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Directions:

In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

1) While away

- a) To be on time
- b) To utilize time efficiently
- c) To be late
- d) Spend time uselessly

2) To go for broke

- a) Losing all money in an effort to revive a failing business
- b) Failure in relationship or partnership
- c) To start again after failing in a business.
- d) To risk everything in an all-out effort

3) Not one's cup of tea

- a) To accept defeat even before attempting to take up the challenge
- b) Not one's choice or preference
- c) To stop having breakfast
- d) to be satisfied with less

4) To steal a march

- a) To break something
- b) To see a hidden meaning
- c) To act in a foolish way
- d) To outshine

5) To let someone off

- a) To leave someone in his present state
- b) To refuse to answer
- c) To let someone fall
- d) To release someone from blame

6) To wrangle over an ass's shadow

- a) To punish a person severely for his arrogance
- b) To keep away from extreme poverty
- c) To waste money over trifles
- d) To quarrel over trifles

7) To put a spoke in one's wheel

- a) To maintain under all circumstances
- b) To put a difficulty in the way of progress
- c) To be advantageous at the time of difficulty
- d) To blame the other party

8) Bear the palm

- a) To meet death
- b) To win
- c) To face the consequences
- d) To be able to predict future

9) Blood is thicker than water

- a) Family relationships and loyalties are the strongest and most important ones
- b) All crimes are not equal so punishment for murder is not same as that of theft
- c) Deceit from a family member hurts more than being cheated by strangers
- d) Relations are more important than merit

10) To make a fuss about

- a) To work hard for eventual success
- b) An excessive display of attention or activity
- c) To be extremely delighted
- d) To be very strict or have very high standards

11) To sleep with the fishes

- a) To sleep peacefully
- b) To make absurd excuses
- c) To be dead
- d) Always be in a dream world

12) Get someone's goat

- a) To do something special for someone
- b) To annoy someone
- c) To explain something to someone in a very clear way with details
- d) To improvise

13) The squeaky wheel gets the grease





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- a) The person who complains the most is hated the most
b) One unfortunate child always keep getting punished
c) The favourite child or student gets the most attention
d) The most noticeable problems are the ones most likely to get attention

14) To make up one's mind

- a) To make a decision; decide
b) To psyche oneself into believing that the task at hand is not impossible
c) To be prepared for unfavourable outcomes
d) To overcome intense grief

15) To keep the wolf from the door

- a) Crack the deal
b) Have a pleasant tour
c) Avoid starvation
d) Entry prohibited

Directions:

In 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.

16) He was punished for taking French leave.

- a) leaving without intimation
b) giving lame excuse
c) resigning without giving notice
d) being absent without permission

17) He worked hard to feather his nest.

- a) decorate his home
b) be the envy of others
c) provide for his own needs
d) trap birds

18) He advised her to give a wide berth to malicious people.

- a) give a larger bed to

- b) share her seat with
c) to stay away from
d) pay more attention to

19) Sunil's dog in a manger attitude did not help to settle the matter.

- a) selfless
b) selfish
c) warm
d) cold

20) If the speaker continues with his boring speech, the audience will probably vote with their feet.

- a) show their disapproval
b) stop him from speaking
c) choose him as leader
d) kick him out

21) Shyam Prasad was a chip of the old block.

- a) an experienced old man
b) a common boy of the locality
c) someone similar in character to one's father
d) a being of the old generation

22) My father is undoubtedly an arm-chair critic.

- a) someone who gives advice based on practice not theory
b) someone who gives advice based on experience
c) someone who never gives advice
d) someone who gives advice based on theory not practice

23) Tripti gave her report quoting chapter and verse.

- a) taught like a teacher
b) referred to religious books
c) provided minute details
d) spoke like a preacher

24) I threw up my cards for want of funds.

- a) looked out for help
b) gave up my plan
c) gambled all my money
d) put my whole income at stake





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25) Russel Peters really brought the house down with his spectacular performance at the Club yesterday.

- a) amused the audience greatly
- b) pulled down a
- c) defamed a family building
- d) passed a bill unanimously

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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.

26) To have a green thumb means

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

27) to die in harness

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

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

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

29) As the bomb exploded people ran helter-skelter.

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

30) They made no bones about acknowledging their debt to his genius.

- a) demanded compensation for
- b) did not have any faith in
- c) had problems in
- d) did not have any hesitation in

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

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

32) to beat a retreat

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

33) to die in harness means to die while

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

34) George Bernard Shaw was blessed with the gift of the gab.

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

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

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

36) to bring to light

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

37) The Earl of Leicester threw down the glove.

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





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

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

39) fits and starts

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

40) During the last moments of his life, the criminal made a clean breast of everything he had done.

- a) confessed without reserve
- b) fought like a hero
- c) faced bravely
- d) showed his breast

41) The police caught the thief red handed.

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

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

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

43) The police closed the book on the murder case.

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

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

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

45) She turns up her nose at this kind of dress.

- a) sees no harm in
- b) loves
- c) can just tolerate
- d) despises

46) to call it a day

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

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

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

48) The student is on the verge of breakdown.

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

49) The news of the accident came as a bolt from the blue.

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

50) I cannot put up with your misconduct any longer.

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

