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

Maiden speech

(A) Unprepared speech (B) Last speech (C) First speech (D) Madam's speech

Ans. C

2. Select the option that is closest in meaning to the underlined idiom / phrase in the given

The manager moved heaven and earth to help the factory workers who had lost their jobs.

(A) offered good advice (B) wasted a lot of time (C) did everything possible (D) travelled to distant places

Ans. C

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

Out of the blue

(A) Sorrowfully (B) unexpectedly (C) From the sky (D) Without a uniform

Ans. B

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

Full steam ahead

(A) Miss the train before reaching (B) Make a train journey
(C) Move onward with determination (D) Move very noisily

Ans. C

5. Select the option that is closest in meaning to the underlined idiom /phrase in the given sentence.

Please cut down on you expenses now or you will face difficulties in the future.

(A) raise (B) recover (C) reduce (D) refuse

Ans. C

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

Flea market

(A) A place where antiques and second – hand goods are sold (B) A place where vegetables and fruits are sold
(C) A place where stolen goods are sold (D) A place where fish and marine animals are sold

Ans. A

7. Select the option that is closest in meaning to the underlined idiom phrase in the given sentence .

I will always be grateful to my friend because she has been with me through thick and thin.

(A) in your own place and other places (B) in both , good times and bad times
(C) over a long period of time (D) during different stages of life

Ans. B

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

Worked like a dream

(A) Worked without a plan (B) A plan succeeded perfectly (C) A plan failed miserably (D) worked in a lazy mood

Ans. B

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

Mark up

(A) put a clear label (B) Accidentally stain (C) Deliberately (D) Increase the price

Ans. D

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

On cloud nine

(A) Very happy (B) Very angry (C) Very far (D) Very worried

Ans. A

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

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In the long run

(A) Eventually (B) on condition (C) Repeatedly (D) In case

Ans. A

12. Select the most appropriate meaning of given idiom.

A can of worms

(A) A difficult person to deal with (B) A complicated situation or problem
(C) A good source of money (D) A plan kept back to be used later

Ans. B

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

Over and over again

(A) Start something new (B) Do something repeatedly (C) End of something important (D) work very hard

Ans. B

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

Ins and outs

(A) Complete facts (B) some details (C) Brief points (D) hidden facts

Ans. A

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

See the light of day

(A) Have a long life (B) Work during daytime (C) Feel very hot (D) Become publicly

Ans. D

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

From far and wide

(A) From somewhere (B) From all direction (C) From a far off place (D) From a nearby place

Ans. B

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

Alive and kicking

(A) Healthy and doing well (B) Money earned in return in return for little work
(C) Strict and non – flexible (D) Stout and chubby

Ans. A

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

In a fix

(A) In a difficult situation (B) Under repairs (C) On a closed space (D) Under observation

Ans. A

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

Open – ended

(A) Ending is twisted (B) Ending is happy (C) Having no planned ending (D) Never ending

Ans. C

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

Storm in a teacup

(A) Making a habit of breaking teacups (B) Thunder and storm during meal time
(C) Too little tea poured in a cup (D) Anger or fuss about something trivial

Ans. D

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

To let someone off

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(A) To punish someone lightly (B) To thank someone (C) To allow someone (D) To scold someone severely
Ans. A

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

To blow one's own horn

(A) To praise oneself (B) To calm oneself (C) To breathe deeply (D) To become angry

Ans. A

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

To go round in circles

(A) To be unable to draw a circle properly (B) To run round a circular stadium very fast
(C) To waste one's time and energy doing trivial things (D) To play a game which makes you run a lot

Ans. C

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

A dog's life

(A) A luxurious life (B) A sheltered life (C) A miserable life (D) A meaningful life

Ans. D

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

To catch someone's fancy

(A) To appeal to someone (B) To catch an infection (C) To imagine things (D) To dress up fashionably

Ans. A

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

A fine state of affairs

(A) A punishable case (B) A pleasant situation (C) An uncanny (D) An unpleasant situation

Ans. D

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

For good

(A) For someone's well – being (B) Just in time (C) forever (D) For a shout in time

Ans. C

28. Select the most appropriate meaning of given idiom.

Having the gift of the gab

(A) has the best gift (B) Possessive in nature
(C) Not ready to share to share belongings with others
(D) Talks well and persuasively

