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1. Select the correct idiom that can substitute the italicised group of words in the given sentence.

Prof. Ram Prasad was an environmental activist, and apparently, he became *annoying and irritating* to leather factories over the years.

(A) a vexed question (B) a slow coach (C) an uphill task (D) a thorn in the flesh

Ans. d

2. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom that can be substituted in the following sentence.

The robber showed a clean pair of heels when the policeman came nearer.

(A) stole and ran away with heels (B) showed how clean the heels were (C) stood so as to show the heels (D) ran away

Ans. d

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

Face the music

(A) Music for peace and health (B) To face the unpleasant consequences of one's actions (C) Listening to melodies from music albums (D) Dance according to the tune

Ans. b

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

Royal road

(A) Achieving something by birth (B) Achieving something by truth (C) Achieving something by false means (D) Achieving something trouble free

Ans. d

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

Public enemy number one

(A) Someone who is the greatest threat to a group or community
(B) One who helps the poor
(C) The opposition party leader
(D) A person who always smiles

Ans. a

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

Silver tongue

(A) Speaking to discourage people
(B) Speaking with an eloquent expression to convince people
(C) Speaking to annoy people
(D) Speaking to bore people

Ans. b

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

The second wave of the pandemic left everyone in the doldrums.

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

Where the shoe pinches

(A) Tight fitting shoes (B) Where the comfort is more (C) Expensive shoes (D) Where the difficulty lies

Ans. d

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

In the fast lane

(A) In terrific speed (B) In great excitement (C) In perfect discipline (D) In complete fear

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Ans. b

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

Penny wise and pound foolish

- (A) Serious about wealth but never working hard (B) Writing powerfully but speaking poorly
(C) Careful in trivial matters but wasteful in large (D) Good at spending but bad at earning

Ans. c

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

Spick and span

- (A) To leave a place quickly (B) To be in trouble (C) To be neat and clean (D) To be untidy

Ans. c

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

Blaze the trail

- (A) To be defeated (B) To receive fame (C) To cause a damage (D) Be first to do something important

Ans. d

14. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. Keep a straight face

- (A) To be stingy (B) Look serious though you want to laugh (C) To pretend to be cheerful (D) When a plan suddenly fails

Ans. b

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

At the drop of a hat

- (A) Do something immediately without hesitation (B) Extremely pleased about something (C) Force someone to behave in a disciplined manner (D) Refuse to do something

Ans. a

16. Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom in the given sentence.

The marriage of my elder brother has been on the cards for some time now.

- (A) Probable (B) Stuck (C) Improbable (D) Certain

Ans. a

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

Be riding high

- (A) To be very successful (B) A drunken person (C) A person who is a pilot (D) To be in good mood

Ans. a

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

A vicious cycle

- (A) Series of fortunate events (B) When one problem causes another problem
(C) Cyclical relationships (D) Victorious efforts

Ans. b

19. Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

He has got this notorious reputation of teasing and making fun of people.

- (A) pulling oneself together (B) pulling someone's leg (C) cutting corners (D) falling prey

Ans. b

20. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom that can be substituted in the following sentence.

He is not a great leader but, he has the gift of gab.

- (A) gift of speaking (B) gift of a leader (C) gift of sleeping (D) gift to gamble

Ans. a

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

Will-o-the-wisp (A) A splendid dream (B) An unrealistic or unattainable goal (C) Having a strong will (D) Being greedy for money

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Ans. b

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

Better the devil you know than the devil you don't.

- (A) Being cruel is better with known people.
- (B) It is easier to be in a known bad situation than being in an unknown worse situation.
- (C) Do not trust unknown and known devils.
- (D) Being good is better with evil people.

Ans. b

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

Like oil and water

- (A) Two people who are similar to each other
- (B) Two people who are different from each other
- (C) Two people who like to work with each other
- (D) Two people who like each other

Ans. b

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

White elephant

- (A) A business company in bankruptcy
- (B) A big lie that is concealed from all
- (C) Something that costs a lot of money but has no useful purpose
- (D) Something very rare and precious

Ans. c

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

A cakewalk

- (A) An easy task or victory
- (B) An unexpected twist
- (C) A precious memory to cherish
- (D) A stylish walk

Ans. a

26. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom that can be substituted in the following sentence.

I am at sea after listening to the arguments.

- (A) totally relaxed
- (B) perplexed
- (C) stuck in the seas
- (D) sailing on the seas

Ans. b

27. Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment.

I thought I finished my work but I realised that all of my work is faulty. I have to start it over again.

- (A) break the back of something
- (B) go back to the drawing board
- (C) break new ground
- (D) get a pat on the back

Ans. b

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

Be in seventh heaven

- (A) To support someone strongly
- (B) To be prepared for trouble
- (C) To be impossible to understand
- (D) To be extremely happy

Ans.

