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# IDIOMS AND PHRASES

## TIPS TO REMEMBER

**Tip 1:** Do not limit yourself to meanings alone, understand contexts: Try and understand in what **context** a particular idiom or phrase has been used. This will help you understand and remember the particular idiom or phrase better.

**Tip 2:** Keep a handy list for revising what you have learnt: Keep a diary to learn words on the go. This will not make learning a chore. In fact, these days you don't even need to carry a diary. You can simply note down the idioms and their meanings in a notepad app on your smart-phone and revise it on the go.

**Tip 3:** Do not try to cram at once: Never try and learn too many idioms or phrase at the same time. However, learning them by grouping them into themes is quite a good idea.

**Relate** idioms and phrases to **visual imagery**: Try and relate idioms and phrases to images and link them to stories. Trust us, you will never forget them!

Try to explore the **origin** of idioms & phrases: Most idioms & phrases have very interesting origin stories. You should try to explore them as these would enable you to understand the meanings of these idioms and phrases better. In the exercise for this lesson, the origin of some idioms and phrases has been explained. These would serve as a guide for you.

## TRICKS

### Though Process to solve MCQ

#### Eliminate first

A very direct meaning given in answer option can never be the actual meaning of idiom/phrases. It is to confuse the student. So first eliminate such answer options.

#### Choose the answer

Try to find the philosophical meaning of the idiom rather its direct meaning. You can also try to put the idiom/phrase in a sentence or context to bring out its meaning more clearly.

Q1.

**Directions:** In the following questions, four alternatives are given for the **Idiom/Phrase** printed in bold

in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/ Phrase.

**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

Q2.

**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

Q3.

**We should not look down upon the wretched of the earth.**

- (a) sympathise with
- (b) hate intensely
- (c) be indifferent to
- (d) regard with contempt

Q4.

**Because of his misbehavior, he is hound to face the music.**

- (a) get finished
- (b) get reprimanded
- (c) feel sorry
- (d) listen to the music

Q5.

**The working of the factory was disrupted on account of a token strike by farm workers.**

- (a) total strike
- (b) carefully planned strike
- (c) short strike held as a warning
- (d) sudden call of strike

Q6.

**By opposing his proposal he fell foul of him.**

- (a) quarrel with
- (b) felt annoyed with
- (c) agreed with
- (d) got into trouble with

Q7.

**Those who work by fits and starts seldom show good results.**

- (a) rarely

(b) disinterestedly

(c) irregularly

(d) regularly

Q8.

**The new manager thought 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

Q9.

**He Was all at sea when he began his new Job.**

- (a) happy
- (b) sad
- (c) puzzled
- (d) triumphant

Q10.

**The sweeping statement by the boss left the conscientious workers disgusted.**

- (a) rash statement
- (b) unpremeditated statement
- (c) thoughtless statement
- (d) generalized statement

Q11.

**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

Q12.

**The effort to trace the culprit was a wild goose chase.**

- (a) fruitful hunting
- (b) futile search
- (c) ideal seeking
- (d) genuine effort

Q13.

**The story does not hold water.**

- (a) does not deserve appreciation
- (b) does not fulfill the requirements
- (c) cannot be believed
- (d) cannot be valued

Q14.

**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

**Q15.**

**His statement is not and out a lie.**

- (a) totally
- (b) simply
- (c) merely
- (d) slightly

**Q16.**

**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

**Q17.**

**If you are fair and square in your work you will definitely prosper.**

- (a) active
- (b) honest
- (c) business like
- (d) authoritative

**Q18.**

**There is no love lost between any two neighboring countries in the world.**

- (a) stop loving
- (b) not on good terms
- (c) forming a group
- (d) have good understanding

**Q19.**

**The heavy downpour played havoc in the coastal area.**

- (a) caused destruction
- (b) caused diseases
- (c) caused floods
- (d) caused hardship

**Q20.**

**To have a green thumb means**

- (a) one's nails are painted green
- (b) one is artistic
- (c) to have a natural interest in gardening
- (d) one has a green tattoo on the thumb

**Q21.**

**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

**Q22.**

**He has to abide by the hard and fast rule of the company.**

- (a) flexible
- (b) strict
- (c) difficult
- (d) honest

**Q23.**

**She goes to her mother's house off and on.**

- (a) frequently
- (b) rarely
- (c) occasionally
- (d) sometimes

**Q24.**

**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

**Q25.**

**Indians was going places in the field of software technology.**

- (a) going abroad
- (b) going to spaces
- (c) talented and successful
- (d) friendly and amicable

**Q26.**

**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

**Q27.**

**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 buck

**Q28.**

**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

**Q29.**

**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

**Q30.**

**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

**Q31.**

**Ramesh takes after his father.**

- (a) follows
- (b) imitates
- (c) obeys
- (d) resembles

**Q32.**

**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) demanded compensation for
- (d) had problems in

**Q33.**

**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

**Q34.**

**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

Q35.

**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

Q36.

**He went on sowing wild oats he reaped suffering in his later life.**

- (a) Inviting troubles as a boy
- (b) warning others as a youngster
- (c) irresponsible pleasure seeking In young age
- (d) sowing grains called oats when young

Q37.

**I don't know why she has become stand-offish recently.**

- (a) angry
- (b) hilarious
- (c) indifferent
- (d) unmanageable

Q38.

**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 these

Q39.

**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

Q40.

**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

Q41.

**Reading between the lines realized 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

Q42.

**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

Q43.

**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 apologies

Q44.

**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

Q45.

**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 talk sensibly
- (c) to criticise
- (d) to complement

Q46.

**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 sense
- (d) reading superficially

Q47.

**Gopi works by fits and starts.**

- (a) consistently
- (b) irregularly

(c) in high spirits  
(d) enthusiastically

Q48.

