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Designed for focused practice: 405 questions are retained, including repeated idioms tested in different shifts. Every correct choice and all three distractors are discussed in the explanation section.

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Read the original question and choose A, B, C or D. The correct option is deliberately hidden in the practice section.

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- All 405 questions, four-option choices and answer-key letters come from the uploaded SSC CHSL 2019–2025 vocabulary compilation (source Q1305–Q1709).
- Exact dates appear only when they are provided by that compilation. Older entries generally give year, tier and shift instead.
- A few obvious OCR-style spacing and ligature artifacts were cleaned (for example, "t he" and "sneak p eek"); no answer letter or exam metadata was changed.
- The source includes one contextual word-choice item (original Q1327) under its idiom heading; it is retained for completeness. Answers are not independently verified against SSC key PDFs.

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PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Read the original question and select one of the four options. Your answer stays hidden here; every question has a direct jump to its matching answer and four-option breakdown.

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13 PYQs • PRACTICE

Q001 SSC CHSL 2025 | Tier I — SOURCE Q1709

SSC CHSL 2025 (Tier I) | 29 Nov 2025 | Shift 1 | Original Q.2

Select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of idioms/phrases.

Look before you leap

A Hide something

B Analyze the consequences before making a decision

C Depending on others for task completion

D Always be humble to people of lower designation

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Q002 SSC CHSL 2025 | Tier I SOURCE Q1708

SSC CHSL 2025 (Tier I) | 28 Nov 2025 | Shift 1 | Original Q.2

Select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of idioms/phrases.

A white elephant

A. An extinct species
B. A useless possession which is extremely expensive to keep
C. Someone belonging to a royal family
D. An endangered species

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Q003 SSC CHSL 2025 | Tier I SOURCE Q1707

SSC CHSL 2025 (Tier I) | 25 Nov 2025 | Shift 2 | Original Q.1

Select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of idioms/phrases.

To take the bull by the horns

A. To deal with a dangerous prisoner
B. To deal with a hopeless student
C. To deal with an annoying person
D. To deal with a difficult situation

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Q004 SSC CHSL 2025 | Tier I SOURCE Q1706

SSC CHSL 2025 (Tier I) | 20 Nov 2025 | Shift 1 | Original Q.9

Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

On the same wavelength

A Talking to someone for a long time
B Having similar ideas and understanding each other well
C Waiting for a good opportunity to speak
D Arguing about a different point of view

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Q005 SSC CHSL 2025 | Tier I SOURCE Q1705

SSC CHSL 2025 (Tier I) | 20 Nov 2025 | Shift 1 | Original Q.6

Fill in the blank with the most appropriate phrase:

The manager dismissed the idea outright, calling it ____ without any substantial benefit.

A a storm in a teacup
B a shot in the dark
C a bone of contention
D a blessing in disguise

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Q006 SSC CHSL 2025 | Tier I SOURCE Q1704

SSC CHSL 2025 (Tier I) | 19 Nov 2025 | Shift 2 | Original Q.8

Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

Tread on your toes

A Be overly protective of yourself
B Act with extreme caution
C Offend or annoy someone
D Help someone with their task

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Q007 SSC CHSL 2025 | Tier I SOURCE Q1703

SSC CHSL 2025 (Tier I) | 19 Nov 2025 | Shift 2 | Original Q.7

Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

Every nook and cranny

A Every small corner or hidden part
B Every important detail
C Every visible place
D Every large space or open area

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Q008 SSC CHSL 2025 | Tier I SOURCE Q1702

SSC CHSL 2025 (Tier I) | 18 Nov 2025 | Shift 1 | Original Q.7

Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

Out and about

A At home resting
B Doing errands
C Active and socializing
D Traveling to distant places

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Q009 SSC CHSL 2025 | Tier I SOURCE Q1701

SSC CHSL 2025 (Tier I) | 15 Nov 2025 | Shift 1 | Original Q.14

Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

Sit on the fence

A To be very decisive about a matter
B To refuse to give an opinion or take a side
C To carefully choose a position
D To be in a neutral, relaxed position

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Q010 SSC CHSL 2025 | Tier I SOURCE Q1700

SSC CHSL 2025 (Tier I) | 15 Nov 2025 | Shift 1 | Original Q.4

Fill in the blank with the most appropriate phrase:

Due to the budget cuts, the organization had to operate strictly _____.

A in a nutshell
B on a shoestring
C with flying colors
D under the radar

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Q011 SSC CHSL 2025 | Tier I SOURCE Q1699

SSC CHSL 2025 (Tier I) | 14 Nov 2025 | Shift 3 | Original Q.12

Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

See eye to eye

A To stare at someone intensely
B To understand a complex visual concept
C To disagree completely with someone
D To agree fully with someone else

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Q012 SSC CHSL 2025 | Tier I SOURCE Q1698

SSC CHSL 2025 (Tier I) | 12 Nov 2025 | Shift 2 | Original Q.13

Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

The icing on the cake

A A dif cult task fi
B A sweet dessert
C The best part of something
D A minor detail

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Q013 SSC CHSL 2025 | Tier I SOURCE Q1697

SSC CHSL 2025 (Tier I) | 12 Nov 2025 | Shift 2 | Original Q.4

Fill in the blank with the most appropriate idiom:

His sudden resignation caught everyone _____.

A red-handed
B off guard
C in limbo
D on thin ice

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Q014 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1696

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 36 | Original Q.22

Choose the option that best describes the meaning of the idioms and phrases underlined in the given sentence.

A jack of all trades cannot survive in the world of specialisation.

A. A businessman
B. A person who can do many things but is not an expert in any
C. A good communicator
D. An expert of many jobs

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Q015 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1695

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 36 | Original Q.19

Based on the situation in the sentence, select the most appropriate idiom.

After many years of rivalry, the two schools decided to _____ and participate in a National Event together.

A. bell the cat
B. bury the hatchet
C. be in the doldrums
D. go cold turkey

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Q016 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1694

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 35 | Original Q.23

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To throw dust in one's eyes

A To talk in an abusive language
B To mislead someone by tricks
C To hit someone with stone
D To make someone blind forever

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Q017 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1693

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 35 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Every piece of furniture in her house is in apple-pie order.

A Painted in light colours
B Very neatly arranged
C Kept in a disorganised way
D Very delicately arranged

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Q018 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1692

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 34 | Original Q.20

Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined word segment in the given sentence.

I know Covid has made you terribly ill, but the good thing is that you have developed immunity against it for further infections.

A the silver lining in the cloud
B being in the quicksilver
C crossing palms with silver
D the silver spoon

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Q019 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1691

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 34 | Original Q.10

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Out of the frying pan and into the fire

A Things going from bad to worse
B Things getting intense by the hour
C Being with someone through good times as well as bad times
D Being a horrible cook

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Q020 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1690

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 33 | Original Q.24

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Gift of the gab

A Talent for speaking
B Humorous
C Talent for singing
D Witty

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Q021 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1689

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 33 | Original Q.17

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A sting in the tail

A An unexpected, typically unpleasant or problematic end to something
B To initiate a situation that is very complicated or problematic
C A situation in which a large group has to do something to satisfy a small group
D Something which seems bad at first but contains a pleasant part at the end

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Q022 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1688

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 32 | Original Q.24

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Going through a sticky patch

A To experience a bad period in life
B To feel sad
C To walk on a muddy road
D Try to paste something unsuccessfully

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Q023 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1687

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 32 | Original Q.20

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Costing an arm and a leg

A Very entertaining and jovial
B Very attractive and cheap
C Very costly and luxurious
D Very rough and tough

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Q024 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1686

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 31 | Original Q.17

Select the most appropriate idiom to complete the given sentence.

With the increasing market prices and stagnant salaries, he is _____.

A beating the rap
B taking a break
C getting it off his chest
D feeling the pinch

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Q025 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1685

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 30 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

Manish told Rounak time and again of the ill consequences of his habit of being late to the college.

A Hardly ever
B At intervals
C Repeatedly
D Not often

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Q026 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1684

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 30 | Original Q.10

Select the most appropriate idiom to fill the blank in the given situation.

They were waiting for their family members who were returning from a pilgrimage. Therefore, they were _____ on the platform.

A playing a joke
B rolling up their sleeves
C running behind time
D pacing up and down

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Q027 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1683

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 29 | Original Q.25

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The technicians who were repairing the broken elevator called it a day.

A Stopped to take a short break
B Shouted with anger
C Felt unhappy
D Stopped work for the day Section : General Intelligence

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Q028 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1682

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 29 | Original Q.23

Select the sentence that brings out the most appropriate meaning of the idiom 'Dog in the manger'.

(Refer to instruction above.)

A Rachit had some important work and so he cancelled the show tickets for everyone.

B Mohit was so loyal and committed to his company that he rejected lucrative offers from different companies.

C You are here just because you have recognised your hidden potential.

D To prove this is not a trap, I want to check the credibility of your plan.

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Q029 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1681

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 28 | Original Q.16

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

He got medals time after time by following the instructions of his mentor.

A Twice

B Once

C Repeatedly

D Rarely

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Q030 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1680

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 27 | Original Q.24

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A wild goose chase

A On a hunt
B Fruitless search
C Fruitful search
D Ideal seeking

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Q031 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1679

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 27 | Original Q.23

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

An old head on young shoulders

A A young person who acts or speaks like an older person.
B A young person who is lazy.
C A person who is slow at understanding things.
D A young person who looks old.

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Q032 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1678

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 26 | Original Q.15

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Under the weather

A To enjoy the weather
B To feel secure
C To work against the weather
D To feel unwell

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Q033 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1677

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 26 | Original Q.12

Select the sentence which gives the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A piece of cake

A After months of practice, Emily performed her piano piece flawlessly during the concert.
B The restaurant was crowded, but they found a table without any difficulty.
C Despite the heavy rain, they managed to have a successful outdoor event.
D The puzzle was so challenging that it took hours for Sam to solve it.

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Q034 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1676

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 24 | Original Q.12

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To read between the lines

A To read aloud
B To whisper
C To read without concentration
D To grasp the hidden meaning

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Q035 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1675

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 23 | Original Q.23

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Where the shoe pinches

A Where the shoe hurts
B Where the difficulty lies
C Unknown paths
D Difficult roads

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Q036 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1674

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 23 | Original Q.15

Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Mala _____ by cheating on the exam to win her bet with Priya.

A hit below the belt
B get the sack
C fell out
D look down upon

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Q037 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1673

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 22 | Original Q.14

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Sell like hot cakes

A Not bothering about money
B Selling out quickly
C Extremely hot and humid
D Become very famous

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Q038 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1672

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 22 | Original Q.10

Which of the following idioms means 'going to sleep'?

(Refer to instruction above.)

A Break new grounds
B Keep an ear to the ground
C Hit the sack
D Run around in circles

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Q039 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1671

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 21 | Original Q.24

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bells and whistles

A Attractive but unnecessary features added to products
B An innovative development
C At a serious disadvantage
D To take on a difficult task

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Q040 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1670

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 21 | Original Q.18

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Fish out of water

A To die soon
B To be out of place
C No knowledge of marine life
D Not good at swimming

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Q041 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1669

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 20 | Original Q.24

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Spill the beans

A Cook the beans carefully
B To leak a secret
C To help someone extraordinarily
D The act of loving beans

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Q042 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1668

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 20 | Original Q.23

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

When I got an opportunity to start a new business, Ravikanth queered my pitch.

A Advised me
B Ruined my plan
C Supported me with money
D Helped me by standing beside me

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Q043 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1667

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 19 | Original Q.16

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

bread and butter

A An activity you do with determination
B An activity you do to improve your culinary skills
C An activity you do to get help others
D An activity you do to get money for basic needs

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Q044 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1666

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 19 | Original Q.15

Select the most appropriate idiomatic expression that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Last year art critics praised Animesh as if he were a master, but he turned out to be a pleasure for a short time.

A a house of cards
B a bull in a china shop
C a dish fit for Gods
D a nine days' wonder

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Q045 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1665

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 18 | Original Q.15

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The United Nations is working to eliminate the vicious cycle of poverty.

A Strength of something
B Loophole of something
C One problem causes other
D The barrier of poverty

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Q046 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1664

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 18 | Original Q.10

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bag and baggage

A By force
B With all goods
C Fair and honest
D At the service

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Q047 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1663

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 17 | Original Q.25

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To cost an arm and a leg

A Someone is badly hurt
B Someone has borne losses
C Someone does not have money to buy something
D Something is very expensive Section : General Intelligence

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Q048 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1662

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 17 | Original Q.11

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To be at daggers drawn

A To be about to collapse
B Ready to fight
C Under suspicion
D To be under control

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Q049 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1661

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 16 | Original Q.23

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Walk a tightrope

A To walk on a narrow road
B To try and balance yourself
C To be tensed about something
D To act carefully in a difficult situation

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Q050 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1660

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 16 | Original Q.18

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A bolt from the blue

A Raining heavily
B Thunder and rain in a strom
C A sudden and unexpected event
D A spontaneous but expected event

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Q051 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1659

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 15 | Original Q.19

Choose the option that best describes the meaning of the idioms and phrases underlined in the given sentence.

You can best identify the fair weather friends at the time of adversity.

A Friends who bring good rain
B Friends who come in good weather conditions
C Friend only at the time of prosperity
D Best friends

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Q052 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1658

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 15 | Original Q.11

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

I can't begin to talk on this situation right now; I am still wrapping my head around it.

A Understanding something complicated
B Comparing two things that can't be compared
C Ignoring something completely
D Revealing a secret nobody knows

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Q053 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1657

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 14 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Prakash could not make up his mind about what to do with the project.

A Decide
B Think
C Abandon
D Abide

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Q054 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1656

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 13 | Original Q.23

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Vishnu and Vignesh are always like two peas in a pod.

A Very similar to each other
B Happy and compassionate
C Smart and intelligent
D Good in every way

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Q055 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1655

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 13 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

Independence Day is considered as a red-letter day in the history of India.

A Uneventful day
B Unimportant day
C Memorable day
D Regular day

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Q056 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1654

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 12 | Original Q.25

Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

This gun should be handled with care and _____.

A shot for safety
B mince the matters
C nip in the bud
D kept at arm's length Section : General Intelligence

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Q057 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1653

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 12 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined word segment in the given sentence.

Delivering that furniture to the tenth floor without the lift and an incline is incredibly foolish and next to impossible .

A like nailing jelly to the tree
B like a tree known by its fruits
C as tight as the bark of the tree
D like going between the bark and the tree

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Q058 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1652

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 11 | Original Q.21

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Best thing since sliced bread

A Extremely good, interesting
B Breaking news
C Something to be cautious about
D Rated well amongst cooks

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Q059 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1651

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 11 | Original Q.10

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Around the clock

A Something that goes on day and night
B Something that is done within one hour
C Something that is time bound
D Something that is done at night

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Q060 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1650

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 10 | Original Q.20

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Stick to one's guns

A To remain faithful to
B To shoot at
C To become a rebel
D To become unfaithful to

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Q061 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1649

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 10 | Original Q.12

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Have a bee in your bonnet

A Having a cruel intention or grudge against someone
B Unable to stay at a place for long
C To keep worrying about yourself
D Be preoccupied or obsessed with something

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Q062 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1648

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 9 | Original Q.23

Choose the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Ace in the hole

A. A second chance to do something
B. A lot to do
C. On the point of
D. A hidden advantage

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Q063 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1647

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 9 | Original Q.12

Select the appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Last resort

A. Last course of action
B. Last hotel on the way
C. Last friend remaining
D. Last ride

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Q064 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1646

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 8 | Original Q.21

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On its last legs

A Slow movement
B In a bad condition
C Creeping on legs
D Last choice

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Q065 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1645

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 8 | Original Q.13

Select the most appropriate idiomatic expression that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.:

It feels like I made a promise of more than my ability when I promised to complete this worksheet in one day.

A bit off more than I could chew
B beat my brain out
C beat the drum
D burnt a hole in my pocket

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Q066 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1644

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 7 | Original Q.20

Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

After a day long trek, we were so tired that we were ready to _____.

A face the music
B hit the sack
C get into deep water
D go from rags to riches

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Q067 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1643

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 7 | Original Q.14

Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

The two brothers _____ when their father died.

A fell down
B look down upon
C got the sack
D fell out

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Q068 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1642

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 6 | Original Q.24

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Lose heart

A To be suspicious of your success
B To get success by believing in yourself
C To believe in your success
D To stop believing that you can succeed

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Q069 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1641

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 6 | Original Q.16

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Slip your mind

A Forget about something
B Immediately think of something
C Can't think of anything to say
D Think about something for a short time

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Q070 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1640

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 5 | Original Q.22

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Dog eat dog

A Like-minded people connect better
B Ruthlessly competitive
C Tit for tat
D Being calculative

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Q071 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1639

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 5 | Original Q.14

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Put in mind

A To calculate
B To remind
C To forget
D To understand

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Q072 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1638

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 4 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

The arrival of Pragati in the house brought disharmony among the family members.

A A cry in the wilderness
B Tenterhooks
C Rift in the lute
D Hair breadth

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Q073 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1637

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 4 | Original Q.12

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cost an arm and a leg

A To be very expensive
B To be inexpensive
C To be moderately priced
D To be affordable

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Q074 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1636

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 3 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Blowing smoke

A To hide something
B To lie to perplex others
C To tease someone relentlessly
D To burn something important

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Q075 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1635

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 2 | Original Q.15

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Teja followed his friend's advice so now he is in deep water.

A In dilemma
B In good position
C In trouble
D In deep thoughts

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Q076 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1634

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 2 | Original Q.12

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At one's fingertips

A To be unaware of something
B To have complete knowledge
C Out of reach
D To take revenge

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Q077 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1633

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 1 | Original Q.13

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The realtors of the new venture sold plots like hot cakes.

A Sold illegally
B Sold innovatively
C Sold with great difficulty
D Sold quickly and in large numbers

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Q078 SSC CHSL 2024 | Tier I SOURCE Q1632

SSC CHSL 2024 (Tier I) | Shift 1 | Original Q.11

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Black and white

A Doubtful
B In dispute
C In writing
D A false invention

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Q079 SSC CHSL 2023 | Tier II SOURCE Q1631

SSC CHSL 2023 (Tier II) | Shift 2 | Original Q.11

Select the sentence that gives the most appropriate meaning of the idiom 'Keep your chin up'.

(Refer to instruction above.)

A The students diligently completed their homework assignments before the deadline.
B Despite facing setbacks, she remained positive and determined to achieve her goals.
C The hiker enjoyed the breathtaking view from the mountaintop, taking in the natural beauty.
D The scientist conducted experiments and gathered data to support his research hypothesis.

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Q080 SSC CHSL 2023 | Tier II SOURCE Q1630

SSC CHSL 2023 (Tier II) | Shift 2 | Original Q.9

Select the most appropriate option that best expresses the meaning of the proverb in the given sentence.

The salesperson for the project offered a sneak peek of the project as we expressed our interest in the area and amenities.

A Getting a preview of something
B To try something new
C Sending a brief letter
D To be in a winning position

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Q081 SSC CHSL 2023 | Tier II SOURCE Q1629

SSC CHSL 2023 (Tier II) | Shift 2 | Original Q.2

Select the most appropriate idiom that means the same as the given sentence.

Shyama looks innocent, but in reality, she is cunning.

A Fortune favours the brave.
B Beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder.
C Don't judge a book by its cover.
D Don't put all your eggs in one basket.

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Q082 SSC CHSL 2023 | Tier II SOURCE Q1628

SSC CHSL 2023 (Tier II) | Shift 1 | Original Q.28

Select the most appropriate idiom that best explains the given sentence.

I was unable to solve the geometry question myself. So, I have asked my teacher to help me out.

A You can't always get what you want.
B When the going gets tough, the tough gets going.
C Two heads are better than one.
D Two wrongs don't make a right.

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Q083 SSC CHSL 2023 | Tier II SOURCE Q1627

SSC CHSL 2023 (Tier II) | Shift 1 | Original Q.24

Select the sentence that gives the most appropriate meaning of the idiom 'In hot water'.

(Refer to instruction above.)

A The children enjoyed playing in the pool on a hot summer day.
B The company faced challenges due to the economic downturn but managed to overcome them.
C The chef added spices to the dish to enhance its flavour and make it more delicious.
D After accidentally breaking the valuable vase, Sarah found herself in trouble with her parents.

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Q084 SSC CHSL 2023 | Tier II SOURCE Q1626

SSC CHSL 2023 (Tier II) | Shift 1 | Original Q.11

Select the most appropriate idiom that best explains the given sentence.

Rajat irritated the street dog so much that it was about to bite him.

A If you can't beat 'em, join 'em.
B If you play with fire, you'll get burned.
C If it ain't broke, don't fix it.
D If you want something done right, you have to do it yourself.

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Q085 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1625

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 36 | Original Q.16

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

The whys and wherefores

A Circumstances
B Requirements
C References
D Reasons

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Q086 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1624

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 36 | Original Q.8

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

As hard as nails

A Hard working
B To feel no pain
C Physically or mentally tough
D To be stubborn

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Q087 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1623

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 35 | Original Q.8

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Backseat driver

A Attempt to get control over someone.
B To miss an appointed meeting.
C To conclude proceedings.
D A person who offers unsolicited advice.

