



## (SECTION - II)

### IDIOMATIC EXPRESSIONS

1. A white of elephant (too costly to be maintained)

Some public sector organizations have become a white elephant for national exchequer خزانہ

2. A black sheep (a bad character)

There are black sheep in every society.

3. A burning question (an important / urgent matter)

'How to improve law and order situation' is a burning question.

4. A maiden speech (the first speech made by a person)

His maiden speech was highly applauded.

5. A close-fisted man ( a miser, a stingy)

A close fisted man cannot enjoy the pleasures of life:

6. **Above board** (fair and square: honest)  
All his dealings are above board.
7. **All and sundry** (all kinds of people)  
All and sundry were invited to the function.
8. **All in all** (supreme: all power full)  
He is all in all in this organization: he can do what he likes.
9. **All the eleventh hour** (at the last moment)  
Owing to the heavy rain, the public meeting was cancelled at the eleventh hour.
10. **Alpha and Omega** (the start and the end)  
The alpha and omega of this fishy affair is nothing but humiliation.
11. **Apple of one's eyes** (very dear)  
Being the only son, he is the apple of his parent's eyes.
12. **A bone of contention** (a cause of quarrel)  
This property is a bone of contention between the two brothers.
13. **A fair weather friend** (a selfish friend)  
A fair weather friend cannot be relied upon.
14. **A laughing stock** (an object of ridicule)  
His foolish behavior has made him a laughing stock in the college.
15. **A queer fish** (a crazy person)  
I find it difficult to deal with a queer fish like you.
16. **A rainy day** (a hard time)  
Save something for a rainy day.
17. **A red letter day** (an auspicious / happy day)  
Eid is a red letter day for the Muslims.
18. **A wet blanket** (a person who damps or checks enthusiasm)  
Rashid is a wet blanket and spoils the pleasure of every function.

19. A wild goose chase (a fruitless effort)  
To achieve this high target is nothing but a wild goose chase.
20. A cock and bull story (an incredible story)  
No sensible man will believe this cock and bull story.
21. A fish out of water (a state of uneasiness)  
In the company of strangers, he feels like a fish out of water.
22. A man of letters (a literary figure)  
Dr. Iqbal was a man of letters.
23. A feather in one's cap (a mark of distinction)  
His brilliant success in the examination is a feather in his cap.
24. A turn coat (a person who frequently changes his political loyalties)  
Being a turn coat, he has lost the confidence of his leader.
25. An eye wash (a hollow show)  
His offer of help is nothing but an eye wash.
26. A bird's eye view (a brief account)  
This book presents a bird's eye view of the Muslim history.
27. A hard nut to crack (an uphill task)  
To curb corruption is a hard nut to crack.
28. An open secret (a secret known to everyone)  
Their love marriage is an open secret.
29. A stone's throw (at a short distance)  
My office is a stone's throw from my residence.
30. A lion's share (a major share)  
The eldest son got a lion's share of the property.
31. At daggers drawn (state of animosity)  
The two brothers are at daggers drawn now-a-days.
32. At the end of one's tether (a situation where there is no patience or hope)  
Since he is at the end of his tether, he can take any desperate step.

33. An axe to grind (a personal interest)  
I have no axe to grind in this matter.
34. Across the board (affecting everybody / group)  
There must be accountability across the board.
35. Against all odds (in spite of great difficulties)  
He is a man of iron will: he is sure to succeed against all odds.
36. The acid test (the most severe test)  
This adventure is the acid test of his ability.
37. At arm's length (at a certain distance)  
Such corrupt persons must be kept at an arm's length.
38. Achilles' heel (a person's vulnerable point)  
He is a noble fellow but his Achilles heel is his laziness.
39. At sixes and sevens (in disorder)  
After the theft, everything in the house was at sixes and sevens.
40. At large (beyond the reach of police)  
After the theft, the thief was at large.
41. At a stretch (without any break)  
He worked at a stretch of his honour and completed the assignment.
42. At one's wit's end (confused and puzzled)  
He is at his wit's end and does not know what to do.
43. Against one's grain (against one's nature)  
To misinterpret things is against my grain.
44. At home in (familiar with)  
He is at home in Arithmetics.
45. Bad blood (a state of enmity)  
There is no bad blood between them and they have cordial relation.
46. Blue blood (to be of an aristocratic origin)  
Her decorum shows that she has blue blood in her veins.