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

The child made a wry face when he was denied entry into the museum.

- (A) A disappointed look
- (B) An earnest request
- (C) An offending remark
- (D) An obscene gesture

Ans. a

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

To go through fire and water

- (A) To face many challenges
- (B) To do something easy
- (C) To punish
- (D) To tolerate

Ans. a

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

Taste of your own medicine

- (A) Extremely pleased and excited about something
- (B) Try to manage something which went wrong
- (C) Have the same bad treatment that you have given to others
- (D) Try everything possible

Ans. c

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32. Select the appropriate idiom that can replace the underlined phrase in the following sentence.

It was a great chance. You missed out an opportunity.

(A) are a blessing in disguise (B) are dead as a dodo (C) missed the boat (D) are in the middle of nowhere

Ans. c

33. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. Forty winks

(A) To do something forty times (B) To take a short nap (C) To be worried (D) To hurry and rush

Ans. b

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

A Penelope's web

(A) A meaningless job (B) An important job (C) A daily job (D) An endless job

Ans. d

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

Once in a blue moon

(A) To agree reluctantly (B) Very rarely (C) Moon in the night (D) A quick response

Ans. b

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

If the linguistic minority refuses to vote, it may rock the boat.

(A) Restore the equilibrium (B) Topple the government (C) Lead to protests (D) Upset the balance

Ans. d

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

Have your heart in your mouth

(A) Feeling extremely nervous (B) Doing immediately (C) Not being of your kind (D) Accusing someone of faults which you have

Ans. a

38. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. Head over heels

(A) To be very angry (B) To have immense patience (C) To be madly in love (D) To have dispute

Ans. c

39. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. Pour out one's heart

(A) To create a record (B) To express openly (C) To ask for something (D) To challenge

Ans. b

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

A chip on one's shoulder (A) Injured shoulder (B) An attitude that leads one to become easily angered (C) Being appreciated (D)

Huge achievement

Ans. b

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

A slap on the wrist

(A) A tiny gift (B) A secret alliance (C) A wrist watch (D) A small punishment

Ans. d

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

He had to bite the bullet when the doctor told him that his injured foot had to be amputated.

(A) Expedite the procedure (B) Commit suicide (C) Refuse to do something (D) To accept a difficult or unpleasant situation

Ans. d

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

Armed to the teeth

(A) Carrying a lot of weapons (B) Very frustrated (C) Decide to continue in spite of difficulties (D) Very difficult to do

Ans. a

44. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. In the long run

(A) Purposeful refusing (B) In the end (C) Simultaneously (D) Careful running

Ans. b

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

The matrimonial alliance between the two kingdoms was actually a Judas kiss.

(A) Made through intense bloodshed (B) Incestuous relationship (C) A strong bond (D) Deceitful pretence of friendship

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Ans. d

46. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.
One can always start off with a clean slate for a new and better life.

- (A) An innocent man who has nothing to spend
- (B) A person with no crimes to his record
- (C) Situation in which you can start again
- (D) Provide a clear record to one's superiors

Ans. c

47. Select the correct idiom that can substitute the italicised group of words in the given sentence.
My mother ensures every corner of our home is *clean and organised* before my grandmother arrives.

- (A) spick and span (B) root and branch (C) a queer fish (D) a rainy day

Ans. a

48. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. On the fence

- (A) Under all conditions (B) Undaunted by anything (C) Halting between two options (D) On very intimate terms

Ans. c

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

Wear your heart on your sleeve

- (A) Wearing untidy clothes intentionally (B) Spreading scandals mercilessly (C) Imagining unreal things about others (D) Expressing emotions very openly

Ans. d

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

To add fuel to fire.

- (A) To start the conversation (B) To make a bad situation worse (C) To speak against someone (D) To fight over trivial thing

Ans. b

51. Substitute the underlined words with the option that is closest in meaning to it.

Rahul likes to keep his house spic and span.

- (A) rich and famous (B) shabby and dirty (C) bright and glory (D) neat and clean

Ans. d

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

Up a creek without a paddle

- (A) In a troublesome and serious situation (B) In a satisfied and calm atmosphere (C) In a partially complete construction work (D) In an unfinished mission

Ans. a

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

An ox on their tongue was the only way officers would have allowed him to carry on the unlawful activities he was involved in.

- (A) Bribed to remain silent (B) Being frank (C) Telling lies (D) Getting no appreciation

Ans. a

54. Substitute the underlined word segment with most appropriate idiom.

They had to cancel their trip at the last minute due to bad weather.

- (A) at a stone's throw (B) at the eleventh hour (C) at somebody's beck and call (D) at sixes and sevens

Ans. b

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

Get a second wind

- (A) Have renewed energy after having been tired (B) Have less energy and be extremely tired (C) Have two different choices (D) Having less energy after resting

Ans. a

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