**I cannot put up with your misconduct any longer.**

- (a) excuse
- (b) refuse
- (c) accept
- (d) tolerate

Q49.

**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

Q50.

**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

Q51.

**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

Q52.

**In spite of the immense pressure exerted by the militants, the Government, has decided not to give in.**

- (a) accede
- (b) yield
- (c) oblige
- (d) conform

Q53.

**The young and the old sat cheek by jowl in the large audience.**

- (a) very near
- (b) very far
- (c) tongue tied
- (d) irritated

Q54.

**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

**Q55.**

**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

**Q56.**

**a dark horse.**

- (a)an unforeseen competitor
- (b)a black horse
- (c)a nightmare
- (d)an unknown person

**Q57.**

**to rim across**

- (a)to have an appointed meeting
- (b)to meet by chance
- (c)to run in the playground
- (d)to run very fast

**Q58.**

**to get one's own back**

- (a)to get one's revenge
- (b)to get control over someone
- (c)to get one's position back
- (d)to get hold of someone

**Q59.**

**to steer clear of**

- (a)drive carefully
- (b)avoid
- (c)explain clearly
- (d)escape

**Q60.**

**to beat a retreat**

- (a)to withdraw in defeat or humiliation
- (b)to withdraw after scoring a victory
- (c)to march back after a ceremonious parade
- (d)to run away in fear

**Q61.**

**to blaze a trail**

- (a)to lead the way as a pioneer

(b)to light a track

(c)to set up a fire

(d)to wear a blazer while running

**Q62.**

**Red-letter day**

- (a)a colourful day
- (b)fatal day
- (c)happy and significant day
- (d)hapless day

**Q63.**

**have the last laugh**

- (a)be of a cheerful nature
- (b)laugh only after understanding something
- (c)to be victorious at the end of an argument
- (d)to crack the final joke

**Q64.**

**turn a deaf ear**

- (a)disregard
- (b)defy
- (c)disobey
- (d)dismiss

**Q65.**

**to smell a rat**

- (a)to experience bad smell
- (b)to misunderstand
- (c)to see a hidden meaning
- (d)to suspect a trick

**Q66.**

**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

**Q67.**

**I am done for.**

- (a)ruined
- (b)rewarded
- (c)answered
- (d)questioned

**Q68.**

**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

**Q69.**

**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

**Q70.**

**All his ventures went to the winds.**

- (a)dissipated
- (b)spread all over
- (c)got speed of the winds
- (d)became well-known

**Q71.**

**at one's wit's/wits' end**

- (a)to work hard
- (b)to be intelligent
- (c)to get puzzled
- (d)to be stupid

**Q72.**

**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

**Q73.**

**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

**Q74.**

**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

**Q75.**

**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

**Q76.**

**at snail's pace**

- (a)to do things very slowly
- (b)to walk like a snail

- (c) to lack interest in work  
(d) to do things in methodical manner

**Q77.**  
**to turn a deaf ear**

- (a) to be hard of hearing  
(b) to be indifferent  
(c) to be attentive  
(d) to be obstinate

**Q78.**  
**to take to one's heels**

- (a) to run off  
(b) to show one's heels  
(c) to turn around  
(d) to walk leisurely

**Q79.**  
**to have something up one's sleeves**

- (a) having a practical plan  
(b) having an important project  
(c) having an ambitious plan  
(d) having a secret plan

**Q80.**  
**to end in smoke**

- (a) to have a smoking session  
(b) to be on fire  
(c) to come to nothing  
(d) to burn slowly

**Q81.**  
**As the bomb exploded people ran helter-skelter.**

- (a) in great fear  
(b) in disorderly haste  
(c) in haste  
(d) in great sorrow

**Q82.**  
**He was progressing by leaps and bounds because of his hard work.**

- (a) rapidly  
(b) slowly  
(c) peacefully  
(d) strongly

**Q83.**  
**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

**Q84.**  
**My close friend got the sack from his first job recently.**

- (a) resigned  
(b) got rid of  
(c) was demoted from  
(d) was dismissed from

**Q85.**  
**I can no longer put up with her insolence.**

- (a) endure  
(b) evade  
(c) suppress  
(d) assume

**Q86.**  
**She is a fair-weather friend.**

- (a) a good friend  
(b) a friend who meets difficulties calmly  
(c) a friend who deserts you in difficulties  
(d) a favourable friend

**Q87.**  
**to die in harness means to die while**

- (a) riding a horse  
(b) in a stable  
(c) in a uniform  
(d) still in service

**Q88.**  
**to keep under wraps means to keep something**

- (a) covered  
(b) protected  
(c) unpacked  
(d) secret

**Q89.**  
**After independence Indian agriculture rose like a phoenix due to the Green Revolution.**

- (a) with a new life  
(b) with a start  
(c) with royal gait  
(d) with vengeance

**Q90.**  
**His failure at the election has been a sore point with him for a long time.**

- (a) something which hurts  
(b) something that brings fear to  
(c) something memorable for  
(d) something pleasurable to

**Q91.**  
**The student is on the verge of breakdown.**

- (a) on the brink of  
(b) at the outset of  
(c) in the midst of  
(d) at the risk of

**Q92.**  
**My repeated attempts to get refund from the civic authorities were of no avail.**

- (a) unsuccessful  
(b) postponed  
(c) useless  
(d) delayed

**Q93.**  
**He was progressing by leaps and bounds because of his hard work.**

- (a) rapidly  
(b) slowly  
(c) peacefully  
(d) strongly

**Q94.**  
**to emerge out of thin air means to**

- (a) appear suddenly  
(b) descend gradually  
(c) fall down quickly  
(d) enter from space

**Q95.**  
**The news of the accident came as a bolt from the blue.**

- (a) something unexpected  
(b) something unpleasant  
(c) something horrible  
(d) something unexpected and unpleasant