43. A bolt from the blue (a sudden shock)  
His mother's death was a bolt from the blue and he had to abandon his studies.
44. Below the belt (unfairly)  
An upright person never likes to hit below the belt.
45. By fits and starts (not regularly)  
Those who work by fits and starts never succeed in life.
46. By leaps and bounds (at a great speed)  
Under dynamic leadership, a country makes progress by leaps and bounds.
47. Break the ice (start talking after a long silence)  
Ali broke the ice and a long discussion started.
48. Blow one's own trumpet (to indulge in self praise)  
He always blows his own trumpet; no body likes him.
49. Bring to book (make somebody explain his action)  
Whosoever is responsible for this loss will be brought to book.
50. Burn one's fingers (to suffer harm/loss)  
Be careful, otherwise you will burn your fingers.
51. Burn one's fingers (to suffer harm/loss)  
Be careful, otherwise you will burn your fingers.
52. bear the brunt of (to bear the real force / effect)  
The poor always bear the brunt of heavy taxes.
53. To bury the hatchet (to put an end to hostility)  
Let us bury the hatchet and be friends again.
54. A broken reed (an unreliable person)  
He is only a broken reed; you should not depend on him.
55. To have no back bone (to lack strength of purpose)  
The organization is in a mess because the manager has no back bone.
56. To spill the beans (to give away a secret)  
He has spilled the beans about your intentions to resign.

57. Bee in one's bonnet (craze, obsession)  
To become a pilot is a bee in his bonnet.
58. Blue-eyed boy (a favorite person)  
He is sure of his promotion as he is his blue-eyed boy of his boss.
59. A bull in a china shop (very clumsy and destructive)  
The naughty boy was a bull in china shop in our home; he upset everything.
60. To make a clean breast of (to make a conferring)  
He made a clean breast of his crime and surrendered himself to the police.
61. To take the bull by the horns (to face a problem bravely)  
The brave soldiers took the bull by the horns and saved the bridge from destruction.
62. Once in a blue moon (very rarely)  
We go for long drive once in a blue moon.
63. Birds of a feather (like minded people)  
Birds of a feather flock together.
64. To be in good books (to be liked).  
Hard working students are always in the good books of their teachers.
65. On the horns of a dilemma (to be in a fix)  
His is on the horns of a dilemma and does not know what to do.
66. A cat and dog life (a life of constant quarrelling)  
The couple is leading a cat and dog life. There is not compatibility between the husband and the wife.
67. Crocodile tears (false show of grief)  
The step mother is shedding crocodile tears on the death of the child.
68. To call in question (to have doubts about something)  
His honesty cannot be called in question.

## 69. To carry the day (to be victorious)

Our team is sure to carry the day in the final match.

## 70. On the cards (likely to happen)

A cabinet re-shuffle is on the cards.

## 71. Like a cat on hot bricks (very nervous)

She was like a cat on hot bricks before her interview.

## 72. A blank cheque (permission to do as one likes)

He has been given a blank cheque to improve the financial affairs of the company.

## 73. To be under a cloud (to be in disgrace)

Since he is under a cloud now-a-days, every-body avoids him.

## 74. To give somebody a cold shoulder (to treat in a cold manner)

After her divorce, her in laws gave her a cold shoulder.

## 75. To cross swords with (to argue)

We crossed swords with each other on the tax proposals.

## 76. In deep waters (in great difficulties)

Owing to heavy financial loss, he is in deep waters now-a-days.

## 77. A dark horse (an unexpected winner)

The possibility of a dark horse in this election race cannot be ruled out.