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Q088 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1622

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 35 | Original Q.7

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To play with fire

A Feel sick
B To take foolish risk
C Show disappointment
D To abuse

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Q089 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1621

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 34 | Original Q.8

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To miss the bus

A To lose an opportunity
B Short lived glory
C Escape by a thin margin
D A problem in a situation

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Q090 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1620

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 34 | Original Q.3

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To have a nodding acquaintance

A To have a great experience
B To neglect all the parameters
C Know somebody/something slightly
D To have nothing in common

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Q091 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1619

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 33 | Original Q.15

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be my guest

A Be with me
B Please do it
C Come with me
D Stop, don't go ahead

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Q092 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1618

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 33 | Original Q.10

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Buy a lemon

A To give importance to little things
B To buy something that is of much less value.
C To work through the day and shop in the evening
D To lose foundation

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Q093 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1617

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 32 | Original Q.17

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To the manner born

A To have high manners
B To do something as though it is coming naturally
C To be sophisticated
D To give a ride to someone

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Q094 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1616

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 32 | Original Q.7

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To take the veil

A To become a nun
B To take a responsibility
C To show interest
D To help someone

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Q095 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1615

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 31 | Original Q.15

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Cast someone adrift

A Call someone repeatedly
B To leave someone without any support or purpose
C To blame someone for one's mistakes
D To change plan suddenly

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Q096 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1614

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 31 | Original Q.6

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

New kid on the block

A Nonsense or meaningless speech.
B Savings set aside for future use.
C Someone new to the group or area.
D Don't hurt anyone that helps you.

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Q097 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1613

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 30 | Original Q.19

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To lose one's head

A To have bad memory
B To reach nowhere
C To lose one's self-control
D To lose the track of time

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Q098 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1612

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 30 | Original Q.12

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

A beast of burden

A A person who works hardly
B An animal that carries luggage
C A violent man
D A liability

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Q099 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1611

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 29 | Original Q.20

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Burn your bridges

A To be puzzled
B To have a fight
C To disclose a secret
D To eliminate the possibility of return or retreat

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Q100 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1610

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 29 | Original Q.3

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Save your breath

A To make an effort that will be futile
B To work hard
C To be resentful
D To hold one's anger

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Q101 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1609

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 28 | Original Q.8

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

A bite at the cherry

A A wrong move
B To have a leverage over someone
C An attempt or opportunity to do something
D A dog bite

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Q102 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1608

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 28 | Original Q.2

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To make a mountain of a mole hill

A To give great importance to trifles
B To make unnecessary comments
C To achieve big success
D To violate the rules

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Q103 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1607

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 27 | Original Q.17

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

All bark and no bite

A Not being able to understand anything
B Someone who sticks to his words
C Actions are stronger than mere words
D Full of talk, but low on action

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Q104 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1606

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 27 | Original Q.15

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Appeal to Caesar

A To live in a false reality
B Appeal to the highest possible authority
C An authority given to a foolish person
D To expect good from a wrong person

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Q105 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1605

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 26 | Original Q.16

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Get into hot water

A To reach nowhere
B To get into trouble
C A private end to serve
D To get a costly gift

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Q106 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1604

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 26 | Original Q.9

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Penny wise and pound foolish

A To act like a fool
B Dissipating money without caring about consequences
C An intelligent person who behaves foolishly
D Careless with large amounts, but not small

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Q107 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1603

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 25 | Original Q.5

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Good grief

A To dig a hole
B To try everything possible
C To be very systematic
D An expression of surprise or frustration

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Q108 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1602

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 25 | Original Q.4

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To jump out of one's skin

A To show one's real side
B To argue with someone
C To feel immense pain
D To be extremely surprised

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Q109 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1601

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 24 | Original Q.16

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Piece of cake

A Invitation for birthday
B Extremely difficult
C Intuition for something dangerous
D Something which is very simple

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Q110 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1600

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 24 | Original Q.14

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To breast the tape

A To bring joy
B To win a race
C To shut someone's mouth
D To create problems

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Q111 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1599

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 23 | Original Q.14

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Have people rolling in the aisles

A To use false promises to pull people on one's side
B To have a dispute with someone
C Make an audience laugh uncontrollably
D Willing to do something immediately

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Q112 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1598

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 23 | Original Q.3

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

In the flesh

A To be near death
B To get a tattoo
C To talk
D In bodily form

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Q113 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1597

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 22 | Original Q.20

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To make one's mark

A To prove a point
B To attain success
C To make no effort
D To be indifferent

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Q114 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1596

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 22 | Original Q.19

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To lay someone by the heels

A To confine somebody in prison
B To gain support
C To praise someone
D To force someone for something

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Q115 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1595

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 21 | Original Q.20

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Dead lock

A To attract
B To be anxious
C To lose an important asset
D A state in which progress is impossible

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Q116 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1594

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 21 | Original Q.11

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Method to my madness

A Strange or crazy actions that appear meaningless but in the end are done for a good reason.
B Someone who is unpredictable and can cause damage if not kept in check.
C To state a fact so that there are no doubts or objections.
D To get someone drunk.

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Q117 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1593

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 20 | Original Q.16

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

The whole ball of wax

A Everything
B Sagacious
C Complete disaster
D Meagre

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Q118 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1592

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 20 | Original Q.5

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

High and dry

A Occasionally
B Abandoned
C Perplexed
D Failed

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Q119 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1591

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 19 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Blessing in disguise

A Something that happens very rarely
B Bad thing that turns out to be good
C A good thing introduced into your life as a blessing
D A good deed rewards as a blessing

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Q120 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1590

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 19 | Original Q.2

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom Pedal to the metal

(Refer to instruction above.)

A Avoid responsibility by giving it to someone else.
B To go full speed, especially while driving a vehicle.
C Very excessive.
D To enjoy yourself by going out.

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Q121 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1589

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 18 | Original Q.10

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bite the dust

A To die
B To grieve over
C To hate
D To lose a fight

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Q122 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1588

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 18 | Original Q.5

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

In black and white

A In trouble
B In brief
C In suspense
D In writing

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Q123 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1587

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 17 | Original Q.17

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Zero tolerance

A To detect someone in the group is betraying the others
B Riding in the front passenger seat of a car
C To escape and not have to pay
D A policy of not allowing any violations of a rule or law

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Q124 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1586

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 17 | Original Q.7

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To bridge the gap

A To slander someone
B To reduce differences and reconcile
C To push people apart
D To mend a broken bridge

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Q125 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1585

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 16 | Original Q.15

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

At daggers drawn with

A To be bitterly hostile towards each other
B To accept someone
C At the lowest estimate
D To help someone in time of need

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Q126 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1584

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 16 | Original Q.4

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Neck of the woods

A Highways
B Neighbourhood
C Barren land
D Valley

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Q127 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1583

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 15 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A bolt from the blue

A An unexpected event
B A sudden run
C To get hold of someone
D An electric shock

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Q128 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1582

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 15 | Original Q.16

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Lion's mouth

A A dangerous situation
B Having no sense
C Very talkative
D A large share

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Q129 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1581

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 14 | Original Q.18

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Once in a blue moon

A Once a week
B Frequently
C Once in a day
D Rarely

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Q130 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1580

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 14 | Original Q.8

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Apropos of nothing

A Almost everything and anything has been included
B Having no relevance to any previous discussion or situation
C Any difficult situation or obstacle
D To be enraged

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Q131 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1579

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 13 | Original Q.17

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To sleep like a dog

A To be less mindful
B To make noise while sleeping
C To sleep soundly
D To be insomniac

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Q132 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1578

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 13 | Original Q.12

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Armed to the teeth

A Safeguard oneself in every possible way
B To have no weapon to fight
C Fully armed, having many weapons
D Different attacking techniques

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Q133 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1577

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 12 | Original Q.2

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To twiddle one's thumbs

A To waste one's resources
B To be idle
C To play safe
D To show no mercy

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Q134 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1576

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 12 | Original Q.1

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Give cold shoulder

A Start doing something before the appropriate time
B Ignore, avoid or be unfriendly towards someone
C Think only of one thing
D Be guiltless

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Q135 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1575

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 11 | Original Q.14

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Sea change

A To pursue
B Major transformation
C Jealousy
D Hatred

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Q136 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1574

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 11 | Original Q.5

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Wear your heart on your sleeve

A To openly display one's emotions.
B To suspect a trick
C To understand
D To go through a heart break

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Q137 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1573

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 10 | Original Q.17

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

All and sundry

A Full moon
B Advantages and disadvantages
C Holidays
D Everyone without distinction

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Q138 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1572

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 10 | Original Q.1

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Green light

A To misunderstand
B To permit something to proceed
C To always compare
D To be lost and confused

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Q139 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1571

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 9 | Original Q.17

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Water under the bridge

A A paranormal sense that allows you to communicate with the dead.
B Anything from the past that isn't significant or important anymore.
C To be very sick.
D Someone else who takes the blame.

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Q140 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1570

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 9 | Original Q.10

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To keep an eye on

A To see someone in a bad light
B To keep distance from
C To be able to understand everything
D To watch over closely

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Q141 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1569

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 8 | Original Q.14

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Dead ringer

A Game of race
B In writing
C Detailed information
D An exact duplicate

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Q142 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1568

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 8 | Original Q.1

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

For old time's sake

A To consider the options
B Deliberately stop someone
C To be friends with an old person
D Because of sentimental memories of the past

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Q143 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1567

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 7 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Ace in the hole

A To create noisy disturbances so that competitors are unable to work.
B A major advantage that one keeps hidden until an ideal time.
C To attempt to do the impossible.
D To suffer an injury on the lower body.

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Q144 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1566

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 7 | Original Q.9

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Over and above

A In addition to
B Highest rank
C To sum up the conversation
D Above all

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Q145 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1565

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 6 | Original Q.12

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Pig in a poke

A To obstruct someone's work
B A brave man amongst all the cowards
C Something that is bought without examining properly
D To bring something to an end

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Q146 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1564

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 6 | Original Q.10

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Slack off

A To ease pressure on something
B To make most effort
C To understand a hidden meaning
D To be very rude

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Q147 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1563

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 5 | Original Q.14

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To meet one's water loo

A To meet one's look alike
B To face the reality
C To be badly defeated in a contest
D To realize one's mistake

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Q148 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1562

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 5 | Original Q.11

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To be in two minds

A In a dilemma
B To be less effective
C To migrate
D To be over confident

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Q149 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1561

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 4 | Original Q.17

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A shot in the dark.

A Shooting in the night
B Randomly doing something, the outcome of which is unknown
C A blind man's cane
D Looking at the stars

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Q150 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1560

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 4 | Original Q.7

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To burn one's finger

A To suffer a loss by acting rashly
B A question without any agreed answer
C To accidentally touch a hot utensil
D To have one's finger chopped

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Q151 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1559

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 3 | Original Q.20

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To shake in one's shoes

A To leave no remark
B To be afraid
C An unpleasant scenario
D To fail to understand

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Q152 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1558

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 3 | Original Q.4

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

A fish out of water

A A person out of accustomed environment
B To criticize someone
C A dead person
D To kill somebody

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Q153 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1557

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 2 | Original Q.13

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

A bull market

A Market where prices are rising
B To boast
C A fertile field
D A market where cattle is traded

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Q154 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1556

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 2 | Original Q.12

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Take your eye off the ball

A Take an advice from a wrong person
B Take someone for grated
C To stop paying attention for a moment
D Deteriorating and headed for complete disaster

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Q155 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1555

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 1 | Original Q.16

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Body and soul

A Life and death
B Happiness and sorrow
C Wholly and entirely
D To solve a difficulty

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Q156 SSC CHSL 2022 | Tier I SOURCE Q1554

SSC CHSL 2022 (Tier I) | Shift 1 | Original Q.10

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Slap on the wrist

A Criticize someone strongly and angrily
B Wild with excitement
C Misunderstand each other
D A mild punishment

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Q157 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1553

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 42 | Original Q.20

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hale and hearty

A Weak and ill
B Strong and healthy
C Clumsy and calm
D Angry but happy

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Q158 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1552

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 42 | Original Q.12

Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

The team members seem to be running around in circles.

A To be very active but with few results
B Very dynamic and hardworking
C To be extremely successful
D Hardly any time to breathe

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Q159 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1551

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 42 | Original Q.8

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Face up to

A Look into face
B Personally
C Alter the face of
D To accept a difficult situation

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Q160 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1550

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 41 | Original Q.15

Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

I was like a fish out of water in the new firm.

A Nosy yet firm
B Very adventurous
C Being uncomfortable and restless
D Always comfortable

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Q161 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1549

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 41 | Original Q.7

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hobson's choice

A A choice forced upon someone
B To choose the best option
C To choose the worst option
D A choice that is prejudiced

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Q162 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1548

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 40 | Original Q.20

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Jump the gun

A To do something stupid
B To waste your money
C To do something too soon
D To defeat an opponent

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Q163 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1547

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 40 | Original Q.16

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Strain every nerve

A To try extremely hard to do something
B To have ill health
C To feel physical pain
D To fight with friends

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Q164 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1546

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 40 | Original Q.6

In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

His mentor understood the deep anguish the student was going through without him being informed about it.

A Down for the count
B Break a leg
C In the fast lane
D Read between the lines

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Q165 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1545

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 39 | Original Q.9

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Snail's pace

A Very slow
B Very fast
C Very sharp
D Very active

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Q166 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1544

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 39 | Original Q.5

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

The movers and shakers

A People who have a lot of power and influence
B Labourers
C Travelling agency
D Transportation company

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Q167 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1543

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 39 | Original Q.4

Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

The employee took the manager's remark with a pinch of salt

A Ever ready to condemn someone
B Going for the truth
C Distasteful and boring
D Doubt the truth or value of something

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Q168 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1542

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 38 | Original Q.15

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be under a cloud

A To be very happy
B To be gloomy
C To have a hidden talent
D To be untrustworthy

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Q169 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1541

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 38 | Original Q.7

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In queer street

A Lost your way
B In prison
C In debt
D Among scoundrels

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Q170 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1540

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 38 | Original Q.1

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hit the sack

A Miss the mark
B Complete the assignment
C Go to sleep
D Confirm the target

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Q171 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1539

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 37 | Original Q.14

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get one's dander up

A To glare venomously
B get into a difficult situation
C Lose one's temper
D Rush into someone

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Q172 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1538

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 37 | Original Q.4

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Snake in the grass

A Sensitive person
B Co-operative person
C Successful person
D Treacherous person

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Q173 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1537

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 36 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Once in a blue moon

A At one time in space
B Very rarely
C On a full moon night
D Blue sky

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Q174 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1536

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 36 | Original Q.4

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Tick all the boxes

A To make a bad situation worse
B To be extremely happy
C To make a decision
D To fulfill the required norms

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Q175 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1535

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 36 | Original Q.1

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Child's play

A Children's drama
B Cricket
C An easy task
D A restricted playground

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Q176 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1534

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 35 | Original Q.10

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In your birthday suit

A A suit which covers one's entire body
B Birthday celebrations
C Not wearing any clothes
D A suit which is designed for only birthday functions

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Q177 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1533

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 35 | Original Q.7

Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

The coach was trying to twist the player's arm by asking him to practice throughout the day.

A To try to force someone to do something
B To refrain from resting
C To console the weak
D To train someone in warfare

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Q178 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1532

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 35 | Original Q.3

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cast aside

A To bear with
B To blow up
C To display
D To reject

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Q179 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1531

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 34 | Original Q.13

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pocket an insult

A Endure insult and protest
B Insult someone strongly
C Rebel against insult
D Tolerate insult without protest

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Q180 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1530

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 34 | Original Q.6

In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

Reginald betrayed his closest friend. It was big shock for all.

A A black sheep
B Every cloud has a silver lining
C Looking to your laurels
D Stab someone in the back

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Q181 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1529

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 34 | Original Q.5

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Upset the apple-cart

A To be offended
B Consider unsatisfactory
C Withdraw
D Spoil careful plans

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Q182 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1528

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 33 | Original Q.13

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To bite the bullet

A To be upset or annoyed
B To be brave in a difficult situation
C To state your opinion openly
D To reject doing something difficult or unpleasant

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Q183 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1527

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 33 | Original Q.6

In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

He is known for talking too frankly.

A Snug as a bug in a rug
B Lose one's marbles
C Go the extra mile
D Call a spade a spade

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Q184 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1526

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 32 | Original Q.10

In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

The new music system is too expensive for us to buy.

A Hit the books
B Cut to the chase
C Costs an arm and a leg
D At sea

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Q185 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1525

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 32 | Original Q.8

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Chip off the old block

A Someone who spoils other's enjoyment
B Someone who tries to escape from their parents
C Someone who makes the right decision
D Someone who resembles their parent

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Q186 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1524

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 32 | Original Q.6

Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

As the Director I had to bite the bullet in order to restore normalcy.

A Force oneself to do something unpleasant
B To encourage the needy
C Ensure equality
D To force people to do the right thing

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Q187 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1523

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 31 | Original Q.11

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Jump the gun

A Intentionally raise a false alarm
B Watch a person carefully
C There is always a cost to do something
D Start something too soon or act hastily

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Q188 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1522

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 31 | Original Q.5

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Man of letters

A Dancer
B Singer
C Scholar
D Actor

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Q189 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1521

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 31 | Original Q.4

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To draw a blank

A To win by chance
B To fake something
C To be unsuccessful at eliciting a response
D To get revenge

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Q190 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1520

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 30 | Original Q.8

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the following sentence.

The minister is a little hard of hearing.

A inaccessible
B partially deaf
C insensitive
D callous

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Q191 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1519

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 30 | Original Q.4

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Donkey's years

A Futile effort
B A worthless person
C A very long time
D A stupid argument

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Q192 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1518

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 30 | Original Q.3

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Elbow grease

A Hard physical efforts
B Psychological pressure
C Relational difference
D Mental disturbance

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Q193 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1517

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 29 | Original Q.14

In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

The attitude of the culprit made the judge extemely angry.

A Back to the drawing board
B Play by the ear
C Make one's blood boil
D Throw caution to the wind

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Q194 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1516

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 29 | Original Q.11

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Up in arms

A In rebellion
B Begin fighting
C In unity
D Raise something

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Q195 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1515

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 29 | Original Q.10

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cut straight to the chase

A Disallow important introduction and go to the least important part
B Allow to introduce an unimportant part
C Avoid unnecessary introduction and go to the more important part
D Avoid the most important part of text

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Q196 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1514

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 28 | Original Q.15

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Start from scratch

A Start from the given line
B Start entirely from the beginning
C Start something fast to finish it before a particular time
D Start it from the previous situation

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Q197 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1513

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 28 | Original Q.3

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the following sentence.

The memory of all that blood was enough to make my flesh crawl.

A frightened me
B confused me
C drew my attention
D worried me

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Q198 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1512

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 27 | Original Q.10

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Have a long face

A Look extremely happy
B Look unhappy or disappointed
C Look very confident
D Portray an ugly expression

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Q199 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1511

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 27 | Original Q.9

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

The best of both worlds

A An advantageous situation from two different things at a time
B The best people on Earth and in heaven
C Being good in dreams and in reality
D The best practices in both, ancient times and present times

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Q200 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1510

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 26 | Original Q.15

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

By leaps and bounds

A Very slowly
B Superb catch in a cricket match
C Very quickly
D Brisk walk

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Q201 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1509

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 26 | Original Q.2

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Under the weather

A Feeling ill
B Left by a loved one
C Under debt
D Very angry

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Q202 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1508

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 25 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be at a loose end

A On a turning point
B Defining moment
C In much trouble
D To have nothing to do

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Q203 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1507

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 25 | Original Q.9

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get away

A To fall off
B To leave
C To equalise
D To visit

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Q204 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1506

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 25 | Original Q.5

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Between Scylla and Charybdis

A Between two favours
B Between two possibilities
C Between two dangers
D Between two charms

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Q205 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1505

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 24 | Original Q.16

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the following sentence.

For the time being, the liberals seem to have carried the day.

A despised
B unpopular
C winning
D popular

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Q206 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1504

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 24 | Original Q.11

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Charley horse

A Cramp
B Very fast
C Cunning
D Lucky

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Q207 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1503

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 24 | Original Q.3

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the following sentence.

She is green-eyed with his success.

A worried
B jealous
C afraid
D enthusiastic

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Q208 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1502

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 23 | Original Q.20

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Dark horse

A A champion
B An unexpected winner
C A person criticised
D Loved person

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Q209 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1501

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 23 | Original Q.8

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be like chalk and cheese

A Be absolutely lonely
B Be absolutely deceptive
C Be absolutely different
D Be absolutely rich

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Q210 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1500

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 22 | Original Q.18

Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom The actress' daughter is just a chip off the old block

(Refer to instruction above.)

A chip off the edges
B get into the enemy's territory
C console the dreary
D Similar to one's parents in behaviour

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Q211 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1499

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 22 | Original Q.11

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To put someone's back up

A To help someone
B To flatter someone
C To irritate someone
D To deceive someone

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Q212 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1498

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 22 | Original Q.7

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

White elephant

A Useful and expensive possession
B Costly but useless possession
C Motivational possession
D Memorable possession

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Q213 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1497

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 21 | Original Q.14

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To hold good

A To remain valid
B To keep relations
C To perform best
D To keep an eye

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Q214 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1496

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 21 | Original Q.13

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Crocodile tears

A Sincere expression of sorrow
B Cruel presentation of sorrow
C Crying of a crocodile
D Pretended show of sorrow

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Q215 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1495

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 21 | Original Q.1

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

It's all Greek to me

A I am aware of the historical facts
B I know this subject well
C I cannot understand anything
D I can understand the cause of something

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Q216 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1494

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 20 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hit the books

A To have a very long list
B Become very confused
C To study very hard
D To feel sorry about a mistake

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Q217 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1493

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 20 | Original Q.4

In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text.

Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase The coach felt extremely nervous on seeing the team performing poorly in the first quarter.

