

IDIOMS AND PHRASES - 2

1. Sobhraj could be easily arrested because the police were tipped off in a advance.

- A. Toppled over
- B. Bribed
- C. Given advance information
- D. Threatened

Answer: Option C

2. I met him after a long time, but he gave me the cold shoulder.

- A. scolded me
- B. insulted me
- C. abused me
- D. ignored me

Answer: Option D

3. He passed himself off as a noble man.

- A. Was regarded as
- B. Pretended to be
- C. Was thought to be
- D. Was looked upon

Answer: Option B

4. This matter has been hanging fire for the last many months and must therefore be decided one way or the other.

- A. going on slowly
- B. hotly debated
- C. stuck up
- D. ignored

Answer: Option A

5. In the armed forces, it is considered a great privilege to die in harness.

- A. die on a horse back
- B. die in the battlefield
- C. die while still working
- D. die with honour

Answer: Option C

6. The cricket match proved to be a big draw.

- A. a keen contest
- B. a huge attraction
- C. a lovely spectacle
- D. a game without any result

Answer: Option B

7. When he heard that he had once again not been selected he lost heart.

- A. became desperate
- B. felt sad
- C. became angry
- D. became discouraged

Answer: Option D

8. He was undecided. He let the grass grow under his feet.

- A. loitered around
- B. stayed out
- C. sat unmoving
- D. moved away

Answer: Option A

9. Although he has failed in the written examination, he is using backstairs influence to get the job.

- A. Political influence
- B. Backing influence

- C. Deserving and proper influence
- D. Secret and unfair influence

Answer: Option D

10. Companies producing goods play to the gallery to boost their sales.

- A. advertise
- B. cater to the public taste
- C. attempt to appeal to popular taste
- D. depend upon the public for approval

Answer: Option C

11. Since he knew what would happen, he should be left to stew in his own juice.

- A. Make a stew
- B. Boil
- C. Suffer in his own juice
- D. Suffer for his own act

Answer: Option D

12. The project did not appear to hold out bright prospects.

- A. highlight
- B. show
- C. offer
- D. promise

Answer: Option C

13. I am afraid he is burning the candle at both ends and ruining his life.

- A. wasting his money
- B. becoming overgenerous
- C. overtaxing his energies
- D. losing his objectives

Answer: Option C

14. The university will have to shelve its plans for expansion in view of present situation

- A. cancel
- B. discuss
- C. reconsider
- D. postpone

Answer: Option D

15. Do not trust a man who blows his own trumpet

- A. flatters
- B. praises others
- C. admonishes others
- D. praises himself

Answer: Option D

16. He is out and out a reactionary.

- A. no more
- B. thoroughly
- C. in favour of
- D. deadly against

Answer: Option B

17. I did not mind what he was saying, he was only through his hat.

- A. talking nonsense
- B. talking ignorantly
- C. talking irresponsibly
- D. talking insultingly

Answer: Option A

18. The case was held over due to the great opposition to it.

- A. stopped

B. postponed

C. dropped

D. cancelled

Answer: Option B

19. In the organised society of today no individual or nation can plough a lonely furrow.

A. remain unaffected

B. do without the help of others

C. survive in isolation

D. remain non-aligned

Answer: Option B

20. It was he who put a spoke in my wheel.

A. tried to cause an accident

B. helped in the execution of the plan

C. thwarted in the execution of the plan

D. destroyed the plan

Answer: Option C

21. It is no longer easy to strike gold in Shakespeare's research since much work has already been done on him.

A. Hit a golden spot

B. Come across gold

C. Come across the word "gold"

D. Uncover or find a valuable line of argument or information

Answer: Option D

22. Sanjay is very different about passing the Civil Services Examination this year.

A. Dead sure of

B. Very hopeful of

C. Lacking self confidence about

D. Reasonably certain of

Answer: Option C

23. Why must you look a gift horse in the mouth ?

A. welcome a gift

B. find fault with a gift

C. be fastidious

D. examine a gift carefully

Answer: Option B

24. Dowry is a burning question of the day.

A. a widely debated issue

B. a dying issue

C. a relevant problem

D. an irrelevant issue

Answer: Option A

25. Leaders should not only make speeches they should also be prepared to to bell the cat.

A. To take lead in danger.

B. To tie bell to a cat's neck

C. To be alert of the enemy

D. To make noise

Answer: Option A

26. The popularity of the yesterday's superstar is on the wane.

A. at its peak

B. at rock bottom

C. growing more

D. growing less

Answer: Option D

27. He is leaving the country for a good.

- A. for better prospects
- B. for a good cause
- C. for ever
- D. for others good

Answer: Option C

28. He is an interesting speaker but tends to go off at a tangent.

- A. change the subject immediately
- B. forget things in between
- C. go on at great length
- D. become boisterous

Answer: Option A

29. He sold his house for a song.

- A. at a reasonable price
- B. at a discount
- C. very cheaply
- D. at a premium

Answer: Option C

30. Despite the trust bestowed on the minister he turned out to be a snake in the grass during the revolution.

- A. a secret enemy
- B. a treacherous person
- C. an unforeseen danger
- D. an unexpected misfortune

Answer: Option A

31. Women should be paid the same as men when they do the same job, for, surely what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

- A. What is thought suitable pay for a man should also be for a woman

- B. Goose and the gender eat the same sauce
- C. Both goose and gander should be equally treated
- D. The principle of equal treatment should be implemented