## 78. In the dark (in a state of ignorance)

This affair has not been discussed with me. I am completely in the dark.

## 79. At the end of the day (ultimately)

At the end of the day, it was clear that our decision was right.

## 80. Order of the day (to be in vogue)

Tight shirts are the order of the day.

## 81. Fall on deaf ears (to go unheeded)

Every word I uttered fell on deaf ears.

82. Dead wood (useless people)  
There can be no improvement in the affairs of the company unless we get rid of dead wood.
83. Dig one's heels in (to be stubborn)  
She dug her heels in and refused to vacated the seat.
84. Ups and downs (failure and success in life)  
There are a lot of ups and downs in life.
85. A lame duck (an inefficient person)  
The office is stuffed with lame ducks; there is no hope of any improvement.
86. To die in harness (to die in active life)  
Quaid-i-Azam died in harness.
87. To eat a humble pie (to face humiliation)  
In spite of all brag, he had to eat a humble pie.
88. An eye wash (a deception)  
His offer of help is nothing but an eye wash.
89. To be ill at ease (in an uneasy position)  
I am often ill at ease in the company of strangers.
90. To end in smoke (to have no practical result)  
Half-hearted attempt often ends in smoke.
91. To feather one's nest (to become rich by unfair means)  
It is a matter of regret that some politicians try to feather their own nest.
92. To fish in troubled water (to take advantage of disturbance)  
A selfish person always tries to fish in troubled waters.
93. To fall flat (to have no effect to fail to develop)  
My project fell flat because of lack of funds.
94. Few and far between (very rare)  
Our visits to hill stations are few and far between.

APPENDIX  
95. First and foremost (most important)

Our first and foremost duty is to serve the country.

## 96. In full swing (in fully active operation)

When we reached the hall, the fashion show was in full swing.

## 97. In a fix (a state of uncertainty)

He is in a fix and cannot decide which offer should be accepted.

## 98. Face the music (face criticism)

You have made mess of the whole matter. Now face the music.

## 99. French leave (leave without permission)

A dutiful person avoids French leave.

## 100. To fight tooth and nail (to fight with utmost ferocity)

We should fight tooth and nail for the honour of our country.

## 101. Gift of the gab (to be a fluent, persuasive speaker)

He has the gift of the gab and knows how to carry his point.

## 102. From hand to mouth (meager income)

With his little income, he simply lives from hand to mouth.

## 103. A house of cards (something without any solid foundation)

His future plans are nothing but a house of cards.

## 104. To bring home to (to convince)

I brought home to him the ills of drug addiction.

## 105. To be caught red handed (to be caught during the commission of a crime)

The thief was caught red handed.

## 106. To get into hot water (to get into trouble)

Mend your ways, otherwise you will get into hot water.

## 107. To make head way (to make progress)

His is making headway in his new business. The credit goes to his business acumen.

## 108. A hard nut to crack (a difficulty problem to overcome)

To eliminate lawlessness from society is a hard nut to crack.

## 109. To have a hard time (to experience and unpleasant, difficult time)

After a heavy loss in the business, he is having a hard time.

## 110. In high spirits (in cheerful mood)

After receiving the award, she was in high spirits.

## 111. With a high hand (in an arrogant manner)

Don't treat your customers with a high hand.

## 112. Hale and hearty (physically strong and fit)

Even in his old eye, he is quite hale and hearty.

## 113. By hook or by crook (by fair or unfair means)

He wants to amass wealth by hook or by crook.

## 114. A hue and cry (an outspoken protest)

There is a great hue and cry against high prices.

## 115. Hand in glove with (to have close relations)

In view of general elections, the two political parties are hand in glove with each other now-a-days.

## 116. Head over heels (completely)

Some politicians are involved head over heels in corruption.

## 117. To have no back bone (to have no strength of character)

He has no fixed moral principles; he has no back-bone.

## 118. To know no bounds (to be highly excessive)

When she saw her father, her joy knew no bounds.

## 119. In the long run (ultimately)

Truth is sure to prevail in the long run.