**Q96.**  
**The story of the train accident as narrated by one of the survivors made my flesh creep.**

- (a) thrilled me  
(b) horrified me  
(c) excited me  
(d) frightened me

**Q97.**  
**He has resigned his job and burnt his boats so far as government service is concerned.**

- (a) felt dejected  
(b) blasted his hopes  
(c) ruined himself

(d) left no means of retreat

**Q98.**

**He cannot hold a candle to his elder brother.**

- (a) equal to
- (b) not as clever as
- (c) cannot be compared to
- (d) duller than

**Q99.**

**The question of higher membership fees was brought up at the last meeting.**

- (a) discussed at great length
- (b) introduced for discussion
- (c) criticised vehemently
- (d) vaguely referred to

**Q100.**

**His arguments cut no ice with me.**

- (a) had no influence on me
- (b) did not hurt me
- (c) did not benefit me
- (d) did not make me proud

**Q101.**

**the green-eyed monster strikes a woman the moment she sees her husband talking to another pretty woman.**

- (a) anger
- (b) hatred
- (c) envy
- (d) jealousy

**Q102.**

**to fight tooth and nail**

- (a) to fight a losing battle
- (b) to oppose resolutely
- (c) to have a physical fight
- (d) to lodge a formal protest

**Q103.**

**at one's wit's end**

- (a) to understand thoroughly
- (b) to be puzzled
- (c) to be a stupid person
- (d) to behave irrationally

**Q104.**

**The clerk turned a deaf ear to his officer's advice.**

- (a) disputed
- (b) paid attention to
- (c) disregarded
- (d) acknowledged gratefully

**Q105.**

**He expects his subordinates to be always at his beck and call**

- (a) at rest
- (b) at work
- (c) at his disposal
- (d) at their desks

**Q106.**

**In the long run**

- (a) permanently
- (b) universally
- (c) occasionally
- (d) ultimately

**Q107.**

**If you are in the good books of the boss, you are sure to rise quickly.**

- (a) work well for the boss
- (b) praise the boss
- (c) in favour with the boss
- (d) co-operate with boss

**Q108.**

**The population of our country is increasing by leaps and bounds.**

- (a) very slowly
- (b) very quickly
- (c) irregularly
- (d) very systematically

**Q109.**

**to weigh up the pros and cons is to**

- (a) measure the ingredient
- (b) observe etiquette
- (c) consider all facts
- (d) postpone action

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**Q111.**

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- (a) stop loving
- (b) not on good terms
- (c) forming a group
- (d) have good understanding

**Q112.**

**He is accused of sitting on the fence.**

- (a) observing the scene
- (b) resting on fence
- (c) hesitating which side to take
- (d) sitting back and enjoying the fun

**Q113.**

**You have to read between the lines to understand most of the symbolic writing.**

- (a) read again and again .
- (b) understand the hidden meaning
- (c) know the symbols
- (d) look for many meanings

**Q114.**

**The ruling party has been Warned not to play to the gallery.**

- (a) to give importance to the common man
- (b) to try to be clever
- (c) to seek to win approval
- (d) to side-track the issue

**Q115.**

**In the securities scam, the national credibility was at stake.**

- (a) on trial
- (b) under pressure
- (c) in danger
- (d) challenged

**Q116.**

**The passing of anti-defection law struck a chill to the heart of every opportunistic legislator.**

- (a) caused anger
- (b) caused relief
- (c) aroused fear
- (d) awakened bitterness

**Q117.**

**It Our house is within a stone's throw from the Red Building.**

- (a) far off
- (b) far away
- (c) very near to
- (d) beside US. He has a bone to pick with his cousin.

**Q118.**

**He has a bone to pick with his cousin.**

- (a) reasonable agreement
- (b) cause of quarrel
- (c) Cause of doubt
- (d) difference of opinion

**Q119.**

**The day I graduated was a red-letter day for me.**

- (a) a dangerous day
- (b) an important day
- (c) an eventful day
- (d) a formidable day

**Q120.**

**Many young artists were dropping names at the party to impress the gathering.**

- (a) talking proudly about their family members
- (b) using pet names
- (c) hinting at high connections
- (d) talking informally

**Q121.**

**The teacher announced that she had no blue-eyed boys in the class.**

- (a) royal children
- (b) young boys
- (c) foreigners
- (d) favourites

**Q122.**

**The company has run into a lot of debts.**

- (a) incurred
- (b) settled
- (c) opened up
- (d) avoided

**Q123.**

**He was confident that all his present sufferings will soon blow over.**

- (a) increase
- (b) pass off
- (c) be looked into
- (d) be taken care of

**Q124.**

**The teacher advised the students to take into account the advice given by the elders.**

- (a) to obey
- (b) to neglect
- (c) to consider
- (d) to reject

**Q125.**

**The lawyer asked his assistant to collect the details regarding the pros and cons of the case.**

- (a) ups and downs
- (b) in and out
- (c) weak and strong
- (d) for and against

**Q126.**

**The principal has to carry out the orders issued by the higher authorities.**

- (a) obey
- (b) communicate
- (c) execute
- (d) modify

**Q127.**

**The young engineer was hauled up for spilling the beans about the new project to the competitor.**

- (a) suppressing the information
- (b) hiding the details
- (c) revealing the information indiscreetly
- (d) spoiling the plans

**Q128.**

**The Government claims that Indian industry is progressing by leaps and bounds.**

- (a) intermittently
- (b) leisurely
- (c) at a rapid pace
- (d) at a desired pace

**Q129.**

**Laying off of thousands of workers is inevitable under the new economic policy.**

- (a) dismissal from jobs of
- (b) offering new jobs to
- (c) reduction of workers wages of
- (d) sending on leave

