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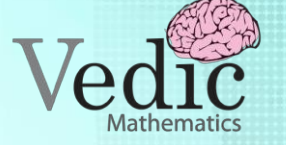
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#### Directions:

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.

1) Helena was over head and ears in love with Demetrius.

- a) brilliantly
- b) completely
- c) cautiously
- d) carefully

2) He went on sowing wild oats he reaped suffering in his later life.

- a) irresponsible pleasure seeking In young age
- b) warning others as a youngster
- c) sowing grains called oats when young
- d) Inviting troubles as a boy

3) to get one's own back

- a) to get one's position back
- b) to get control over someone
- c) to get hold of someone
- d) to get one's revenge

4) to smell a rat

- a) to see a hidden meaning
- b) to misunderstand
- c) to suspect a trick
- d) to experience bad smell

5) His friends beat the boy to pay off old scores.

- a) to force him to be a scorer in a match
- b) to take revenge
- c) because he had not scored well earlier
- d) to refund old dues

6) Do not run down your friends in public.

- a) make a mention of
- b) follow
- c) criticize
- d) fight with

7) The Government claims that Indian industry is progressing by leaps and bounds.

- a) at a rapid pace
- b) leisurely
- c) at a desired pace
- d) intermittently

8) People who do not lay out their money carefully, soon come to grief.

- a) distribute
- b) spend
- c) preserve
- d) earn

9) He expects his subordinates to be always at his beck and call

- a) at his disposal
- b) at work
- c) at their desks
- d) at rest

10) You have to read between the lines to understand most of the symbolic writing.

- a) know the symbols
- b) understand the hidden meaning
- c) look for many meanings
- d) read again and again .

11) He was progressing by leaps and bounds because of his hard work.

- a) peacefully
- b) slowly
- c) strongly
- d) rapidly

12) sought after

- a) in great demand
- b) pursued by
- c) with great talent
- d) highly paid

13) to hit the jackpot

- a) to be wealthy
- b) to get an unexpected victory
- c) to make money quickly
- d) to gamble

14) to face the music

- a) to enjoy a music programme
- b) to be offered warm hospitality
- c) to bear the consequences
- d) to be greeted rudely





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15) He didn't tell me directly, but reading between the lines. I think he is not happy with them.

- a) understanding the meaning of words and not the sense
- b) understanding the sense rather than the actual words
- c) reading superficially
- d) reading slowly and haltingly

16) He is so furious that he would go through fire and water to revenge himself on his foe.

- a) use any conceivable method
- b) avail himself of any opportunity
- c) undergo any risk
- d) approach everybody for help

17) This place affords a bird's eye view of the green valley below.

- a) an overview
- b) a narrow view
- c) an ugly view
- d) a beautiful view

18) Ramesh takes after his father.

- a) obeys
- b) imitates
- c) resembles
- d) follows

19) It Our house is within a stone's throw from the Red Building.

- a) very near to
- b) far away
- c) beside US. He has a bone to pick with his cousin.
- d) far off

20) The saint's life was an open book.

- a) an example to all
- b) On that held no secrets
- c) an interesting biography
- d) an uncomplicated one

21) When they were surrounded from all sides, the dacoits laid down their arms.

- a) surrendered
- b) fought bravely

- c) became nervous
- d) put their arms on the ground

22) This is so simple that even a man in the street can understand it.

- a) an unknown person
- b) an illiterate person
- c) a stranger
- d) an ordinary person

23) The poor subordinates are made scapegoats by their superiors.

- a) treated humbly and respectfully
- b) developed poor relations
- c) scolded with arrogant reactions
- d) punished for others misdeeds

24) I am done for.

- a) answered
- b) rewarded
- c) questioned
- d) ruined

25) To be successful in today's world, we require the gift of the gab.

- a) divine help and guidance
- b) good interpersonal skills
- c) a fierce competitive spirit
- d) ability to speak well

26) For a healthy and lasting friendship one must be on the level.