## APPENDIX (B)

## 120. Ins and outs (complete details)

The ins and outs of this deal are not known to me.

## 121. In the offing (likely to happen soon)

A shift in the fiscal policy is in the offing.

## 122. To laugh in one's sleeves (to be amused secretly)

When he was punished for his naughty trick, the others were laughing in their sleeves.

## 123. Leave in the lurch (to desert in helpless condition)

All his selfish friends left him in the lurch; no one came to his rescue.

## 124. To lose one's nerve (to be afraid and panic)

Be bold; do not lose your nerve in this critical situation.

## 125. To lead by the nose (to make others do what one likes)

He is an authoritative person; he knows how to lead his subordinates by the nose.

## 126. A Herculean task (a very difficult task)

To eradicate corruption from Pakistan is a Herculean task.

## 127. To give oneself airs (to be arrogant)

He always gives himself airs; people avoid his company.

## 128. A man of his word (one who keeps a promise)

You can rely on him; he is a man of his word.

## 129. To be in the limelight (centre of attention)

The financial scams of the ruling party are in the limelight now-a-days.

## 130. To rest on one's laurels (to be content with one's past achievements)

Keep up your struggle: do not rest on your laurels.

## 131. In the teeth of (in opposition to)

He stuck to his plan in the teeth of severe criticism.

## 132. In the nick of time (at the last possible moment)

A serious accident was avoided in the nick of time.

**133. In keeping with (in agreement with)**

His actions are not in keeping with his high status.

**134. To strain every nerve (to do one's utmost)**

He is straining every nerve to get this job.

**135. On the spur of the moment (without delay or hesitation)**

He jumped into the canal on the spur of the moment and save the drowning child.

**136. On the cards (likely to happen)**

The new education policy is on the cards.

**137. On tenterhooks (in a state of anxious suspense)**

Before the announcement of the result, all the candidates were on tenterhooks.

**138. On the anvil (under discussion)**

The new education policy is on the anvil.

**139. To pull a long face (to look serious and sad)**

He pulled a long face at his insult in the meeting.

**140. Part and parcel (on integral part)**

Computers have become part and parcel of modern life.

**141. Play havoc with something (to destroy something completely)**

The flood has played havoc with the standing crops.

**142. Root and branch (thoroughly)**

They destroyed the set-up root and branch.

**143. To run out of steam (to lose vigour)**

After the initial surge, the company has run out of steam.

**144. To get rid of (to shake off)**

I want to get rid of a nasty fellow like you.

**145. To rise to the occasion (to summon up courage)**

He rose to the occasion and disclosed all the details of the murder.

**146. To take to one's heels (to run away)**

When the thief saw the police-man, he took to his heels.

**147. Red tape (useless official formalities)**

Most of the projects of public welfare do not succeed due to red tapism.

**148. A slow coach (a lazy person)**

Waqar is a slow coach: he will not complete his work within the fixedtime.

**149. Spick and span (very neat and clean)**

He is man of spick and span habits: everybody likes him.

**150. To stick to one's colours (to be faithful)**

He is a man of principle: he sticks to his colours.

**151. Safe and sound (unharmed)**

Fortunately the children were safe and sound in the accident.

**152. A snake in the grass ( a deceitful person)**

Beware of you new friend: he seems to be a snake in the grass.

**153. Scot free (unpunished)**

Others were punished while he got scot free.

**154. To show the white feather (to show cowardice)**

He showed the white feather and fled from the battle field.

**155. To stick to one's guns (to adhere to one's cause)**

Despite many difficulties, he stuck to his guns.

**156. To turn over a new leaf (a change for better)**

After initial problems, he has succeeded in turning over a new leaf.

**157. Null and void (no longer in force)**

Some provisions of the constitution are now null and void.

**158. Pros and cons (points for and against)**

The pros and cons of the new health policy were discussed in the meeting.

**159. Ups and downs (success and failure)**

We have seen many ups and downs in life.

