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SN	QUESTION	ANS	SOLUTION
1	For his alleged involvement in espionage, he is under a cloud these days. (A)Experiencing cloudy weather (B)enjoying favourable luck (C)under suspicion (D)under observation	C	under a cloud -Under suspicion - शक के दायरे में
2	We have appealed to him again and again; there is no use flogging a dead horse now. (A)repeating our request (B)making him see reason (C)beating about the bush (D)wasting time in useless effort	D	flogging a dead horse -wasting time in useless effort- व्यर्थ का प्रयास करना
3	We shouldn't look down upon the wretched to the earth. (A)sympathise with (B)hate intensely (C)be indifferent to (D)regard with contempt	B	look down upon-hate intensely- नीची निगाह से देखना
4	Because of his misbehaviour, he is bound to face the music . (A)get finished (B)get reprimanded (C)feel sorry (D)listen to the music	B	face the music - get reprimanded - कठिनाई का सामना करना
5	The working of the factory was disrupted on account of a token strike by the workers. (A)total strike (B)carefully planned strike (C)carefully planned strike (D)sudden call of strike	C	token strike - carefully planned strike - सांकेतिक हड़ताल
6	By opposing his proposal fell foul of him. (A)quarrelled with (B)felt annoyed with (C)agreed with (D)did not agree with	A	fell foul of - quarrelled with - किसी का विरोध करना
7	Those who work by fits and starts seldom show good results. (A)rarely (B)disinterestedly (C)irregularly (D)regularly	C	by fits and starts - irregularly - अनियमित
8	The new manager that he would give employees enough rope for the first six months after which he would check the work done himself. (A)many directives and orders (B)sufficient advice (C)all the material they needed (D)enough freedom for action	D	enough rope - enough rope - काम करने की स्वतंत्रता देना
9	He was all at sea when he began his new job. (A)happy (B)sad (C)puzzled (D)triumphant	C	at sea - puzzled - उलझन, पहेली
10	The sweeping statement by the boss left the conscientious workers disgusted. (A)rash statement (B)unpremeditated statement (C)thoughtless statement (D)generalised statement	D	sweeping statement - generalised statement - एक सामान्य वक्तव्य
11	Money given to a school boy only burns a hole in his pocket . (A)gets spent quickly (B)makes a hole in his pocket (C)catches fire soon (D)does not have value	A	only burns a hole in his pocket - gets spent quickly - बहुत खर्च होना
12	If you don't cut down your profit margin, you'll price yourself out of the market . (A)become too expensive for customers (B)lose your job (C)sell all your goods (D)become a prosperous businessman	A	price yourself out of the market - become too expensive for customers - बहुत कीमती
13	The children had to shift for themselves after their parents died. (A)move house on their own (B)leave their old town and and friend (C)look after themselves without help (D)cook their own food	A	shift for themselves - move house on their own - दूसरे जगह खुद स्थानांतरित होना

14	Retrenchment is the order of the day as recession overtakes Indian Industry. (A)an admirable practice (B)a common practice (C)a general rule (D)a popular measure	B	the order of the day - a common practice - सामान्य धारणा
15	The troop paid a backhanded compliment to the officer. (A)returned the compliment (B)made an uncharitable remark (C)made an ambiguous statement of praise (D)paid an undeserved compliment	C	paid a backhanded compliment - made an ambiguous statement of praise - दिखावटी प्रशंसा
16	His promotion is on the cards . (A)certain (B)probable (C) evident (D)due	A	on the cards - certain - जिसका होना निश्चित हो
17	She rejected his proposal of marriage point-blank . (A)directly (B)briefly (C)abruptly (D)pointedly	A	point-blank - directly - सीधे एवं स्पष्ट रूप से कहा हुआ
18	Have you given up the idea of accepting the new assignment. (A)postponed (B)abandoned (C)amended (D)adopted	B	given up - abandoned - छोड़ देना
19	Caesar was done to death by the conspirators. (A)eliminated (B)attacked (C)murdered (D)removed	C	done to death - murdered - खून करना मार डालना
20	If you rub him the wrong way , he is bound to react. (A)encourage him (B)flatter him (C)abuse him (D)annoy him	D	rub him the wrong way - annoy him - परेशान या तंग या नाराज करना