Ans. D

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

On the cards

(A) Not likely to happen (B) written down (C) likely to happen (D) will happen

Ans. C

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

Raining cats and dogs

(A) Cat and dog fight (B) Too crowded (C) Raining heavily (D) Raining lightly

Ans. C

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

Between Scylla and Charybdis

(A) Winning a competition (B) Choice between two pleasant alternatives

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(C) Choice between two unpleasant alternatives (D) Dividing into equal shares

Ans. C

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

To be off the book

(A) To be in trouble (B) To be trapped (C) To be close to the target (D) To escape a difficult situation

Ans. D

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

Odd man out

(A) Person having no knowledge (B) Person with a hereditary disease (C) Person who is useless (D) Person who doesn't fit into a group

Ans. D

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

Out of the blue

(A) Completely unexpectedly (B) Always dressing up in blue clothes (C) Coming out of a blue box (D) Caught in a fight

Ans. A

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

Hang up one's boots

(A) Tease an opponent (B) Show disrespect (C) Retire from a sport (D) Challenge someone

Ans. C

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

Come of age

(A) Earn money (B) Grow old (C) Reach maturity (D) Be too young

Ans. C

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

Dig up dirt on someone

(A) Bury the dead in the group (B) Discover damaging information about someone
(C) Take revenge on somebody (D) protest against someone

Ans. B

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

To land a job

(A) To plough the land (B) To be dismissed (C) To do farming (D) To be hired

Ans. D

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

Drag one's feet

(A) Do something deliberately at a slow pace (B) Have a disability in the feet
(C) Be hurt badly on the foot (D) Find it difficult to walk fast

Ans. A

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

Game is up

(A) New scheme has been launched
(B) Game is over and winner declared
(C) Deception is at an end
(D) plan has been executed

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Ans. C

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

Crack up

(A) Grow old (B) Laugh out loud (C) Find fault (D) Become wise

Ans. B

42. Select the option that is closest in meaning to the underlined idiom/ phrase in the given sentence.

The owners of the company keep the lion's share of the profit for themselves.

(A) the best part (B) the smallest part (C) the oldest part (D) the largest part

Ans. D

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

Think on your feet

(A) Be interested in trekking and running a race (B) stand up to be able to solve a problem
(C) Be ready to take up all the challenges that you face (D) Adjust quickly to changes and make fast decisions

Ans. D

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

Go through the roof

(A) find a secret route (B) Rise very high (C) be very happy (D) Fall down flat

Ans. B

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

Loaded words

(A) words or language that is impolite and rude (B) words that carry more significance than their literal meaning
(C) words that common people cannot understand (D) Words that have been used by well-known writers

Ans. B

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

Pain in the neck

(A) Someone or something that is annoying or a nuisance (B) Someone who is always angry
(C) Some who is forever ill (D) Someone who is always depressed

Ans. A

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

Out of question

(A) Wishful (B) Doubtful (C) Difficult (D) Impossible

Ans. D

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

To have a yen for

(A) To have a lot of Japanese money to spend
(B) To have a very strong and continuous desire or craving for something
(C) To want to earn money to go to Japan
(D) To have many friends who want to teach one new things

Ans. B

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

Go with the flow

(A) Swim in deep water (B) Flatter someone in authority
(C) Do what others are doing (D) Control a situation

Ans. C

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

To beat the clock

- (A) To brag about oneself (B) To perform a task within the time limit
(C) To be very angry for being late (D) To race against time

Ans. B

51. Select the most appropriate meaning of the give idiom .

As thick as two shout planks

- (A) Extremely stupid (B) Extremely ugly (C) Extremely angry (D) Extremely intelligent

Ans. A

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

Get out of hand

- (A) work hard (B) Slow down (C) Lose control (D) Calm down

Ans. C

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

To get wind of

- (A) To learn something secret (B) To gain something unfairly
(C) To enjoy a nice weather (D) To be clear about something

Ans. A

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

Hit the sack

- (A) Fool someone (B) Go to bed (C) Find a treasure (D) word hard

Ans. B

55. Select the option that is closest in meaning to the underlined idiom/ phrase in the given sentence.

My mother said , “ Think carefully about your life’s goal and then don’t give up till you achieve it.”