**160. Tooth and nail (with full energy)**

We should fight tooth and nail for our rights.

**161. To give vent to (to express)**

She could not give vent to her feelings in my presence.

**162. Up in arms (enraged)**

The people are up in arms against the new taxes.

**163. In deep waters (in difficulties)**

After the disclosure of the scandal, his political career is in deep waters.

**164. Wreck and ruin (complete ruin)**

The old building was in wreck and ruin.

**165. Under the thumb of (under the influence of)**

Common political workers are always under the thumb of their leadership.

**166. with one voice (unanimously)**

The resolution was adopted with one voice.

**167. In the wake of (as a result of)**

In the wake of floods, there were many epidemics.

**168. With open arms (warmly)**

The chief guest was received with open arms.

**(SECTION - III)****IDIOMS**

- 1. A man of straw (a weak person):** The assistant being *a man of straw*, his advice was often discarded by his colleagues.
- 2. A damp squib (complete failure):** The visit of our Foreign Minister to USA proved *a damp squib* on terrorist issue.

3. A green horn (inexperienced): Though a *green horn* in politics, he appears to win the election this time.
4. ABC (very common knowledge): He doesn't know *ABC* of Physics.
5. All in all (whole-sole, most important): The Forest Minister is *all in all* of our department.
6. Alpha and omega (First and last letter of Greek alphabet, means beginning and end): The *alpha and omega* of British policy was to keep the Indians divided.
7. An eye wash (a pretence): He does nothing without self interest, all his excuses are but *an eye wash*.
8. Bank on (depend on, count on): You can *bank on me in odd times*.
9. Between the cup and the lips (On the point of achievement): Until I got the appointment letter in hand, I was not sure of the posting as there were many slips *between the cup and the lips*.
10. Black and white (in writing): It is always better to get everything in *black and white*.
11. Body and soul (entirely): She devoted her *body and soul* to win the medal.
12. By leaps and bound (speedily): The Pakistanis progressing by *leaps and bounds*.
13. Call a spade a spade (straight talks): He believes in *calling a spade a spade*. 
14. Cats and dogs (heavy rain): It has been raining *cats and dogs* for the last three hours.
15. Far and wide (everywhere) : Many tourists come to see the Badshahi Mosque from *far and wide*.
16. Few and far between (very rare): His visits to his parents are *few and far between* because of his busy schedule.
17. Fire and fury (extreme enthusiasm): The speech of the leader was full of *fire and fury*.

18. First and foremost (highest priority) : To be sincere and devoted is the *first and foremost* requirement of a good employee.
19. Flesh and blood (human nature): I am only *flesh and blood* as anybody else.
20. 37. Hard and fast (certain): There are no *hard and fast* rules to sanction the loan in the banks.
21. 39. Heart and soul (with full devotion): He is working *heart and soul* to pass the examination.
22. Helter skelter (here and there): On arrival of the police, the strikers ran *helter skelter*.
23. Herculean task (a tedious job): To be selected in army is a *herculean task* for everybody.
24. Hit below the belt (contrary to principles of fairness): By making his private secretes public, she *hit him below the belt*.
25. Ins and outs (full detail): Before starting any new business, you must know all *ins and outs* of it.
26. Intents and purposes (practically): My wife is the incharge of the house for all *intents and purposes*.
27. Ivory tower (imaginary world): Those who talk of non-violence as a useful tool in tackling the militants live in *ivory tower*.
28. Kith and kin (blood relatives): All *kith and kin* were invited to the marriage of his son.
29. 51. Length and breadth (all over): Anti government agitation spread through the *length and breadth* of the country.
30. Life and soul (main support): Chairman of the party is the *life and soul* of the party.)
31. Loaves and fish (material interests): Now-a-days Government servants are concerned with the *loaves and fish* of the office than to solve the problems of common public.

