (Afternoon)

- (a) Examining circumstances that have already been understood  
(b) Wasting one's time for things that have already been satisfactorily done  
(c) Analysing various factors of happenings  
(d) Disturbing the system which has already been in use

**Q.720. Falling head over heels**

SSC CHSL 19/03/2020 (Afternoon)

- (a) Feeling deep sympathy to the needy  
(b) Finding fault with others  
(c) Falling deeply in love with someone  
(d) Fixing models without proper analysis

**Q.721. Neither fish nor fowl**

SSC CHSL 19/03/20 (Evening)

- (a) Something which can neither be supplied easily nor be made available readily  
(b) Something which can neither be purchased nor be grown  
(c) Something which can neither be eaten nor be preserved  
(d) Something which can neither be categorized easily nor be accepted befittingly

**Solutions :-****Sol.692.(c) Stir up a hornet's nest** - to Provoke trouble.**Eg:** The government has stirred up the hornet's nest by increasing the GST.**Sol.693.(b)****Like talking to a brick wall** - inattentive.**Eg:** The teacher felt that teaching the backbenchers was like talking to a brick wall**Sol.694.(d)****Get the hang of** - learn how to use.**Eg:** The senior citizens found it difficult to use the latest mobile phone but soon they got a hang of it**Sol.695.(c)****Take the heat** - receive criticism.**Eg:** The new movie is receiving a lot of heat as it has portrayed historical facts in a twisted way.**Sol.696.(a) Cash-strapped** - impoverished :- extremely short of money.**Eg:** During the lockdown many people were jobless and cash-strapped**Sol.697.(a) Jump on the bandwagon** → get involved in an activity because it is likely to succeed.**Eg :** Many people were uploading their singing videos on social media so I also jumped on the bandwagon and started uploading my singing video as well.**Sol.698.(a) Received a new lease of life** - became energetic again.**Eg:** The government offered a subsidy to the jute industry and then it received a new lease of life.**Sol.699.(c) Let off the hook** - allowed to escape from blame.**Eg :** Since it was his first mistake, he was let off the hook with just a warning.**Sol.700.(a) Parthian shot** - parting hit, final insult in an argument.**Eg :** Needless to say, I am completely nonplussed by your remarks which has the look and feel of a Parthian shot.**Sol.701.(c) Plain as day** - very obvious and easy to understand .**Eg :** When the teacher explained the theory everything was as clear as day.**Sol.702.(d)****Be behind the times** - be old - fashioned.**Eg :** You're behind the times if you think a visit to the dentist has to be painful.**Sol.703.(c) Make a beeline** - go straight to**Eg :** When he saw me in the kitchen, he made a beeline for the door.**Sol.704.(c) Looking for greener pastures**- exploring new opportunities.**Eg :** Ram has completed his graduation and he is looking for greener pastures.**Sol.705.(a) Keep a stiff upper lip** - remained expressionless.**Eg :** He was taught to keep a stiff upper lip, whatever happens.**Sol.706.(c) Flying off the handle** - suddenly becoming enraged.**Eg :** You have to be very careful because he flies off the handle very easily.**Sol.707.(d) Sleep on it** - to wait before making a decision.**Eg :** Rohit slept on it before purchasing a laptop.**Sol.708.(c) Full of sound and fury** → merely loud and angry words but ineffective.**Eg :** The town meeting created lots of sound and fury, but no resolution.**Sol.709.(b) The straw that broke the camel's back** - to be the last in a series of events leading one to feel that it is



intolerable.

**Sol.710.(c) Come hell or high water** - in spite of all the difficulties.

**Eg** : He confirmed that come hell or high water, he would crack this examination in his first attempt.

**Sol.711.(d) Out of bounds** - Limitless :- beyond established limits.

**Eg** : If the ball is out of bounds, it is not within the playing area.

**Sol.712.(d) Hats off to someone** - congratulate someone.

**Eg** : Hats off to Rohit for clearing the CGL examination.

**Sol.713.(b) Pull up his socks** - make a greater effort to improve.

**Eg** : He's going to have to pull his socks up if he wants to stay in the team.

**Sol.714.(b)**

Back in the saddle - resume duty.

