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#### Directions:

In each of the following questions, four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase in bold in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase as your answer.

#### 1) carry out

- a) continue      b) complete something  
c) to take in      d) bring

#### 2) I have taken fancy to this car.

- a) revised      b) developed liking for  
c) improved      d) given imaginative touches

#### 3) He beats about the bush.

- a) talks continuously  
b) speak well  
c) does not talk specifically  
d) talks sensibly

#### 4) My kith and kin congratulated me on my brilliant success.

- a) father and mother      b) relatives  
c) colleagues      d) niece and nephew

#### 5) Receiving his first award was a shot in the arm for him.

- a) something that is painful  
b) something that needs attention  
c) something done with a purpose  
d) something that gives encouragement

#### 6) Television has become part and parcel of our lives.

- a) unavoidable luxury      b) important part  
c) showy part      d) status symbol

#### 7) Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India, was a man of letters.

- a) a great politician      b) a literary person  
c) a great patriot      d) a great letter-writer

#### 8) It is sometimes wiser to rely on horse sense than on the advice of colleagues.

- a) advice of teachers  
b) advice of colleagues  
c) basic common sense  
d) advice of parents

#### 9) As a student, you should catch time by the forelock.

- a) set up clock back      b) slow down  
c) seize opportunity      d) speed up

#### 10) Anand is a nice guy, but sometimes he really gets on my nerves.

- a) shakes my self-confidence  
b) annoys me  
c) makes me uncomfortable  
d) makes me nervous

#### 11) His frequent journeys are telling upon his health.

- a) improving      b) informing  
c) affecting      d) threatening

#### 12) My close friend got the sack from his first job recently.

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

#### 13) to put Up with

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

#### 14) The party high command wanted to stave off an open battle.

- a) allow it to take its own course  
b) wait and see  
c) prevent  
d) postpone

#### 15) In high spirits

- a) under the Influence of liquor  
b) under tremendous stress  
c) mentally deranged





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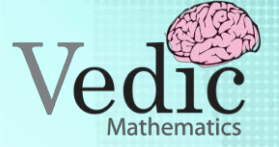
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d) full of hope and enthusiasm

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

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

17) Tagore was a man of letters.

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

18) The angry hockey players gave vent to their feelings.

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

19) The Madagascar Coup attempt ended in a fiasco.

- a) resulted in blood-shed  
b) was an utter failure  
c) was a disaster  
d) had no effect

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

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

21) to hit below the belt

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

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

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

23) The success of his first novel completely turned his head.

- a) changed him completely

b) made him look back

c) made him think

d) made him vain

24) Why don't you put an end to blowing your own trumpet ?

- a) praising your own abilities and achievements  
b) making too much noise  
c) None of these  
d) playing your own trumpet to produce music

25) to weigh up the pros and cons is to

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

26) The little girl with her flawless performance stole the show.

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

27) My repeated attempts to get refund from the civic authorities were of no avail.

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

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

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

29) yeoman's service

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

30) to emerge out of thin air means to

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

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





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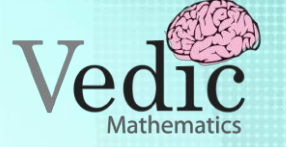
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a) puzzled  
c) triumphant

b) sad  
d) happy

c) excited

d) very proud

**32) She is a fair-weather friend.**

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

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

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

**34) have the last laugh**

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

**35) Reading between the lines realized that my friend wanted to keep something from me.**

- a) reading with anxiety
- b) reading carelessly
- c) glancing over the lines
- d) looking for meanings that are not actually expressed

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

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

**37) to take someone for a ride**

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

**38) all at sea**

- a) puzzled
- b) overjoyed

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

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

**40) by fair means or foul**

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

**41) To speak one's mind.**

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

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

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

**43) The king had been made to eat humble pie.**

- a) to eat a good pie
- b) to have an excellent dish
- c) to apologize
- d) to eat slowly

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

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

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

- a) pleased
- b) disgusted
- c) satisfied
- d) annoyed







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46) I can no longer put up with her insolence.

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

47) My neighbour had to pay through his nose for a brand new car.

- a) Pay an extremely high price
- b) Pay a reasonable price
- c) Make a quick buck
- d) Pay huge loans

48) to fight tooth and nail

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

49) to rim across

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

50) on the spur of the moment

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

51) The reputed company is in the red due to the recession.

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