32. **Might and main** (with all enthusiasm): If you study with *might and main*, you will positively secure the success.
33. **Need of the hour** (necessity of time): Providing full security for the residents of border area is the *need of the hour*.
34. **Nook and corner** (everywhere): I searched her in every *nook and corner*.
35. **Now and then** (occasionally): They visit market *now and then*.
36. **Null and void** (of no use, without force of application): The law passed by legislature was declared *null and void* by the Supreme Court.
37. **Odds and ends** (scattered things): The thief took away all the *odds and ends* lying in his bed room.
38. **One's Achilles' heel** (a weak point): His involvement in the agitation against his boos has been his *Achilles' heel*.
39. **Open and above board** (very clear, transparent): He believes in *open and above board discussion* on every point before arriving at a conclusion.
40. **Order of the day** (in fashion):  
Sending greetings on all occasions has become an *order of the day*.
41. **Over and above** (besides): I paid him rupees ten thousand *over and above* what he demanded.
42. **Pick and choose** (to choose selectively as per wish): The management adopted *pick and choose* policy in the promotions.
43. **Pins and needles** (small items): It is unwise to use swords and scissors where *pins and needles* can do.
44. **Pros and Cons** (merits and demerits): Before signing this agreement, you must understand *all pros and cons* well.
45. **Queer fish** (strange person): He is such a *queer fish* that we can't expect anything positive from him.
46. **Rank and file** (everyone without discrimination): For the actual prosperity of the nation, the economic conditions of *rank and file* should be improved.

47. **Safe and sound** (quite well): She reached her destination *safe and sound*.
48. **Speck and span**  
(neat and smart): She was always *speck and span* in her dressing style.
49. To add fuel to the flame or fire (to make matter worse or aggravated): The arrest of the leader of the movement only *added fuel to the flame*.
50. Thick and thin (in all circumstances): I shall support you through *thick and thin*.
51. Through fire and water (in all sort of difficulties): He can go *through fire and water* to achieve his goal.
52. Time and tide (course of time): *Time and tide* waits for none.
53. To and fro(going and coining, backward and forward): He was walking to and fro in state tension.
54. Toil and moil (hard labour): It requires too much of *toil and moil* to secure success in this profession.
55. 92.Ups and downs (prosperity and adversity): There are *ups and downs* in every business.
56. Uphill task (difficult task): Passing CSS examination is an *uphill task*.
57. Warp and woof (essential parts of a thing): Blood and bones are *warp and woof* of human body.
58. Weal and woe (prosperity and adversity): I will abide by you in all *weal and woe*.
59. Whips and spur (with greatest hurry): He completed the project *whips and spur*.
60. Willy Nilly(wish or not wish): *Willy nilly* you are to obey the orders of your parents.
61. To break the news (to give bad news): He *broke the news* of her husband's death very cautiously in order to lessen the shock.

62. To burn the midnight oil (to work upto late hours): I have *to burn the midnight oil* for several days in order to complete the work in time.
63. To be lost in clouds (a person with confused or unclear thoughts): Philosophers are *often lost in clouds*.
64. To be under one's thumb (to be under control): She is no more *under the thumb* of her mother in law.
65. To be at the helm of (enjoying the best position): Until his father was a minister, he was *at the helm* of affairs.
66. To be on the tenter hooks (to be in a state of distress): When police caught him with stolen money, he was *on the tenterhooks*.
67. To be at loggerheads (to quarrel): The two brothers are now *at loggerheads*.
68. To bell the cat (doing anything at a great personal risk): All can boast of their boldness but none can *bell the cat*.
69. To break the ice (make a beginning): He broke the ice and a long discussion started.
70. To burn candle at both ends (to spend lavishly): He will soon be a pauper as he is *burning the candle at both ends*.
71. To beat about the bush (to talk in an ambiguous manner): Don't *beat about the bush*, come to the point.
72. To build castles in the air (to make visionary schemes): He is in the habit of *building castles in the air* and so does not succeed in life.
73. To bring to book (to call to account): The corrupt officer was *brought to book*.
74. To be nipped in the bud (to destroy in the very beginning): All kind of evils must be *nipped in the bud*.
75. To buy a pig in a poke (to purchase a thing without knowing its actual worth): Please tell me full details of the company; I don't want to purchase its shares otherwise I can't *buy a pig in a poke*.
76. To cheek by jowl (very near to each other): As the space was short, he kept all the articles *cheek by jowl*.