A Heart skipped a beat
B Like a cakewalk
C Crying Wolf
D Raining cats and dogs

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Q218 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1492

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 20 | Original Q.3

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A piece of cake

A An ambitious person
B An obstacle
C An easy task
D A punishment

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Q219 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1491

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 19 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bed of roses

A Lethargic condition of life
B Pleasant condition of life
C Trying condition of life
D Testing condition of life

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Q220 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1490

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 19 | Original Q.1

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pull a long face

A To look sad
B To flatter someone
C To look angry
D To chide someone

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Q221 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1489

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 18 | Original Q.13

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Break a leg

A Wish someone good luck
B Speak directly
C Work long hours
D Wish someone bad luck

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Q222 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1488

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 18 | Original Q.3

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On cloud nine

A Heavy rain
B Extremely happy
C Good number
D Travel by airplane

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Q223 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1487

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 18 | Original Q.2

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Miss the boat

A Miss the journey
B Miss the person
C Miss an opportunity
D Miss the goal of life

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Q224 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1486

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 17 | Original Q.8

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Every dog has his day

A Dogs are faithful animals
B Every dog is treated well
C Celebration of dogs as man's best friend
D Everyone has good luck or success at a point of time

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Q225 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1485

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 17 | Original Q.7

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Come about

A To deduce
B To support
C To explode
D To happen

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Q226 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1484

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 17 | Original Q.2

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To pay lip service

A To pretend to be very old
B To face a risk
C To ignore what someone is saying
D To express loyalty, respect, or support for something insincerely

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Q227 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1483

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 16 | Original Q.13

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Apple of one's eye

A Very useful
B Very far
C Very dear
D Very harmful

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Q228 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1482

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 16 | Original Q.10

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Under duress

A Under support
B Under pressure
C Under confusions
D Under shelter

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Q229 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1481

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 16 | Original Q.2

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Sum and substance

A Assessment
B Deliberation
C Difficulty
D Essence

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Q230 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1480

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 15 | Original Q.11

Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

My friend was playing the devil's advocate in the discussion.

A One who argues against something just for the sake of arguing
B One who is composed at all times
C One who is good at judgement
D One who pits the culprit against the lawyer

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Q231 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1479

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 15 | Original Q.9

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Back out

A To move backwards
B To withdraw from
C To stand out
D To pull over

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Q232 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1478

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 15 | Original Q.8

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Comparing apples with oranges

A Unequal comparisons
B Comparison between two kinds of fruits
C To have a health issue
D Calculation of proteins

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Q233 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1477

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 14 | Original Q.13

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pull the plug

A Distract someone
B Annoy someone
C End something
D Launch something

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Q234 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1476

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 14 | Original Q.8

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At loggerheads

A Disagreeing with
B In one's absence
C To write down
D At mercy

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Q235 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1475

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 14 | Original Q.4

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Have a soft spot for someone

A To argue something with no effect
B To show the true nature of someone
C To resolve a problem successfully
D To like someone a lot

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Q236 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1474

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 13 | Original Q.11

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Lion's share

A Animal's share
B Largest share
C Forceful share
D Limited share

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Q237 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1473

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 13 | Original Q.6

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Wipe the floor with someone

A To defeat someone
B To cheat someone
C To help someone
D To criticise someone

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Q238 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1472

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 13 | Original Q.2

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get the axe

A Burdened job
B Get the job
C Lose the job
D Relaxed job

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Q239 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1471

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 12 | Original Q.15

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A kick in the teeth

A Great disappointment
B Toothache
C Extraction of a tooth
D Alcohol consumption

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Q240 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1470

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 12 | Original Q.10

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Read between the lines

A Understand something that is not said outright
B Speak the truth even if it is unpleasant
C Be afraid of doing something again
D Harm someone who trusts you

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Q241 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1469

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 12 | Original Q.4

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Red letter day

A Memorable day
B Rose day
C Birthday
D Holiday

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Q242 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1468

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 11 | Original Q.13

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Eat like a horse

A Eat making sound
B Eat a lot of food
C Dislike food
D Eat food while running

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Q243 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1467

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 11 | Original Q.4

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Beat around the bush

A To avoid talking about what is important
B To hope for something that is unattainable
C To discuss minute details of something
D To search for a lost thing in vain

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Q244 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1466

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 11 | Original Q.1

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Knock down

A To succeed
B To accept
C To demolish
D To re do

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Q245 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1465

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 10 | Original Q.16

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go to the wall

A To fail
B To become strong
C To obtain protection
D To start

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Q246 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1464

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 10 | Original Q.1

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Donkey's years

A Long time
B Bad time
C Good time
D Leisure time

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Q247 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1463

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 9 | Original Q.16

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Safe pair of hands

A A secret or hidden advantage
B A person who can be trusted to do something efficiently
C Miss an opportunity
D Speak rashly without thinking carefully

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Q248 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1462

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 9 | Original Q.3

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Let down

A To hire
B To fail
C To nurse
D To care about

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Q249 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1461

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 8 | Original Q.18

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Win laurels

A To be decisive
B To gain honour
C To punish
D To change

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Q250 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1460

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 8 | Original Q.11

Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

The youth involved in the accident escaped by the skin of his teeth.

A Very arrogant
B Barely managed to escape
C Always taking calculated decisions
D Deficiency of funds

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Q251 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1459

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 7 | Original Q.15

Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

It was a Catch 22 situation for the manager.

A A positive outcome in a tough situation
B A difficult situation in which the solution to a problem is impossible
C Worthy successor to the throne
D Hailed as the ultimate champion

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Q252 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1458

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 7 | Original Q.6

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hard and fast

A Badly affected
B Quick witted
C Urgent
D Strict

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Q253 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1457

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 6 | Original Q.16

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Tell upon

A To strike hard
B to advise someone
C To write down
D To affect adversely

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Q254 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1456

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 6 | Original Q.6

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A storm in a tea cup

A The tea in which spices are added
B Tasty tea
C To enjoy tea during a storm
D A lot of anger and worry about trivial things

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Q255 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1455

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 6 | Original Q.5

In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

The trainee performed the task with extreme ease.

A At the eleventh hour
B Swan song
C Call it a day
D A piece of cake

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Q256 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1454

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 5 | Original Q.18

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Grease someone's palm

A Be jealous of someone
B Bribe someone
C Put in hard work
D Go to battle

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Q257 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1453

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 5 | Original Q.12

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the following sentence.

She was within a hair's breadth of winning.

A narrow margin
B accomplished
C certain
D desirous

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Q258 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1452

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 4 | Original Q.7

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A snake in the grass

A. A wealthy person
B. A deceitful person
C. A talkative person
D. A timid person

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Q259 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1451

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 4 | Original Q.1

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Tit for tat

A. Go smoothly
B. Counter attack
C. Prepare to leave
D. A wild guess

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Q260 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1450

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 3 | Original Q.10

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Lose your touch

A To be passed from one person to another
B Not being as successful as previously
C Something being very difficult to find
D Doing someone a favour in hopes that the favour will be returned

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Q261 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1449

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 3 | Original Q.9

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Blow up

A To destroy by an explosion
B To live up greatly
C To suffice
D To stand upright

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Q262 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1448

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 3 | Original Q.4

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At one's elbow

A Strong bond
B Strong grip
C Far away
D Next to someone

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Q263 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1447

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 2 | Original Q.16

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the following sentence.

At supper, everyone was in high spirits.

A drunk
B anxious
C cheerful
D nervous

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Q264 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1446

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 2 | Original Q.12

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Call upon

A To stop
B To order
C To adjust
D To follow

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Q265 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1445

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 2 | Original Q.1

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Gear up for

A Pass into
B Get ready for
C Start off
D Put on

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Q266 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1444

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 1 | Original Q.16

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In the same boat

A To be in the same difficult situation as someone else
B To share profits with someone else
C To go in the same direction as someone else
D To gain undue advantage with others

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Q267 SSC CHSL 2021 | Tier I SOURCE Q1443

SSC CHSL 2021 (Tier I) | Shift 1 | Original Q.1

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A fly on the wall

A Very intelligent person
B An unwelcome guest
C An unperceived observer
D A vigilant security guard

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Q268 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1442

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 35 | Original Q.9

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Wash your dirty linen in public

A Hangclothes outside
B Complain about everything
C Discuss private matters in front of others
D Fight with everyone unnecessarily

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Q269 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1441

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 35 | Original Q.8

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Newton's work in the field of physics speaks volumes about his genius.

A claims fame and honour
B does not gives a detailed report
C advertises his work
D conveys a great deal

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Q270 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1440

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 34 | Original Q.12

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiomatic expression given.

To cross one's mind

A To think of something
B To forget something
C To move from one idea to another
D To put a thought away from one's mind

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Q271 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1439

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 34 | Original Q.2

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Not one's cup of tea

A Beyond one's comprehension
B Not absolutely true
C Not according to one's interest
D Of no concern for someone

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Q272 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1438

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 33 | Original Q.11

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Method to one's madness

A Not following rules and conventions
B Being very neat and particular about details
C Always behaving like a mad person
D Seeming disorderly yet having a structure

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Q273 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1437

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 33 | Original Q.3

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get out of hand

A To get irritated
B To become difficult to control
C To be anxious
D To be able to complete a task

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Q274 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1436

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 32 | Original Q.16

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Full of beans

A Sad and dull
B Have crazy ideas
C Happy and energetic
D Being foolish

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Q275 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1435

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 32 | Original Q.8

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Their marriage wasn't working but they kept up appearances.

A kept throwing parties
B revealed the truth
C maintained an expression of well being
D maintained peace and harmony

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Q276 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1434

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 31 | Original Q.7

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiomatic expression given.

Caught red-handed

A Caught with a hand covered in blood
B Caught in the act of doing something illegal
C Caught stealing red objects like apples and tomatoes
D Caught by someone wearing a red wristband

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Q277 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1433

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 31 | Original Q.6

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To be all ears

A To be impatient about something
B To have extra-large ears
C To be ready and eager to listen
D To be inquisitive and curious

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Q278 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1432

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 30 | Original Q.18

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To put one's foot in one's mouth

A To deliberately provoke someone
B To accidentally embarrass or upset someone
C To gather all of one's resources
D To be disorderly and stupid

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Q279 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1431

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 30 | Original Q.16

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

She may be the Principal but it is the school administrator who rules the roost.

A is dependent upon her
B is totally submissive
C is proved right
D is in complete control

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Q280 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1430

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 29 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To put one's foot in one's mouth

A To gather all of one's resources
B To deliberately provoke someone
C To be disorderly and stupid
D To accidentally embarrass or upset someone

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Q281 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1429

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 29 | Original Q.11

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

She may be the Principal but it is the school administrator who rules the roost.

A is in complete control
B is dependent upon her
C is totally submissive
D is proved right

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Q282 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1428

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 28 | Original Q.16

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A red letter day

A a memorable day
B the worst day
C a day of fun and enjoyment
D a day of horror

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Q283 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1427

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 28 | Original Q.15

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A dime a dozen

A common and so of little value
B available only in bulk
C in great demand as not easily available
D not available everywhere

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Q284 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1426

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 27 | Original Q.17

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiomatic expression given.

At a stone's throw

A Beat someone with a stone
B Throw a stone at someone
C Like throwing a stone
D At a very short distance

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Q285 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1425

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 27 | Original Q.7

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To fish in troubled waters

A To catch fish in stormy weather in the sea
B To take advantage of a difficult situation
C To try to find a big catch in the deep sea
D To try to do something that is very difficult

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Q286 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1424

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 26 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Off and on

A sometimes but not regularly
B again and again
C not soon
D every day

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Q287 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1423

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 26 | Original Q.17

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hang on every word

A Stammer while speaking
B Stop after hearing one word
C Speak very slowly
D Listen very carefully

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Q288 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1422

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 25 | Original Q.5

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A lean patch

A. A part of hair that is thin
B. Friendship that has ended
C. A period of poor performance
D. Cloth that is beginning to tear

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Q289 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1421

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 25 | Original Q.3

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Break the ice

A. Make things available for a party
B. Make a beginning or start something
C. Arrange for a skating show
D. Cool the room for everyone

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Q290 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1420

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 24 | Original Q.3

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To come round

A To spend a lot of time with someone
B To go round and round
C To become conscious again
D To meet someone by chance

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Q291 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1419

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 24 | Original Q.2

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Burn the midnight oil

A burn things using oil
B create problems in the night
C work late into the night
D work many nights at a stretch

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Q292 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1418

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 23 | Original Q.18

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Rank and file

A The manager of a personnel department
B Ordinary workers in a company
C A very well-organised company
D Financial activities in a firm

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Q293 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1417

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 23 | Original Q.10

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

My brother has decided to settle in London for good.

A for a promotion
B briefly
C forever
D for a better income

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Q294 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1416

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 22 | Original Q.2

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A blessing in disguise

A something good that isn't recognised at first
B an event that is unknown
C someone who comes disguised
D a person who blesses others quietly

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Q295 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1415

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 22 | Original Q.1

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Needle in a haystack

A Someone having vast opportunities
B Someone in trouble
C Something impossible to find
D Something very trivial

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Q296 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1414

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 21 | Original Q.16

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A fire in someone's belly

A one who is energetic and enthusiastic about something
B one who comes from a middle class background
C one who is rich and powerful and exploits the poor
D one who continues to work without wanting a reward

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Q297 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1413

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 21 | Original Q.14

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Poke one's nose

A Not be careful about one's health
B Interfere or meddle
C Do unhygienic things
D Tease or irritate

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Q298 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1412

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 20 | Original Q.15

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To cut corners

A cut something easily without spoiling it
B be able to do a job effortlessly
C cut something into pieces
D not do a thing well in order to save money or effort

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Q299 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1411

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 20 | Original Q.12

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cook the books

A To be a good editor
B To write books on cooking
C To be a good writer
D To falsify financial records

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Q300 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1410

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 19 | Original Q.13

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To play with fire

A To pour oil on a burning fire
B To hold a revenge against someone
C To fight fires like a fireman
D To act in a dangerous and risky way

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Q301 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1409

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 19 | Original Q.7

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Organic food seems to be in vogue these days.

A readily available
B very expensive
C out of stock
D in fashion

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Q302 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1408

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 18 | Original Q.14

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hard nut to crack

A a person who likes to joke around
B someone who needs guidance
C someone who solves puzzles easily
D a difficult person or problem

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Q303 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1407

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 18 | Original Q.9

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom:

know inside out

A To always know a lot about every topic
B To know a little about something
C To know something thoroughly
D To know everything by rote memory

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Q304 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1406

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 17 | Original Q.3

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To add insult to injury

A to wound physically
B to make something worse
C to work hard on making up
D to make fun of someone

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Q305 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1405

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 17 | Original Q.2

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

He is very impulsive and does things without rhyme or reason.

A without any resources
B without proper planning
C without anyone's help
D without a reasonable explanation

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Q306 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1404

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 16 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiomatic expression given.

To poke one's nose into

A To bury oneself in another matter
B To take interest in others' affairs
C To clean one's nose with a twig
D To insert something in another's nose

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Q307 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1403

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 16 | Original Q.13

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The friends quarrelled some time ago but now they are trying to make up with each other.

A to part forever
B to blame each other
C to settle their differences
D to compete with one another

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Q308 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1402

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 15 | Original Q.12

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Large-hearted

A Corrupt
B Unhealthy
C Generous
D Overweight

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Q309 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1401

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 15 | Original Q.9

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Butter fingers

A To like rich food
B To cook well
C To be very efficient
D To be clumsy

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Q310 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1400

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 14 | Original Q.20

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Thick as thieves

A Being very dishonest
B Having a close friendship
C Never helping anyone
D Telling lies all the time

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Q311 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1399

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 14 | Original Q.12

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To have eggs on one's face

A To throw eggs on a speaker's face
B To buy eggs and break them
C To be embarrassed because of one's action
D To apply egg yolk on one's face for making it look beautiful

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Q312 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1398

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 13 | Original Q.8

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go to the dogs

A Go crazy
B Fail miserably
C Deteriorate shockingly
D Want something badly

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Q313 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1397

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 13 | Original Q.3

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pull something off

A Drag something forcibly
B Make a lot of noise
C Make something happen
D Take out the cover or lid

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Q314 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1396

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 12 | Original Q.11

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To go red in the face

A To feel very happy and proud
B To feel embarrassed
C To shout at someone for doing something wrong
D To feel extremely irritated

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Q315 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1395

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 12 | Original Q.8

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

His jokes fell flat on the audience.

A provoked laughter
B deeply touched
C irritated
D failed to have an effect

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Q316 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1394

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 11 | Original Q.6

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Under wraps

A secretly
B double layered
C under estimate
D underhand

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Q317 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1393

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 11 | Original Q.4

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On tenterhooks

A Very happy
B Very sad
C very angry
D Very tense

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Q318 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1392

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 10 | Original Q.8

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Getting butterflies in one's stomach

A To be suspicious of someone
B To be very angry with someone
C To be confident of oneself
D To be anxious and nervous

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Q319 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1391

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 10 | Original Q.6

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A Herculean task

A A task requiring great effort
B A task for brave people
C An important task
D An immediate task

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Q320 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1390

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 9 | Original Q.14

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To drag one's feet

A To walk with a limp
B To delay taking a decision
C To walk unsteadily
D To pull someone's legs

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Q321 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1389

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 9 | Original Q.3

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To make both ends meet

A To try to do two different things at the same time
B To try to bring two parties together
C To have just enough money to live
D To try to solve a problem between friends

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Q322 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1388

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 8 | Original Q.10

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A sea change

A Getting transferred overseas
B Health-related vacation
C Complete transformation
D Going on a trip abroad

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Q323 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1387

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 8 | Original Q.1

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Terrorists kill thousands of innocent people in cold blood.

A by freezing to death
B in mountainous areas
C cruelly, without any emotions
D accidentally

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Q324 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1386

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 7 | Original Q.8

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Child's play

A Something that everybody knows
B Something for a child to play with
C Something children have made by themselves
D Something that is very easy to do

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Q325 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1385

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 7 | Original Q.4

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get One's Ducks in a Row

A have everything improperly disorganized
B have everything properly organized
C have everything messily arranged
D have nothing properly organized, though ready

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Q326 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1384

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 6 | Original Q.14

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A bolt from the blue

A a strange dream that wakes one up suddenly
B something that is hotly debated
C something that happens suddenly
D something causing a head injury

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Q327 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1383

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 6 | Original Q.11

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cost an arm and a leg

A Be easily available
B Be rather cheap
C Be worthy of the cost
D Be extremely expensive

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Q328 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1382

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 5 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Provide a blueprint

A Have a building plan printed in blue
B Give a detailed plan or scheme
C Propose a plan of a secret meeting
D Submit a printed application for a blue-collared job

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Q329 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1381

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 5 | Original Q.15

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go back to the drawing board

A get started on a new job as the old one wasn't good
B withdraw support to someone whom you always supported
C start planning again because earlier plans failed
D look back at your achievements and learn from them

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Q330 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1380

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 4 | Original Q.13

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be glad to see the back of

A Be relieved at another's failure
B Be happy at another's success
C Be happy when a person leaves
D Be happy to see someone again

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Q331 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1379

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 4 | Original Q.6

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

By the skin of one's teeth

A By a very big margin
B By a very narrow margin
C Without anyone's help
D With the help of someone

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Q332 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1378

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 3 | Original Q.15

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A good turn

A. A helpful act
B. A pleasant experience
C. A lucky chance
D. A great opportunity

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Q333 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1377

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 3 | Original Q.2

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Read between the lines

A. read loudly each and every word given in the sentence
B. read very slowly enjoying each line
C. understand what is implied but not stated directly
D. read carefully each and every word written

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Q334 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1376

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 2 | Original Q.20

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Make big time

A Spend more than one earns
B Earn more than needed
C Reach earlier than expected
D Attain fame and success

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Q335 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1375

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 2 | Original Q.4

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In hot water

A In advantage
B In suspense
C In trouble
D In shower

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Q336 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1374

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 1 | Original Q.4

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To leave no stone unturned

A To try everything possible to solve a problem
B To turn everything upside down
C To become accustomed to routine things
D To become furious with somebody

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Q337 SSC CHSL 2020 | Tier I SOURCE Q1373

SSC CHSL 2020 (Tier I) | Shift 1 | Original Q.2

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To run around like a headless chicken

A To be unable to catch escaping chicken
B To do many things in a disorganised manner
C To be lazy and unwilling to work
D To do things methodically one by one

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Q338 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1372

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 33 | Original Q.17

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom:

The straw that broke the camel's back

A To be the last in a series of events leading one to feel that it is intolerable
B To make a wish for an escape from existing conditions
C To show strength and continue without a fuss
D To undertake a difficult journey across a desert

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Q339 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1371

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 33 | Original Q.3

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom:

Under the weather

A Feel strong and energetic
B To feel wronged by friends
C To be in low spirits
D To face bad weather conditions

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Q340 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1370

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 32 | Original Q.13

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Full of sound and fury

A An angry and unruly mob
B Merely loud and angry words but ineffective
C A fiery and effective speaker
D Someone who gets angry very quickly

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Q341 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1369

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 32 | Original Q.4

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Take something with a pinch of salt

A To consider everyone a liar
B To take long to understand what is being said
C To believe only part of something
D To think of oneself as always right

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Q342 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1368

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 31 | Original Q.18

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom:

Keep your shirt on

A To keep busy
B To remain cool
C To work hard
D To celebrate

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Q343 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1367

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 31 | Original Q.2

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom:

Sleep on it

A To make a decision immediately
B To make a wrong decision
C To prefer to sleep than take action
D To wait before making a decision

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Q344 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1366

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 30 | Original Q.25

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Flying off the handle

A Day dreaming
B Suddenly becoming enraged
C Flying away, being launched from a handle
D Having lofty ideas

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Q345 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1365

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 30 | Original Q.10

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To cost an arm and a leg

A Not readily available
B To give away an arm and a leg
C Very expensive
D Easily affordable

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Q346 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1364

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 29 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Ashutosh kept a stiff upper lip even when he was reprimanded in the presence of clients.

A started sniggering
B kept shouting
C behaved insolently
D remained expressionless

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Q347 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1363

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 29 | Original Q.16

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Have you heard the news that Hema is looking for greener pastures?

