

SSC GD Constable Exam: Idioms and Phrases Practice Set

Instructions:

Each question carries 2 marks. Total: 100 Questions = 200 Marks.

Negative Marking: -0.25 per wrong answer

In each of the following questions replace the highlighted part _****_ with the correct options

1. She decided to _bite the bullet_ and face the challenge.
A) Avoid the situation
B) Act bravely
C) Complain loudly
D) Give up easily
2. He's always _on cloud nine_ after getting good grades.
A) Extremely happy
B) Very upset
C) Confused
D) Tired
3. They _let the cat out of the bag_ about the surprise party.
A) Kept it a secret
B) Revealed the secret
C) Planned carefully
D) Ignored the plan
4. She's _under the weather_ today and can't come to work.
A) Feeling great
B) Slightly unwell
C) Very energetic
D) Completely lost
5. He _burned the midnight oil_ to finish the project.
A) Wasted time

- B) Ignored work
- C) Slept early
- D) Worked late

6. The team _hit the nail on the head_ with their solution.

- A) Made a mistake
- B) Found the perfect answer
- C) Delayed the decision
- D) Ignored the problem

7. She _threw in the towel_ after several failed attempts.

- A) Gave up
- B) Kept trying
- C) Succeeded
- D) Asked for help

8. He's _barking up the wrong tree_ if he thinks I'll agree.

- A) Making the right choice
- B) Mistaken in approach
- C) Being persuasive
- D) Acting wisely

9. They _turned a blind eye_ to the issue.

- A) Addressed it quickly
- B) Ignored it deliberately
- C) Solved it immediately
- D) Discussed it openly

10. She _spilled the beans_ about the new plan.

- A) Kept it confidential
- B) Forgot it completely
- C) Planned it carefully
- D) Revealed it accidentally

11. He's _in hot water_ for missing the deadline.

- A) Praised
- B) In trouble
- C) Relaxed
- D) Rewarded

12. The idea _went over like a lead balloon_.

- A) Was very successful
- B) Was a complete failure
- C) Was well-received
- D) Was delayed

13. She _kept her fingers crossed_ for the exam results.

- A) Worked hard
- B) Wished for luck
- C) Gave up hope
- D) Ignored the outcome

14. He _cut corners_ to finish the task quickly.

- A) Took shortcuts
- B) Worked thoroughly
- C) Planned carefully
- D) Delayed the work

15. They _beat around the bush_ during the meeting.

- A) Spoke directly
- B) Agreed quickly
- C) Solved the issue
- D) Avoided the main topic

16. She's _a chip off the old block_.

- A) Very different from her parents
- B) Very similar to her parents
- C) Uninterested in family
- D) Always arguing

17. He _took it with a grain of salt_ when she praised him.

- A) Believed it fully
- B) Doubted its sincerity
- C) Ignored it completely
- D) Felt offended

18. They _jumped on the bandwagon_ for the new trend.

- A) Ignored it
- B) Joined it enthusiastically
- C) Opposed it strongly
- D) Delayed joining

19. She _put her foot in her mouth_ during the speech.

- A) Spoke eloquently
- B) Said something embarrassing
- C) Stayed silent
- D) Impressed everyone

20. He _kept his nose to the grindstone_ all week.

- A) Avoided work
- B) Complained constantly
- C) Took breaks often
- D) Worked diligently

21. They _hit the ground running_ on the new project.

- A) Started quickly
- B) Started slowly
- C) Gave up early
- D) Ignored the task

22. She _let her hair down_ at the party.

- A) Acted formally
- B) Relaxed and enjoyed
- C) Left early
- D) Stayed serious

23. He's _in the same boat_ as his colleagues.

- A) In a different situation
- B) In a similar situation
- C) Leading the group
- D) Avoiding responsibility

24. They _pulled out all the stops_ for the event.

- A) Made minimal effort
- B) Made maximum effort
- C) Canceled the event
- D) Ignored the planning

