CRT

ENGLISH

IDIOMS

90 QUESTIONS

Choose the most suitable option.

1. In spite of all brag he had to eat humble pie
   1. to apologize humbly 2) to satisfy hunger 3) to go starved

4) to request with humility 5) None of these

1. Take care what you say! you will have to eat your words
   1. to explain 2) to retract 3) to reflect 4) to recollect 5) None of these
2. He is not worth his salt if he fails at this juncture.
   1. worthy 2) worried 3) worthless 4) incorrigible 5) None of these
3. The cost of living has increased so much that he finds it difficult *to make both ends meet*
   1. to play double role 2) to live within income 3) to be lavish

4) to be self - possessed 5) None of these

1. How can you trust a man who plays fast and loose ?
   1. to be dishonest 2) to be arrogant 3) to be lazy 4) to be rigorous 5) None of these
2. I took him to task for reading "penny dreadful ".,
   1. praised 2) convinced 3) persuaded 4) rebuked 5) None of these
3. He turned a deaf ear to my advice.
   1. agreed 2) disregarded 3) heeded 4) listened to 5) None of these
4. He is determined to achieve his objecl by hook or by crook
   1. fair means 2) foul means 3) any means 4) wrongful means 5) None of these
5. To all intents and purposes the Prime Minister of Nepal was the ruler of the country.
   1. virtually 2) illegally 3) intentionally 4) incidentally 5) None of these
6. This is more than flesh and blood can endure.

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| 1) cruel nature | 2) human nature | 3) desiccated nature |
| 4) humane nature |  | 5) None of these |
| I must take exception to your remark. | | |
| 1) object to | 2) find fault with | 3) approve of |
| 4) seek explanation |  | 5) None of these |
| From his attitude it is clear that he wants to pay off old scores. | | |
| 1) to be free from debts | 2) to have revenge | 3) to exploit |
| 4) to lend |  | 5) None of these |

1. 11.
2. 12.
3. He has been working on and off several years to compile a dictionary.
   1. irregularly 2) at intervals 3) occasionally 4) rarely 5) None of these
4. He visits me off and on
   1. irregularly 2) at intervals 3) occasionally 4) rarely 5) None of these
5. It was he who put a spoke in my wheel
   1. encouraged 2) hindered 3) soothed 4) assisted 5) None of these
6. I have it at my finger's ends
   1. to know little of it 2) to known it thoroughly 3) not to be aware of it

4) not to know it thoroughly 5) None of these

1. It is a matter of gratification to me that he has turned over a new leaf
   1. changed for the better 2) Changed for the worse 3) declined the offer

4) accepted the offer 5) None of these

1. I have made up my mind to retire from business.
   1. revolved 2) resolved 3) retarded 4) retorted 5) None of these
2. There's no love lost between them
   1. They dote on each other 2) They love each other 3) They appreciate each other

4) They detest each other 5) None of these

1. She stood by him through thick and thin
   1. Under all conditions 2) In prosperity 3) In adversity

4) In all endeavors 5) None of these

1. He is hand and glove with my cousin.
   1. very intimate 2) not in good terms 3) in secret agreement

4) very Hostile 5) None of these

1. The inquiry has brought to light some startling facts.
   1. concealed 2) discovered 3) disclosed 4) displayed 5) None of these
2. He burnt his fingers by interfering in his neighbour's affairs.
   1. got himself into trouble 2) aggravated the condition 3) solved all troubles

4) lost his friendship with his neighbour 5) None of these

1. He strained every nerve to get his friend elected.
   1. exerted himself 2) made no efforts 3) resorted to unfair means

4) opposed boldly 5) None of these

1. When I saw him last he was beside himself with grief.
   1. alone 2) lonely 3) out of his mind 4) sane 5) None of these
2. When I entered the house everything was at sixes and sevens.
   1. apple pie order 2) utter disorder 3) spic and span 4) neat and tidy 5) None of these
3. Retrenchement is the order of the day in every public and private office.
   1. need of the hour 2) the rule 3) prevailing situation 4) the criterion 5) None of these
4. Poor fellow ! he is hoping against hope.
   1. vehemently hopeful 2) hoping even when it is hopeless 3) completely pessimistic