- a) honest and sincere
- b) mentally compatible
- c) ready for sacrifices
- d) equally rich

27) to take someone to task

- a) to take someone to his place of work
- b) to assign work to someone
- c) to praise someone for the work done
- d) to scold someone

28) Having no arguments to defend his point, the speaker began to beat about the bush.

- a) speaking a round-about manner
- b) speak in a haphazard manner
- c) make use of irrelevant reference





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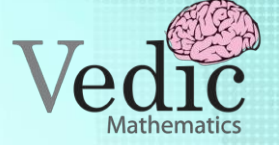
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d) wander across the words

29) To fall back on

- a) to fail to do something important in time
- b) to suffer an injury on the back in an accident
- c) to seek support out of necessity
- d) to oppose something important

30) My friend turned a deaf ear to my tale of loss and refused to help me.

- a) listened carefully
- b) went far away
- c) turned his ear away
- d) paid no heed

31) Laying off of thousands of workers is inevitable under the new economic policy.

- a) reduction of workers wages of
- b) offering new jobs to
- c) sending on leave
- d) dismissal from jobs of

32) The carefully worked-out plan fell through because of an unexpected event.

- a) was shattered
- b) had a steep fall
- c) failed
- d) came out successfully

33) I take exception to your statement that I am bad tempered.

- a) object
- b) feel unhappy
- c) feel angry
- d) do not agree

34) The Manager doctored the accounts of the company.

- a) to verify the accounts in detail
- b) to clear the doctors bill
- c) to manipulate the accounts
- d) to make changes in account books

35) Having bought the house, they decided to go the whole hog and buy all the furniture needed.

- a) to go all the way
- c) to go in the fog

- b) to do it completely
- d) to live there

36) When he saw the snake he took to his heels.

- a) walked in fear
- b) went slowly
- c) jumped fast
- d) ran away in fear

37) His blood ran cold when he heard his uncle was murdered

- a) He was disgusted
- b) He was horrified
- c) He was depressed
- d) He was frightened

38) The lawyer asked his assistant to collect the details regarding the pros and cons of the case.

- a) weak and strong
- b) in and out
- c) for and against
- d) ups and downs

39) We wanted to keep the gift as a surprise for mother but my sister gave the game away.

- a) played badly
- b) gave out the secret
- c) withdrew from the game
- d) lost the game

40) to miss the bus

- a) to have something to fall back upon
- b) to miss an opportunity
- c) to find fault with others
- d) to miss, the bus that one regularly takes

41) It is high time he came out of his shell.

- a) became a loser
- b) became more sociable
- c) removed his clothes
- d) appealed suddenly

42) When she realised that she had bought a fake product, she knew that her money had gone down the drain.

- a) got washed away





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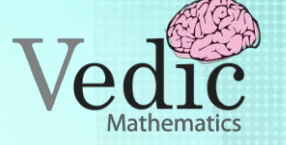
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- b) dropped in the drain
- c) her money was safe
- d) was lost forever

50) in cold blood

- a) excitedly
- b) deliberately
- c) slowly
- d) angrily

43) The carrot and stick policy pays dividends in every organization.

- a) democratic
- b) continuous vigilance
- c) reward and punishment
- d) fair and foul

44) to turn a deaf ear

- a) to be attentive
- b) to be indifferent
- c) to be obstinate
- d) to be hard of hearing

45) His position in the company was on His brink of disaster.

- a) on the side of
- b) at the point of
- c) on the back of
- d) at the top of

46) She tries very hard to keep up with heir rich neighbours.

- a) to avoid
- b) to keep in touch
- c) to be on par
- d) to imitate

47) The two famous writers crossed swords with each other on every issue.

- a) took different routes
- b) crossed the road on meeting
- c) disagreed
- d) fought physically

48) All his ventures went to the winds.

- a) got speed of the winds.
- b) spread all over
- c) became well-known
- d) dissipated

49) As a businessman, my father always maintained that his transactions constituted an open book.

- a) an opening for new ventures
- b) a book of open confessions
- c) straight forward and honest dealings
- d) an account book always open

