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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) To beat a dead horse

- a) To extract everything from a resource till it fails
- b) A cruel master will expect a slave to work even after his death
- c) Doing a cruel act
- d) To revive interest in hopeless issue

#### 2) Call it a day

- a) To take a break or a holiday.
- b) To declare the end of a task.
- c) To start a job wishing for success.
- d) Assign different days to different tasks.

#### 3) At one's wits end

- a) At the last moment
- b) Undecided controversy
- c) A man of ability
- d) To get puzzled

#### 4) At the drop of a hat

- a) Show outward respect to someone you hate.
- b) A mistake which is of not much consequence
- c) Without any hesitation; instantly.
- d) Forcibly let go of something which is very personal to you.

#### 5) Have kittens

- a) To have a successful outcome
- b) Be worried
- c) To be carefree
- d) To pet kittens

#### 6) Gnash your teeth

- a) Brush your teeth
- b) Take a big bite
- c) Express rage
- d) Laugh hysterically

#### 7) Run out of steam

- a) To give up easily
- b) To work quickly like a machine
- c) No more money to spend
- d) To lose impetus or enthusiasm

#### 8) All agog

- a) Contentment
- b) Unsystematically
- c) Avoid
- d) Amazed

#### 9) To be on cloud nine

- a) To feel lucky
- b) To make one last attempt
- c) To extremely happy
- d) To experience the feeling of being intoxicated

#### 10) In bad taste

- a) To be a bad cook
- b) To express honest harsh opinion about someone or something
- c) Not suitable or offensive
- d) To have a poor choice of fashion style

#### 11) Get up on the wrong side of the bed

- a) Start the day in a bad mood, which continues all day long
- b) Suffer an uncomfortable stay at an unfamiliar place
- c) Make a wrong decision and regret it for the rest of the life
- d) Have a sleepless night especially due to worries

#### 12) Hobson's choice

- a) To make a careful choice
- b) To seek all favourable alternatives to choose from
- c) To choose first in row
- d) No real choice at all

#### 13) In black and white

- a) Not able to appreciate the finer things in life
- b) very clear choice that causes no confusion
- c) Be colour blind
- d) Be excessively prejudiced against something or someone





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#### 14) At loggerheads

- a) In conflict with someone
- b) To be in do or die situation
- c) To suffer
- d) To face tough competition

#### 15) To shoot the breeze

- a) To release stomach gases
- b) To have a casual conversation
- c) To brag about some mild achievement
- d) To do random acts hoping one will be successful

#### 16) Live from hand to mouth

- a) To be dependent on others
- b) Living in miserable conditions.
- c) Filthy rich people
- d) To have enough money to live on and nothing extra

#### 17) Red letter day

- a) Holiday
- b) Ending day
- c) Starting day
- d) Significant day

#### 18) The alpha and the omega

- a) The beginning and the end
- b) Truth and dare
- c) Happy and sad
- d) The love and the hatred

#### 19) Kick the bucket

- a) To delay a little longer
- b) To meet with an accident
- c) Loose temper
- d) To die

#### 20) To Have bitten off more than you can chew

- a) To behave disrespectfully towards elders and then repent the act
- b) To have missed a golden opportunity and after that willing to put twice the effort to recover the loss
- c) To eat voraciously and then fall sick
- d) To have tried to do something which is too difficult

#### 21) Herculean task

- a) Motivating
- b) Very difficult task
- c) Important task
- d) Optional to do

#### 22) Mealy-mouthed

- a) Soft-spoken
- b) Afraid to speak frankly
- c) Ill-tempered
- d) Enthusiastic

#### 23) Barking up the wrong tree

- a) Expecting a favour from a heartless person.
- b) Requesting but in an arrogant manner.
- c) Scolding the one who is innocent.
- d) Looking in the wrong place.