**Q130.**

**"I take thee at thy word", said Romeo to Juliet.**

- (a) listen to you carefully
- (b) do not believe you
- (c) feel angry with you
- (d) truly believe you

**Q131.**

**People who do not lay out their money carefully, soon come to grief.**

- (a) earn
- (b) spend
- (c) distribute

- (d) preserve

**Q132.**

**Having bought the house, they decided to go the whole hog and buy all the furniture needed.**

- (a) to live there
- (b) to do it completely
- (c) to go all the way
- (d) to go in the fog

**Q133.**

**There is a lot of bad blood between them.**

- (a) jealousy
- (b) fight
- (c) angry feeling
- (d) distrust

**Q134.**

**The village headman pretends to be a good Samaritan.**

- (a) a religious person
- (b) a helpful person
- (c) a citizen of Samaria
- (d) a law-abiding citizen

**Q135.**

**The beleaguered politician was anxious to set the record straight.**

- (a) give a speech
- (b) win party support
- (c) give a correct account
- (d) make a confession

**Q136.**

**The bus had a close shave as its driver swerved to the right a split second before the oncoming truck could run into it.**

- (a) serious accident
- (b) close collision
- (c) narrow escape
- (d) deep dent

**Q137.**

**fits and starts**

- (a) slowly
- (b) not regularly
- (c) continuously
- (d) quickly

**Q138.**

**When the Inspector entered the class some of the students shook in their shoes.**



(a) stamped the ground with their shoes

(b) showed signs of anger

(c) trembled With fear

(d) stood up to salute

**Q139.**

**In high spirits**

(a) full of hope and enthusiasm

(b) under tremendous stress

(c) under the Influence of liquor

(d) mentally deranged

**Q140.**

**He amassed his wealth through sharp practices.**

(a) dishonest means

(b) illegal means

(c) Intelligent decisions

(d) quick decisions

**Q141.**

**He is not in the good books of his boss.**

(a) a lover of good books

(b) in favour with

(c) not of the same opinion as

(d) as good as

**Q142.**

**The officer is fed up with the complaints made against the clerk.**

(a) annoyed

(b) disgusted

(c) pleased

(d) satisfied

**Q143.**

**a white elephant**

(a) a rare species of elephants

(b) an expensive gift

(c) a costly but useless possession

(d) a worthless thing

**Q144.**

**ins and outs**

(a) entry and exit points

(b) full details

(c) tactical moves

(d) complexity of character

**Q145.**

**All his ventures went to the winds.**

(a) dissipated

(b) spread all over

(c) got speed of the winds.

(d) became well-known

**Q146.**

**Don't worry about the silly row. It was just a storm in a tea cup.**

(a) important matter dealt with ease

(b) hot tea being served

(c) commotion over a trivial matter

(d) confusion and chaos

**Q147.**

**The Rajput warriors set their face against the invader.**

(a) became enemies

(b) turned away from

(c) faced difficulty

(d) opposed strongly

**Q148.**

**Syria is now currying favour with America.**

(a) pleasing

(b) favouring

(c) obliging

(d) ingratiating itself with

**Q149.**

**Our Principal is not a man to mince matters.**

(a) to confuse issues

(b) to say something mildly

(c) to mix everything together

(d) to be very modest

**Q150.**

**We tend to take for granted the conveniences of modern life.**

(a) to consider

(b) to admit

(c) to accept readily

(d) to care for

**Q151.**

**The prodigal son was left high and dry by his friends, when he lost all his money.**

(a) wounded

(b) alone

(c) depressed

(d) neglected

**Q152.**

**The success of his first novel completely turned his head.**

(a) made him vain

(b) made him look back

(c) changed him completely

(d) made him think

**Q153.**

**She turns up her nose at this kind of dress.**

(a) despises

(b) loves

(c) sees no harm in

(d) can just tolerate

**Q154.**

**At last the rioters fell back.**

(a) fell on the ground

(b) yielded

(c) ran back

(d) turned back

**Q155.**

**The Madagascar Coup attempt ended in a fiasco.**

(a) had no effect

(b) was an utter failure

(c) resulted in blood-shed

(d) was a disaster

**Q156.**

**His parents cut him off, without a shilling.**

(a) disinherited him

(b) snubbed him

(c) gave him only a shilling

(d) sent him away with a shilling

**Q157.**

**The carefully worked-out plan fell through because of an unexpected event.**

(a) came out successfully

(b) had a steep fall

(c) was shattered

(d) failed

**Q158.**

**He has too many irons in the fire.**

(a) is engaged in too many enterprises at the same time

(b) has several problems

(c) has many ideas in his head

(d) has a fire burning constantly in his house

**Q159.**

**We wanted to give Rita a surprise party but John let the cat out of the bag.**

(a) spoiled the party with a cat

(b) gave her a party himself

(c) told her about it unintentionally

(d) prevented her from attending it

**Q160.**

**Why should you read between the lines whenever I say this to you?**

- (a) read the lines with great speed
- (b) interpret the lines wrongly
- (c) find more meaning than the words appear to express
- (d) read a text line-by-line slowly

**Q161.**

**The Earl of Leicester threw down the glove.**

- (a) accepted defeat
- (b) rejected the prize
- (c) resorted to wrong tactics
- (d) gave a challenge

**Q162.**

**Ravi fought to the bitter end.**

- (a) fought to the last point of enemy's position
- (b) died fighting
- (c) carried on a contest regardless of the consequences
- (d) fought a losing battle

**Q163.**

**I joined college late and found it difficult to catch up with other students.**

- (a) to compete with
- (b) to come to their level
- (c) to overtake them
- (d) to hold them and stop

**Q164.**

**They have made many changes in the policy, but how many of these changes are going to affect the man in the street?**

- (a) the homeless man
- (b) the ordinary man
- (c) the man who works on the street
- (d) the man who repairs roads