Answer: Option A

32. The party stalwarts have advised the President to take it lying down for a while.

- A. to be cautious
- B. to be on the defensive
- C. to take rest
- D. to show no reaction

Answer: Option D

33. The thief took to his heels when he saw a policeman on the beat.

- A. had some pain in his heels
- B. ran away from the scene
- C. confronted the policeman
- D. could not decide what to do

Answer: Option B

34. He struck several bad patches before he made good.

- A. came across bad soil
- B. Had a bad time
- C. Went through many illness
- D. Had many professional difficulties

Answer: Option D

35. The accounts of the murder made her flesh creep.

- A. Made her sad
- B. Surprised her
- C. Made her cry bitterly
- D. Fill her with horror

Answer: Option D

36. How long will the people put up with the increasing economic hardships?

- A. welcome
- B. take easily
- C. remain satisfied with
- D. tolerate

Answer: Option D

37. The teacher warned the student once for all that no mischief shall be tolerated in the class.

- A. authoritatively
- B. finally
- C. angrily
- D. coldly

Answer: Option B

38. I hope it will not put you out if I am late.

- A. harm you
- B. irritate you
- C. please you
- D. worry out

Answer: Option B

39. Govind has left his country for good.

- A. for better opportunities
- B. on an important mission
- C. forever
- D. to return soon

Answer: Option C

40. Sanjay was the real power behind the throne and all politicians were aware of this.

- A. The person who had the real control and power

- B. The acknowledged leader
- C. The person who controlled the monarch
- D. The person who advised the queen

Answer: Option A

41. His friends let him down.

- A. failed
- B. comforted
- C. succeeded
- D. stood by

Answer: Option A

42. I felt like a fish out of water among all those business tycoons.

- A. troubled
- B. stupid
- C. uncomfortable
- D. inferior

Answer: Option C

43. Some people now wonder whether we just pay lip-service or genuinely subscribe to democracy.

- A. pay oral tribute
- B. attach no value
- C. remain indifferent
- D. show only outward respect

Answer: Option D

44. Don't thrust your nose into my affairs.

- A. Advise me about
- B. Be in opposition
- C. Deal with
- D. Meddle officiously in

Answer: Option D

45. He visits the doctor off and on.

- A. everyday
- B. regularly
- C. never at all
- D. occasionally

Answer: Option D

46. The recent film "Secular India" has tried to keep the pot of Muslim women's Bill boiling

- A. Earning enough to keep body and soul together
- B. Keep a controversy alive
- C. Boil the bill
- D. Boil something in a pot

Answer: Option B

47. The robber took to his heels when the police arrived.

- A. opened fire
- B. hid himself
- C. ran off
- D. surrendered

Answer: Option C

48. You cannot have your cake and eat it too.

- A. Enjoy forever
- B. Have it both ways
- C. Run away from responsibility
- D. Absolve yourself of guilt

Answer: Option B

49. The rebels held out for about a month

- A. waited

- B. retreated
- C. bargained
- D. resisted

Answer: Option D

50. The new economic policy is likely to run into rough weather.

- A. create problems
- B. encounter difficulties
- C. confuse matters
- D. makes things difficult

Answer: Option B

51. The old father brought home the moral of unity by asking each of his sons to break the bundle of sticks

- A. emphasised
- B. voiced
- C. declared
- D. suggested

Answer: Option A

52. If you give John all your money, you are likely to burn your fingers.

- A. be unhappy
- B. be happy
- C. suffer
- D. be ill

Answer: Option C

53. I am sure they will fight tooth and nail for their rights.

- A. with all their might
- B. without any other weapon
- C. resorting to violence

D. very cowardly

Answer: Option A

54. We were in hurry. The road being zigzag we had to cut off a corner to reach in time.

A. To cut a portion of the road

B. To take a short cut

C. To go fast

D. To take an alternative route

Answer: Option B

55. Discipline is on the wane in schools and colleges these days.

A. declining

B. increasing

C. spreading

D. spiralling

Answer: Option A

56. In spite of the efforts of all peace loving people, world peace is still a far cry.

A. an impracticable idea

B. an abstract idea

C. out of reach

D. a long way off

Answer: Option D

57. I felt that it was a tall order to expect Monisha to go home alone at twelve in the night.

A. Difficult

B. Too much

C. Customary

D. Simple

Answer: Option B

58. I cannot get along with a man who plays fast and loose.

- A. behaves in an unreliable and insincere way
- B. has a loose tongue
- C. lives a life of ease and luxury
- D. does not know how to behave himself

Answer: Option A

59. There is no love lost between two neighbours.

- A. close friendship
- B. cool indifference
- C. intense dislike
- D. a love hate relationship

Answer: Option C

60. The question of abolition of private property is still a moot point.

- A. undecided
- B. uncertain
- C. unknown
- D. not clear

Answer: Option A

61. This regular absenteeism is a bad business since on work is being completed.

- A. Bad for business
- B. Non-business like
- C. An unfortunate event
- D. Creating ill-will

Answer: Option C

62. When he tells stories about himself, he is inclined to draw the long bow.

- A. understate
- B. get emotional

C. exaggerate

D. get excited

Answer: Option C

63. Vikram said that he has got a problem to square up with the manager.

A. consider

B. discuss

C. settle

D. workout

Answer: Option C