A has been transferred
B was feeling rejected
C has been fired
D exploring new opportunities

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Q348 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1362

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 28 | Original Q.18

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Make a beeline

A Stand in a queue
B Go straight to
C Remain busy
D Be crazy

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Q349 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1361

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 28 | Original Q.14

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Look after

A Take care of
B Resemble
C Search for
D Scold

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Q350 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1360

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 27 | Original Q.23

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cool it

A To wait
B To relax
C To be angry
D To be nervous

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Q351 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1359

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 27 | Original Q.16

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go off at a tangent

A Change the subject immediately
B Forget things in between
C Go on at great length
D Become boisterous

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Q352 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1358

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 26 | Original Q.17

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Chill out

A To calm down
B To fight
C To be nervous
D To be angry

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Q353 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1357

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 26 | Original Q.1

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Look before you leap

A Caution others before taking a step
B Think carefully of the consequences
C Pull someone out from a disaster
D Prepare yourself before jumping

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Q354 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1356

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 25 | Original Q.13

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be behind the times

A Not be alert
B Be old fashioned
C Always dreaming
D Be very old

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Q355 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1355

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 25 | Original Q.4

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Call a spade a spade

A Say things that are untrue and painful
B Lash out unkindly at someone for no reason
C Plan to attack someone with rude words
D Say the truth about something, even if it is not pleasant

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Q356 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1354

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 25 | Original Q.2

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Call a spade a spade

A Lash out unkindly at someone for no reason
B Say the truth about something, even if it is not pleasant
C Plan to attack someone with rude words
D Say things that are untrue and painful

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Q357 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1353

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 24 | Original Q.23

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cool it

A To be angry
B To be nervous
C To wait
D To relax

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Q358 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1352

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 24 | Original Q.17

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go off at a tangent

A Change the subject immediately
B Go on at great length
C Become boisterous
D Forget things in between

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Q359 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1351

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 23 | Original Q.13

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Falling head over heels

A Finding fault with others
B Falling deeply in love with someone
C Feeling deep sympathy to the needy
D Fixing models without proper analysis

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Q360 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1350

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 23 | Original Q.3

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Reinventing the wheel

A Disturbing the system which has already been in use
B Wasting one's time for things that have already been satisfactorily done
C Examining circumstances that have already been understood
D Analysing various factors of happenings

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Q361 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1349

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 22 | Original Q.14

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Every cloud has a silver lining

A Something irritating is there in any joyous situation
B Something disheartening is there in any happy situation
C Something promising is there in any difficult situation
D Something interesting is there in any colourful situation

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Q362 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1348

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 22 | Original Q.12

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Made out of whole cloth

A Entirely fabricated though believable
B Entirely true and convincing
C Entirely false though convincing
D Entirely false and fabricated

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Q363 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1347

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 21 | Original Q.11

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Keep a civil tongue

A Speak with great politeness
B Argue with soft words
C Express dissent mildly
D Maintain silence when needed

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Q364 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1346

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 21 | Original Q.2

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cut to the chase

A Sleeping long hours and spoiling the health
B Talking about the important point and leaving out the detail
C Stopping unexpectedly and missing the chase
D Cutting long pieces and spoiling the dish cooked

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Q365 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1345

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 20 | Original Q.10

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Falling head over heels

A Finding fault with others
B Fixing models without proper analysis
C Feeling deep sympathy to the needy
D Falling deeply in love with someone

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Q366 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1344

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 20 | Original Q.1

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Reinventing the wheel

A Wasting one's time for things that have already been satisfactorily done
B Examining circumstances that have already been understood
C Disturbing the system which has already been in use
D Analysing various factors of happenings

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Q367 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1343

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 19 | Original Q.16

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Take one's hat off to someone

A Display humility
B Express anger
C Show admiration
D Indicate disapproval

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Q368 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1342

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 19 | Original Q.2

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Vanish into the air

A Perpetually postpone
B Totally dilute
C Completely disappear
D Permanently mix

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Q369 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1341

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 18 | Original Q.15

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

When they read about the proposed strike of buses they said, "We'll cross that bridge when we come to it."

A Call them for talks
B Prevent them
C Cancel our plans
D Solve the problem

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Q370 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1340

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 18 | Original Q.11

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom.

Back in saddle

A Learn how to ride
B Teach someone riding
C Resume duty
D Put a new saddle

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Q371 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1339

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 17 | Original Q.22

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

We enjoyed watching the film because it was a down–to-earth depiction of modern life.

A fanciful and dreamlike
B practical and direct
C short and meaningful
D pleasing and entertaining

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Q372 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1338

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 17 | Original Q.20

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

His guide asked him to pull up his socks if he wanted a good rank.

A take care to be more formal
B make a greater effort to improve
C give attention to his appearance also
D dress more carefully and neatly

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Q373 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1337

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 16 | Original Q.20

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Hats off to someone

A Give hats to
B Make new hats for
C Announce a prize for
D Congratulations to

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Q374 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1336

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 16 | Original Q.13

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

A lot of work has gone on behind the scenes for the special event which is being planned next week.

A Unknown to everyone
B To complete the arrangements
C For spreading the news
D In the theatre

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Q375 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1335

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 15 | Original Q.22

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get something off your chest

A Express something that has been worrying you, and you want to say
B Have difficulty in doing something that is quite easy
C Remove something from you as it is troubling you a lot
D Tell people some good news that you know and you want to share

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Q376 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1334

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 15 | Original Q.18

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Plain as day

A Very obvious and easy to understand
B Visible only in broad daylight
C Very interesting to know
D Very simple and easy to do

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Q377 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1333

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 14 | Original Q.24

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To leave someone in the lurch.

A Constant source of annoyance to someone
B To put someone at ease
C To desert someone in his difficulties
D To come to compromise with someone

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Q378 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1332

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 14 | Original Q.4

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Once in a blue moon

A An incident that is scary
B An unforgettable experience
C Happening only once in a lifetime
D Happening only rarely

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Q379 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1331

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 13 | Original Q.20

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Let off the hook

A Made to pay for one's actions
B Allowed to escape from blame
C Not allowed to take part in an activity
D Not made to wait for a long time

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Q380 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1330

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 13 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Parthian shot

A Say goodbye
B Praise
C Parting hit
D Victory

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Q381 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1329

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 12 | Original Q.25

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Eat humble pie

A Eat less food
B Make noise while eating
C Admit that you are wrong
D Eat something which is not tasty

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Q382 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1328

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 12 | Original Q.16

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To fall on deaf ears

A To be listened carefully
B To be ignored
C To be paid attention
D To be aware of what is going on

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Q383 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1327

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 11 | Original Q.25

Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank in the given sentence.

The _____ entered the house in disguise saying his uncle lived there and robbed the place.

A technician
B technicality
C technique
D technical

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Q384 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1326

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 11 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Not mince (your) words

A Not to have clarity
B Eat a lot clumsily
C Say words that are confusing
D State your opinion clearly

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Q385 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1325

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 11 | Original Q.15

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Rub the wrong way

A Please someone
B Rub well without oil
C Annoy someone
D Rub incorrectly

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Q386 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1324

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 10 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Anu jumped the gun and announced their plans at the dinner table.

A started shooting
B ate quickly
C acted hastily
D shouted loudly

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Q387 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1323

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 10 | Original Q.13

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom Looking for a needle in a haystack.

(Refer to instruction above.)

A Be interested in sewing and embroidery
B Searching for small things to do
C Attempting something impossible
D Suddenly deciding to do farming

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Q388 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1322

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 9 | Original Q.20

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Sandeep received a new lease of life after moving to Pune.

A started taking healthy food
B became energetic again
C started looking for a job
D looked for a group of friends

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Q389 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1321

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 9 | Original Q.10

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

If someone is an old hand, then he/she is:

A forgetful
B aged
C experienced
D weak

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Q390 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1320

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 8 | Original Q.23

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Add insult to injury

A Say words that are very offensive
B Make a bad situation even worse
C Play a prank on someone
D Hurt someone physically

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Q391 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1319

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 8 | Original Q.19

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Jump on the bandwagon

A Do something because circumstances force you to
B Get engaged in an activity that is very important
C Get involved in an activity because it is likely to succeed
D Do an activity that is fun

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Q392 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1318

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 7 | Original Q.12

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom.

Pull yourself together

A Use a rope ladder
B Talk about fitness
C Be friendly with everyone
D Regain composure

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Q393 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1317

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 7 | Original Q.2

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

To restart his cash-strapped company he decided to apply for a bank loan.

A expanding
B improving
C expensive
D impoverished

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Q394 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1316

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 6 | Original Q.14

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Akshay is likely to take the heat for having miscalculated the expenses.

A enjoy warm climate
B scold everyone
C feel very hot
D receive criticism

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Q395 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1315

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 6 | Original Q.10

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom.

To have a gut feeling

A To have pain in the abdomen
B To suffer from inflammation
C To experience discomfort
D To feel an instinct or intuition

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Q396 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1314

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 5 | Original Q.17

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Fit as a fiddle

A Playing a musical instrument
B Of the right size
C Healthy and strong
D Singing happily

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Q397 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1313

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 5 | Original Q.16

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

It took Rohan a long time to get the hang of the machine in the new factory.

A Bring someone to run
B Learn how to use
C Put up safely
D Clean and dry

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Q398 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1312

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 4 | Original Q.23

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bite off more than one can chew

A To cheat someone and get away
B To taste something while cooking
C To eat quickly and run away
D To take on more than one can deal with

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Q399 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1311

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 4 | Original Q.18

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Like talking to a brick wall

A Fascinated
B Frightened
C Inattentive
D Curious

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Q400 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1310

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 3 | Original Q.4

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A dime a dozen

A Expensive
B Phenomenal
C Very common
D Uncommon

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Q401 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1309

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 3 | Original Q.1

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Couch Potato

A Skinny
B Overweight
C Lazy person
D Hyperactive

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Q402 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1308

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 2 | Original Q.20

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A piece of cake

A Something serious
B Something difficult
C Something amusing
D Something easy

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Q403 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1307

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 2 | Original Q.1

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Actions speak louder than words

A What you do reveals the real you
B What you don't say is what you are
C What you can see may not be true
D What you do is your own business

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Q404 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1306

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 1 | Original Q.24

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Stir up a hornet's nest

A Destroy a nest
B Call for dialogue
C Provoke trouble
D Lead a revolt

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Q405 SSC CHSL 2019 | Tier I SOURCE Q1305

SSC CHSL 2019 (Tier I) | Shift 1 | Original Q.3

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Up in arms

A Throw up arms in joy
B Give up fighting and surrender
C Angry about something
D Divide into armed groups

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ANSWER & OPTION EXPLANATIONS

Every answer below has its own bookmark. Correct choices are highlighted in green. The other three options include short reasoning about each distractor, not just the marked answer.

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EXPLANATION 001 / 405

SOURCE Q1709

Select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of idioms/phrases.

Look before you leap

A) Hide something
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Analyze the consequences before making a decision", not this alternative.

B) Analyze the consequences before making a decision CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Depending on others for task completion
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Analyze the consequences before making a decision", not this alternative.

D) Always be humble to people of lower designation
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Analyze the consequences before making a decision", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 002 / 405

SOURCE Q1708

Select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of idioms/phrases.

A white elephant

A) An extinct species
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A useless possession which is extremely expensive to keep", not this alternative.

B) A useless possession which is extremely expensive to keep CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Someone belonging to a royal family
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A useless possession which is extremely expensive to keep", not this alternative.

D) An endangered species
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A useless possession which is extremely expensive to keep", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 003 / 405

SOURCE Q1707

Select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of idioms/phrases.

To take the bull by the horns

A) To deal with a dangerous prisoner
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To deal with a difficult situation", not this alternative.

B) To deal with a hopeless student
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To deal with a difficult situation", not this alternative.

C) To deal with an annoying person
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To deal with a difficult situation", not this alternative.

D) To deal with a difficult situation CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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EXPLANATION 004 / 405

SOURCE Q1706

Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

On the same wavelength

A) Talking to someone for a long time
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Having similar ideas and understanding each other well", not this alternative.

B) Having similar ideas and understanding each other well CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Waiting for a good opportunity to speak
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Having similar ideas and understanding each other well", not this alternative.

D) Arguing about a different point of view
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Having similar ideas and understanding each other well", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 005 / 405

SOURCE Q1705

Fill in the blank with the most appropriate phrase:

The manager dismissed the idea outright, calling it ____ without any substantial benefit.

A) a storm in a teacup
This expression means "Exaggerated excitement about something unimportant", which does not fit the situation described.

B) a shot in the dark CORRECT
Correct. This expression completes the sentence naturally and matches the situation described.

C) a bone of contention
This expression means "A subject that causes disagreement", which does not fit the situation described.

D) a blessing in disguise
This expression means "Something that initially seems bad but turns out well", which does not fit the situation described.

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EXPLANATION 006 / 405

SOURCE Q1704

Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

Tread on your toes

A) Be overly protective of yourself
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Offend or annoy someone", not this alternative.

B) Act with extreme caution
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Offend or annoy someone", not this alternative.

C) Offend or annoy someone CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Help someone with their task
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Offend or annoy someone", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 007 / 405

SOURCE Q1703

Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

Every nook and cranny

A) Every small corner or hidden part CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Every important detail
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Every small corner or hidden part" in this question.

C) Every visible place
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Every small corner or hidden part" in this question.

D) Every large space or open area
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Every small corner or hidden part" in this question.

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EXPLANATION 008 / 405

SOURCE Q1702

Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

Out and about

A) At home resting
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Active and socializing", not this alternative.

B) Doing errands
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Active and socializing", not this alternative.

C) Active and socializing CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Traveling to distant places
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Active and socializing", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 009 / 405

SOURCE Q1701

Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

Sit on the fence

A) To be very decisive about a matter
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To refuse to give an opinion or take a side", not this alternative.

B) To refuse to give an opinion or take a side CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To carefully choose a position
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To refuse to give an opinion or take a side", not this alternative.

D) To be in a neutral, relaxed position
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To refuse to give an opinion or take a side", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 010 / 405

SOURCE Q1700

Fill in the blank with the most appropriate phrase:

Due to the budget cuts, the organization had to operate strictly _____.

A) in a nutshell
This expression means "In very few words", which does not fit the situation described.

B) on a shoestring CORRECT
Correct. This expression completes the sentence naturally and matches the situation described.

C) with flying colors
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

D) under the radar
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

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EXPLANATION 011 / 405

SOURCE Q1699

Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

See eye to eye

A) To stare at someone intensely
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To agree fully with someone else", not this alternative.

B) To understand a complex visual concept
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To agree fully with someone else", not this alternative.

C) To disagree completely with someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To agree fully with someone else", not this alternative.

D) To agree fully with someone else CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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EXPLANATION 012 / 405

SOURCE Q1698

Choose the correct meaning of the idiom:

The icing on the cake

A) A dif cult task fi
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "The best part of something", not this alternative.

B) A sweet dessert
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "The best part of something", not this alternative.

C) The best part of something CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) A minor detail
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "The best part of something", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 013 / 405

SOURCE Q1697

Fill in the blank with the most appropriate idiom:

His sudden resignation caught everyone _____.

A) red-handed
This expression means "Caught while doing something wrong", which does not fit the situation described.

B) off guard CORRECT
Correct. This expression completes the sentence naturally and matches the situation described.

C) in limbo
This expression means "In an uncertain or unresolved state", which does not fit the situation described.

D) on thin ice
This expression means "In a risky or precarious situation", which does not fit the situation described.

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EXPLANATION 014 / 405

SOURCE Q1696

Choose the option that best describes the meaning of the idioms and phrases underlined in the given sentence.

A jack of all trades cannot survive in the world of specialisation.

A) A businessman
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A person who can do many things but is not an expert in any", not this alternative.

B) A person who can do many things but is not an expert in any CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) A good communicator
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A person who can do many things but is not an expert in any", not this alternative.

D) An expert of many jobs
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A person who can do many things but is not an expert in any", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 015 / 405

SOURCE Q1695

Based on the situation in the sentence, select the most appropriate idiom.

After many years of rivalry, the two schools decided to _____ and participate in a National Event together.

A) bell the cat
This alternative does not match the sense required by the original question or sentence.

B) bury the hatchet CORRECT
Correct according to the supplied answer key; this option fits the required sense or usage.

C) be in the doldrums
This alternative does not match the sense required by the original question or sentence.

D) go cold turkey
This alternative does not match the sense required by the original question or sentence.

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EXPLANATION 016 / 405

SOURCE Q1694

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To throw dust in one's eyes

A) To talk in an abusive language
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To mislead someone by tricks", not this alternative.

B) To mislead someone by tricks CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To hit someone with stone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To mislead someone by tricks", not this alternative.

D) To make someone blind forever
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To mislead someone by tricks", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 017 / 405

SOURCE Q1693

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Every piece of furniture in her house is in apple-pie order.

A) Painted in light colours
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very neatly arranged", not this alternative.

B) Very neatly arranged CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Kept in a disorganised way
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very neatly arranged", not this alternative.

D) Very delicately arranged
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very neatly arranged", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 018 / 405

SOURCE Q1692

Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined word segment in the given sentence.

I know Covid has made you terribly ill, but the good thing is that you have developed immunity against it for further infections.

A) the silver lining in the cloud CORRECT
Correct. This expression conveys the situation or highlighted idea in the source sentence.

B) being in the quicksilver
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

C) crossing palms with silver
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

D) the silver spoon
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

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EXPLANATION 019 / 405

SOURCE Q1691

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Out of the frying pan and into the fire

A) Things going from bad to worse CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Things getting intense by the hour
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Things going from bad to worse", not this alternative.

C) Being with someone through good times as well as bad times
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Things going from bad to worse", not this alternative.

D) Being a horrible cook
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Things going from bad to worse", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 020 / 405

SOURCE Q1690

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Gift of the gab

A) Talent for speaking CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Humorous
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Talent for speaking", not this alternative.

C) Talent for singing
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Talent for speaking", not this alternative.

D) Witty
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Talent for speaking", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 021 / 405

SOURCE Q1689

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A sting in the tail

A) An unexpected, typically unpleasant or problematic end to something CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To initiate a situation that is very complicated or problematic
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An unexpected, typically unpleasant or problematic end to something", not this alternative.

C) A situation in which a large group has to do something to satisfy a small group
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An unexpected, typically unpleasant or problematic end to something", not this alternative.

D) Something which seems bad at first but contains a pleasant part at the end
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An unexpected, typically unpleasant or problematic end to something", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 022 / 405

SOURCE Q1688

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Going through a sticky patch

A) To experience a bad period in life CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To feel sad
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To experience a bad period in life", not this alternative.

C) To walk on a muddy road
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To experience a bad period in life", not this alternative.

D) Try to paste something unsuccessfully
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To experience a bad period in life", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 023 / 405

SOURCE Q1687

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Costing an arm and a leg

A) Very entertaining and jovial
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very costly and luxurious", not this alternative.

B) Very attractive and cheap
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very costly and luxurious", not this alternative.

C) Very costly and luxurious CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Very rough and tough
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very costly and luxurious", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 024 / 405

SOURCE Q1686

Select the most appropriate idiom to complete the given sentence.

With the increasing market prices and stagnant salaries, he is _____.

A) beating the rap
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

B) taking a break
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

C) getting it off his chest
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

D) feeling the pinch CORRECT
Correct. This expression completes the sentence naturally and matches the situation described.

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EXPLANATION 025 / 405

SOURCE Q1685

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

Manish told Rounak time and again of the ill consequences of his habit of being late to the college.

A) Hardly ever
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Repeatedly", not this alternative.

B) At intervals
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Repeatedly", not this alternative.

C) Repeatedly CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Not often
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Repeatedly", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 026 / 405

SOURCE Q1684

Select the most appropriate idiom to fill the blank in the given situation.

They were waiting for their family members who were returning from a pilgrimage. Therefore, they were _____ on the platform.

A) playing a joke
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

B) rolling up their sleeves
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

C) running behind time
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

D) pacing up and down CORRECT
Correct. This expression completes the sentence naturally and matches the situation described.

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EXPLANATION 027 / 405

SOURCE Q1683

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The technicians who were repairing the broken elevator called it a day.

A) Stopped to take a short break
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Stopped work for the day Section : General Intelligence", not this alternative.

B) Shouted with anger
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Stopped work for the day Section : General Intelligence", not this alternative.

C) Felt unhappy
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Stopped work for the day Section : General Intelligence", not this alternative.

D) Stopped work for the day Section : General Intelligence CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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EXPLANATION 028 / 405

SOURCE Q1682

Select the sentence that brings out the most appropriate meaning of the idiom 'Dog in the manger'.

A) Rachit had some important work and so he cancelled the show tickets for everyone. CORRECT
Correct. This sentence illustrates the idiom in its intended sense.

B) Mohit was so loyal and committed to his company that he rejected lucrative offers from different companies.
This sentence does not illustrate the key idiomatic meaning as directly as the marked option.

C) You are here just because you have recognised your hidden potential.
This sentence does not illustrate the key idiomatic meaning as directly as the marked option.

D) To prove this is not a trap, I want to check the credibility of your plan.
This sentence does not illustrate the key idiomatic meaning as directly as the marked option.

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EXPLANATION 029 / 405

SOURCE Q1681

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

He got medals time after time by following the instructions of his mentor.

A) Twice
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Repeatedly", not this alternative.

B) Once
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Repeatedly", not this alternative.

C) Repeatedly CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Rarely
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Repeatedly", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 030 / 405

SOURCE Q1680

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A wild goose chase

A) On a hunt
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Fruitless search", not this alternative.

B) Fruitless search CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Fruitful search
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Fruitless search", not this alternative.

D) Ideal seeking
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Fruitless search", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 031 / 405

SOURCE Q1679

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

An old head on young shoulders

A) A young person who acts or speaks like an older person. CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) A young person who is lazy.
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "A young person who acts or speaks like an older person" in this question.

C) A person who is slow at understanding things.
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A young person who acts or speaks like an older person", not this alternative.