25. She _got cold feet_ before the performance.

- A) Felt confident
- B) Performed perfectly
- C) Prepared well
- D) Became nervous

26. He _kicked the bucket_ last year.

- A) Started a new job
- B) Died
- C) Traveled abroad
- D) Won a prize

27. They _saw eye to eye_ on the decision.

- A) Disagreed completely
- B) Agreed completely
- C) Ignored the issue
- D) Delayed the decision

28. She _broke the ice_ at the meeting.

- A) Eased the atmosphere
- B) Created tension
- C) Ended the discussion

D) Ignored everyone

29. He _burned bridges_ with his old friends.

- A) Strengthened ties
- B) Ruined relationships
- C) Made new friends
- D) Ignored conflicts

30. They _kept their cool_ during the crisis.

- A) Panicked
- B) Ignored the situation
- C) Acted recklessly
- D) Stayed calm

31. She _threw caution to the wind_ and took the risk.

- A) Acted cautiously
- B) Acted recklessly
- C) Avoided the risk
- D) Planned carefully

32. He's _a fish out of water_ in the new city.

- A) Very comfortable
- B) Well-adjusted
- C) Very uncomfortable
- D) Highly confident

33. They _went the extra mile_ for the project.

- A) Did the minimum
- B) Made extra effort
- C) Gave up early
- D) Ignored deadlines

34. She _bit off more than she could chew_.

- A) Took on easy tasks
- B) Took on too much

- C) Completed everything
- D) Avoided work

35. He _turned a deaf ear_ to the advice.

- A) Listened carefully
- B) Discussed openly
- C) Followed immediately
- D) Ignored deliberately

36. They _kept the ball rolling_ on the campaign.

- A) Stopped the progress
- B) Continued the momentum
- C) Ignored the effort
- D) Delayed the start

37. She _hit rock bottom_ after the failure.

- A) Reached the lowest point
- B) Reached the peak
- C) Stayed stable
- D) Recovered quickly

38. He _took the bull by the horns_ and faced the problem.

- A) Avoided the issue
- B) Ignored it completely
- C) Tackled it directly
- D) Delayed the solution

39. They _let sleeping dogs lie_ to avoid trouble.

- A) Stirred up problems
- B) Avoided conflict
- C) Created issues
- D) Solved disputes

40. She _had a whale of a time_ at the party.

- A) Felt bored

- B) Was upset
- C) Left early
- D) Enjoyed greatly

41. He _threw his weight around_ at work.

- A) Acted humbly
- B) Acted bossily
- C) Worked quietly
- D) Avoided responsibility

42. They _cut to the chase_ during the discussion.

- A) Got to the point quickly
- B) Avoided the main point
- C) Delayed the talk
- D) Ignored the topic

43. She _had her head in the clouds_ during the meeting.

- A) Was focused
- B) Was daydreaming
- C) Was prepared
- D) Was serious

44. He _gave the cold shoulder_ to his colleague.

- A) Was friendly
- B) Ignored deliberately
- C) Helped willingly
- D) Worked closely

45. They _pulled their socks up_ after the warning.

- A) Ignored the advice
- B) Delayed action
- C) Gave up completely
- D) Improved their efforts

46. She _passed with flying colors_ in the exam.

- A) Failed miserably
- B) Succeeded brilliantly
- C) Barely passed
- D) Cheated

47. He _kept his cards close to his chest_.

- A) Shared openly
- B) Kept secrets
- C) Acted recklessly
- D) Ignored others

48. They _jumped the gun_ on the announcement.

- A) Acted too early
- B) Waited patiently
- C) Planned carefully
- D) Ignored the news

49. She _played it by ear_ during the event.

- A) Acted spontaneously
- B) Planned thoroughly
- C) Ignored instructions
- D) Followed a script

50. He _had a chip on his shoulder_ about the promotion.

- A) Was grateful
- B) Was excited
- C) Was indifferent
- D) Was resentful

51. They _brought home the bacon_ with their project.

- A) Failed completely
- B) Achieved success
- C) Wasted resources
- D) Delayed progress