**Q165.**

**The students wanted a holiday, but the Principal put his foot down and said, 'No'.**

- (a) asserted his authority
- (b) kicked them
- (c) stepped out
- (d) came downstairs

**Q166.**

**It is high time he came out of his shell.**

- (a) appealed suddenly
- (b) became more sociable
- (c) became a loser
- (d) removed his clothes

**Q167.**

**Every political party is at present playing to the gallery.**

- (a) adopting cheap tactics
- (b) befooling the common man
- (c) fighting for votes
- (d) appeasing the masses

**Q168.**

**His blood ran cold when he heard his uncle was murdered**

- (a) He was frightened
- (b) He was horrified
- (c) He was disgusted
- (d) He was depressed

**Q169.**

**This is so simple that even a man in the street can understand it.**

- (a) an ordinary person
- (b) an illiterate person
- (c) an unknown person
- (d) a stranger

**Q170.**

**When he went to claim insurance for his car, the agent said he hadn't a leg to stand on.**

- (a) had been injured in an accident
- (b) was lame
- (c) did not have much hope of getting it
- (d) would have to wait for some time

**Q171.**

**The angry hockey players gave vent to their feelings.**

- (a) to express
- (b) to emphasise
- (c) to suppress
- (d) to dismiss.

**Q172.**

**I trust you will bear with me a few minutes more.**

- (a) have patience with
- (b) support
- (c) carry the burden for
- (d) be in control for

**Q173.**

**As usual he is blowing his own trumpet.**

- (a) refusing to use anybody else's trumpet
- (b) playing a tune on the trumpet
- (c) praising himself
- (d) praising himself and others

**Q174.**

**When trade was brisk, he worked hard and made his fortune he believes in making hay while the sun shines.**

- (a) taking advantage of a favourable opportunity
- (b) earning money through dishonest means
- (c) earning money at the cost of others
- (d) taking advantage of the inflationary trends

**Q175.**

**When they were surrounded from all sides, the dacoits laid down their arms.**

- (a) put their arms on the ground
- (b) fought bravely
- (c) surrendered
- (d) became nervous

**Q176.**

**Helena was over head and ears in love with Demetrius.**

- (a) carefully
- (b) completely
- (c) brilliantly
- (d) cautiously

**Q177.**

**Gopi works by fits and starts.**

- (a) consistently
- (b) irregularly
- (c) in high spirits
- (d) enthusiastically

**Q178.**

**Naresh Goyal had to stand on his feet very early in his life.**

- (a) to be physically strong
- (b) to be independent
- (c) to stand erect
- (d) to be successful

**Q179.**

**The possession of Jerusalem Is a bone of contention between Israel and Palestine.**

- (a) a subject of peace
- (b) a subject of trade
- (c) a subject of dispute
- (d) a subject of exports

**Q180.**

**My friend turned a deaf ear to my tale of loss and refused to help me.**

- (a) paid no heed
- (b) went far away
- (c) listened carefully
- (d) turned his ear away

**Q181.**

**to take to heart**

- (a) to be encouraged
- (b) to grieve over
- (c) to like
- (d) to hate

**Q182.**

**yeoman's service**

- (a) medical help
- (b) excellent work
- (c) social work
- (d) hard work

**Q183.**

**to face the music**

- (a) to enjoy a musical recital
- (b) to bear the consequences
- (c) to live in a pleasant atmosphere
- (d) to have a difficult time

**Q184.**

**to put up with**

- (a) to accommodate
- (b) to adjust
- (c) to understand
- (d) to tolerate

**Q185.**

**to call it a day**

- (a) to conclude proceedings
- (b) to initiate proceedings
- (c) to work through the day
- (d) None of the above

**Q186.**

**a damp squib**

- (a) rainy weather
- (b) a disappointing result
- (c) a skirt in a laundry
- (d) None of the above

**Q187.**

**in cold blood**

- (a) angrily
- (b) deliberately
- (c) excitedly
- (d) slowly

**Q188.**

**to take someone for a ride**

- (a) to give a ride to someone
- (b) to deceive someone
- (c) to be indifferent
- (d) to disclose a secret

**Q189.**

**to move heaven and earth**

- (a) to cause an earthquake
- (b) to try everything possible
- (c) to pray to all Gods
- (d) to travel in a rocket

**Q190.**

**to smell a rat**

- (a) to smell foul
- (b) to see a rat
- (c) to chase a rat
- (d) to be suspicious

**Q191.**

**a bolt from the blue**

- (a) a delayed event
- (b) an inexplicable event
- (c) an unexpected event
- (d) an unpleasant event

**Q192.**

**cold comfort**

- (a) absurdity
- (b) deception
- (c) slight satisfaction
- (d) foolish proposal

**Q193.**

**to be all at sea.**

- (a) a family voyage
- (b) lost and confused,
- (c) in the middle of the ocean
- (d) a string of Islands

**Q194.**

**to take to one's heels**

- (a) to walk slowly
- (b) to run away
- (c) to march forward'
- (d) to hop and jump

**Q195.**

**to bite the dust**

- (a) eat voraciously
- (b) have nothing to eat
- (c) eat roots
- (d) None of the above

**Q196.**

**to strain every nerve**

- (a) to make utmost efforts
- (b) to feel weak and tired
- (c) to be a diligent worker
- (d) to be methodical in work

**Q197.**

**to flog a dead horse**

- (a) to whip a dead horse
- (b) to attempt to do the impossible
- (c) waste one's efforts
- (d) to take advantage of a weakness

**Q198.**

**to show a clean pair of heels**

- (a) to hide
- (b) to escape
- (c) to pursue
- (d) to follow

**Q199.**

**to die in harness**

- (a) premeditated murder
- (b) dying young in an accident
- (c) to die while in service
- (d) to be taken by surprise