21	As the bomb exploded people ran halter-skilter . (A)in great fear (B)in disorderly haste (C)in haste (D)in great sorrow	B	halter-skilter - in disorderly haste - हड़बड़ी में
22	He was progressing by leaps and bounds because of his hard work. (A)rapidly (B)slowly (C)peacefully (D)strongly	A	by leaps and bounds - rapidly - बहुत तेजी से, दिन दूना रात चौगुना
23	Our founder had done a Herculean task by constructing this great educational institution. (A)a work of no worth (B)an effortless job (C)a work requiring very great effort (D)a work requiring very great intelligence	C	Herculean task - a work requiring very great effort - कठिन कार्य
24	My close friend got the sack from his first job recently. (A)resigned (B)got rid of (C)was demoted (D)was dismissed from	D	got the sack - was dismissed from - नौकरी से बर्खास्त करना
25	I can no longer put up with her insolence. (A)endure (B)evade (C)suppress (D)assume	A	put up with - endure - बर्दाश्त करना
26	The failure of crops in successive years put the farmer in a tight corner . (A)in a closed room (B)in a small field (C)in a difficult situation (D)in a meadow	C	in a tight corner - in a difficult situation - कठिन परिस्थिति में
27	The effort to trace the culprit was a wild goose chase . (A)fruitful hunting (B)futile search (C)idea seeking (D)genuine effort	B	a wild goose chase - futile search - व्यर्थ के प्रयत्न

28	The story does not hold water . (A)does not deserve appreciation (B)does not fulfil the requirements (C)cannot be believed (D)cannot be valued	C	hold water - cannot be believed - सही एवं तार्किक होना
29	Raj couldn't pay the bill, so he asked the owner to put it on the cuff . (A)on credit (B)against his credit card (C)in his bank account (D)in his friend's account	A	on the cuff - on credit - उधारी में डाल देना
30	His statement is out and out a lie. (A)totally (B)simply (C)merely (D)slightly	A	out and out - totally - पूरी तरह
31	The luxury car that they bought turned out to be a white elephant . (A)a rare article (B)useful mode of transport (C)costly or troublesome possession (D)a proud possession	C	a white elephant - costly or troublesome possession - अलाभकारी पेशा
32	If you are fair and square in your work you will definitely prosper. (A)active (B)honest (C)business like (D)authoritative	B	fair and square - honest - इमानदारीपूर्ण, न्याय संगत
33	There is no love lose between any two neighbouring countries in the world. (A)stop loving (B)not on good terms (C)forming a group (D)have good understanding	B	no love lose between - not on good terms- दुश्मनी
34	The heavy downpour played havoc in the coastal area. (A)caused destruction (B)caused diseases (C)caused floods (D)caused hardship	A	played havoc - caused destruction - विनाश करना
35	To have a green thumb means- (A)one's nails are painted green (B)one is artistic (C)to have a natural interest in gradening (D)one has a green tattoo on the thumb	C	To have a green thumb means-to have a natural interest in gradening - वागवानी करने के असाधारण गुण
36	Some writers struggle very hard to keep the pot boiling . (A)to write many books (B)to boil the pots at home (C)to earn enough money to live (D)to achieve the target given	C	to keep the pot boiling - to earn enough money to live - ज्यादा पैसा कमाना
37	To come up in life the youth have to work hard and they have to bide their time . (A)to be on time (B)to check-time often (C)to save their time (D)to wait patiently	D	to bide their time - to wait patiently - धैर्य पूर्वक इंतजार करना
38	I impressed upon my friends the fact that I could handle the situation. (A)Admitted (B)Assumed (C)Convinced (D)Assured	C	I impressed upon - Convinced - सहमत करना, मनवाना
39	This country will never be settled till a strong government bears away over the whole region. (A)exercises sanction (B)exercises liberty (C)exercises influence (D)exercises authority	D	bears away - exercises authority - अधिकार में लेना
40	A certain mininum of defence exdpnditure should be a first charge on a nation's resources . (A)a huge drain (B)an expense (C)a priority (D)no great burden	C	a first charge - a priority - प्राथमिकता

41	When he saw the snake he took to his heels . (A)ran away in fear (B)went slowly (C)walked in fear (D)jumped fast	A	took to his heels - ran away in fear- डर कर भाग जाना
