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1. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At daggers drawn

- (A) deceiving somebody (B) bitterly hostile
(C) friendly with each other (D) without hope

Ans. B

2. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To play ducks and drakes

- (A) to use recklessly (B) to change places
(C) to act cleverly (D) to be friendly

Ans. A

3. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

costs an arm and a leg

- (A) rarely available (B) easy to obtain (C) nothing to lose (D) very expensive

Ans. D

4. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

get out of hand

- (A) get upset (B) give up something
(C) get out of control (D) to complete a task

Ans. C

5. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

actions speak louder than words.

- (A) what you do is more important than what you say (B) take up a task that you cannot finish
(C) look for solutions in the wrong place (D) do something without planning

Ans. A

6. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

pull someone's leg

- (A) joke with someone (B) get upset with someone
(C) tell someone a secret (D) trust someone

Ans. A

7. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

give someone the cold shoulder

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(A) pamper someone (B) do something pointless (C) ignore someone (D) give away a secret
Ans. C

8. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom
pull yourself together

(A) go to sleep (B) try to understand (C) calm down (D) do a good job

Ans. C

9. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
Lead someone by the nose

(A) to quarrel with someone (B) to force someone to take the blame
(C) to do the right thing (D) to dominate someone

Ans. D

10. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
Couch potato

(A) a person who watches too much television (B) a person who remains relaxed and calm
(C) a person who is simple in nature (D) a person who sleeps all day

Ans. A

11. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
butterflies in the stomach

(A) being hungry (B) being nervous (C) being excited (D) being angry

Ans. B

12. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
out of the woods

(A) no longer in trouble (B) no longer in sight (C) no longer young (D) no longer famous

Ans. A

13. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.
lock, stock and barrel

(A) immediately (B) completely (C) partly (D) rarely

Ans. B

14. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

It was quite a shock for Raju to have to foot the bill for all his friends.

(A) prepare everything they wanted (B) kick away the paper bill
(C) pay for everything (D) pick up the bill from the floor

Ans. C

15. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On tenterhooks

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(A) unhappy (B) angry (C) happy (D) anxious

Ans. D

16. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Lend an ear

(A) to force someone to listen (B) to not make trouble
(C) to not tell someone something (D) to pay attention to

Ans. D

17. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The heavy losses in business came like a bolt from the blue.

(A) an ominous warning (B) an unexpected disaster (C) a thunderstorm (D) a windfall

Ans. B

18. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

He kicked up a row when he was denied entry to the amusement park.

(A) created a fuss (B) cried with sorrow (C) waited in a queue (D) kicked the guard

Ans. A

19. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The loyal watchman was cut to the quick when he was accused of theft.

(A) dismissed (B) imprisoned (C) severely punished (D) hurt intensely

Ans. D

20. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

It is unfortunate that most people in the country are still living from hand to mouth.

(A) saving for the future generations (B) earning wealth by selfish means
(C) consuming daily what little is earned (D) doing manual labour

Ans. C

21. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Coming from an affluent family, she found herself a square peg in a round hole when she married a poor farmer and moved to a small village.

(A) in a financial crisis (B) a misfit in the environment
(C) in a favourable situation (D) unhappy and regretful

Ans. B

22. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

When his envious competitor extended a hand of friendship, he smelt a rat.

(A) felt very pleased (B) became complaisant (C) behaved arrogantly (D) detected something wrong

Ans. D

23. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

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Extreme poverty made the poor woman wonder how long she could keep the wolf from the door.

- (A) live on charity (B) keep wild animals away (C) avoid starvation (D) be safe in her house

Ans. C

24. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The ambitious project to impart free books to all students ended in smoke.

- (A) yielded no result (B) was delayed (C) exceeded the budget (D) was successfully completed

Ans. A

25. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

True friends stay by our side through thick and thin.

- (A) in happy moments (B) in difficult times (C) in different weathers (D) under all circumstances

Ans. D

26. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The boss is going to blow his top when he discovers the blatant mistake in the balance sheet.

- (A) attack fiercely (B) dismiss from job (C) be very embarrassed (D) be very angry

Ans. D

27. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

A mountaineer has to walk the tight rope as a small slip can prove to be fatal.

- (A) be an expert (B) be very nervous (C) be very cautious (D) be well trained

Ans. C

28. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Due to increased number of lay offs in the industry, the sword of Damocles is always hanging over the employees.

- (A) strict rules and regulations (B) an ill omen of death (C) threat of physical harm
(D) a constant threat

Ans. D

29. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

One must learn to prioritize in life. It never pays to put the cart before the horse.

- (A) postpone till the last moment (B) perform many tasks simultaneously
(C) do things spontaneously (D) do last things first

Ans. D

30. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

His success at such a young age speaks volumes for his talent.

- (A) publically announces (B) boasts a lot (C) gives enough proof (D) showers praise

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Ans. C

31. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The man heaved a sigh of relief when he was sure he was out of the woods.

(A) out of danger (B) out of the forest (C) discharged from hospital (D) released from prison

Ans. A

32. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Many people join politics to feather their own nest.

(A) serve their country (B) utilize black money
(C) promote their own interest (D) make others' life comfortable

Ans. C

33. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Throughout his speech the crowd was all ears.

(A) making a lot of noise (B) covering their ears (C) very attentive (D) talking loudly

Ans. C

34. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Since he secured the first rank Sudhir has become swollen-headed.

(A) famous (B) unwell (C) conceited (D) well-connected

Ans. C

35. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Raju was playing with fire when he made speeches against the management.

(A) taking a grave risk (B) smoking a cigarette (C) provoking the crowd (D) lighting candles

Ans. A

36. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The authorities have turned a deaf ear to all our requests.

(A) acknowledged (B) accepted (C) presented (D) neglected

Ans. D

37. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The idea of making a children's park has been nipped in the bud by the local council.

(A) encouraged strongly (B) included somewhere else
(C) changed completely (D) dropped at an early stage

Ans. D

38. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

We now have an ex-Minister in the running from our constituency for the post of Member of Parliament.

(A) jogging everyday (B) giving speeches (C) contesting the seat (D) teaching yoga

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Ans. C

39. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The invigilator did not know that the two boys were exchanging notes under his nose.

- (A) rolled into small pellets (B) written in small letters
(C) wrapped in handkerchiefs (D) right in front of him.

Ans. D

40. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Let us have all the regulations in black and white.

- (A) painted in colour (B) printed in coloured ink (C) written on the black-board (D) in writing

Ans. D

41. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

It is a wonder how some people manage to sit on the fence without committing themselves.

- (A) to sit lazily and not do anything (B) relax when others are working
(C) remain undecided and unsure (D) build fences and walls for sitting on

Ans. C

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