**Q200.**

**to feather one's nest**

- (a) to make a residential house
- (b) something that lasts for a short time
- (c) to profit in a dishonest way
- (d) None of the above

**Q201.**

**The teacher's announcement to conduct a snap test came as a bolt from the blue to many students.**

- (a) imaginary
- (b) unexpected
- (c) forbidden
- (d) heavenly

**Q202.**

**He and his friend are sailing in the same boat.**

- (a) sailing together in the same boat

- (b) sharing the financial and social condition  
 (c) being in the same difficult situation  
 (d) getting rid of the difficult situation

**Q203.**

**To be successful in today's world, we require the gift of the gab.**

- (a) ability to speak well  
 (b) good interpersonal skills  
 (c) divine help and guidance  
 (d) a fierce competitive spirit

**Q204.**

**Winter was so bad that the nomadic tribesmen found it difficult to keep the wolf from the door.**

- (a) hunt wild animals  
 (b) escape starvation  
 (c) get woolen clothes  
 (d) walk on ice

**Q205.**

**There is no soft option to the crisis now.**

- (a) popular opinion  
 (b) popular solution  
 (c) easy and agreeable option  
 (d) difficult choice

**Q206.**

**A little gush of gratitude**

- (a) gradual recovery  
 (b) friendly feeling  
 (c) excessive labour  
 (d) excessive enthusiasm

**Q207.**

**To lose ground**

- (a) to become less powerful  
 (b) to become less popular  
 (c) to lose foundation  
 (d) to be without a leader

**Q208.**

**To fall back on**

- (a) to oppose something important  
 (b) to suffer an injury on the back in an accident  
 (c) to fail to do something important in time  
 (d) to seek support out of necessity

**Q209.**

**To make one's blood boil**

- (a) to make somebody furious  
 (b) to develop fever

- (c) to get excited  
 (d) to make someone nervous

**Q210.**

**To speak one's mind.**

- (a) To be frank and honest  
 (b) To think aloud  
 (c) To talk about one's ideas  
 (d) To express one's thoughts

**Q211.**

**To make a mountain of a molehill**

- (a) to make advantage of a small thing  
 (b) to give great importance to little things  
 (c) to get into trouble  
 (d) to see a thing with prejudiced mind

**Q212.**

**Hand In glove**

- (a) in close relationship  
 (b) non-cooperative  
 (c) critical  
 (d) on bad terms

**Q213.**

**To add fuel to the fire**

- (a) to make matters bright  
 (b) to cause additional anger  
 (c) to bring matters to a conclusion  
 (d) to start a revolt

**Q214.**

**Wear and tear**

- (a) a brand name  
 (b) damage  
 (c) lot of sorrow  
 (d) a warning

**Q215.**

**He is always praised for his gift of the gab.**

- (a) being lucky  
 (b) getting something free  
 (c) talent for speaking  
 (d) great skill

**Q216.**

**The teacher's extra hours of coaching went a long way in improving the student's performance.**

- (a) took great effort  
 (b) spent a lot of time  
 (c) extended widely  
 (d) helped considerably

**Q217.**

**The administration found it difficult to cope with the striking employees.**

- (a) move  
 (b) compromise  
 (c) handle  
 (d) subdue

**Q218.**

**The criminal was pardoned at the eleventh hour just as he was about to be hanged.**

- (a) at eleven o'clock  
 (b) suddenly  
 (c) at the very last moment  
 (d) at midnight

**Q219.**

**He spoke well though it was his maiden speech.**

- (a) long speech  
 (b) brief speech  
 (c) first speech  
 (d) emotional speech

**Q220.**

**Do not run down your friends in public.**

- (a) fight with  
 (b) follow  
 (c) make a mention of  
 (d) criticise

**Q221.**

**Most parents find it difficult to make both ends meet because of inflation.**

- (a) to lead a lavish life  
 (b) to live within one's income  
 (c) to live a miserly life  
 (d) to lead an active life

**Q222.**

**The students were advised to pore over the lessons thoroughly.**

- (a) go through  
 (b) go down  
 (c) go off  
 (d) go out

**Q223.**

**The two famous writers crossed swords with each other on every issue.**

- (a) fought physically  
 (b) crossed the road on meeting

- (c)took different routes  
(d)disagreed

**Q224.**

**The traffic came to a standstill after the heavy downpour of rain.**

- (a)complete halt  
(b)accident spot  
(c)diversion  
(d)confused disorder

**Q225.**

**Even though the new clerk was given a difficult task, he remained cool as a cucumber.**

- (a)not nervous or emotional  
(b)caught cold  
(c)was happy  
(d)was scared

**Q226.**

**The car broke down just as it reached the edge of a cliff. It was indeed a close shave.**

- (a)to share one's brand  
(b)very risky  
(c)narrow escape from danger  
(d)to be happy

**Q227.**

**When she realised that she had bought a fake product, she knew that her money had gone down the drain.**

- (a)was lost forever  
(b)dropped in the drain  
(c)got washed away  
(d)her money was safe

**Q228.**

**George Bernard Shaw was blessed with the gift of the gab.**

- (a)enormous wealth  
(b)ability to work hard  
(c)ability to speak impressively  
(d)luck on one's side >

**Q229.**

**You have been caught cheating; now you must face the music.**

- (a)face the unpleasant consequences  
(b)stand up to unpleasant consequences  
(c)be debarred  
(d)be insulted publicly

**Q230.**

**His position in the company was on His brink of disaster.**

- (a)at the top of  
(b)at the point of  
(c)on the side of  
(d)on the back of

**Q231.**

**The parents are In high spirits as their son has got a decent job.**

- (a)in good position  
(b)drunk  
(c)cheerful  
(d)shocked

**Q232.**

**The police caught the thief red handed.**

- (a)in a red uniform  
(b)with blood in hands  
(c)at the time of committing the crime  
(d)after reading the rules