**Eg** : As Rohit is ill he needs to back in the saddle for some time.

**Sol.715.(c)**

**Cross that bridge** - solve the problem

**Eg** : The job interview is a week away, so I'm not worried about it yet — I'll cross that bridge when I come to it.

**Sol.716.(b)**

**Touch all bases** - includes everything.

**Eg** : we have touched all the bases in this book.

**Sol.717.(a) Cut to the chase** - talking about the important point and leaving out the detail

**Eg** : I can see that you are busy so I'll cut to the chase. I need you to lend me a large amount of money.

**Sol.718.(c) Made out of whole cloth** - entirely false and fabricated.

**Sol.719.(b) Reinventing the wheel** - waste a great deal of time or effort in creating something that already exists.

**Eg**: Some of these ideas are worth pursuing, but there is no need to reinvent the wheel.

**Sol.720.(c) Falling head over heels** - falling deeply in love with someone.

**Eg**: It was obvious that Rahul had fallen head over heels in love with Kajal.

**Sol.721.(d) Neither fish nor fowl** - something that is difficult to identify\ classify or not recognizable or characteristic of any one particular thing. So, according to the meaning of this idiom option (d) is correct.

## SSC CGL 2019 Tier - 1

**Q.722. On shank's mare**

SSC CGL 03/03/2020 (Afternoon)

- (a) On an elephant (b) On a lion  
(c) On a bicycle (d) On foot

**Q.723. The bee's knees**

SSC CGL 04/03/2020 (Afternoon)

- (a) Observant (b) Foolish  
(c) Problematic (d) Extraordinary

**Q.724. To throw a fit**

SSC CGL 04/03/2020 (Afternoon)

- (a) Become unconscious  
(b) Caution someone about fitness  
(c) Express extreme anger  
(d) Faint and fall down

**Q.725. Pull a fast one**

SSC CGL 06/03/2020 (Afternoon)

- (a) Believe someone easily  
(b) Trick someone  
(c) Take quick action  
(d) Progress fast

**Q.726. To paddle one's own canoe**

SSC CGL 06/03/2020 (Evening)

- (a) To take rest  
(b) To exercise hard  
(c) Depend on oneself  
(d) To act in a childish way

**Q.727. Like a dying duck in a thunderstorm**

SSC CGL 06/03/2020 (Evening)

- (a) Daring (b) Comfortable  
(c) Dejected (d) Confident

**Q.728. Keep a breast of**

SSC CGL 07/03/2020 (Morning)

- (a) Keep ahead of  
(b) Keep a watch on  
(c) Keep up the good work  
(d) Keep oneself updated

**Q.729. Make off with**

SSC CGL 09/03/2020 (Morning)

- (a) To transfer (b) To discover  
(c) To run away (d) To understand

**Q.730. Blind alley**

SSC CGL 09/03/2020 (Afternoon)

- (a) A state of deep thought  
(b) Taking first step after somebody's approach  
(c) A person who comes to meet occasionally  
(d) A situation in which no further progress can be made

**Solutions :-**

**Sol.722.(d)** On foot

**On shank's mare** - Bare Foot

It was such a delightful day that we decided to ride shanks' mare to the fair.

**Sol.723.(d)**

**The bee's knees** - Extraordinary

Have you tried this perfume? It's the bee's knees, it really is.

**Sol.724.(c)**

**Express extreme anger**: To throw a fit

Your sister will throw a fit when she sees the mess you've made.

**Sol.725.(b)**

**Pull a fast one** - Trick someone

The crowd obviously thought I was trying to pull a fast one to get a better seat.

**Sol.726.(c)** To paddle one's own canoe - Depend on oneself She is a strong woman and can paddle her own canoe without having a man in her life.