4) keeping his fingers crossed 5) None of these

1. I am told he has got into hot water
   1. into trouble 2) in debts 3) into a strange agreement

4) into safety 5) None of these

1. You have hit the nail on the head
   1. did the wrong thing 2) fixed indelibly in mind 3) made an ambush

4) did exactly the right thing 5) None of these

1. I suspect he has an axe to grind
   1. to be a farmer 2) have private ends to serve 3) to conceal the truth

4) to make a futile effort 5) None of these

1. He is not a great lawyer but he has the gift of the gab
   1. a talent for speaking 2) a talent for arguing 3) an evil intention

4) a witty manner 5) None of these

1. He is not in the good books of his master.
   1. a hit list 2) friendly 3) hostile 4) in favour with 5) None of these
2. The thief took to his heels on seeing a policeman.
   1. got frightened 2) shivered 3) ran off 4) hid 5) None of these
3. Our school is within a stone's throw of the railway station.
   1. beside 2) far away 3) at a short distance 4) opposite 5) None of these
4. A few days before his death, he made a clean breast of everything connected with that affair.
   1. confessed 2) concealed 3) revealed 4) forgot 5) None of these
5. That is where the shoe pinches
   1. every body walks 2) nobody walks 3) the trouble lies 4) one loses temper 5) None of these
6. It was his constant prayer that he might die in harness
   1. to die at a tender age 2) to continue to the last in profession

3) to make a huge profit 4) to live honestiy till death 5) None of these

1. He has too many irons in the fire
   1. He is engaged in too many enterprises at the same time
   2. He is a blacksmith 3) He is in deep troubles

4) He is engaged in illegal activities 5) None of these

1. The sikh soldiers were true to their salt
   1. disloyal to the employers 2) faithful to the employers

3) indifferent to the employers 4) apathetic to the employers 5) None of these

1. Do not give ear to a table - bearer.
   1. follow 2) listen to 3) believe 4) be deaf 5) None of these
2. The letter is meant to be read between the lines
   1. to read rapidly 2) to read peripherally 3) to look for the inner meaning

4) to read slowly and loudly 5) None of these

1. Let us have your terms in black and white
   1. in writing 2) oral 3) scrutinized 4) printed 5) None of these
2. His eldest son, a spendthrift, is a thorn in his side
   1. source of annoyance 2) source of income 3) a great help

4) source of inspiration 5) None of these

1. I smell a rat
   1. believe something to the be truth 2) get rid of suspicion 3) confess guilt

4) suspect a foul play 5) None of these

1. I nipped his scheme in the bud
   1. nurtured It 2) curbed it 3) revealed it 4) planned it 5) None of these
2. What you propose is out of the question
   1. highly possible 2) unexpected 3) impossible 4) unfair 5) None of these
3. This is the time to take stock of the whole situation.
   1. apprise 2) appraise 3) conclude 4) elucidate 5) None of these
4. The election campaign is just now in full swing
   1. very slow 2) very active 3) last phase 4) violent 5) None of these
5. He is not wise enough to keep his own counsel
   1. to be reluctant 2) to be reliable 3) to be respectful 4) to be reticent 5) None of these
6. That young fellow was born with a silver spoon in his mouth
   1. born in wealth 2) born in poverty 3) born in bondage 4) born dumb 5) None of these
7. I took him to task for his carelossness.
   1. cautioned 2) reproved 3) approved 4) redeemed 5) None of these
8. I have a bone to pick with you
   1. a gift 2) complaint 3) cause of quarrel 4) shocking news 5) None of these
9. All his schemes ended in smoke
   1. Came to nothing 2) came to be successful 3) started to work

4) came to an end 5) None of these

1. The police left no stone unturned to trace the culprits.
   1. made no effort 2) hid themselves behind large stones 3) resorted to firing

4) used all available means 5) None of these

1. There was a storm in the tea cup.
   1. great excitement 2) apprehension 3) excitement over trifles

4) a lot of trouble 5) None of these

1. I gave him a piece of my mind
   1. advised him 2) assisted him 3) supported him 4) scolded him 5) None of these
2. He was as good as his word
   1. he kept his promise 2) he didn’t promisse 3) he withdrew his promise

4) he made a good promise 5) None of these

1. You will have to make good the loss
   1. estimate 2) compensate 3) repair 4) behave well 5) None of these
2. He seems iII at ease
   1. comfortable 2) anxious 3) healthy 4) astute 5) None of these
3. I can't make head or tail of it.
   1. explain 2) expand 3) comprehend 4) appreciate 5) None of these
4. He knows the ins and outs of that affair.
   1. consequences 2) causes 3) details 4) parties 5) None of these
5. You are begging the question.
   1. asking the question 2) assuming the truth unjustifiably

