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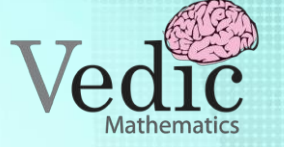
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Directions:

In each of the questions, four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

1) Blow one's trumpet

- a) To praise a leader
- b) To praise oneself
- c) To praise a community
- d) To praise another

2) pick to pieces

- a) complete a work entirely
- b) analyse critically
- c) select only what you need.
- d) study something superficially

3) curry favour

- a) seek favourable attention
- b) prepare a dish
- c) attract attention
- d) seek impartial judgement

4) cut the mustard

- a) to score average
- b) to perform well
- c) to underperform
- d) to get under expectations

5) Feather one's own nest

- a) Work hard at home
- b) build a home
- c) make money in an improper way
- d) Decorate

6) on tenterhooks

- a) in suspense and anxiety
 - b) angry and irritated
 - c) surprised and shocked
 - d) happy and excited
- on tenterhooks : very anxious or excited

7) A drop in a bucket

- a) Nothing at all
- b) A handsome amount
- c) A very insignificant amount
- d) As much as possible

8) Button her lip

- a) Stop talking
- b) Invite us too
- c) Enjoy herself
- d) Tell us more

9) A Man of letters

- a) Proof-reader
- b) Postman
- c) Scholar
- d) Letter-writer

10) put two and two together

- a) poor financial condition
- b) reason logically
- c) forget something
- d) bad at mathematics

11) Call in question

- a) Doubtful
- b) Prove a theory
- c) Challenge
- d) Summon as a witness

12) Every dark cloud has a silver lining

- a) Every unpleasant situation has a positive side
- b) Every dark cloud is upsetting
- c) Cloud with dark and silver lining is good
- d) Every unpleasant situation has to wait

13) once in a blue moon

- a) common
- b) predictable
- c) ordinary
- d) very rarely

14) Evening of life

- a) A party
- b) Holiday
- c) None of these
- d) Old age

15) bark is worse than his bite

- a) temper cannot be controlled.





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- b) ferocious scolding hurt more than his action.
c) anger is always justified.
d) threat is worse than the action taken.

16) Alive and kicking

- a) Dying
b) Becoming old
c) in good health
d) Playing football

17) At sea

- a) At a loss
b) Surprise
c) Sad
d) Journey

18) to add fuel to the fire

- a) make the fire burn brightly
b) make things worse
c) waste fuel for no reason
d) prevent fire from dying out

19) Draw a blank

- a) Find no favour
b) Oblige someone
c) Teach someone
d) Paint something

20) Blow one's own trumpet

- a) Surprise oneself
b) Praise oneself
c) Condone oneself
d) Play some music

21) fish out of water

- a) comfortable position
b) an uncomfortable position
c) fish in an aquarium
d) dehydrated

22) made light of

- a) treated it lightly
b) blew away
c) carried with him
d) did not hear

23) Put up the shutters

- a) Experienced a downside
b) Sold off assets
c) Changed ownership
d) Went out of business

24) get the sack

- a) find a sack
b) get a call back
c) be dismissed
d) look for a sack

25) In a nutshell

- a) A decorative language
b) A well-packed parcel
c) Briefly and concisely
d) In translation

26) Stick to his guns

- a) Maintain his own opinion
b) Maintain his weapons
c) Maintain his anger
d) Stand by his truth

27) gall and wormwood

- a) hateful
b) useless
c) hard to digest
d) a problem

28) Weal and woe

- a) Be in danger
b) Adversity
c) Good times and bad times
d) Friends and enemies

29) Leave no stone unturned

- a) Behave smartly
b) Constructing
c) Wasting no time
d) Try every possible way

30) To carry the day

- a) To bear grudge
b) To win a victory
c) To do things in a hurry
d) To postpone to the next day

31) grease the palm

- a) work in a garage
b) slip and fall
c) bribe
d) dirty one's hands





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32) Donkey's years

- a) A long time
- b) A century
- c) Since school days
- d) A decade

33) throw caution to the winds

- a) to warn others not to travel
- b) to behave recklessly
- c) to behave with care and caution
- d) to be fearful

34) to keep in abeyance

- a) in a state of emergency
- b) in a state of suspension
- c) in a state of revision
- d) in a state of permanence

35) Make both ends meet

- a) Achieve a solution
- b) Live among people
- c) End of the road
- d) Live within means

36) an axe to grind

- a) suffer a lot
- b) betray somebody
- c) have a selfish interest
- d) attack aggressively

37) under a cloud

- a) under suspicion
- b) out in the open
- c) get wet
- d) sheltered from the sun

38) mend your ways

- a) sad with one's behaviour
- b) destroy one's behaviour
- c) improve one's behaviour
- d) happy with one's behaviour

39) to flog a dead horse

- a) to waste one's efforts
- b) to revive interest in an old effort

c) None of these

d) to act in a foolish way

40) beat around the bush

- a) clean the bushy areas
- b) avoiding the main topic
- c) play around the forest
- d) walk around the forest

41) to take to heart

- a) to take something heartily
- b) to strike at the heart, out of enjoyment
- c) to suffer from heart disease
- d) to be greatly affected

42) Invent cock and bull stories

- a) Eco-friendly accounts
- b) Absurd and unlikely stories
- c) Credible tales
- d) Delightful fables

43) fit like a glove

- a) something tight and sticky
- b) soft and easy to wear
- c) difficult to hold
- d) to fit snugly

44) Bear in mind

- a) Observe
- b) Remember
- c) Pretend to listen
- d) Respect

45) null and void

- a) observant
- b) uncontrolled
- c) homeless
- d) invalid

46) to bring to light

- a) to reveal
- b) to bring a light





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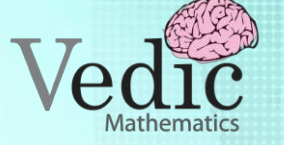
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- c) to arrange light sufficiently
d) to put on light

47) pull a fast one

- a) play a trick
b) carry a heavy burden
c) take a deep breath
d) as fast as lightning

48) Feather in one's cap

- a) A new and additional distinction
b) Hunting
c) Bird watching
d) Discrimination

49) Cheek by jowl

- a) Arguing
b) Teasing one another
c) Avoiding one another
d) Very close together

50) to fish in troubled waters

- a) to make a profit out of disturbance
b) to aggravate the situation
c) to make the most of bad bargain
d) to indulge in evil conspiracies