**Q233.**

**I was so disappointed when my close friend left me in the lurch.**

- (a)went away without waiting for me  
(b)helped me In difficult times  
(c)abandoned me when I needed help  
(d)stopped helping me in emergency

**Q234.**

**Some people do not grease anybody's palm on any account.**

- (a)bribe  
(b)flatter  
(c)cheat  
(d)fight

**Q235.**

**Tagore was a man of letters.**

- (a)of wide contacts  
(b)an excellent letter dictator  
(c)a great writer of letters  
(d)proficient in literary art

**Q236.**

**His friends beat the boy to pay off old scores.**

- (a)to refund old dues  
(b)to take revenge  
(c)to force him to be a scorer in a match  
(d)because he had not scored well earlier

**Q237.**

**Chintan is so innocent that he wears his heart on his sleeve.**

- (a)Wears dress that does not match  
(b)Expresses his feelings openly  
(c)wears colourful dresses  
(d)expresses his feelings with the shape of a heart printed on its sleeve

**Q238.**

**It was a red letter day in the history of the world.**

- (a)a day with bloodshed.  
(b)a dangerous note about the destruction  
(c)a day memorable for some joyful event  
(d) a day with love and warmth

**Q239.**

**The poor subordinates are made scapegoats by their superiors.**

- (a) punished for others misdeeds  
(b)developed poor relations  
(c)treated humbly and respectfully  
(d)scolded with arrogant reactions

**Q240.**

**The Manager doctored the accounts of the company .**

- (a)to make changes in account books  
(b)to clear the doctors bill  
(c)to verify the accounts in detail  
(d)to manipulate the accounts

**Q241.**

**She could never measure up to her parent expectation.**

- (a)reach the level  
(b)work as hard  
(c)assess the amount  
(d)increase her height

**Q242.**

**The little girl with her flawless performance stole the show.**

- (a)stole something from the show  
(b)crept into the show  
(c)won everybody's praise  
(d)disappeared from the show

**Q243.**

**The thief was on good terms with the police.**

- (a)kept terms and conditions  
(b)was friendly  
(c)followed the rules  
(d)agreed with them

Q244.

**John's offer of help was turned down by the police.**

- (a) sent back
- (b) twisted around
- (c) refused
- (d) handed over

Q245.

**Having no arguments to defend his point, the speaker began to beat about the bush.**

- (a) wander across the words
- (b) speak in a haphazard manner
- (c) speaking a round-about manner
- (d) make use of irrelevant reference

Q246.

**They were offered six months' rent in lieu of notice to vacate the building.**

- (a) in spite of
- (b) in place of
- (c) despite of
- (d) in addition to

Q247.

**The reputed company is in the red due to the recession.**

- (a) making money
- (b) losing money
- (c) in danger
- (d) spending money

Q248.

**When the Principal was entering the class, all my friends quietly disappeared, leaving me alone to face the music.**

- (a) to listen to him
- (b) to enter into the class
- (c) to bear the criticism
- (d) to listen to a favourable comment

Q249.

**The Kenyan team proved to be the dark horse in the ICC World Cup Cricket.**

- (a) a strong intruder
- (b) a skilled team
- (c) the most powerful
- (d) an unexpected winner

Q250.

**Yesterday in a collision between a truck and a car he had a close shave.**

- (a) maintain cleanliness
- (b) remove the entire hair
- (c) a narrow escape
- (d) close relations

Q251.

**The piece of parental property has created bad blood between the two brothers.**

- (a) impure relation
- (b) ill-matched temper
- (c) active enmity
- (d) bad parentage

Q252.

**Since you couldn't accept a timely warning, it's no use repenting now. Why cry over spilt milk?**

- (a) cry over irreparable loss
- (b) to regret uselessly
- (c) cry needlessly
- (d) feel guilty of

Q253.

**After fifteen years of marriage she did not expect her husband to leave her in the church.**

- (a) listen to her
- (b) provoke her
- (c) ignore her
- (d) desert her

Q254.

**Who are we to sit in judgment over their choices?**

- (a) lecture
- (b) criticize
- (c) speak
- (d) communicate

Q255.

**The teacher took me to task for not completing my homework.**

- (a) gave me additional homework
- (b) punished me
- (c) took me to the principal
- (d) reduced my homework

Q256.

**Do not lose your head when faced with a difficult situation.**

- (a) forget anything
- (b) neglect anything
- (c) panic

(d) get jealous

Q257.

**When I entered the house everything was at sixes and sevens.**

- (a) a quarrel among six or seven people
- (b) to have six or seven visitors at a time.
- (c) in disorder or confusion.
- (d) an unpleasant argument.

Q258.

**He was pulled up by the Director of the Company.**

- (a) assaulted
- (b) dragged
- (c) reprimanded
- (d) cleared

Q259.

**The storm brought about great destruction in the valley.**

- (a) invited
- (b) caused
- (c) succeeded
- (d) halted

Q260.

**The police closed the book on the murder case.**

- (a) solved the case of
- (b) stopped working on
- (c) handed the case over to another agency
- (d) refused to take up

Q261.

**His arguments cut no ice with me.**

- (a) had no influence on me
- (b) did not hurt me
- (c) did not benefit me
- (d) did not make me proud

Q262.

**There was a job for me to cut my teeth on.**

- (a) to gain experience
- (b) to try
- (c) to sharpen my wits
- (d) to earn a decent salary

Q263.

**The carrot and stick policy pays dividends in every organization.**

- (a) fair and foul
- (b) continuous vigilance

- (c)democratic  
(d)reward and punishment

Q264.

**Unless you grease his palms he will not do your work.**

- (a)talk to him  
(b) flatter him  
(c) beat him  
(d) bribe him

Q265.