D) A young person who looks old.
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "A young person who acts or speaks like an older person" in this question.

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EXPLANATION 032 / 405

SOURCE Q1678

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Under the weather

A) To enjoy the weather
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To feel unwell" in this question.

B) To feel secure
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To feel unwell", not this alternative.

C) To work against the weather
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To feel unwell" in this question.

D) To feel unwell CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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EXPLANATION 033 / 405

SOURCE Q1677

Select the sentence which gives the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A piece of cake

A) After months of practice, Emily performed her piano piece flawlessly during the concert.
This sentence does not illustrate the key idiomatic meaning as directly as the marked option.

B) The restaurant was crowded, but they found a table without any difficulty. CORRECT
Correct. This sentence illustrates the idiom in its intended sense.

C) Despite the heavy rain, they managed to have a successful outdoor event.
This sentence does not illustrate the key idiomatic meaning as directly as the marked option.

D) The puzzle was so challenging that it took hours for Sam to solve it.
This sentence does not illustrate the key idiomatic meaning as directly as the marked option.

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EXPLANATION 034 / 405

SOURCE Q1676

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To read between the lines

A) To read aloud
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To grasp the hidden meaning" in this question.

B) To whisper
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To grasp the hidden meaning", not this alternative.

C) To read without concentration
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To grasp the hidden meaning" in this question.

D) To grasp the hidden meaning CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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EXPLANATION 035 / 405

SOURCE Q1675

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Where the shoe pinches

A) Where the shoe hurts
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Where the difficulty lies" in this question.

B) Where the difficulty lies CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Unknown paths
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Where the difficulty lies", not this alternative.

D) Difficult roads
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Where the difficulty lies", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 036 / 405

SOURCE Q1674

Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

Mala _____ by cheating on the exam to win her bet with Priya.

A) hit below the belt CORRECT
Correct. This expression completes the sentence naturally and matches the situation described.

B) get the sack
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

C) fell out
This expression means "Quarrelled or stopped being friendly", which does not fit the situation described.

D) look down upon
This expression means "Regard someone as inferior", which does not fit the situation described.

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EXPLANATION 037 / 405

SOURCE Q1673

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Sell like hot cakes

A) Not bothering about money
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Selling out quickly", not this alternative.

B) Selling out quickly CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Extremely hot and humid
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Selling out quickly", not this alternative.

D) Become very famous
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Selling out quickly", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 038 / 405

SOURCE Q1672

Which of the following idioms means 'going to sleep'?

A) Break new grounds
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

B) Keep an ear to the ground
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

C) Hit the sack CORRECT
Correct. This expression conveys the situation or highlighted idea in the source sentence.

D) Run around in circles
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

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EXPLANATION 039 / 405

SOURCE Q1671

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bells and whistles

A) Attractive but unnecessary features added to products CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) An innovative development
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Attractive but unnecessary features added to products", not this alternative.

C) At a serious disadvantage
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Attractive but unnecessary features added to products", not this alternative.

D) To take on a difficult task
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Attractive but unnecessary features added to products", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 040 / 405

SOURCE Q1670

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Fish out of water

A) To die soon
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be out of place", not this alternative.

B) To be out of place CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) No knowledge of marine life
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be out of place", not this alternative.

D) Not good at swimming
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be out of place", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 041 / 405

SOURCE Q1669

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Spill the beans

A) Cook the beans carefully
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To leak a secret" in this question.

B) To leak a secret CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To help someone extraordinarily
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To leak a secret", not this alternative.

D) The act of loving beans
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To leak a secret" in this question.

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EXPLANATION 042 / 405

SOURCE Q1668

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

When I got an opportunity to start a new business, Ravikanth queered my pitch.

A) Advised me
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Ruined my plan", not this alternative.

B) Ruined my plan CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Supported me with money
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Ruined my plan", not this alternative.

D) Helped me by standing beside me
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Ruined my plan", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 043 / 405

SOURCE Q1667

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

bread and butter

A) An activity you do with determination
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An activity you do to get money for basic needs", not this alternative.

B) An activity you do to improve your culinary skills
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An activity you do to get money for basic needs", not this alternative.

C) An activity you do to get help others
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An activity you do to get money for basic needs", not this alternative.

D) An activity you do to get money for basic needs CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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EXPLANATION 044 / 405

SOURCE Q1666

Select the most appropriate idiomatic expression that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.

Last year art critics praised Animesh as if he were a master, but he turned out to be a pleasure for a short time.

A) a house of cards
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

B) a bull in a china shop
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

C) a dish fit for Gods
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

D) a nine days' wonder CORRECT
Correct. This expression conveys the situation or highlighted idea in the source sentence.

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EXPLANATION 045 / 405

SOURCE Q1665

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The United Nations is working to eliminate the vicious cycle of poverty.

A) Strength of something
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "One problem causes other", not this alternative.

B) Loophole of something
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "One problem causes other", not this alternative.

C) One problem causes other CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) The barrier of poverty
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "One problem causes other", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 046 / 405

SOURCE Q1664

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bag and baggage

A) By force
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "With all goods", not this alternative.

B) With all goods CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Fair and honest
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "With all goods", not this alternative.

D) At the service
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "With all goods", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 047 / 405

SOURCE Q1663

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To cost an arm and a leg

A) Someone is badly hurt
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something is very expensive Section : General Intelligence", not this alternative.

B) Someone has borne losses
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something is very expensive Section : General Intelligence", not this alternative.

C) Someone does not have money to buy something
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something is very expensive Section : General Intelligence", not this alternative.

D) Something is very expensive Section : General Intelligence CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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EXPLANATION 048 / 405

SOURCE Q1662

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To be at daggers drawn

A) To be about to collapse
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Ready to fight", not this alternative.

B) Ready to fight CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Under suspicion
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Ready to fight", not this alternative.

D) To be under control
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Ready to fight", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1661

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Walk a tightrope

A) To walk on a narrow road
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To act carefully in a difficult situation" in this question.

B) To try and balance yourself
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To act carefully in a difficult situation", not this alternative.

C) To be tensed about something
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To act carefully in a difficult situation", not this alternative.

D) To act carefully in a difficult situation CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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EXPLANATION 050 / 405

SOURCE Q1660

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A bolt from the blue

A) Raining heavily
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A sudden and unexpected event", not this alternative.

B) Thunder and rain in a strom
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A sudden and unexpected event", not this alternative.

C) A sudden and unexpected event CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) A spontaneous but expected event
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A sudden and unexpected event", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 051 / 405

SOURCE Q1659

Choose the option that best describes the meaning of the idioms and phrases underlined in the given sentence.

You can best identify the fair weather friends at the time of adversity.

A) Friends who bring good rain
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Friend only at the time of prosperity", not this alternative.

B) Friends who come in good weather conditions
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Friend only at the time of prosperity", not this alternative.

C) Friend only at the time of prosperity CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Best friends
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Friend only at the time of prosperity", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 052 / 405

SOURCE Q1658

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

I can't begin to talk on this situation right now; I am still wrapping my head around it.

A) Understanding something complicated CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Comparing two things that can't be compared
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Understanding something complicated", not this alternative.

C) Ignoring something completely
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Understanding something complicated", not this alternative.

D) Revealing a secret nobody knows
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Understanding something complicated", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 053 / 405

SOURCE Q1657

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Prakash could not make up his mind about what to do with the project.

A) Decide CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Think
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Decide", not this alternative.

C) Abandon
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Decide", not this alternative.

D) Abide
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Decide", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 054 / 405

SOURCE Q1656

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Vishnu and Vignesh are always like two peas in a pod.

A) Very similar to each other CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Happy and compassionate
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very similar to each other", not this alternative.

C) Smart and intelligent
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very similar to each other", not this alternative.

D) Good in every way
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very similar to each other", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 055 / 405

SOURCE Q1655

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

Independence Day is considered as a red-letter day in the history of India.

A) Uneventful day
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Memorable day", not this alternative.

B) Unimportant day
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Memorable day", not this alternative.

C) Memorable day CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Regular day
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Memorable day", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1654

Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

This gun should be handled with care and _____.

A) shot for safety
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

B) mince the matters
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

C) nip in the bud
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

D) kept at arm's length Section : General Intelligence CORRECT
Correct. This expression completes the sentence naturally and matches the situation described.

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EXPLANATION 057 / 405

SOURCE Q1653

Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the underlined word segment in the given sentence.

Delivering that furniture to the tenth floor without the lift and an incline is incredibly foolish and next to impossible .

A) like nailing jelly to the tree CORRECT
Correct. This expression conveys the situation or highlighted idea in the source sentence.

B) like a tree known by its fruits
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

C) as tight as the bark of the tree
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

D) like going between the bark and the tree
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

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SOURCE Q1652

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Best thing since sliced bread

A) Extremely good, interesting CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Breaking news
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Extremely good, interesting", not this alternative.

C) Something to be cautious about
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Extremely good, interesting", not this alternative.

D) Rated well amongst cooks
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Extremely good, interesting", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 059 / 405

SOURCE Q1651

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Around the clock

A) Something that goes on day and night CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Something that is done within one hour
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something that goes on day and night", not this alternative.

C) Something that is time bound
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something that goes on day and night", not this alternative.

D) Something that is done at night
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something that goes on day and night", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1650

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Stick to one's guns

A) To remain faithful to CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To shoot at
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To remain faithful to", not this alternative.

C) To become a rebel
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To remain faithful to", not this alternative.

D) To become unfaithful to
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To remain faithful to", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 061 / 405

SOURCE Q1649

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Have a bee in your bonnet

A) Having a cruel intention or grudge against someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Be preoccupied or obsessed with something", not this alternative.

B) Unable to stay at a place for long
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Be preoccupied or obsessed with something", not this alternative.

C) To keep worrying about yourself
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Be preoccupied or obsessed with something", not this alternative.

D) Be preoccupied or obsessed with something CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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EXPLANATION 062 / 405

SOURCE Q1648

Choose the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Ace in the hole

A) A second chance to do something
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A hidden advantage", not this alternative.

B) A lot to do
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A hidden advantage", not this alternative.

C) On the point of
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A hidden advantage", not this alternative.

D) A hidden advantage CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1647

Select the appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Last resort

A) Last course of action CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Last hotel on the way
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Last course of action" in this question.

C) Last friend remaining
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Last course of action" in this question.

D) Last ride
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Last course of action" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1646

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On its last legs

A) Slow movement
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In a bad condition", not this alternative.

B) In a bad condition CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Creeping on legs
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "In a bad condition" in this question.

D) Last choice
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "In a bad condition" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1645

Select the most appropriate idiomatic expression that can substitute the underlined segment in the given sentence.:

It feels like I made a promise of more than my ability when I promised to complete this worksheet in one day.

A) bit off more than I could chew CORRECT
Correct. This expression conveys the situation or highlighted idea in the source sentence.

B) beat my brain out
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

C) beat the drum
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

D) burnt a hole in my pocket
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

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SOURCE Q1644

Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

After a day long trek, we were so tired that we were ready to _____.

A) face the music
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

B) hit the sack CORRECT
Correct. This expression completes the sentence naturally and matches the situation described.

C) get into deep water
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

D) go from rags to riches
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

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SOURCE Q1643

Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

The two brothers _____ when their father died.

A) fell down
This expression means "Dropped to the ground", which does not fit the situation described.

B) look down upon
This expression means "Regard someone as inferior", which does not fit the situation described.

C) got the sack
This expression means "Lost a job or was dismissed", which does not fit the situation described.

D) fell out CORRECT
Correct. This expression completes the sentence naturally and matches the situation described.

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EXPLANATION 068 / 405

SOURCE Q1642

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Lose heart

A) To be suspicious of your success
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To stop believing that you can succeed", not this alternative.

B) To get success by believing in yourself
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To stop believing that you can succeed", not this alternative.

C) To believe in your success
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To stop believing that you can succeed", not this alternative.

D) To stop believing that you can succeed CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1641

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Slip your mind

A) Forget about something CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Immediately think of something
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Forget about something", not this alternative.

C) Can't think of anything to say
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Forget about something", not this alternative.

D) Think about something for a short time
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Forget about something", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1640

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Dog eat dog

A) Like-minded people connect better
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Ruthlessly competitive", not this alternative.

B) Ruthlessly competitive CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Tit for tat
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Ruthlessly competitive", not this alternative.

D) Being calculative
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Ruthlessly competitive", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1639

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Put in mind

A) To calculate
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To remind", not this alternative.

B) To remind CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To forget
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To remind", not this alternative.

D) To understand
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To remind", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 072 / 405

SOURCE Q1638

Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the following sentence.

The arrival of Pragati in the house brought disharmony among the family members.

A) A cry in the wilderness
This alternative does not match the sense required by the original question or sentence.

B) Tenterhooks
This alternative does not match the sense required by the original question or sentence.

C) Rift in the lute CORRECT
Correct according to the supplied answer key; this option fits the required sense or usage.

D) Hair breadth
This alternative does not match the sense required by the original question or sentence.

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EXPLANATION 073 / 405

SOURCE Q1637

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cost an arm and a leg

A) To be very expensive CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To be inexpensive
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be very expensive", not this alternative.

C) To be moderately priced
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be very expensive", not this alternative.

D) To be affordable
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be very expensive", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 074 / 405

SOURCE Q1636

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Blowing smoke

A) To hide something
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To lie to perplex others", not this alternative.

B) To lie to perplex others CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To tease someone relentlessly
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To lie to perplex others", not this alternative.

D) To burn something important
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To lie to perplex others", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 075 / 405

SOURCE Q1635

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Teja followed his friend's advice so now he is in deep water.

A) In dilemma
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In trouble", not this alternative.

B) In good position
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In trouble", not this alternative.

C) In trouble CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) In deep thoughts
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In trouble", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 076 / 405

SOURCE Q1634

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At one's fingertips

A) To be unaware of something
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To have complete knowledge", not this alternative.

B) To have complete knowledge CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Out of reach
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To have complete knowledge", not this alternative.

D) To take revenge
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To have complete knowledge", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1633

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

The realtors of the new venture sold plots like hot cakes.

A) Sold illegally
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Sold quickly and in large numbers", not this alternative.

B) Sold innovatively
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Sold quickly and in large numbers", not this alternative.

C) Sold with great difficulty
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Sold quickly and in large numbers", not this alternative.

D) Sold quickly and in large numbers CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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EXPLANATION 078 / 405

SOURCE Q1632

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Black and white

A) Doubtful
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In writing", not this alternative.

B) In dispute
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In writing", not this alternative.

C) In writing CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) A false invention
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In writing", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1631

Select the sentence that gives the most appropriate meaning of the idiom 'Keep your chin up'.

A) The students diligently completed their homework assignments before the deadline.
This sentence does not illustrate the key idiomatic meaning as directly as the marked option.

B) Despite facing setbacks, she remained positive and determined to achieve her goals. CORRECT
Correct. This sentence illustrates the idiom in its intended sense.

C) The hiker enjoyed the breathtaking view from the mountaintop, taking in the natural beauty.
This sentence does not illustrate the key idiomatic meaning as directly as the marked option.

D) The scientist conducted experiments and gathered data to support his research hypothesis.
This sentence does not illustrate the key idiomatic meaning as directly as the marked option.

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SOURCE Q1630

Select the most appropriate option that best expresses the meaning of the proverb in the given sentence.

The salesperson for the project offered a sneak peek of the project as we expressed our interest in the area and amenities.

A) Getting a preview of something CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To try something new
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Getting a preview of something", not this alternative.

C) Sending a brief letter
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Getting a preview of something", not this alternative.

D) To be in a winning position
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Getting a preview of something", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 081 / 405

SOURCE Q1629

Select the most appropriate idiom that means the same as the given sentence.

Shyama looks innocent, but in reality, she is cunning.

A) Fortune favours the brave.
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

B) Beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder.
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

C) Don't judge a book by its cover. CORRECT
Correct. This expression conveys the situation or highlighted idea in the source sentence.

D) Don't put all your eggs in one basket.
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

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EXPLANATION 082 / 405

SOURCE Q1628

Select the most appropriate idiom that best explains the given sentence.

I was unable to solve the geometry question myself. So, I have asked my teacher to help me out.

A) You can't always get what you want.
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

B) When the going gets tough, the tough gets going.
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

C) Two heads are better than one. CORRECT
Correct. This expression conveys the situation or highlighted idea in the source sentence.

D) Two wrongs don't make a right.
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

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EXPLANATION 083 / 405

SOURCE Q1627

Select the sentence that gives the most appropriate meaning of the idiom 'In hot water'.

A) The children enjoyed playing in the pool on a hot summer day.
This sentence does not illustrate the key idiomatic meaning as directly as the marked option.

B) The company faced challenges due to the economic downturn but managed to overcome them.
This sentence does not illustrate the key idiomatic meaning as directly as the marked option.

C) The chef added spices to the dish to enhance its flavour and make it more delicious.
This sentence does not illustrate the key idiomatic meaning as directly as the marked option.

D) After accidentally breaking the valuable vase, Sarah found herself in trouble with her parents. CORRECT
Correct. This sentence illustrates the idiom in its intended sense.

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SOURCE Q1626

Select the most appropriate idiom that best explains the given sentence.

Rajat irritated the street dog so much that it was about to bite him.

A) If you can't beat 'em, join 'em.
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

B) If you play with fire, you'll get burned. CORRECT
Correct. This expression conveys the situation or highlighted idea in the source sentence.

C) If it ain't broke, don't fix it.
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

D) If you want something done right, you have to do it yourself.
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

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SOURCE Q1625

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

The whys and wherefores

A) Circumstances
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Reasons", not this alternative.

B) Requirements
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Reasons", not this alternative.

C) References
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Reasons", not this alternative.

D) Reasons CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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EXPLANATION 086 / 405

SOURCE Q1624

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

As hard as nails

A) Hard working
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Physically or mentally tough" in this question.

B) To feel no pain
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Physically or mentally tough", not this alternative.

C) Physically or mentally tough CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) To be stubborn
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Physically or mentally tough", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1623

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Backseat driver

A) Attempt to get control over someone.
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A person who offers unsolicited advice", not this alternative.

B) To miss an appointed meeting.
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A person who offers unsolicited advice", not this alternative.

C) To conclude proceedings.
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A person who offers unsolicited advice", not this alternative.

D) A person who offers unsolicited advice. CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1622

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To play with fire

A) Feel sick
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To take foolish risk", not this alternative.

B) To take foolish risk CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Show disappointment
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To take foolish risk", not this alternative.

D) To abuse
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To take foolish risk", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1621

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To miss the bus

A) To lose an opportunity CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Short lived glory
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To lose an opportunity", not this alternative.

C) Escape by a thin margin
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To lose an opportunity", not this alternative.

D) A problem in a situation
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To lose an opportunity", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1620

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To have a nodding acquaintance

A) To have a great experience
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Know somebody/something slightly" in this question.

B) To neglect all the parameters
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Know somebody/something slightly", not this alternative.

C) Know somebody/something slightly CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) To have nothing in common
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Know somebody/something slightly" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1619

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be my guest

A) Be with me
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Please do it", not this alternative.

B) Please do it CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Come with me
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Please do it", not this alternative.

D) Stop, don't go ahead
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Please do it", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1618

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Buy a lemon

A) To give importance to little things
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To buy something that is of much less value", not this alternative.

B) To buy something that is of much less value. CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To work through the day and shop in the evening
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To buy something that is of much less value", not this alternative.

D) To lose foundation
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To buy something that is of much less value", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1617

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To the manner born

A) To have high manners
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To do something as though it is coming naturally", not this alternative.

B) To do something as though it is coming naturally CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To be sophisticated
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To do something as though it is coming naturally", not this alternative.

D) To give a ride to someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To do something as though it is coming naturally", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1616

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To take the veil

A) To become a nun CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To take a responsibility
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To become a nun" in this question.

C) To show interest
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To become a nun", not this alternative.

D) To help someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To become a nun", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1615

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Cast someone adrift

A) Call someone repeatedly
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To leave someone without any support or purpose" in this question.

B) To leave someone without any support or purpose CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To blame someone for one's mistakes
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To leave someone without any support or purpose" in this question.

D) To change plan suddenly
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To leave someone without any support or purpose", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1614

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

New kid on the block

A) Nonsense or meaningless speech.
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Someone new to the group or area", not this alternative.

B) Savings set aside for future use.
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Someone new to the group or area", not this alternative.

C) Someone new to the group or area. CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Don't hurt anyone that helps you.
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Someone new to the group or area", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1613

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To lose one's head

A) To have bad memory
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To lose one's self-control", not this alternative.

B) To reach nowhere
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To lose one's self-control", not this alternative.

C) To lose one's self-control CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) To lose the track of time
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To lose one's self-control" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1612

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

A beast of burden

A) A person who works hardly
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An animal that carries luggage", not this alternative.

B) An animal that carries luggage CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) A violent man
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An animal that carries luggage", not this alternative.

D) A liability
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An animal that carries luggage", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1611

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Burn your bridges

A) To be puzzled
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To eliminate the possibility of return or retreat", not this alternative.

B) To have a fight
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To eliminate the possibility of return or retreat", not this alternative.

C) To disclose a secret
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To eliminate the possibility of return or retreat", not this alternative.

D) To eliminate the possibility of return or retreat CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1610

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Save your breath

A) To make an effort that will be futile CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To work hard
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To make an effort that will be futile", not this alternative.

C) To be resentful
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To make an effort that will be futile", not this alternative.

D) To hold one's anger
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To make an effort that will be futile", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1609

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

A bite at the cherry

A) A wrong move
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An attempt or opportunity to do something", not this alternative.

B) To have a leverage over someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An attempt or opportunity to do something", not this alternative.

C) An attempt or opportunity to do something CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) A dog bite
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "An attempt or opportunity to do something" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1608

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To make a mountain of a mole hill

A) To give great importance to trifles CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To make unnecessary comments
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To give great importance to trifles" in this question.