**Sol.727.(c)** Dejected-sad and depressed; dispirited Don't feel like a duck dying in the thunderstorm, you still have a chance to bounce back.

**Sol.728.(d)** Keep oneself updated

While preparing for the government job, One should keep abreast of all government schemes.

**Sol.729.(c) To run away**

A thief broke into the shop and ran away with all the cash and jewellery.

**Sol.730.(d)** A situation in which no further progress can be made The latest research is completely vague, it may turn out to be a blind alley.

## SSC CPO 2019 Tier - 1

**Q.731.** In Spite of her severe accident she took heart and moved forward  
SSC CPO 09/12/2019 (Morning)

- (a) Gathered courage  
(b) Overcame problems  
(c) Felt depressed  
(d) Acted promptly

**Q.732. Left out in cold**

SSC CPO 09/12/2019 (Evening)

- (a) to stand out (b) to be criticised  
(c) to be ignored (d) to be indecisive

**Q.733. Handle with kid gloves**

SSC CPO 09/12/2019 (Evening)

- (a) to treat someone with extreme care  
(b) to accomplish something too ambitious  
(c) to show someone your creativity  
(d) to remove all hurdles to start something

**Q.734.** The abrogation of article 370 was

achieved **in the teeth of** tough resistance.

SSC CPO 11/12/2019 (Evening)

- (a) In a state of uncertainty
- (b) In collaboration with
- (c) In a short span of time
- (d) In direct opposition to

**Q.735.** The old man preferred to **die in harness** than lead a rusted life.

SSC CPO 12/12/2019 (Morning)

- (a) to lead a life of comfort
- (b) to continue an occupation till death
- (c) to live in a perpetual slavery
- (d) to keep one's belonging safe

**Q.736.** "The situation is getting **out of hand**" the manager said to us.

SSC CPO 12/12/2019 (Evening)

- (a) Not growing fast enough
- (b) Not in control anymore
- (c) Going to be handled soon
- (d) Can be passed on to someone else

**Q.737. To be thrown in at the deep end**

SSC CPO 12/12/2019 (Evening)

- (a) Need to do one thing at a time
- (b) Try to do too many things at the same time
- (c) Unable to do the given work
- (d) Learn to do the difficult things too soon

**Q.738.** The festival expenses are bound to \_\_\_\_\_ in my pocket.

SSC CPO 12/12/2019 (Evening)

- (a) Be out of the blue
- (b) Give a clean chit
- (c) Be upfront
- (d) Make a dent

**Q.739. To blaze a trail**

SSC CPO 13/12/2019 (Morning)

- (a) To initiate something new
- (b) To act impulsively
- (c) to set fire to something
- (d) to complete a project

**Q.740. Of the first water**

SSC CPO 13/12/2019 (Morning)

- (a) of ancient origin
- (b) of favorable opinion
- (c) of no significance
- (d) of the best quality

**Q.741.** Ria has tried hard not **to steal her brother's thunder** but it was inevitable.

SSC CPO 13/12/2019 (Evening)

- (a) Get more recognition than her brother for their success
- (b) Pick up her brother's lucky charms to win prizes
- (c) Take away her brother's opportunities for jobs
- (d) Get a big reward from her brother for her achievement

**Q.742. Go down in flames**

SSC CPO 13/12/2019 (Evening)

- (a) Fail completely
- (b) Get hit by a burning cracker
- (c) Get completely burnt
- (d) Crashland an aeroplane

**Solutions :-**

**Sol.731.(a) Gather Courage**

**Eg :** At the last moment he took heart and bounced back.

**Sol.732.(c) To be ignored**

Everybody can't be satisfied, somebody has to be left out in the cold.

**Sol.733.(a)**

**to treat someone with great care**

Handle it with kids' gloves, it is an antique glass piece.

**Sol.734.(d) in direct opposition to**

In the teeth of project disapproval, we decided to raise the issue further.