**I had to pull strings to put up a good show.**

- (a)play music  
(b)use personal influence  
(c)use the instrument  
(d)play a song

Q266.

**You can easily overcome this situation if you keep your head.**

- (a)keep faith in  
(b)remain calm  
(c)believe in  
(d)trust the others

Q267.

**It is clear that the ideas of both reformers ran in the same groove.**

- (a)promoted each other  
(b)clashed with each other  
(c)moved in harmony  
(d)moved in different

Q268.

**This place affords a bird's eye view of the green valley below.**

- (a)a beautiful view  
(b)a narrow view  
(c)an overview  
(d)an ugly view

Q269.

**He works in fits and starts.**

- (a)consistently  
(b)irregularly  
(c)in high spirits  
(d)enthusiastically-

Q270.

**build castles in the air**

- (a)waste time  
(b)daydream  
(c)build houses  
(d)work hard

Q271.

**sought after**

- (a)highly paid  
(b)pursued by  
(c)in great demand  
(d)with great talent

Q272.

**all at sea**

- (a)very proud  
(b) overjoyed  
(c) puzzled  
(d) excited

Q273.

**to hit below the belt**

- (a)to punish  
(b)to tie with a belt  
(c)to hit with a belt  
(d)to attack unfairly

Q274.

**pot-luck dinner**

- (a)dinner where everybody brings something to eat  
(b)dinner where everybody pays for his food  
(c)dinner where only soup is served  
(d)dinner where people eat and play game is at the same time

Q275.

**at one's beck and call**

- (a)to attend a call  
(b)to be helped by someone  
(c)to be useful to someone  
(d)to be dominated by someone

Q276.

**to explore every avenue .**

- (a)to search all streets  
(b)2) to scout the wilderness  
(c)to find adventure  
(d)to try every opportunity

Q277.

**a red letter day**

- (a)a dangerous day in one's life  
(b)a sorrowful day in one's life  
(c)an important or joyful occasion in one's life  
(d)both a dangerous and sorrowful day in one's life

Q278.

**to have something up one's sleeve**

- (a)to hide something in the sleeve

(b)to play a magician trick

- (c)to have a secret plan  
(d)to play hide and seek

Q279.

**on the spur of the moment**

- (a)to act at once  
(b)to ride a horse in a race  
(c)to act deliberately  
(d)to act at the appointed time

Q280.

**to bring to light**

- (a)to reveal  
(b)to conceal  
(c)to provide luminescence  
(d)to appeal

Q281.

**to hit the jackpot**

- (a)to gamble  
(b)to get an unexpected victory  
(c)to be wealthy  
(d)to make money quickly

Q282.

**to bum the candle at both ends**

- (a)to spend cautiously  
(b)to be stingy  
(c)to be extravagant  
(d)to survive difficulty

Q283.

**status quo**

- (a)unchanged position  
(b)excellent place  
(c)unbreakable statue  
(d)long queue

Q284.

**by fair means or foul**

- (a)without using common sense  
(b)without difficulty  
(c)in anyway honest or dishonest  
(d)having been instigated

Q285.

**To look down one's nose**

- (a)to show anger  
(b)to retaliate  
(c)to Insult in the presence of others  
(d)to regard with contempt

Q286.

**To shed crocodile tears**

- (a)to weep profusely  
(b)to pretend grief

- (c) to grieve seriously  
(d) to mock something

**Q287.**

**By putting two and two together**

- (a) to mix several things  
(b) to make an arithmetical calculation  
(c) to keep people in pairs  
(d) to deduce from given facts

**Q288.**

**To go scot-free**

- (a) to walk like a native of Scotland  
(b) to get something free  
(c) to escape without punishment  
(d) to save tax

**Q289.**

**At the eleventh hour**

- (a) at eleven O'clock  
(b) at the wrong time  
(c) at the last possible moment  
(d) at the initial moment itself

**Q290.**

**birds of the same feather**

- (a) persons of same caste  
(b) persons of same colour  
(c) birds with same type of feather  
(d) persons of same character

**Q291.**

**to fight tooth and nail**

- (a) to fight a losing battle  
(b) to fight heroically  
(c) to fight cowardly  
(d) to make every possible effort

**Q292.**

**to call a spade a spade**

- (a) to be frank  
(b) to be sly  
(c) to be rude  
(d) to be diplomatic

**Q293.**

**a white elephant**

- (a) an extinct species of elephant found in Burma  
(b) a report by the government to give information  
(c) huge and colossal waste of human energy  
(d) costly and troublesome possession useless to its owner

**Q294.**

**to miss the bus**

- (a) to miss, the bus that one regularly takes  
(b) to miss an opportunity  
(c) to have something to fall back upon  
(d) to find fault with others

**Q295.**

**As a businessman, my father always maintained that his transactions constituted an open book.**

- (a) an account book always open  
(b) a book of open confessions  
(c) an opening for new ventures  
(d) straight forward and honest dealings

**Q296.**

**The project advanced by leaps and bounds.**

- (a) rapidly  
(b) slowly  
(c) sharply  
(d) simply

**Q297.**

**She is too fond of her own voice.**

- (a) loves singing  
(b) very selfish  
(c) does not listen properly to anyone else  
(d) very talkative

**Q298.**

**Indian police is, on the whole, high handed in dealing with citizens.**

- (a) kind  
(b) overbearing  
(c) prompt  
(d) adept

**Q299.**

**I take exception to your statement that I am bad tempered.**

- (a) do not agree  
(b) feel unhappy  
(c) object  
(d) feel angry

**Q300.**

**The officer called for an explanation from the cashier for the shortage of cash.**

- (a) asked  
(b) begged  
(c) served a notice  
(d) demanded

**ANSWERS :**

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