C) To achieve big success
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To give great importance to trifles", not this alternative.

D) To violate the rules
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To give great importance to trifles", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1607

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

All bark and no bite

A) Not being able to understand anything
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Full of talk, but low on action", not this alternative.

B) Someone who sticks to his words
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Full of talk, but low on action", not this alternative.

C) Actions are stronger than mere words
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Full of talk, but low on action", not this alternative.

D) Full of talk, but low on action CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1606

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Appeal to Caesar

A) To live in a false reality
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Appeal to the highest possible authority", not this alternative.

B) Appeal to the highest possible authority CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) An authority given to a foolish person
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Appeal to the highest possible authority", not this alternative.

D) To expect good from a wrong person
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Appeal to the highest possible authority", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1605

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Get into hot water

A) To reach nowhere
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To get into trouble", not this alternative.

B) To get into trouble CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) A private end to serve
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To get into trouble", not this alternative.

D) To get a costly gift
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To get into trouble", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 106 / 405

SOURCE Q1604

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Penny wise and pound foolish

A) To act like a fool
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Careless with large amounts, but not small", not this alternative.

B) Dissipating money without caring about consequences
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Careless with large amounts, but not small", not this alternative.

C) An intelligent person who behaves foolishly
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Careless with large amounts, but not small", not this alternative.

D) Careless with large amounts, but not small CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1603

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Good grief

A) To dig a hole
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An expression of surprise or frustration", not this alternative.

B) To try everything possible
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An expression of surprise or frustration", not this alternative.

C) To be very systematic
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An expression of surprise or frustration", not this alternative.

D) An expression of surprise or frustration CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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EXPLANATION 108 / 405

SOURCE Q1602

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To jump out of one's skin

A) To show one's real side
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be extremely surprised", not this alternative.

B) To argue with someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be extremely surprised", not this alternative.

C) To feel immense pain
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be extremely surprised", not this alternative.

D) To be extremely surprised CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1601

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Piece of cake

A) Invitation for birthday
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something which is very simple", not this alternative.

B) Extremely difficult
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something which is very simple", not this alternative.

C) Intuition for something dangerous
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something which is very simple", not this alternative.

D) Something which is very simple CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1600

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To breast the tape

A) To bring joy
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To win a race", not this alternative.

B) To win a race CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To shut someone's mouth
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To win a race", not this alternative.

D) To create problems
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To win a race", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1599

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Have people rolling in the aisles

A) To use false promises to pull people on one's side
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Make an audience laugh uncontrollably" in this question.

B) To have a dispute with someone
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Make an audience laugh uncontrollably" in this question.

C) Make an audience laugh uncontrollably CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Willing to do something immediately
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Make an audience laugh uncontrollably", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1598

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

In the flesh

A) To be near death
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In bodily form", not this alternative.

B) To get a tattoo
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In bodily form", not this alternative.

C) To talk
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In bodily form", not this alternative.

D) In bodily form CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1597

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To make one's mark

A) To prove a point
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To attain success", not this alternative.

B) To attain success CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To make no effort
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To attain success" in this question.

D) To be indifferent
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To attain success", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 114 / 405

SOURCE Q1596

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To lay someone by the heels

A) To confine somebody in prison CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To gain support
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To confine somebody in prison", not this alternative.

C) To praise someone
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To confine somebody in prison" in this question.

D) To force someone for something
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To confine somebody in prison" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1595

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Dead lock

A) To attract
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A state in which progress is impossible", not this alternative.

B) To be anxious
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A state in which progress is impossible", not this alternative.

C) To lose an important asset
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A state in which progress is impossible", not this alternative.

D) A state in which progress is impossible CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1594

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Method to my madness

A) Strange or crazy actions that appear meaningless but in the end are done for a good reason.
CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Someone who is unpredictable and can cause damage if not kept in check.
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Strange or crazy actions that appear meaningless but in the end are done for a good reason", not this alternative.

C) To state a fact so that there are no doubts or objections.
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Strange or crazy actions that appear meaningless but in the end are done for a good reason", not this alternative.

D) To get someone drunk.
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Strange or crazy actions that appear meaningless but in the end are done for a good reason", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1593

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

The whole ball of wax

A) Everything CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Sagacious
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Everything", not this alternative.

C) Complete disaster
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Everything", not this alternative.

D) Meagre
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Everything", not this alternative.

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In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

High and dry

A) Occasionally
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Abandoned", not this alternative.

B) Abandoned CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Perplexed
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Abandoned", not this alternative.

D) Failed
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Abandoned", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1591

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Blessing in disguise

A) Something that happens very rarely
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Bad thing that turns out to be good", not this alternative.

B) Bad thing that turns out to be good CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) A good thing introduced into your life as a blessing
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Bad thing that turns out to be good" in this question.

D) A good deed rewards as a blessing
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Bad thing that turns out to be good" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1590

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom Pedal to the metal

A) Avoid responsibility by giving it to someone else.
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To go full speed, especially while driving a vehicle", not this alternative.

B) To go full speed, especially while driving a vehicle. CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Very excessive.
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To go full speed, especially while driving a vehicle", not this alternative.

D) To enjoy yourself by going out.
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To go full speed, especially while driving a vehicle", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 121 / 405

SOURCE Q1589

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bite the dust

A) To die CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To grieve over
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To die", not this alternative.

C) To hate
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To die", not this alternative.

D) To lose a fight
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To die", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 122 / 405

SOURCE Q1588

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

In black and white

A) In trouble
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In writing", not this alternative.

B) In brief
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In writing", not this alternative.

C) In suspense
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In writing", not this alternative.

D) In writing CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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EXPLANATION 123 / 405

SOURCE Q1587

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Zero tolerance

A) To detect someone in the group is betraying the others
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A policy of not allowing any violations of a rule or law", not this alternative.

B) Riding in the front passenger seat of a car
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A policy of not allowing any violations of a rule or law", not this alternative.

C) To escape and not have to pay
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A policy of not allowing any violations of a rule or law", not this alternative.

D) A policy of not allowing any violations of a rule or law CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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EXPLANATION 124 / 405

SOURCE Q1586

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To bridge the gap

A) To slander someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To reduce differences and reconcile", not this alternative.

B) To reduce differences and reconcile CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To push people apart
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To reduce differences and reconcile", not this alternative.

D) To mend a broken bridge
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To reduce differences and reconcile" in this question.

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EXPLANATION 125 / 405

SOURCE Q1585

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

At daggers drawn with

A) To be bitterly hostile towards each other CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To accept someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be bitterly hostile towards each other", not this alternative.

C) At the lowest estimate
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be bitterly hostile towards each other", not this alternative.

D) To help someone in time of need
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be bitterly hostile towards each other", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 126 / 405

SOURCE Q1584

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Neck of the woods

A) Highways
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Neighbourhood", not this alternative.

B) Neighbourhood CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Barren land
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Neighbourhood", not this alternative.

D) Valley
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Neighbourhood", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1583

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A bolt from the blue

A) An unexpected event CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) A sudden run
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An unexpected event", not this alternative.

C) To get hold of someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An unexpected event", not this alternative.

D) An electric shock
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An unexpected event", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1582

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Lion's mouth

A) A dangerous situation CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Having no sense
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A dangerous situation", not this alternative.

C) Very talkative
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A dangerous situation", not this alternative.

D) A large share
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A dangerous situation", not this alternative.

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In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Once in a blue moon

A) Once a week
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Rarely" in this question.

B) Frequently
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Rarely", not this alternative.

C) Once in a day
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Rarely" in this question.

D) Rarely CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1580

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Apropos of nothing

A) Almost everything and anything has been included
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Having no relevance to any previous discussion or situation", not this alternative.

B) Having no relevance to any previous discussion or situation CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Any difficult situation or obstacle
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Having no relevance to any previous discussion or situation", not this alternative.

D) To be enraged
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Having no relevance to any previous discussion or situation", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1579

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To sleep like a dog

A) To be less mindful
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To sleep soundly", not this alternative.

B) To make noise while sleeping
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To sleep soundly", not this alternative.

C) To sleep soundly CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) To be insomniac
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To sleep soundly", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1578

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Armed to the teeth

A) Safeguard oneself in every possible way
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Fully armed, having many weapons", not this alternative.

B) To have no weapon to fight
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Fully armed, having many weapons", not this alternative.

C) Fully armed, having many weapons CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Different attacking techniques
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Fully armed, having many weapons", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1577

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To twiddle one's thumbs

A) To waste one's resources
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be idle", not this alternative.

B) To be idle CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To play safe
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be idle", not this alternative.

D) To show no mercy
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be idle", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1576

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Give cold shoulder

A) Start doing something before the appropriate time
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Ignore, avoid or be unfriendly towards someone", not this alternative.

B) Ignore, avoid or be unfriendly towards someone CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Think only of one thing
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Ignore, avoid or be unfriendly towards someone", not this alternative.

D) Be guiltless
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Ignore, avoid or be unfriendly towards someone", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1575

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Sea change

A) To pursue
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Major transformation", not this alternative.

B) Major transformation CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Jealousy
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Major transformation", not this alternative.

D) Hatred
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Major transformation", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1574

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Wear your heart on your sleeve

A) To openly display one's emotions. CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To suspect a trick
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To openly display one's emotions", not this alternative.

C) To understand
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To openly display one's emotions", not this alternative.

D) To go through a heart break
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To openly display one's emotions" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1573

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

All and sundry

A) Full moon
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Everyone without distinction", not this alternative.

B) Advantages and disadvantages
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Everyone without distinction", not this alternative.

C) Holidays
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Everyone without distinction", not this alternative.

D) Everyone without distinction CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1572

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Green light

A) To misunderstand
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To permit something to proceed", not this alternative.

B) To permit something to proceed CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To always compare
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To permit something to proceed", not this alternative.

D) To be lost and confused
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To permit something to proceed", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1571

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Water under the bridge

A) A paranormal sense that allows you to communicate with the dead.
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Anything from the past that isn't significant or important anymore", not this alternative.

B) Anything from the past that isn't significant or important anymore. CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To be very sick.
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Anything from the past that isn't significant or important anymore", not this alternative.

D) Someone else who takes the blame.
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Anything from the past that isn't significant or important anymore", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1570

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To keep an eye on

A) To see someone in a bad light
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To watch over closely", not this alternative.

B) To keep distance from
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To watch over closely" in this question.

C) To be able to understand everything
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To watch over closely", not this alternative.

D) To watch over closely CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1569

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Dead ringer

A) Game of race
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An exact duplicate", not this alternative.

B) In writing
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An exact duplicate", not this alternative.

C) Detailed information
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An exact duplicate", not this alternative.

D) An exact duplicate CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1568

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

For old time's sake

A) To consider the options
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Because of sentimental memories of the past", not this alternative.

B) Deliberately stop someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Because of sentimental memories of the past", not this alternative.

C) To be friends with an old person
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Because of sentimental memories of the past", not this alternative.

D) Because of sentimental memories of the past CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1567

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Ace in the hole

A) To create noisy disturbances so that competitors are unable to work.
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A major advantage that one keeps hidden until an ideal time", not this alternative.

B) A major advantage that one keeps hidden until an ideal time. CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To attempt to do the impossible.
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A major advantage that one keeps hidden until an ideal time", not this alternative.

D) To suffer an injury on the lower body.
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A major advantage that one keeps hidden until an ideal time", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1566

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Over and above

A) In addition to CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Highest rank
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In addition to", not this alternative.

C) To sum up the conversation
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In addition to", not this alternative.

D) Above all
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "In addition to" in this question.

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In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Pig in a poke

A) To obstruct someone's work
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something that is bought without examining properly", not this alternative.

B) A brave man amongst all the cowards
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something that is bought without examining properly", not this alternative.

C) Something that is bought without examining properly CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) To bring something to an end
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something that is bought without examining properly", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1564

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Slack off

A) To ease pressure on something CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To make most effort
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To ease pressure on something", not this alternative.

C) To understand a hidden meaning
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To ease pressure on something", not this alternative.

D) To be very rude
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To ease pressure on something", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1563

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To meet one's water loo

A) To meet one's look alike
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To be badly defeated in a contest" in this question.

B) To face the reality
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be badly defeated in a contest", not this alternative.

C) To be badly defeated in a contest CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) To realize one's mistake
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be badly defeated in a contest", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1562

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To be in two minds

A) In a dilemma CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To be less effective
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In a dilemma", not this alternative.

C) To migrate
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In a dilemma", not this alternative.

D) To be over confident
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In a dilemma", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1561

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A shot in the dark.

A) Shooting in the night
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Randomly doing something, the outcome of which is unknown", not this alternative.

B) Randomly doing something, the outcome of which is unknown CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) A blind man's cane
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Randomly doing something, the outcome of which is unknown", not this alternative.

D) Looking at the stars
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Randomly doing something, the outcome of which is unknown", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1560

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To burn one's finger

A) To suffer a loss by acting rashly CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) A question without any agreed answer
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To suffer a loss by acting rashly", not this alternative.

C) To accidentally touch a hot utensil
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To suffer a loss by acting rashly", not this alternative.

D) To have one's finger chopped
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To suffer a loss by acting rashly" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1559

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

To shake in one's shoes

A) To leave no remark
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be afraid", not this alternative.

B) To be afraid CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) An unpleasant scenario
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be afraid", not this alternative.

D) To fail to understand
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be afraid", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1558

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

A fish out of water

A) A person out of accustomed environment CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To criticize someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A person out of accustomed environment", not this alternative.

C) A dead person
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A person out of accustomed environment", not this alternative.

D) To kill somebody
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A person out of accustomed environment", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1557

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

A bull market

A) Market where prices are rising CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To boast
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Market where prices are rising", not this alternative.

C) A fertile field
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Market where prices are rising", not this alternative.

D) A market where cattle is traded
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Market where prices are rising" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1556

In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Take your eye off the ball

A) Take an advice from a wrong person
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To stop paying attention for a moment" in this question.

B) Take someone for grated
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To stop paying attention for a moment" in this question.

C) To stop paying attention for a moment CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Deteriorating and headed for complete disaster
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To stop paying attention for a moment", not this alternative.

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In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Body and soul

A) Life and death
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Wholly and entirely", not this alternative.

B) Happiness and sorrow
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Wholly and entirely", not this alternative.

C) Wholly and entirely CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) To solve a difficulty
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Wholly and entirely", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1554

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Slap on the wrist

A) Criticize someone strongly and angrily
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A mild punishment", not this alternative.

B) Wild with excitement
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A mild punishment", not this alternative.

C) Misunderstand each other
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A mild punishment", not this alternative.

D) A mild punishment CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hale and hearty

A) Weak and ill
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Strong and healthy", not this alternative.

B) Strong and healthy CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Clumsy and calm
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Strong and healthy", not this alternative.

D) Angry but happy
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Strong and healthy", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1552

Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

The team members seem to be running around in circles.

A) To be very active but with few results CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Very dynamic and hardworking
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be very active but with few results", not this alternative.

C) To be extremely successful
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be very active but with few results", not this alternative.

D) Hardly any time to breathe
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be very active but with few results", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1551

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Face up to

A) Look into face
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To accept a difficult situation" in this question.

B) Personally
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To accept a difficult situation", not this alternative.

C) Alter the face of
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To accept a difficult situation" in this question.

D) To accept a difficult situation CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1550

Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

I was like a fish out of water in the new firm.

A) Nosy yet firm
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Being uncomfortable and restless" in this question.

B) Very adventurous
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Being uncomfortable and restless", not this alternative.

C) Being uncomfortable and restless CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Always comfortable
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Being uncomfortable and restless", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 161 / 405

SOURCE Q1549

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hobson's choice

A) A choice forced upon someone CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To choose the best option
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A choice forced upon someone", not this alternative.

C) To choose the worst option
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A choice forced upon someone", not this alternative.

D) A choice that is prejudiced
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "A choice forced upon someone" in this question.

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EXPLANATION 162 / 405

SOURCE Q1548

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Jump the gun

A) To do something stupid
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To do something too soon", not this alternative.

B) To waste your money
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To do something too soon", not this alternative.

C) To do something too soon CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) To defeat an opponent
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To do something too soon", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1547

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Strain every nerve

A) To try extremely hard to do something CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To have ill health
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To try extremely hard to do something", not this alternative.

C) To feel physical pain
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To try extremely hard to do something", not this alternative.

D) To fight with friends
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To try extremely hard to do something", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 164 / 405

SOURCE Q1546

In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

His mentor understood the deep anguish the student was going through without him being informed about it.

A) Down for the count
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

B) Break a leg
This expression means "Wish someone good luck", which does not fit the situation described.

C) In the fast lane
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

D) Read between the lines CORRECT
Correct. This expression conveys the situation or highlighted idea in the source sentence.

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SOURCE Q1545

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Snail's pace

A) Very slow CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Very fast
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very slow", not this alternative.

C) Very sharp
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very slow", not this alternative.

D) Very active
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very slow", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 166 / 405

SOURCE Q1544

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

The movers and shakers

A) People who have a lot of power and influence CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Labourers
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "People who have a lot of power and influence", not this alternative.

C) Travelling agency
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "People who have a lot of power and influence", not this alternative.

D) Transportation company
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "People who have a lot of power and influence", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1543

Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

The employee took the manager's remark with a pinch of salt

A) Ever ready to condemn someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Doubt the truth or value of something", not this alternative.

B) Going for the truth
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Doubt the truth or value of something", not this alternative.

C) Distasteful and boring
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Doubt the truth or value of something", not this alternative.

D) Doubt the truth or value of something CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1542

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be under a cloud

A) To be very happy
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be untrustworthy", not this alternative.

B) To be gloomy
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be untrustworthy", not this alternative.

C) To have a hidden talent
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be untrustworthy", not this alternative.

D) To be untrustworthy CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1541

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In queer street

A) Lost your way
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In debt", not this alternative.

B) In prison
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In debt", not this alternative.

C) In debt CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Among scoundrels
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In debt", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1540

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hit the sack

A) Miss the mark
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Go to sleep", not this alternative.

B) Complete the assignment
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Go to sleep", not this alternative.

C) Go to sleep CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Confirm the target
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Go to sleep", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1539

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get one's dander up

A) To glare venomously
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Lose one's temper", not this alternative.

B) get into a difficult situation
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Lose one's temper", not this alternative.

C) Lose one's temper CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Rush into someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Lose one's temper", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1538

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Snake in the grass

A) Sensitive person
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Treacherous person", not this alternative.

B) Co-operative person
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Treacherous person", not this alternative.

C) Successful person
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Treacherous person", not this alternative.

D) Treacherous person CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1537

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Once in a blue moon

A) At one time in space
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very rarely", not this alternative.

B) Very rarely CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) On a full moon night
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Very rarely" in this question.

D) Blue sky
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Very rarely" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1536

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Tick all the boxes

A) To make a bad situation worse
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To fulfill the required norms", not this alternative.

B) To be extremely happy
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To fulfill the required norms", not this alternative.

C) To make a decision
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To fulfill the required norms", not this alternative.

D) To fulfill the required norms CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1535

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Child's play

A) Children's drama
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An easy task", not this alternative.

B) Cricket
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An easy task", not this alternative.

C) An easy task CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) A restricted playground
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An easy task", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1534

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In your birthday suit

A) A suit which covers one's entire body
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Not wearing any clothes" in this question.

B) Birthday celebrations
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Not wearing any clothes" in this question.

C) Not wearing any clothes CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) A suit which is designed for only birthday functions
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Not wearing any clothes" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1533

Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

The coach was trying to twist the player's arm by asking him to practice throughout the day.

A) To try to force someone to do something CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To refrain from resting
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To try to force someone to do something", not this alternative.

C) To console the weak
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To try to force someone to do something", not this alternative.

D) To train someone in warfare
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To try to force someone to do something", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1532

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cast aside

A) To bear with
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To reject", not this alternative.

B) To blow up
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To reject", not this alternative.

C) To display
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To reject", not this alternative.

D) To reject CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1531

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pocket an insult

A) Endure insult and protest
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Tolerate insult without protest" in this question.

B) Insult someone strongly
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Tolerate insult without protest" in this question.

C) Rebel against insult
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Tolerate insult without protest" in this question.

D) Tolerate insult without protest CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1530

In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

Reginald betrayed his closest friend. It was big shock for all.

A) A black sheep
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

B) Every cloud has a silver lining
This expression means "Something promising is there in any difficult situation", which does not fit the situation described.

C) Looking to your laurels
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

D) Stab someone in the back CORRECT
Correct. This expression conveys the situation or highlighted idea in the source sentence.

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SOURCE Q1529

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Upset the apple-cart

A) To be offended
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Spoil careful plans", not this alternative.

B) Consider unsatisfactory
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Spoil careful plans", not this alternative.

C) Withdraw
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Spoil careful plans", not this alternative.

D) Spoil careful plans CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1528

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To bite the bullet

A) To be upset or annoyed
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be brave in a difficult situation", not this alternative.

B) To be brave in a difficult situation CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To state your opinion openly
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be brave in a difficult situation", not this alternative.

D) To reject doing something difficult or unpleasant
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be brave in a difficult situation", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1527

In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

He is known for talking too frankly.

A) Snug as a bug in a rug
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

B) Lose one's marbles
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

C) Go the extra mile
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

D) Call a spade a spade CORRECT
Correct. This expression conveys the situation or highlighted idea in the source sentence.

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SOURCE Q1526

In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

The new music system is too expensive for us to buy.

A) Hit the books
This expression means "To study very hard", which does not fit the situation described.

B) Cut to the chase
This expression means "Talking about the important point and leaving out the detail", which does not fit the situation described.

C) Costs an arm and a leg CORRECT
Correct. This expression conveys the situation or highlighted idea in the source sentence.

D) At sea
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

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SOURCE Q1525

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Chip off the old block

A) Someone who spoils other's enjoyment
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Someone who resembles their parent", not this alternative.