#### 24) Rise like a phoenix

- a) Time to answer for one's action
- b) To make people happy
- c) Something memorable
- d) To become successful again

#### 25) To go through fire and water

- a) To experience many dangers in order to achieve something
- b) Something which hurts
- c) To scold someone
- d) To act without restraints

#### 26) To have a finger in every pie

- a) To be involved in a large and varied number of activities or enterprises
- b) To leave every job unfinished
- c) To Fight with everybody
- d) To make fun of everybody

#### 27) It goes without saying

- a) Something which is implied to be obvious
- b) Break long relationship with someone
- c) To Silently bear the injustice





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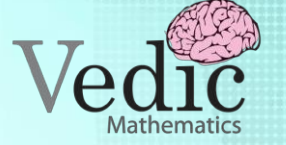
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d) There is no point in doing something after you are told to do it

**28) To have something on the brain**

- a) To be ready with an immediate smart witty reply
- b) To think wistfully about past life
- c) To be obsessed with something
- d) To be unable to solve a particularly difficult philosophical problem

**29) Best of both worlds**

- a) A situation wherein someone has the privilege of enjoying two different opportunities.
- b) A person who is respected even by his enemies.
- c) Two best teams compete with each other.
- d) Gods who rule heaven and earth.

**30) fits and starts**

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

**31) After fifteen years of marriage she did not expect her husband to leave her in the lurch.**

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

**32) The teacher took me to task for not completing my homework.**

- a) punished me
- b) took me to the principal
- c) reduced my homework
- d) gave me additional homework

**33) The storm brought about great destruction in the valley.**

- a) caused
- b) succeeded
- c) halted
- d) invited

**34) When I entered the house everything was at sixes and sevens.**

- a) to have six or seven visitors at a time.
- b) in disorder or confusion.

c) an unpleasant argument.

d) a quarrel among six or seven people

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

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

**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.

**36) He was pulled up by the Director of the Company.**

- a) dragged
- b) reprimanded
- c) cleared
- d) assaulted

**37) Yesterday in a collision between a truck and a car he had a close shave.**

- a) remove the entire hair
- b) a narrow escape
- c) close relations
- d) maintain cleanliness

**38) Who are we to sit in judgement over their choices?**

- a) criticize
- b) speak
- c) communicate
- d) lecture

**39) Do not lose your head when faced with a difficult situation.**

- a) neglect anything
- b) panic
- c) get jealous
- d) forget anything

**40) Since you couldn't accept a timely warning, it's no use repenting now. Why cry over spilt milk?**

- a) to regret uselessly
- b) cry needlessly
- c) feel guilty of
- d) cry over irreparable loss

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Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/ Phrase.

41) The storm brought about great destruction in the valley.

- a) succeeded
- b) caused
- c) halted
- d) invited

42) We have appealed to him again and again there is no use flogging a dead horse now.

- a) beating about the bush
- b) making him see reason
- c) wasting time in useless effort
- d) repeating our request

43) at one's beck and call

- a) to be useful to someone
- b) to be helped by someone
- c) to be dominated by someone
- d) to attend a call

44) at one's wit's/wits' end

- a) to get puzzled
- b) to be intelligent
- c) to be stupid
- d) to work hard

45) A little gush of gratitude

- a) excessive labour
- b) friendly feeling
- c) excessive enthusiasm
- d) gradual recovery

46) to be all at sea.

- a) in the middle of the ocean
- b) lost and confused
- c) a string of Islands
- d) a family voyage

47) 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

48) The parents are in high spirits as their son has got a decent job.

- a) cheerful
- b) drunk
- c) shocked
- d) in good position

49) He is accused of sitting on the fence.

- a) hesitating which side to take
- b) resting on fence
- c) sitting back and enjoying the fun
- d) observing the scene

50) Our founder had done a Herculean task by constructing this great educational institution.

- a) a work requiring very great effort
- b) an effortless job
- c) a work requiring very great intelligence
- d) a work of no worth