**Sol.735.(b)**

**to continue occupation till death.**

It's time to retire or you will die in harness.

**Sol.736.(b) not in control anymore**

**Eg :** The teacher complained that our kid was very naughty, he was going out of hand.

**Sol.737.(d) learn to do the difficult things too soon**

I had never worked in the technical department but my boss threw me in the deep sea and I learned very quickly.

**Sol.738.(d) make a dent** - to reduce the amount of something. Here the expenses will reduce the money, thus "make a dent" is the appropriate choice

(a) **be out of the blue** - Completely unexpectedly.

(b) **give a clean chit** - it means you have investigated and found him/her "not-guilty"

(c) **be upfront** - not trying to hide what you think or do:

**Sol.739.(a) to initiate something new**

Ram is going to blaze a trail in architecture.

**Sol.740.(d) of the best quality**

MS Dhoni had proved himself to be a captain of the first water.

**Sol.741.(a) get more recognition than her brother for their success**

To "steal someone's thunder" means to win praise for oneself by pre-empting someone else's attempt to impress. In the context of this sentence, it means

getting more recognition than her brother.

**E.g.-** My brother is the star athlete of our high school, so no matter what I succeed in, he's constantly stealing my thunder.

**Sol.742.(a) fail completely**

The project went down in flames when the team leader resigned.

## SSC CPO 2018 Tier - 2

**Q.743.** Their relationship has **run into rough weather** ever since they fell in love with the same girl.

SSC CPO Tier II (27/09/2019)

- (a) experienced difficulties
- (b) brought cool breeze and rains
- (c) become stronger and firmer
- (d) become pleasant and cordial

**Q.744.** My neighbour's son is very mischievous and always **getting in everyone's hair**.

SSC CPO Tier II (27/09/2019)

- (a) Throwing things at them
- (b) Pulling their hair
- (c) Entertaining them
- (d) Annoying them

**Solutions :-**

**Sol.743.(a) Run into rough weather** - experienced difficulties.

**Eg :** The relationship of the couple has hit rough weather.

**Sol.744.(d) Getting in everyone's hair** - annoying them

**Eg :** The little boy is getting in my hair so I want you to take him away.

## SSC CGL 2018 Tier - 2

**Q.745.** Making the final paper was a really difficult task but by the end of the week, I was able to \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC CGL Tier II (11/09/2019)

- (a) Bark up the wrong tree
- (b) Wrap my head around it
- (c) Cry my eyes out
- (d) Run out of stream

**Q.746.** Initially I thought I could participate in the international Scholars Contest but when I saw the preparatory material I \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC CGL Tier II (11/09/2019)

- (a) Missed the boat
- (b) Hit the bull's eye
- (c) Got cold feet
- (d) Made a scene

**Q.747.** That student of yours has such sound values. She's indeed a \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC CGL Tier II (11/09/2019)

- (a) Rare bird  
(b) Barrel of laughs  
(c) Pain in the neck  
(d) Pot calling the kettle black

**Q.748.** I could make out that the conversation was leading to a fight so I \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC CGL Tier II (11/09/2019)

- (a) Nipped it in the bud  
(b) Cut corners  
(c) Killed two birds with a stone  
(d) Made a song and a dance

**Q.749.** When Anshul told everyone that he had resigned his job, all the members in the family were **at their wits' end**.