3) depending on others 4) assuring held 5) None of these

1. At last I broke the ice.
   1. started quarrelling 2) ended the hostility 3) started the conversation

4) ended the discusson 5) None of these

1. Mr.Reddy is an out and out reformer.
   1. obstinate 2) steadfast 3) absolute 4) mere 5) None of these
2. I felt like a fish out of water in their company.
   1. enthusiastic 2) out of place 3) intimate 4) apprehensive 5) None of these
3. A good student works steadily, not by fits and starts
   1. regularly 2) capriciously 3) curiously 4) studiously 5) None of these
4. I am afraid he is burning the candles at both ends
   1. overtaxing 2) oversleeping 3) starving 4) relaxing 5) None of these
5. Let us now bury the hatchet and work for the advancement of the country.
   1. to begin quarrelling 2) to praise excessively

3) to cease fighting 4) to cover up the deficiency 5) None of these

1. As usual he is blowing his own trumpet
   1. making much ado about nothing 2) playing music 3) praising himself

4) making a lot of noise 5) None of these

1. Old sets of the Encyclopedia Britannica are a drug in the market
   1. unsalable from lack of demand 2) a widely sold commodity

3) the most useful commodity 4) least used commodity 5) None of these

1. Throughout his speech the boys were all ears
   1. deeply attentive 2) care less 3) heedless 4) fell asleep 5) None of these
2. That territory is a bone of contention between the two countries.
   1. demarcation 2) border 3) subject of dispute

4) a common area for trade 5) None of these

1. He took away my breath when he coolly proposed that I should buy votes.
   1. chocked me 2) surprised me 3) demanded me 4) persuaded me 5) None of these
2. The witness cut a poor figure in his cross - examination.
   1. spoke firmly 2) fumbled down 3) kept silent 4) refused to answer 5) None of these
3. The act is a dead letter
   1. illegal 2) powerful 3) not in force 4) detrimental 5) None of these
4. He sometimes tells lies, so people take his statements with a grain of salt
   1. faith 2) confidence 3) doubt 4) for granted 5) None of these
5. It's no use splitting hairs
   1. hair do 2) quibble over trifle 3) take up adventures 4) being a spendthrift 5) None of these
6. When the Arabs conquered Persia, some Persians , it is safe to say, embraced Islam for loaves and fishes
   1. spiritual aspects 2) food 3) salvation 4) material benefits 5) None of these
7. Not to mince matters some of these pundits are mere charlatans.

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| 1) to speak dishonestly | 2) to conclude | 3) to speak unreservedly |
| 4) to publish secretly | 5) None of these |  |
| His adversaries moved heaven and earth to get him dismissed. | | |
| 1) ardently prayed  4) succeeded | 2) made an ambush  5) None of these | 3) made every possible effort |
| Successive ministers have found the question of employment a hard nut to crack | | |
| 1) a pipe dream  4) a difficult problem to solve | 2) an impossible unreality  5) None of these | 3) existing reality |

1. .
2. I suspect that fellow has sent us on a wild - goose chase

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|  | 1) hunting 2) deputation | 3) a fruitless search | 4) a successful effort | 5) None of these |
|  | You have had it up your sleeve |  |  |  |
|  | 1) you have destroyed it | 2) you have revealed it | 3) you have concealed it |  |
|  | 4) you have explained it | 5) None of these |  |  |
| 1. When plague first broke out in Mumbai, Dr. X did yeoman service | | | | |
|  | 1) foolish attempt  4) exploited the situation | 2) excellent work  5) None of these | 3) escaped |  |
|  | My brother is under the weather |  |  |  |
|  | 1) ill 2) tired | 3) safe | 4) healthy | 5) None of these |

1. Beware of that wolf in sheep's clothing
   1. hypocrite 2) haberdasher 3) demagogue 4) draper 5) None of these
2. Mr. Naidu decided to take the bull by the horns and oiganize things for himself.

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| 1) to deal with a difficult problem bravely | 2) to abandon the task |  |
| 3) to take an alternative course of action | 4) to forget the unpleasant past | 5) None of these |
| 1. He received a bolt from the blue ? |  |  |
| 1) award 2) attack | 3) unexpected gift 4) blow | 5) None of these |
| 1. You can have your cake and eat it. |  |  |
| 1) you can get all the advantages | 2) you can get most advantages |  |
| 3) you can eat free | 4) you can have the profit | 5) None of these |