42	He has to abide by the hard and fast rules of the company. (A)flexible (B)strict (C)difficult (D)honest	B	hard and fast - strict - कठोर नियम का कानून
43	She goes to her mother's house off and on . (A)frequently (B)rarely (C)occasionally (D)sometimes	C	off and on - occasionally - कभी-कभार
44	The robber murdered the woman in cold blood for the sake of the jewels. (A)a murder done without feeling (B)a murder done in revenge (C)a murder done in great anger (D)a murder done in enmity	A	cold blood - a murder done without feeling - बिना सोचे समझे मार डालना
45	Indians are going places in the field of software technology. (A)going abroad (B)going to spaces (C)talented and successful (D)friendly and amicable	A	are going places - going abroad - विदेश जाना
46	The poet drew on his fancy not his knowledge of nature, when he wrote his poem on birds. (A)used his understanding (B)used his knowledge (C)used his imagination (D)used his skill	C	drew on his fancy - used his imagination - कल्पना का सहारा लेना (किसी काम में)
47	My neighbour had to pay through his nose for a brand new car. (A)pay huge loans (B)pay a reasonable price (C)pay an extremely high price (D)make a quick luck	C	pay through his nose - pay an extremely high price - बहुत अधिक कीमत चुकाना
48	Very ambitious people do not like to rest on their laurels . (A)to be unhappy (B)to be motivated (C)to be impatient (D)to be complacent	D	rest on their laurels - to be complacent - अपनेउपलब्धियों पर निर्भर रहना
49	If he phones again, I am going to give him a piece of my mind . (A)to be nice to him (B)to take revenge on him (C)to reprimand him (D)to support him	C	give him a piece of my mind - to reprimand him - डांटना
50	The party high command wanted to stave off an open battle. (A)postpone (B)wait and see (C)allow it to take its own course (D)prevent	D	to stave off - prevent - रोकना, पूर्वनिवारण, रुकावट
51	Ramesh takes after his father. (A)follows (B)imitates (C)obeys (D)pesembles	D	takes after - pesembles - समान होना/ दिखना
52	They made no bones about acknowledging their debt to his genius- (A)did not have any hesitation in (B)did not have any faith in (C)demand compensation for (D)had problems in	A	made no bones about - did not have any hesitation in - बात को ईमानदारी से सीधे-सीधे बता देना
53	It is evident from the minister's statement that heads will roll in the secretariat. (A)transfers will take place (B)heads will be cut off (C)people will die (D)dismissals will occur	A	heads will roll - transfers will take place - बर्खास्त होना

54	During the last moments of his life, the criminal made a clean breast of everything he had done. (A)showed his breast (B)fought like a hero (C)confessed without reserve (D)faced bravely	C	made a clean breast of - confessed without reserve - दिल की बात बता देना
55	She tries very hard to keep up with her rich neighbours. (A)to imitate (B)to keep in touch (C)to avoid (D)to be on par	D	to keep up with - to be on par - अलग रखना
56	He went on sowing wild oats ; he reaped suffering in his later life (A)inviting troubles as a boy (B)warning others as a young man (C)irresponsible pleasure seeking in young age (D)sowing grains called oats when young	C	sowing wild oats; - irresponsible pleasure seeking in young age - मौज-मस्ती में दिन व्यतीत करना
57	I don't know why she has become stand-offish recently. (A)angry (B)hilarious (C)indifferent (D)unmanageable	A	stand-offish - angry - क्रुद्ध, नाराज
58	why don't you put an end to blowing your own trumpet ? (A)playing your own trumpet to produce music (B)making too much noise (C)praising your own abilities and achievements (D)none of the above	C	blowing your own trumpet - praising your own abilities and achievements - अपनी बड़ाई खुद करना
59	I knew he had an axe to grind and turned down his offer of help. (A)a blunt axe (B)a sharp tongue (C)a private interest to serve (D)a tendency to fight	C	an axe to grind - a private interest to serve - अपना स्वार्थ सिद्धि
60	The saint's life was an open book. (A)an uncomplicated one (B)one that held no secrets (C)an example to all (D)an interesting biography	B	an open book - one that held no secrets - जिसके बारे में कोई भी बात छुपी न हो