SSC CGL Tier II (12/09/2019)

- (a) Very serious  
(b) Quite angry  
(c) Quite perplexed  
(d) Absolutely satisfied

**Q.750.** This is strictly \_\_\_\_\_ but some changes are going to happen in the company in the near future.

SSC CGL Tier II (12/09/2019)

- (a) Off the rails (b) Off the key  
(c) Off the mark (d) Off the record

**Q.751.** Now that Mr. Krishna Murthy has retired from the company, his daughter is \_\_\_\_\_.

SSC CGL Tier II (12/09/2019)

- (a) In the doghouse  
(b) In the driver's seat  
(c) In the lap of luxury  
(d) In the pink

**Q.752.** They **talked over** the matter of his leaving the job and going for further studies.

SSC CGL Tier II (12/09/2019)

- (a) Discussed (b) Fought against  
(c) Surveyed (d) Explained

**Q.753.** Rohit was \_\_\_\_\_ when he took important decisions without consulting the family.

SSC CGL Tier II (13/09/2019)

- (a) Cutting the red tape  
(b) Told to get a new lease of life  
(c) In the same boat  
(d) Told to fight his own battles himself

**Q.754.** Radha is unable to continue working in this office. Hard work is \_\_\_\_\_ on her health.

SSC CGL Tier II (13/09/2019)

- (a) Making her meet both ends  
(b) Blowing hot and cold  
(c) Keeping an eye  
(d) Taking a toll on

**Q.755.** He tries to perform well but good projects done by him are \_\_\_\_\_. He needs

to put in extra effort.  
SSC CGL Tier II (13/09/2019)

- (a) On edge  
(b) Walking on air  
(c) Few and far between  
(d) Going with the flow

**Q.756.** The government has decided to \_\_\_\_\_ GST on some items in order to help small traders.

SSC CGL Tier II (13/09/2019)

- (a) Steer clear of (b) Roll back  
(c) Wash away (d) Crack down on

**Q.757.** The residents of my colony \_\_\_\_\_ in trying to find out about the increasing number of car thefts.

SSC CGL Tier II (13/09/2019)

- (a) Hit a purple patch  
(b) Hit the sack  
(c) Beat about the bush  
(d) Pulled all the stops

**Q.758.** In trying to solve the crime, the detective found himself \_\_\_\_\_ Yet the mystery kept deepening.

SSC CGL Tier II (13/09/2019)

- (a) Beating the bush  
(b) Beating his brains out  
(c) Letting his hair down  
(d) Making room for others

#### Solutions :-

**Sol.745.(b)** wrap my head around it  
**Bark up the wrong tree** - to be wrong about the reason for something.

**Cry my eyes out** - cry as if you will never stop.

**Run out of stream** - to stall or become stagnant

**Sol.746.(c)**  
**got cold feet** - loss of courage  
**Miss the boat** - miss the opportunity  
**Hit the bull's eye** - hitting the centre of the target  
**Made a scene** - to express anger usually violently.

**Sol.747.(a)**  
**rare bird** - an exceptional person or thing  
**Barrels of laugh** - something that is funny  
**Pain in the neck** - irritating  
**Pot calling the kettle black** - criticizing someone for a fault that you have too

**Sol.748.(a)** nipped it in the bud  
Most of the problems can be nipped in the bud if they are detected at an early stage.

**Sol.749.(c)** quite perplexed  
I could not solve this problem even at my wit's end.

**Sol.750.(d)** off the record - not official  
I think tomorrow is a holiday but it is off the record.

**Sol.751.(b)** in the driver's seat - situation in the control  
The case is taking time but you needn't worry because we are in the driver's seat

**Sol.752.(a)** discussed  
I have talked over the strategies with the teammates to win the school inter-house competition.

**Sol.753.(d)** told to fight his own battles himself - to take complete responsibility for oneself.  
You are no longer a kid, you have to fight your battle yourself.

**Sol.754.(d)** taking a toll on  
Studying continuously for a longer period of time can take a toll over your eyes.

**Sol.755.(c)** few and far between - something that doesn't happen very commonly/  
Sunlight has been far and far between the winters

**Sol.756.(b)** rollback - a reduction or decrease in something  
Since after your illness you are rolled back your health.

**Sol.757.(d)** pulled all the stops - to do something with maximum ability.  
The company pulled out all the stops for benefiting the customer.

**Sol.758.(b)** beating his brains out - to think about something very deeply.  
Why should your brain beat out fighting the environment?