- (A) examine it (B) accept it (C) postpone it (D) stop doing it

Ans. D

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

Take up room

- (A) Feel choked (B) use mildly (C) Occupy space (D) Rent a place

Ans. C

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

Draw first blood

- (A) Be the first to gain an advantage or score against an opponent
(B) Be the first to donate blood to help a friend
(C) Agree to accompany someone for the diagnosis of an illness
(D) The a blood test early in the morning

Ans. A

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

A cold fish

- (A) An unemotional person (B) A boring Person (C) A nervous person (D) A sensitive person

Ans. A

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

Vanish into thin air

- (A) Disappear completely (B) postpone finally (C) Dilute entirely (D) Mix permanently

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Ans. A

60. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom

A dime a dozen

(A) Something which is not expensive (B) Something which costs a dime

(C) Something which can be bought only in dozens (D) something very common or of little value

Ans. D

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

To spill the beans

(A) To do something very difficult

(B) to give away a secret

(C) To throw away something important

(D) To work very hard

Ans. B

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

To take up gauntlet

(A) To deny the challenge (B) To suffer humiliation (C) To accept a challenge (D) To face failure

Ans. C

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

Cool as a cucumber

(A) Wise (B) Scared (C) Calm (D) Lazy

Ans. C

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

Come to blows

(A) Insult someone (B) Return a favour (C) Agree on a plan (D) Get into a fight physically

Ans. D

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

Play for time

(A) To make excuses or do things to gain time

(B) To play music in the time provided

(C) To play something for the sake of old times

(D) To do something in the stipulated time

Ans. A

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

To breathe one's last

(A) To make a plot (B) To give final verdict (C) To die (D) To take a major decision

Ans. C

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

To be on the same page

(A) To be published together (B) To read a book together

(C) To understand what the other says (D) To agree on something

Ans. D

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

Tickled pink

(A) Very pleased (B) Easily teased (C) very sensitive (D) Fond of pink

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Ans. A

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

To break new ground

(A) To innovate or pioneer (B) To disturb or interrupt (C) To start digging somewhere else (D) To look for a new building

Ans. A

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

To break into tears

(A) To cry suddenly (B) to fidget (C) to panic (D) to be afraid of

Ans. A

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

To get out of hand

(A) To act irresponsibly (B) To lose courage (C) to be indecisive (D) To become uncontrollable

Ans. D

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

Down in the dumps

(A) In a very happy mood (B) in a high spirit (C) In a state of fury (D) In a depressed state of mind

Ans. D

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

Drop names

(A) Delete someone's (B) Name famous people to impress others (C) Show disrespect to someone's (D) Assume a false name

Ans. B

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

To beat around the bush

(A) To discuss the main topic (B) To avoid the main issue
(C) To avoid noticing someone (D) To explain something in detail

Ans. B

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

Hold your horses

(A) Run fast (B) Be patient (C) Take control (D) Make a profit

Ans. B

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

To break loose

(A) To escape (B) To let go (C) To untie (D) To set free

Ans. A

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

Big bucks

(A) A big loss (B) A big bucket (C) A big function (D) A lot of money

Ans. D

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

Blow a fuse

(A) To feel sick (B) To react very angrily (C) To feel tired (D) To work hard aimlessly

Ans. B

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

The apple of one's eye

(A) Someone very rich (B) A jolly fellow (C) A person who is very dear (D) A fierce opponent

Ans. C

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

Not breathe a word

(A) To be quiet because you are angry
(B) To decide not to talk to someone
(C) To be quiet not knowing what to say
(D) To remain silent about some secret

Ans. D

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

To give up the ghost

(A) To stop working (B) To scare away a ghost (C) To speak lies (D) To Pretend to be a ghost

Ans. A

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

To pull a fast one on someone

(A) To win against someone (B) To enchant someone (C) to chest someone (D) To drive very fast

Ans. C

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

To kick the bucket

(A) To die (B) To play (C) To fight (D) To lose

Ans. A

84. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom,

Chicken hearted

(A) Visibly pleased (B) Slightly risky (C) Readily available (D) Easily scared

Ans. D

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

Wee hours of the day

(A) Dusk (B) midnight (C) Dawn (D) Noon

Ans. C

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