61	Reading between the line I realised that my friend wanted to keep something from me. (A)looking for meanings that are not actually expressed (B)reading carelessly (C)reading with anxiety (D)glancing over the lines	A	Reading between the line - looking for meanings that are not actually expressed - गुप्त अर्थ समझना
62	Sometimes, It happens that we have to give the devil his due . (A)to give credit to even a notorious person (B)To give encouragement even to the enemy (C)to invite the devil (D)to stand in the way of the devil	D	to give the devil his due - to stand in the way of the devil - अपने प्रतिद्वंदी की प्रशंसा करना
63	The king had been made to eat humble pie . (A)to eat slowly (B)to have an excellent dish (C)to eat a good pie (D)to have to apologise	D	to eat humble pie - to have to apologise - अपने किये के लिए क्षमा मांगना
64	He was given hobson's choice by the employer. (A)excellent choice (B)no real choice at all (C)choice to live or die (D)first choice	C	hobson's choice - choice to live or die - विकल्प का अभाव होना
65	He has a very nice manner, but you would better take what he says with a grain of salt . (A)to listen to something with considerable doubt (B)to take sensibly (C)to criticise (D)to complement	A	a grain of salt - to listen to something with considerable doubt - ध्यान देकर सुनना
66	He didn't tell me directly, but reading between the lines . I think he is not happy with them. (A)reading slowly and haltingly (B)understanding the sense rather than the actual words (C)understanding the meaning of words and not the	B	reading between the lines - understanding the sense rather than the actual words - गुप्त अर्थ समझना

	sense (D)reading superficially		
67	Gopi works by fits and starts . (A)consistently (B)irregularly (C)in high spirits (D)enthusiastically	B	by fits and starts - irregularly - अनियमित
68	I cannot put up with your misconduct any longer. (A)excuse (B)refuse (C)accept (D)tolerate	D	put up with - tolerate - बर्दास्त करना, सहन करना
69	I did not mind what he was saying he was only talking through his hat . (A)talking nonsense (B)talking ignorantly (C)talking irresponsibly (D)talking insultingly	A	talking through his hat - talking nonsense - बेवकूफी भरी बात करना
70	He is so furious that he would go through fire and water to revenge himself on his foe. (A)approach everybody for help (B)avail himself of any opportunity (C)use any conceivable method (D)undergo any risk	B	go through fire and water - avail himself of any opportunity - हर मुश्किल/ परेशानी को झेलना
71	The watchdogs were asleep when the bulls ran riot . (A)behaved cleverly (B)acted without restraint (C)wandered aimlessly (D)had the best of time	B	ran riot - acted without restraint - अनियंत्रित, उग्र एवं विध्वंसक हो जाना
72	In spite of the immense pressure exerted by the militants, the Govt. has decided not to give in . (A)accede (B)yield (C)oblige (D)conform	B	give in - yield - उत्पन्न करना, पैदा करना
73	The young and the old sat cheek by jowl in the large audience. (A)very near (B)very far (C)tongue tied (D)irritated	A	cheek by jowl - very near - काफी नजदीक
74	We wanted to keep the gift as a surprise for mother but my sister gave the game away . (A)lost the game (B)gave out the secret (C)played badly (D)withdrew from the game	B	gave the game away - gave out the secret - रहस्य उजागर कर देना
75	I don't think the law will interfere with us as we are just trying to turn an honest penny . (A)make a legitimate living (B)make a good living (C)have dealings in white money (D)become more honest	A	turn an honest penny - make a legitimate living - इमानदारी से रोजी-रोटी कमाना
76	The people living next door bought a new car. (A)Immigrants (B)Friends (C)Neighbours (D)Spectators	D	The people living next door - Spectators - दर्शक, प्रेक्षक
77	I have a problem with my eye. I want to consult an eye specialist . (A)Orthodontist (B)Orthopaedist (C)Ophthalmologist (D)Obstetrician	C	an eye specialist - Ophthalmologist - नेत्र रोग विशेषज्ञ
78	Although unwilling to do so, he came to the conclusion that no other scheme is practicable. (A)reluctant (B)inadvertent (C)wilful (D)involuntary	A	unwilling to do - reluctant - अनिच्छुक, अरुचि
79	He grows mangoes, guavas, bananas and pineapples . (A)vegetable (B)fruits (C)plants (D)flowers	B	mangoes, guavas, bananas and pineapples - fruits - फल