B) Someone who tries to escape from their parents
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Someone who resembles their parent", not this alternative.

C) Someone who makes the right decision
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Someone who resembles their parent", not this alternative.

D) Someone who resembles their parent CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1524

Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

As the Director I had to bite the bullet in order to restore normalcy.

A) Force oneself to do something unpleasant CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To encourage the needy
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Force oneself to do something unpleasant", not this alternative.

C) Ensure equality
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Force oneself to do something unpleasant", not this alternative.

D) To force people to do the right thing
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Force oneself to do something unpleasant", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1523

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Jump the gun

A) Intentionally raise a false alarm
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Start something too soon or act hastily", not this alternative.

B) Watch a person carefully
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Start something too soon or act hastily", not this alternative.

C) There is always a cost to do something
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Start something too soon or act hastily", not this alternative.

D) Start something too soon or act hastily CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1522

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Man of letters

A) Dancer
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Scholar", not this alternative.

B) Singer
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Scholar", not this alternative.

C) Scholar CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Actor
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Scholar", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1521

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To draw a blank

A) To win by chance
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be unsuccessful at eliciting a response", not this alternative.

B) To fake something
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be unsuccessful at eliciting a response", not this alternative.

C) To be unsuccessful at eliciting a response CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) To get revenge
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be unsuccessful at eliciting a response", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1520

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the following sentence.

The minister is a little hard of hearing.

A) inaccessible
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "partially deaf", not this alternative.

B) partially deaf CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) insensitive
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "partially deaf", not this alternative.

D) callous
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "partially deaf", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1519

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Donkey's years

A) Futile effort
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A very long time", not this alternative.

B) A worthless person
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A very long time", not this alternative.

C) A very long time CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) A stupid argument
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A very long time", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1518

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Elbow grease

A) Hard physical efforts CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Psychological pressure
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Hard physical efforts", not this alternative.

C) Relational difference
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Hard physical efforts", not this alternative.

D) Mental disturbance
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Hard physical efforts", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1517

In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

The attitude of the culprit made the judge extemely angry.

A) Back to the drawing board
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

B) Play by the ear
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

C) Make one's blood boil CORRECT
Correct. This expression conveys the situation or highlighted idea in the source sentence.

D) Throw caution to the wind
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

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SOURCE Q1516

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Up in arms

A) In rebellion CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Begin fighting
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In rebellion", not this alternative.

C) In unity
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In rebellion", not this alternative.

D) Raise something
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In rebellion", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1515

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cut straight to the chase

A) Disallow important introduction and go to the least important part
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Avoid unnecessary introduction and go to the more important part", not this alternative.

B) Allow to introduce an unimportant part
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Avoid unnecessary introduction and go to the more important part", not this alternative.

C) Avoid unnecessary introduction and go to the more important part CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Avoid the most important part of text
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Avoid unnecessary introduction and go to the more important part", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1514

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Start from scratch

A) Start from the given line
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Start entirely from the beginning" in this question.

B) Start entirely from the beginning CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Start something fast to finish it before a particular time
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Start entirely from the beginning" in this question.

D) Start it from the previous situation
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Start entirely from the beginning" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1513

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the following sentence.

The memory of all that blood was enough to make my flesh crawl.

A) frightened me CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) confused me
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "frightened me", not this alternative.

C) drew my attention
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "frightened me", not this alternative.

D) worried me
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "frightened me", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1512

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Have a long face

A) Look extremely happy
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Look unhappy or disappointed", not this alternative.

B) Look unhappy or disappointed CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Look very confident
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Look unhappy or disappointed", not this alternative.

D) Portray an ugly expression
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Look unhappy or disappointed", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1511

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

The best of both worlds

A) An advantageous situation from two different things at a time CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) The best people on Earth and in heaven
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "An advantageous situation from two different things at a time" in this question.

C) Being good in dreams and in reality
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An advantageous situation from two different things at a time", not this alternative.

D) The best practices in both, ancient times and present times
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "An advantageous situation from two different things at a time" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1510

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

By leaps and bounds

A) Very slowly
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very quickly", not this alternative.

B) Superb catch in a cricket match
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very quickly", not this alternative.

C) Very quickly CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Brisk walk
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very quickly", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1509

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Under the weather

A) Feeling ill CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Left by a loved one
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Feeling ill", not this alternative.

C) Under debt
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Feeling ill" in this question.

D) Very angry
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Feeling ill", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1508

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be at a loose end

A) On a turning point
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To have nothing to do", not this alternative.

B) Defining moment
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To have nothing to do", not this alternative.

C) In much trouble
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To have nothing to do", not this alternative.

D) To have nothing to do CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1507

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get away

A) To fall off
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To leave", not this alternative.

B) To leave CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To equalise
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To leave", not this alternative.

D) To visit
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To leave", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1506

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Between Scylla and Charybdis

A) Between two favours
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Between two dangers" in this question.

B) Between two possibilities
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Between two dangers" in this question.

C) Between two dangers CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Between two charms
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Between two dangers" in this question.

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EXPLANATION 205 / 405

SOURCE Q1505

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the following sentence.

For the time being, the liberals seem to have carried the day.

A) despised
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "winning", not this alternative.

B) unpopular
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "winning", not this alternative.

C) winning CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) popular
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "winning", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 206 / 405

SOURCE Q1504

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Charley horse

A) Cramp CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Very fast
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Cramp", not this alternative.

C) Cunning
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Cramp", not this alternative.

D) Lucky
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Cramp", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 207 / 405

SOURCE Q1503

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the following sentence.

She is green-eyed with his success.

A) worried
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "jealous", not this alternative.

B) jealous CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) afraid
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "jealous", not this alternative.

D) enthusiastic
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "jealous", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 208 / 405

SOURCE Q1502

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Dark horse

A) A champion
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An unexpected winner", not this alternative.

B) An unexpected winner CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) A person criticised
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An unexpected winner", not this alternative.

D) Loved person
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An unexpected winner", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 209 / 405

SOURCE Q1501

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be like chalk and cheese

A) Be absolutely lonely
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Be absolutely different", not this alternative.

B) Be absolutely deceptive
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Be absolutely different", not this alternative.

C) Be absolutely different CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Be absolutely rich
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Be absolutely different", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 210 / 405

SOURCE Q1500

Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom The actress' daughter is just a chip off the old block

A) chip off the edges
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Similar to one's parents in behaviour", not this alternative.

B) get into the enemy's territory
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Similar to one's parents in behaviour", not this alternative.

C) console the dreary
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Similar to one's parents in behaviour", not this alternative.

D) Similar to one's parents in behaviour CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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EXPLANATION 211 / 405

SOURCE Q1499

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To put someone's back up

A) To help someone
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To irritate someone" in this question.

B) To flatter someone
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To irritate someone" in this question.

C) To irritate someone CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) To deceive someone
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To irritate someone" in this question.

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EXPLANATION 212 / 405

SOURCE Q1498

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

White elephant

A) Useful and expensive possession
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Costly but useless possession", not this alternative.

B) Costly but useless possession CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Motivational possession
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Costly but useless possession", not this alternative.

D) Memorable possession
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Costly but useless possession", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 213 / 405

SOURCE Q1497

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To hold good

A) To remain valid CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To keep relations
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To remain valid", not this alternative.

C) To perform best
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To remain valid", not this alternative.

D) To keep an eye
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To remain valid", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1496

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Crocodile tears

A) Sincere expression of sorrow
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Pretended show of sorrow", not this alternative.

B) Cruel presentation of sorrow
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Pretended show of sorrow", not this alternative.

C) Crying of a crocodile
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Pretended show of sorrow" in this question.

D) Pretended show of sorrow CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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EXPLANATION 215 / 405

SOURCE Q1495

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

It's all Greek to me

A) I am aware of the historical facts
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "I cannot understand anything", not this alternative.

B) I know this subject well
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "I cannot understand anything", not this alternative.

C) I cannot understand anything CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) I can understand the cause of something
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "I cannot understand anything", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1494

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hit the books

A) To have a very long list
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To study very hard", not this alternative.

B) Become very confused
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To study very hard", not this alternative.

C) To study very hard CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) To feel sorry about a mistake
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To study very hard", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 217 / 405

SOURCE Q1493

In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text.

Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase The coach felt extremely nervous on seeing the team performing poorly in the first quarter.

A) Heart skipped a beat CORRECT
Correct according to the supplied answer key; this option fits the required sense or usage.

B) Like a cakewalk
This alternative does not match the sense required by the original question or sentence.

C) Crying Wolf
This alternative does not match the sense required by the original question or sentence.

D) Raining cats and dogs
This alternative does not match the sense required by the original question or sentence.

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SOURCE Q1492

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A piece of cake

A) An ambitious person
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An easy task", not this alternative.

B) An obstacle
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An easy task", not this alternative.

C) An easy task CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) A punishment
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An easy task", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1491

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bed of roses

A) Lethargic condition of life
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Pleasant condition of life", not this alternative.

B) Pleasant condition of life CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Trying condition of life
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Pleasant condition of life", not this alternative.

D) Testing condition of life
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Pleasant condition of life", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1490

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pull a long face

A) To look sad CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To flatter someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To look sad", not this alternative.

C) To look angry
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To look sad", not this alternative.

D) To chide someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To look sad", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 221 / 405

SOURCE Q1489

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Break a leg

A) Wish someone good luck CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Speak directly
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Wish someone good luck", not this alternative.

C) Work long hours
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Wish someone good luck", not this alternative.

D) Wish someone bad luck
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Wish someone good luck", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1488

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On cloud nine

A) Heavy rain
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Extremely happy", not this alternative.

B) Extremely happy CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Good number
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Extremely happy", not this alternative.

D) Travel by airplane
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Extremely happy", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 223 / 405

SOURCE Q1487

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Miss the boat

A) Miss the journey
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Miss an opportunity" in this question.

B) Miss the person
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Miss an opportunity" in this question.

C) Miss an opportunity CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Miss the goal of life
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Miss an opportunity" in this question.

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EXPLANATION 224 / 405

SOURCE Q1486

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Every dog has his day

A) Dogs are faithful animals
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Everyone has good luck or success at a point of time", not this alternative.

B) Every dog is treated well
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Everyone has good luck or success at a point of time" in this question.

C) Celebration of dogs as man's best friend
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Everyone has good luck or success at a point of time", not this alternative.

D) Everyone has good luck or success at a point of time CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1485

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Come about

A) To deduce
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To happen", not this alternative.

B) To support
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To happen", not this alternative.

C) To explode
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To happen", not this alternative.

D) To happen CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1484

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To pay lip service

A) To pretend to be very old
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To express loyalty, respect, or support for something insincerely", not this alternative.

B) To face a risk
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To express loyalty, respect, or support for something insincerely", not this alternative.

C) To ignore what someone is saying
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To express loyalty, respect, or support for something insincerely", not this alternative.

D) To express loyalty, respect, or support for something insincerely CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1483

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Apple of one's eye

A) Very useful
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very dear", not this alternative.

B) Very far
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very dear", not this alternative.

C) Very dear CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Very harmful
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very dear", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1482

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Under duress

A) Under support
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Under pressure" in this question.

B) Under pressure CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Under confusions
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Under pressure" in this question.

D) Under shelter
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Under pressure" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1481

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Sum and substance

A) Assessment
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Essence", not this alternative.

B) Deliberation
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Essence", not this alternative.

C) Difficulty
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Essence", not this alternative.

D) Essence CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1480

Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

My friend was playing the devil's advocate in the discussion.

A) One who argues against something just for the sake of arguing CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) One who is composed at all times
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "One who argues against something just for the sake of arguing", not this alternative.

C) One who is good at judgement
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "One who argues against something just for the sake of arguing", not this alternative.

D) One who pits the culprit against the lawyer
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "One who argues against something just for the sake of arguing", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1479

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Back out

A) To move backwards
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To withdraw from", not this alternative.

B) To withdraw from CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To stand out
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To withdraw from", not this alternative.

D) To pull over
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To withdraw from", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1478

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Comparing apples with oranges

A) Unequal comparisons CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Comparison between two kinds of fruits
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Unequal comparisons", not this alternative.

C) To have a health issue
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Unequal comparisons", not this alternative.

D) Calculation of proteins
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Unequal comparisons", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1477

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pull the plug

A) Distract someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "End something", not this alternative.

B) Annoy someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "End something", not this alternative.

C) End something CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Launch something
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "End something", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1476

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At loggerheads

A) Disagreeing with CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) In one's absence
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Disagreeing with", not this alternative.

C) To write down
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Disagreeing with", not this alternative.

D) At mercy
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Disagreeing with", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1475

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Have a soft spot for someone

A) To argue something with no effect
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To like someone a lot", not this alternative.

B) To show the true nature of someone
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To like someone a lot" in this question.

C) To resolve a problem successfully
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To like someone a lot", not this alternative.

D) To like someone a lot CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1474

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Lion's share

A) Animal's share
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Largest share" in this question.

B) Largest share CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Forceful share
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Largest share" in this question.

D) Limited share
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Largest share" in this question.

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EXPLANATION 237 / 405

SOURCE Q1473

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Wipe the floor with someone

A) To defeat someone CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To cheat someone
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To defeat someone" in this question.

C) To help someone
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To defeat someone" in this question.

D) To criticise someone
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To defeat someone" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1472

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get the axe

A) Burdened job
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Lose the job", not this alternative.

B) Get the job
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Lose the job", not this alternative.

C) Lose the job CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Relaxed job
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Lose the job", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1471

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A kick in the teeth

A) Great disappointment CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Toothache
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Great disappointment", not this alternative.

C) Extraction of a tooth
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Great disappointment", not this alternative.

D) Alcohol consumption
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Great disappointment", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 240 / 405

SOURCE Q1470

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Read between the lines

A) Understand something that is not said outright CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Speak the truth even if it is unpleasant
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Understand something that is not said outright", not this alternative.

C) Be afraid of doing something again
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Understand something that is not said outright", not this alternative.

D) Harm someone who trusts you
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Understand something that is not said outright", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1469

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Red letter day

A) Memorable day CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Rose day
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Memorable day", not this alternative.

C) Birthday
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Memorable day", not this alternative.

D) Holiday
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Memorable day", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1468

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Eat like a horse

A) Eat making sound
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Eat a lot of food", not this alternative.

B) Eat a lot of food CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Dislike food
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Eat a lot of food", not this alternative.

D) Eat food while running
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Eat a lot of food", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1467

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Beat around the bush

A) To avoid talking about what is important CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To hope for something that is unattainable
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To avoid talking about what is important", not this alternative.

C) To discuss minute details of something
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To avoid talking about what is important", not this alternative.

D) To search for a lost thing in vain
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To avoid talking about what is important", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1466

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Knock down

A) To succeed
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To demolish", not this alternative.

B) To accept
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To demolish", not this alternative.

C) To demolish CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) To re do
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To demolish", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1465

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go to the wall

A) To fail CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To become strong
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To fail", not this alternative.

C) To obtain protection
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To fail", not this alternative.

D) To start
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To fail", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 246 / 405

SOURCE Q1464

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Donkey's years

A) Long time CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Bad time
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Long time", not this alternative.

C) Good time
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Long time", not this alternative.

D) Leisure time
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Long time", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1463

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Safe pair of hands

A) A secret or hidden advantage
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A person who can be trusted to do something efficiently", not this alternative.

B) A person who can be trusted to do something efficiently CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Miss an opportunity
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A person who can be trusted to do something efficiently", not this alternative.

D) Speak rashly without thinking carefully
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A person who can be trusted to do something efficiently", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1462

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Let down

A) To hire
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To fail", not this alternative.

B) To fail CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To nurse
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To fail", not this alternative.

D) To care about
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To fail", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 249 / 405

SOURCE Q1461

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Win laurels

A) To be decisive
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To gain honour", not this alternative.

B) To gain honour CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To punish
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To gain honour", not this alternative.

D) To change
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To gain honour", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 250 / 405

SOURCE Q1460

Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

The youth involved in the accident escaped by the skin of his teeth.

A) Very arrogant
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Barely managed to escape", not this alternative.

B) Barely managed to escape CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Always taking calculated decisions
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Barely managed to escape", not this alternative.

D) Deficiency of funds
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Barely managed to escape", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1459

Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

It was a Catch 22 situation for the manager.

A) A positive outcome in a tough situation
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "A difficult situation in which the solution to a problem is impossible" in this question.

B) A difficult situation in which the solution to a problem is impossible CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Worthy successor to the throne
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A difficult situation in which the solution to a problem is impossible", not this alternative.

D) Hailed as the ultimate champion
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A difficult situation in which the solution to a problem is impossible", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1458

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hard and fast

A) Badly affected
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Strict", not this alternative.

B) Quick witted
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Strict", not this alternative.

C) Urgent
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Strict", not this alternative.

D) Strict CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1457

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Tell upon

A) To strike hard
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To affect adversely", not this alternative.

B) to advise someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To affect adversely", not this alternative.

C) To write down
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To affect adversely", not this alternative.

D) To affect adversely CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1456

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A storm in a tea cup

A) The tea in which spices are added
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A lot of anger and worry about trivial things", not this alternative.

B) Tasty tea
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A lot of anger and worry about trivial things", not this alternative.

C) To enjoy tea during a storm
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "A lot of anger and worry about trivial things" in this question.

D) A lot of anger and worry about trivial things CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1455

In the following questions a statement has been given with highlighted text. Select the options that can replace the text with correct idiom or phrase.

The trainee performed the task with extreme ease.

A) At the eleventh hour
This expression means "At the last possible moment", which does not fit the situation described.

B) Swan song
This expression means "A final performance or public effort", which does not fit the situation described.

C) Call it a day
This expression means "Stop working for now", which does not fit the situation described.

D) A piece of cake CORRECT
Correct. This expression conveys the situation or highlighted idea in the source sentence.

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SOURCE Q1454

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Grease someone's palm

A) Be jealous of someone
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Bribe someone" in this question.

B) Bribe someone CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Put in hard work
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Bribe someone", not this alternative.

D) Go to battle
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Bribe someone", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1453

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the following sentence.

She was within a hair's breadth of winning.

A) narrow margin CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) accomplished
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "narrow margin", not this alternative.

C) certain
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "narrow margin", not this alternative.

D) desirous
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "narrow margin", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1452

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A snake in the grass

A) A wealthy person
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A deceitful person", not this alternative.

B) A deceitful person CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) A talkative person
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A deceitful person", not this alternative.

D) A timid person
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A deceitful person", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1451

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Tit for tat

A) Go smoothly
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Counter attack", not this alternative.

B) Counter attack CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Prepare to leave
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Counter attack", not this alternative.

D) A wild guess
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Counter attack", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1450

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Lose your touch

A) To be passed from one person to another
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Not being as successful as previously", not this alternative.

B) Not being as successful as previously CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Something being very difficult to find
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Not being as successful as previously", not this alternative.

D) Doing someone a favour in hopes that the favour will be returned
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Not being as successful as previously", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1449

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Blow up

A) To destroy by an explosion CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To live up greatly
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To destroy by an explosion", not this alternative.

C) To suffice
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To destroy by an explosion", not this alternative.

D) To stand upright
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To destroy by an explosion", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1448

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

At one's elbow

A) Strong bond
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Next to someone", not this alternative.

B) Strong grip
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Next to someone", not this alternative.

C) Far away
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Next to someone", not this alternative.

D) Next to someone CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1447

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom given in bold in the following sentence.

At supper, everyone was in high spirits.

A) drunk
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "cheerful", not this alternative.

B) anxious
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "cheerful", not this alternative.

C) cheerful CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) nervous
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "cheerful", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1446

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Call upon

A) To stop
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To order", not this alternative.

B) To order CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To adjust
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To order", not this alternative.

D) To follow
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To order", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1445

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Gear up for

A) Pass into
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Get ready for", not this alternative.

B) Get ready for CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Start off
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Get ready for", not this alternative.

D) Put on
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Get ready for", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1444

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In the same boat

A) To be in the same difficult situation as someone else CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To share profits with someone else
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be in the same difficult situation as someone else", not this alternative.

C) To go in the same direction as someone else
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To be in the same difficult situation as someone else" in this question.

D) To gain undue advantage with others
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be in the same difficult situation as someone else", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1443

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A fly on the wall

A) Very intelligent person
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An unperceived observer", not this alternative.

B) An unwelcome guest
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An unperceived observer", not this alternative.

C) An unperceived observer CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) A vigilant security guard
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "An unperceived observer", not this alternative.

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Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Wash your dirty linen in public

A) Hangclothes outside
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Discuss private matters in front of others", not this alternative.

B) Complain about everything
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Discuss private matters in front of others", not this alternative.

C) Discuss private matters in front of others CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Fight with everyone unnecessarily
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Discuss private matters in front of others", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1441

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Newton's work in the field of physics speaks volumes about his genius.

A) claims fame and honour
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "conveys a great deal", not this alternative.

B) does not gives a detailed report
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "conveys a great deal", not this alternative.

C) advertises his work
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "conveys a great deal", not this alternative.

D) conveys a great deal CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1440

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiomatic expression given.

To cross one's mind

A) To think of something CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To forget something
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To think of something", not this alternative.

C) To move from one idea to another
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To think of something", not this alternative.

D) To put a thought away from one's mind
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To think of something" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1439

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Not one's cup of tea

A) Beyond one's comprehension
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Not according to one's interest", not this alternative.

B) Not absolutely true
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Not according to one's interest", not this alternative.

C) Not according to one's interest CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Of no concern for someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Not according to one's interest", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1438

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Method to one's madness

A) Not following rules and conventions
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Seeming disorderly yet having a structure", not this alternative.

B) Being very neat and particular about details
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Seeming disorderly yet having a structure", not this alternative.

C) Always behaving like a mad person
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Seeming disorderly yet having a structure", not this alternative.