77. To cast a slur upon (to disrepute): He assured not to do anything which might *cast a slur upon* the reputation of the family.
78. To clip one's wings (to deprive one of power): The Prime Minister has *clipped the wings* of his minister to save his own reputation.
79. To carry the day (to win a victory): After initial setback Pakistan *carried the day* in the hockey match against India.
80. To come to a standstill (to come to a stop): As the *car came to stand still* for want of petrol, the thief ran away on foot.
81. To cry for the moon (to aspire for an impossible thing): Your wish to become president of the country is like a *cry for the moon*.
82. To curry favour (to win favour by gifts or flattery): By giving gifts and visiting again and again, you are trying to curry the favour of your boss.
83. To end in smoke/fiasco (come to nothing): All his efforts to win her favour ended in smoke.
84. To flog a dead horse (to revive interest in old matters): The rivals always flog a dead horse to insult their enemies.
85. To fall flat (to have no effect): The Principal's speech *fell flat* on the students.
86. To give the devil his dues (to give the credit to a bad man for his good work): No doubt he is a haughty man, but *to give the devil his dues* he is dedicated and hard working.
87. To grease the palm (to bribe): You cannot get this contract unless you *grease the palm* of the officials.
88. To have an iron will (strong will): A person *with iron will* can achieve anything.
89. To have no backbone (to have no strength and support): The movement against rigging in elections, had *no backbone* and collapsed soon.

90. To harp on the same string (to repeat the same arguments): Every new speaker had nothing new to say, everyone *harped on the same string*.
91. To keep abreast of (not to fall behind): It is very important for young persons *to keep abreast of all current events*.
92. To keep one's fingers crossed (to wait expectantly): We should *keep our fingers crossed till* the last ball is bowled.
93. To kick the bucket (to die): She had *kicked the bucket* after suffering from cancer for several years.
94. To keep someone at arm's length (to keep someone at a distance and not allow to get close): She is not a good girl and must be *kept at arm's length*.
95. To keep body and soul together (to maintain life): Because of the inflation, it has become difficult *to keep body and soul together*.
96. To keep the wolf from the door (to avoid starvation): In our country, the poor have to struggle hard *to keep the wolf from the door*.
97. To move heaven and earth (to make all possible efforts): We will have to *move heaven and earth* to find the solution to Kashmir problem.
98. To make both ends meet (to live within one's earning): Sudden increase in prices has made it difficult for the employees to *make both ends meet*.
99. To make hay while the sun shines (to seize the opportunity at the right time): It is a golden chance for you; make hay while the sun shines.
100. To play ducks and drakes (to waste money): He is playing *ducks and drakes* with his parental money.
101. To play the gallery (to gain popularity): Every political leader tries *to play to the gallery*.
102. To play truant (to be absent without permission): It is a very bad habit *to play truant* from class.

103. To put all eggs in one basket (to risk all money in one enterprise): It is an unwise policy *to put all eggs in one basket.*
104. To pour oil on troubled water (to rectify the matter): Both of them were fighting for the property but the decision of their mother *poured oil on troubled water.*
105. To put the cart before the horse (being at the wrong side): He made a contract with the publisher, without getting the book ready. *He put the cart before the horse* as such.
106. To rub one the wrong way (annoy): If you *rub him the wrong way*, he will oppose the proposal.
107. To sail under false colours (hypocrite): We should not believe the politicians because they always *sail under false colours.*
- 108: To show the white feather (to act as a cowardice): He will *show the white feather* when the real time of action comes.
109. To take up the cudgels (to defend someone): I *took up the cudgels* on behalf of my brother and proved him innocent.
110. To win laurels (to win distinction): Professor Ali Akbar won laurels in the world of English literature.)