80	All the members of the committee were of one mind on this issue. (A)anonymous (B)unanimous (C)universal (D)similar	B	of one mind - unanimous - एकमत होकर
81	I think it is a square deal . (A)a fair bargain (B)a decent sale (C)an unfair sale (D)an unfair bargain	A	a square deal - a fair bargain - ईमानदारी भरा बर्ताव/काम
82	Rohit will have to mend his ways if he wants to keep his job. (A)Modify his plans (B)improve his work (C)improve his habits (D)plan his future	C	mend his ways - improve his habits - अपनी आदत में सुधार लाना
83	His winning the Man of the Month award is a feather in his cap . (A)a feather added to his collection (B)an achievement of which he can be proud (C)an exciting event (D)a prize no one else has won	B	a feather in his cap - an achievement of which he can be proud - कोई उपलब्धि
84	Ever since the Sinhas moved to their new flat, they've tended to put on airs . (A)play a lot of music (B)Use the fan a great deal (C)behave as if they're better than they really are (D)become very argumentative and opinionated	C	put on airs - behave as if they're better than they really are - डिग हांकना
85	Through he is a close fisted person , he donated liberally to the earthquake Relief Fund. (A)a frugal person (B)physically handicapped (C)a miserly person (D)a poor person	C	close fisted person - a miserly person - कंजूस व्यक्ति
86	The judge turned down the plea of the accused. (A)accepted (B)rejected (C)heard (D)opposed	B	turned down - rejected - अस्वीकार करना
87	I dislike people who keep talking nineteen to the dozen . (A)too much (B)too loudly (C)incessantly (D)too little	A	nineteen to the dozen - too much - बहुत तेज गति से बोलना
88	It is not easy to beat off a swarn of wasps if they attack you. (A)catch (B)swish (C)drive back (D)escape	D	beat off - escape - दूर हटाना, पीट कर भगा देना
89	In the securities scam, the ministers and the Governor of the Reserve Bank were said to be above board . (A)honest (B)uninvolved (C)indifferent (D)accountable	B	above board - uninvolved - स्पष्ट एवं ईमानदारी भरा
90	A wise politician is one who keeps his flatterers at an arm's length . (A)well looked after (B)in good humour (C)quarrelling among themselves (D)at a safe distance	D	at an arm's length - at a safe distance - अपने से दूर (परहेज करने के उद्देश्य से)
91	A few days before his death, he made a clean breast of everything. (A)confessed (B)took off his shirt (C)suffered (D)spoke ill	A	made a clean breast of - confessed - गलती/ अपराध स्वीकार कर लेना
92	I am undone . (A)ruined (B)rewarded (C)answered (D)questioned	A	undone - ruined - बर्बाद, विनाश, तबाही, बिगड़ना

93	For a healthy and lasting friendship one must be on the level . (A)equally rich (B)mentally compatible (C)honest and sincere (D)ready for sacrifices	A	be on the level - equally rich - सामान्य रूप से धनी
94	The foolish young man soon made ducks and drakes of the vast property his father left him. (A)squandered (B)distributed (C)spent (D)gave in charity	A	made ducks and drakes of - squandered - गवाँना, अपव्यय करना, उड़ा देना
95	All his ventures went to the winds . (A)dissipated (B)spread all over (C)got speed of the winds (D)became well-know	A	went to the winds - dissipated - गायब करना, मिटाना, छितराना
96	At one's wit's end (A)To work hard (B)To be intelligent (C)To get puzzled (D)To be stupid	C	At one's wit's end - To get puzzled - अचम्भित होना
97	To take someone to task (A)To scold someone (B)To assign work to someone (C)To take someone to his place of work (D)To praise someone for the work done	A	To take someone to task - To scold someone - डांटना
98	To face the music (A)To be greeted rudely (B)To be offered warm hospitality (C)To enjoy a music programme (D)To bear the consequences	D	To face the music - To bear the consequences - परिणाम भुगतना, कड़वे सत्य को सहना
99	To blow one's own trumpet (A)To play on one's own trumpet (B)To praise one's own self (C)To create noisy disturbances (D)To have a high-pitched voice	B	To blow one's own trumpet - To praise one's own self - अपनी बड़ाई खुद करना
100	To run one down (A)To be in a hurry (B)To be weak and tired (C) To disparage someone (D)To run down a lane	C	To run one down - To disparage someone - किसी की आलोचना करना