52. She _let the grass grow under her feet_.

- A) Acted quickly
- B) Wasted time
- C) Worked hard
- D) Planned carefully

53. He _put all his eggs in one basket_.

- A) Diversified his efforts
- B) Risked everything on one plan
- C) Ignored the opportunity
- D) Shared his resources

54. They _were on the same page_ during the meeting.

- A) Disagreed completely
- B) Agreed completely
- C) Ignored each other
- D) Delayed decisions

55. She _gave him a piece of her mind_.

- A) Praised him
- B) Ignored him
- C) Scolded him
- D) Helped him

56. He _swept it under the rug_.

- A) Hid the problem
- B) Addressed it openly
- C) Solved it quickly
- D) Discussed it widely

57. They _rose to the occasion_ during the crisis.

- A) Failed to act
- B) Performed well
- C) Ignored the situation
- D) Delayed response

58. She _had a skeleton in the closet_.

- A) Was completely open
- B) Had a hidden secret
- C) Was very honest
- D) Was well-known

59. He _bit the hand that fed him_.

- A) Showed gratitude
- B) Betrayed a supporter
- C) Helped a friend
- D) Ignored assistance

60. They _kept their powder dry_ for the debate.

- A) Acted impulsively
- B) Gave up early
- C) Stayed prepared
- D) Ignored the event

61. She _got the short end of the stick_.

- A) Received the best deal
- B) Was treated unfairly
- C) Was rewarded
- D) Was satisfied

62. He _threw a spanner in the works_.

- A) Helped the project
- B) Disrupted the plan
- C) Completed the task
- D) Ignored the issue

63. They _caught him red-handed_ stealing.

- A) Caught him in the act
- B) Missed the evidence
- C) Let him escape

D) Ignored the crime

64. She _had her hands full_ with work.

- A) Was idle
- B) Was very busy
- C) Was relaxed
- D) Was careless

65. He _let off steam_ after the argument.

- A) Stayed calm
- B) Ignored the issue
- C) Released anger
- D) Apologized quickly

66. They _bent over backwards_ to help her.

- A) Ignored her needs
- B) Made great efforts
- C) Refused to help
- D) Delayed assistance

67. She _hit the jackpot_ with her new business.

- A) Failed completely
- B) Ignored opportunities
- C) Lost money
- D) Achieved great success

68. He _kept an ace up his sleeve_.

- A) Had no plan
- B) Acted openly
- C) Shared everything
- D) Had a hidden advantage

69. They _went down the drain_ after the failure.

- A) Recovered quickly
- B) Were wasted

- C) Succeeded greatly
- D) Were ignored

70. She _had a heart of gold_.

- A) Was unkind
- B) Was selfish
- C) Was very kind
- D) Was careless

71. He _spilled his guts_ to his friend.

- A) Kept silent
- B) Shared everything
- C) Lied deliberately
- D) Ignored the conversation

72. They _pulled the plug_ on the project.

- A) Continued it
- B) Canceled it
- C) Supported it
- D) Ignored it

73. She _had her work cut out_ for her.

- A) Had a difficult task
- B) Had an easy task
- C) Ignored her work
- D) Completed it easily

74. He _gave the benefit of the doubt_ to his colleague.

- A) Trusted provisionally
- B) Distrusted completely
- C) Ignored completely
- D) Criticized harshly

75. They _threw in the sponge_ after the defeat.

- A) Kept fighting

- B) Won easily
- C) Gave up
- D) Ignored the loss

76. She _was over the moon_ about her promotion.

- A) Very upset
- B) Extremely happy
- C) Indifferent
- D) Confused

77. He _put his foot down_ on the issue.

- A) Insisted firmly
- B) Acted leniently
- C) Ignored completely
- D) Agreed easily

78. They _left no stone unturned_ to find the truth.

- A) Gave up early
- B) Tried everything
- C) Ignored clues
- D) Delayed efforts

79. She _had a bone to pick_ with her friend.

- A) Wanted to praise
- B) Wanted to complain
- C) Wanted to help
- D) Wanted to ignore

80. He _was in the dark_ about the plan.

- A) Fully informed
- B) Partially aware
- C) Completely unaware
- D) Leading the plan

81. They _broke new ground_ with their research.

- A) Repeated old ideas
- B) Made new discoveries
- C) Ignored progress
- D) Delayed work

82. She _took it on the chin_ after the criticism.

- A) Argued back
- B) Accepted it bravely
- C) Ignored it
- D) Felt offended

83. He _was on thin ice_ with his boss.

- A) In a safe position
- B) In a risky position
- C) Highly trusted
- D) Well-respected

84. They _gave their all_ in the competition.

- A) Gave maximum effort
- B) Made minimal effort
- C) Withdrew early
- D) Ignored the event

85. She _had butterflies in her stomach_ before the speech.

- A) Felt confident
- B) Felt relaxed
- C) Felt nervous
- D) Felt prepared

86. He _turned the tables_ on his opponent.

- A) Lost the advantage
- B) Gained the advantage
- C) Ignored the challenge
- D) Drew the match

87. They _kept their eyes peeled_ for danger.

- A) Stayed alert
- B) Ignored threats
- C) Relaxed completely
- D) Avoided looking

88. She _cut her own throat_ by lying.

- A) Helped herself
- B) Ignored consequences
- C) Gained trust
- D) Harmed herself

89. He _was at the end of his tether_.

- A) Very calm
- B) Extremely frustrated
- C) Highly confident
- D) Well-rested

90. They _took the wind out of her sails_.

- A) Encouraged her
- B) Ignored her
- C) Discouraged her
- D) Helped her

91. She _had a lot on her plate_.

- A) Had many responsibilities
- B) Had little to do
- C) Was carefree
- D) Ignored her duties

92. He _gave a wide berth_ to the argument.

- A) Engaged in it
- B) Avoided it
- C) Started it
- D) Resolved it

93. They _were in high spirits_ after the win.

- A) Very upset
- B) Very cheerful
- C) Indifferent
- D) Tired

94. She _threw a wrench in the works_.

- A) Helped the plan
- B) Disrupted the plan
- C) Ignored the issue
- D) Completed the task

95. He _had his back to the wall_.

- A) Was in a strong position
- B) Was relaxed
- C) Was in a desperate situation
- D) Was confident

96. They _put their heads together_ to solve the issue.

- A) Ignored it
- B) Collaborated
- C) Argued
- D) Delayed

97. She _was on top of the world_ after her success.

- A) Very sad
- B) Extremely happy
- C) Confused
- D) Indifferent

98. He _called it a day_ after hours of work.

- A) Stopped working
- B) Continued working
- C) Ignored the task

D) Started anew

99. They _bit the dust_ in the competition.

- A) Won easily
- B) Failed completely
- C) Tied the score
- D) Ignored the event

100. She _kept her chin up_ despite the setback.

- A) Gave up hope
- B) Ignored the problem
- C) Stayed positive
- D) Felt defeated

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87. A - "kept their eyes peeled" means stayed alert.
88. D - "cut her own throat" means harmed herself.
89. B - "was at the end of his tether" means extremely frustrated.
90. C - "took the wind out of her sails" means discouraged her.
91. A - "had a lot on her plate" means had many responsibilities.
92. B - "gave a wide berth" means avoided it.
93. B - "were in high spirits" means very cheerful.
94. B - "threw a wrench in the works" means disrupted the plan.
95. C - "had his back to the wall" means was in a desperate situation.
96. B - "put their heads together" means collaborated.
97. B - "was on top of the world" means extremely happy.
98. A - "called it a day" means stopped working.
99. B - "bit the dust" means failed completely.
100. C - "kept her chin up" means stayed positive.

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