D) Seeming disorderly yet having a structure CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1437

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get out of hand

A) To get irritated
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To become difficult to control", not this alternative.

B) To become difficult to control CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To be anxious
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To become difficult to control", not this alternative.

D) To be able to complete a task
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To become difficult to control", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1436

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Full of beans

A) Sad and dull
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Happy and energetic", not this alternative.

B) Have crazy ideas
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Happy and energetic", not this alternative.

C) Happy and energetic CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Being foolish
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Happy and energetic", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1435

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Their marriage wasn't working but they kept up appearances.

A) kept throwing parties
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "maintained an expression of well being", not this alternative.

B) revealed the truth
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "maintained an expression of well being", not this alternative.

C) maintained an expression of well being CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) maintained peace and harmony
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "maintained an expression of well being", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1434

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiomatic expression given.

Caught red-handed

A) Caught with a hand covered in blood
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Caught in the act of doing something illegal" in this question.

B) Caught in the act of doing something illegal CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Caught stealing red objects like apples and tomatoes
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Caught in the act of doing something illegal" in this question.

D) Caught by someone wearing a red wristband
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Caught in the act of doing something illegal" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1433

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To be all ears

A) To be impatient about something
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be ready and eager to listen", not this alternative.

B) To have extra-large ears
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To be ready and eager to listen" in this question.

C) To be ready and eager to listen CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) To be inquisitive and curious
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be ready and eager to listen", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1432

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To put one's foot in one's mouth

A) To deliberately provoke someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To accidentally embarrass or upset someone", not this alternative.

B) To accidentally embarrass or upset someone CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To gather all of one's resources
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To accidentally embarrass or upset someone", not this alternative.

D) To be disorderly and stupid
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To accidentally embarrass or upset someone", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1431

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

She may be the Principal but it is the school administrator who rules the roost.

A) is dependent upon her
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "is in complete control", not this alternative.

B) is totally submissive
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "is in complete control", not this alternative.

C) is proved right
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "is in complete control", not this alternative.

D) is in complete control CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1430

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To put one's foot in one's mouth

A) To gather all of one's resources
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To accidentally embarrass or upset someone", not this alternative.

B) To deliberately provoke someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To accidentally embarrass or upset someone", not this alternative.

C) To be disorderly and stupid
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To accidentally embarrass or upset someone", not this alternative.

D) To accidentally embarrass or upset someone CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1429

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

She may be the Principal but it is the school administrator who rules the roost.

A) is in complete control CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) is dependent upon her
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "is in complete control", not this alternative.

C) is totally submissive
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "is in complete control", not this alternative.

D) is proved right
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "is in complete control", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1428

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A red letter day

A) a memorable day CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) the worst day
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "a memorable day", not this alternative.

C) a day of fun and enjoyment
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "a memorable day", not this alternative.

D) a day of horror
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "a memorable day", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1427

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A dime a dozen

A) common and so of little value CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) available only in bulk
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "common and so of little value", not this alternative.

C) in great demand as not easily available
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "common and so of little value", not this alternative.

D) not available everywhere
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "common and so of little value", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1426

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiomatic expression given.

At a stone's throw

A) Beat someone with a stone
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "At a very short distance" in this question.

B) Throw a stone at someone
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "At a very short distance" in this question.

C) Like throwing a stone
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "At a very short distance" in this question.

D) At a very short distance CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1425

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To fish in troubled waters

A) To catch fish in stormy weather in the sea
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To take advantage of a difficult situation" in this question.

B) To take advantage of a difficult situation CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To try to find a big catch in the deep sea
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To take advantage of a difficult situation", not this alternative.

D) To try to do something that is very difficult
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To take advantage of a difficult situation", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1424

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Off and on

A) sometimes but not regularly CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) again and again
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "sometimes but not regularly", not this alternative.

C) not soon
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "sometimes but not regularly", not this alternative.

D) every day
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "sometimes but not regularly", not this alternative.

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Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hang on every word

A) Stammer while speaking
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Listen very carefully", not this alternative.

B) Stop after hearing one word
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Listen very carefully" in this question.

C) Speak very slowly
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Listen very carefully", not this alternative.

D) Listen very carefully CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A lean patch

A) A part of hair that is thin
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A period of poor performance", not this alternative.

B) Friendship that has ended
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A period of poor performance", not this alternative.

C) A period of poor performance CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Cloth that is beginning to tear
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A period of poor performance", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1421

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Break the ice

A) Make things available for a party
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Make a beginning or start something", not this alternative.

B) Make a beginning or start something CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Arrange for a skating show
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Make a beginning or start something", not this alternative.

D) Cool the room for everyone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Make a beginning or start something", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1420

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To come round

A) To spend a lot of time with someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To become conscious again", not this alternative.

B) To go round and round
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To become conscious again" in this question.

C) To become conscious again CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) To meet someone by chance
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To become conscious again", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1419

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Burn the midnight oil

A) burn things using oil
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "work late into the night" in this question.

B) create problems in the night
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "work late into the night", not this alternative.

C) work late into the night CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) work many nights at a stretch
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "work late into the night", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1418

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Rank and file

A) The manager of a personnel department
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Ordinary workers in a company", not this alternative.

B) Ordinary workers in a company CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) A very well-organised company
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Ordinary workers in a company", not this alternative.

D) Financial activities in a firm
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Ordinary workers in a company", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1417

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

My brother has decided to settle in London for good.

A) for a promotion
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "forever", not this alternative.

B) briefly
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "forever", not this alternative.

C) forever CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) for a better income
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "forever", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1416

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A blessing in disguise

A) something good that isn't recognised at first CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) an event that is unknown
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "something good that isn't recognised at first", not this alternative.

C) someone who comes disguised
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "something good that isn't recognised at first", not this alternative.

D) a person who blesses others quietly
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "something good that isn't recognised at first", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1415

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Needle in a haystack

A) Someone having vast opportunities
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something impossible to find", not this alternative.

B) Someone in trouble
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something impossible to find", not this alternative.

C) Something impossible to find CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Something very trivial
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something impossible to find", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1414

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A fire in someone's belly

A) one who is energetic and enthusiastic about something CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) one who comes from a middle class background
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "one who is energetic and enthusiastic about something", not this alternative.

C) one who is rich and powerful and exploits the poor
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "one who is energetic and enthusiastic about something", not this alternative.

D) one who continues to work without wanting a reward
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "one who is energetic and enthusiastic about something", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1413

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Poke one's nose

A) Not be careful about one's health
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Interfere or meddle", not this alternative.

B) Interfere or meddle CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Do unhygienic things
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Interfere or meddle", not this alternative.

D) Tease or irritate
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Interfere or meddle", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1412

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To cut corners

A) cut something easily without spoiling it
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "not do a thing well in order to save money or effort", not this alternative.

B) be able to do a job effortlessly
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "not do a thing well in order to save money or effort", not this alternative.

C) cut something into pieces
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "not do a thing well in order to save money or effort", not this alternative.

D) not do a thing well in order to save money or effort CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1411

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cook the books

A) To be a good editor
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To falsify financial records", not this alternative.

B) To write books on cooking
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To falsify financial records" in this question.

C) To be a good writer
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To falsify financial records", not this alternative.

D) To falsify financial records CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1410

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To play with fire

A) To pour oil on a burning fire
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To act in a dangerous and risky way" in this question.

B) To hold a revenge against someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To act in a dangerous and risky way", not this alternative.

C) To fight fires like a fireman
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To act in a dangerous and risky way", not this alternative.

D) To act in a dangerous and risky way CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1409

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Organic food seems to be in vogue these days.

A) readily available
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "in fashion", not this alternative.

B) very expensive
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "in fashion", not this alternative.

C) out of stock
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "in fashion", not this alternative.

D) in fashion CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1408

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Hard nut to crack

A) a person who likes to joke around
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "a difficult person or problem", not this alternative.

B) someone who needs guidance
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "a difficult person or problem", not this alternative.

C) someone who solves puzzles easily
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "a difficult person or problem", not this alternative.

D) a difficult person or problem CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1407

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom:

know inside out

A) To always know a lot about every topic
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To know something thoroughly" in this question.

B) To know a little about something
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To know something thoroughly" in this question.

C) To know something thoroughly CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) To know everything by rote memory
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To know something thoroughly" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1406

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To add insult to injury

A) to wound physically
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "to make something worse", not this alternative.

B) to make something worse CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) to work hard on making up
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "to make something worse", not this alternative.

D) to make fun of someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "to make something worse", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1405

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

He is very impulsive and does things without rhyme or reason.

A) without any resources
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "without a reasonable explanation", not this alternative.

B) without proper planning
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "without a reasonable explanation", not this alternative.

C) without anyone's help
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "without a reasonable explanation", not this alternative.

D) without a reasonable explanation CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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EXPLANATION 306 / 405

SOURCE Q1404

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiomatic expression given.

To poke one's nose into

A) To bury oneself in another matter
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To take interest in others' affairs", not this alternative.

B) To take interest in others' affairs CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To clean one's nose with a twig
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To take interest in others' affairs" in this question.

D) To insert something in another's nose
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To take interest in others' affairs" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1403

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The friends quarrelled some time ago but now they are trying to make up with each other.

A) to part forever
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "to settle their differences", not this alternative.

B) to blame each other
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "to settle their differences", not this alternative.

C) to settle their differences CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) to compete with one another
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "to settle their differences", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1402

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Large-hearted

A) Corrupt
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Generous", not this alternative.

B) Unhealthy
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Generous", not this alternative.

C) Generous CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Overweight
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Generous", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1401

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Butter fingers

A) To like rich food
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be clumsy", not this alternative.

B) To cook well
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be clumsy", not this alternative.

C) To be very efficient
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be clumsy", not this alternative.

D) To be clumsy CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1400

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Thick as thieves

A) Being very dishonest
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Having a close friendship", not this alternative.

B) Having a close friendship CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Never helping anyone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Having a close friendship", not this alternative.

D) Telling lies all the time
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Having a close friendship", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1399

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To have eggs on one's face

A) To throw eggs on a speaker's face
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To be embarrassed because of one's action" in this question.

B) To buy eggs and break them
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To be embarrassed because of one's action" in this question.

C) To be embarrassed because of one's action CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) To apply egg yolk on one's face for making it look beautiful
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To be embarrassed because of one's action" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1398

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go to the dogs

A) Go crazy
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Deteriorate shockingly", not this alternative.

B) Fail miserably
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Deteriorate shockingly", not this alternative.

C) Deteriorate shockingly CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Want something badly
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Deteriorate shockingly", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1397

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pull something off

A) Drag something forcibly
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Make something happen" in this question.

B) Make a lot of noise
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Make something happen", not this alternative.

C) Make something happen CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Take out the cover or lid
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Make something happen", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1396

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To go red in the face

A) To feel very happy and proud
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To feel embarrassed", not this alternative.

B) To feel embarrassed CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To shout at someone for doing something wrong
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To feel embarrassed", not this alternative.

D) To feel extremely irritated
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To feel embarrassed", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1395

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

His jokes fell flat on the audience.

A) provoked laughter
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "failed to have an effect", not this alternative.

B) deeply touched
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "failed to have an effect", not this alternative.

C) irritated
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "failed to have an effect", not this alternative.

D) failed to have an effect CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1394

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Under wraps

A) secretly CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) double layered
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "secretly", not this alternative.

C) under estimate
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "secretly" in this question.

D) underhand
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "secretly", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1393

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

On tenterhooks

A) Very happy
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very tense", not this alternative.

B) Very sad
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very tense", not this alternative.

C) very angry
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very tense", not this alternative.

D) Very tense CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1392

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Getting butterflies in one's stomach

A) To be suspicious of someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be anxious and nervous", not this alternative.

B) To be very angry with someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be anxious and nervous", not this alternative.

C) To be confident of oneself
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be anxious and nervous", not this alternative.

D) To be anxious and nervous CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1391

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A Herculean task

A) A task requiring great effort CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) A task for brave people
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "A task requiring great effort" in this question.

C) An important task
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "A task requiring great effort" in this question.

D) An immediate task
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "A task requiring great effort" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1390

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To drag one's feet

A) To walk with a limp
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To delay taking a decision", not this alternative.

B) To delay taking a decision CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To walk unsteadily
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To delay taking a decision", not this alternative.

D) To pull someone's legs
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To delay taking a decision", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1389

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To make both ends meet

A) To try to do two different things at the same time
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To have just enough money to live", not this alternative.

B) To try to bring two parties together
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To have just enough money to live", not this alternative.

C) To have just enough money to live CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) To try to solve a problem between friends
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To have just enough money to live", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1388

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A sea change

A) Getting transferred overseas
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Complete transformation", not this alternative.

B) Health-related vacation
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Complete transformation", not this alternative.

C) Complete transformation CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Going on a trip abroad
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Complete transformation", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1387

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Terrorists kill thousands of innocent people in cold blood.

A) by freezing to death
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "cruelly, without any emotions", not this alternative.

B) in mountainous areas
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "cruelly, without any emotions", not this alternative.

C) cruelly, without any emotions CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) accidentally
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "cruelly, without any emotions", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1386

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Child's play

A) Something that everybody knows
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something that is very easy to do", not this alternative.

B) Something for a child to play with
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Something that is very easy to do" in this question.

C) Something children have made by themselves
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something that is very easy to do", not this alternative.

D) Something that is very easy to do CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1385

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get One's Ducks in a Row

A) have everything improperly disorganized
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "have everything properly organized", not this alternative.

B) have everything properly organized CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) have everything messily arranged
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "have everything properly organized", not this alternative.

D) have nothing properly organized, though ready
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "have everything properly organized", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1384

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A bolt from the blue

A) a strange dream that wakes one up suddenly
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "something that happens suddenly", not this alternative.

B) something that is hotly debated
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "something that happens suddenly", not this alternative.

C) something that happens suddenly CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) something causing a head injury
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "something that happens suddenly", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1383

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cost an arm and a leg

A) Be easily available
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Be extremely expensive", not this alternative.

B) Be rather cheap
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Be extremely expensive", not this alternative.

C) Be worthy of the cost
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Be extremely expensive" in this question.

D) Be extremely expensive CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1382

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Provide a blueprint

A) Have a building plan printed in blue
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Give a detailed plan or scheme", not this alternative.

B) Give a detailed plan or scheme CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Propose a plan of a secret meeting
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Give a detailed plan or scheme", not this alternative.

D) Submit a printed application for a blue-collared job
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Give a detailed plan or scheme", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1381

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go back to the drawing board

A) get started on a new job as the old one wasn't good
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "start planning again because earlier plans failed", not this alternative.

B) withdraw support to someone whom you always supported
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "start planning again because earlier plans failed", not this alternative.

C) start planning again because earlier plans failed CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) look back at your achievements and learn from them
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "start planning again because earlier plans failed" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1380

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be glad to see the back of

A) Be relieved at another's failure
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Be happy when a person leaves", not this alternative.

B) Be happy at another's success
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Be happy when a person leaves", not this alternative.

C) Be happy when a person leaves CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Be happy to see someone again
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Be happy when a person leaves", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1379

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

By the skin of one's teeth

A) By a very big margin
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "By a very narrow margin", not this alternative.

B) By a very narrow margin CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Without anyone's help
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "By a very narrow margin", not this alternative.

D) With the help of someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "By a very narrow margin", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1378

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A good turn

A) A helpful act CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) A pleasant experience
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A helpful act", not this alternative.

C) A lucky chance
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A helpful act", not this alternative.

D) A great opportunity
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "A helpful act", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1377

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Read between the lines

A) read loudly each and every word given in the sentence
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "understand what is implied but not stated directly" in this question.

B) read very slowly enjoying each line
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "understand what is implied but not stated directly" in this question.

C) understand what is implied but not stated directly CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) read carefully each and every word written
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "understand what is implied but not stated directly" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1376

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Make big time

A) Spend more than one earns
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Attain fame and success", not this alternative.

B) Earn more than needed
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Attain fame and success", not this alternative.

C) Reach earlier than expected
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Attain fame and success", not this alternative.

D) Attain fame and success CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1375

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

In hot water

A) In advantage
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In trouble", not this alternative.

B) In suspense
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In trouble", not this alternative.

C) In trouble CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) In shower
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "In trouble", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 336 / 405

SOURCE Q1374

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To leave no stone unturned

A) To try everything possible to solve a problem CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To turn everything upside down
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To try everything possible to solve a problem", not this alternative.

C) To become accustomed to routine things
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To try everything possible to solve a problem", not this alternative.

D) To become furious with somebody
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To try everything possible to solve a problem", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1373

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To run around like a headless chicken

A) To be unable to catch escaping chicken
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To do many things in a disorganised manner" in this question.

B) To do many things in a disorganised manner CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To be lazy and unwilling to work
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To do many things in a disorganised manner", not this alternative.

D) To do things methodically one by one
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To do many things in a disorganised manner", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1372

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom:

The straw that broke the camel's back

A) To be the last in a series of events leading one to feel that it is intolerable CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To make a wish for an escape from existing conditions
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be the last in a series of events leading one to feel that it is intolerable", not this alternative.

C) To show strength and continue without a fuss
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be the last in a series of events leading one to feel that it is intolerable", not this alternative.

D) To undertake a difficult journey across a desert
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be the last in a series of events leading one to feel that it is intolerable", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1371

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom:

Under the weather

A) Feel strong and energetic
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be in low spirits", not this alternative.

B) To feel wronged by friends
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be in low spirits", not this alternative.

C) To be in low spirits CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) To face bad weather conditions
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To be in low spirits" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1370

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Full of sound and fury

A) An angry and unruly mob
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Merely loud and angry words but ineffective", not this alternative.

B) Merely loud and angry words but ineffective CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) A fiery and effective speaker
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Merely loud and angry words but ineffective", not this alternative.

D) Someone who gets angry very quickly
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Merely loud and angry words but ineffective", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1369

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Take something with a pinch of salt

A) To consider everyone a liar
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To believe only part of something", not this alternative.

B) To take long to understand what is being said
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To believe only part of something" in this question.

C) To believe only part of something CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) To think of oneself as always right
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To believe only part of something", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1368

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom:

Keep your shirt on

A) To keep busy
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To remain cool" in this question.

B) To remain cool CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To work hard
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To remain cool", not this alternative.

D) To celebrate
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To remain cool", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1367

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom:

Sleep on it

A) To make a decision immediately
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To wait before making a decision", not this alternative.

B) To make a wrong decision
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To wait before making a decision", not this alternative.

C) To prefer to sleep than take action
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To wait before making a decision" in this question.

D) To wait before making a decision CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1366

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Flying off the handle

A) Day dreaming
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Suddenly becoming enraged", not this alternative.

B) Suddenly becoming enraged CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Flying away, being launched from a handle
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Suddenly becoming enraged" in this question.

D) Having lofty ideas
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Suddenly becoming enraged", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1365

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To cost an arm and a leg

A) Not readily available
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very expensive", not this alternative.

B) To give away an arm and a leg
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very expensive", not this alternative.

C) Very expensive CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Easily affordable
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very expensive", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1364

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Ashutosh kept a stiff upper lip even when he was reprimanded in the presence of clients.

A) started sniggering
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "remained expressionless", not this alternative.

B) kept shouting
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "remained expressionless", not this alternative.

C) behaved insolently
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "remained expressionless", not this alternative.

D) remained expressionless CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1363

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Have you heard the news that Hema is looking for greener pastures?

A) has been transferred
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "exploring new opportunities", not this alternative.

B) was feeling rejected
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "exploring new opportunities", not this alternative.

C) has been fired
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "exploring new opportunities", not this alternative.

D) exploring new opportunities CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1362

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Make a beeline

A) Stand in a queue
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Go straight to", not this alternative.

B) Go straight to CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Remain busy
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Go straight to", not this alternative.

D) Be crazy
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Go straight to", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1361

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Look after

A) Take care of CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Resemble
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Take care of", not this alternative.

C) Search for
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Take care of", not this alternative.

D) Scold
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Take care of", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1360

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cool it

A) To wait
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To relax", not this alternative.

B) To relax CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To be angry
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To relax", not this alternative.

D) To be nervous
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To relax", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1359

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go off at a tangent

A) Change the subject immediately CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Forget things in between
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Change the subject immediately", not this alternative.

C) Go on at great length
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Change the subject immediately", not this alternative.

D) Become boisterous
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Change the subject immediately", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1358

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Chill out

A) To calm down CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To fight
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To calm down", not this alternative.

C) To be nervous
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To calm down", not this alternative.

D) To be angry
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To calm down", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1357

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Look before you leap

A) Caution others before taking a step
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Think carefully of the consequences" in this question.

B) Think carefully of the consequences CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Pull someone out from a disaster
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Think carefully of the consequences", not this alternative.

D) Prepare yourself before jumping
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Think carefully of the consequences" in this question.

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SOURCE Q1356

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be behind the times

A) Not be alert
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Be old fashioned", not this alternative.

B) Be old fashioned CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Always dreaming
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Be old fashioned", not this alternative.

D) Be very old
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Be old fashioned", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1355

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Call a spade a spade

A) Say things that are untrue and painful
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Say the truth about something, even if it is not pleasant", not this alternative.

B) Lash out unkindly at someone for no reason
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Say the truth about something, even if it is not pleasant", not this alternative.

C) Plan to attack someone with rude words
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Say the truth about something, even if it is not pleasant", not this alternative.

D) Say the truth about something, even if it is not pleasant CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1354

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Call a spade a spade

A) Lash out unkindly at someone for no reason
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Say the truth about something, even if it is not pleasant", not this alternative.

B) Say the truth about something, even if it is not pleasant CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Plan to attack someone with rude words
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Say the truth about something, even if it is not pleasant", not this alternative.

D) Say things that are untrue and painful
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Say the truth about something, even if it is not pleasant", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1353

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cool it

A) To be angry
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To relax", not this alternative.

B) To be nervous
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To relax", not this alternative.

C) To wait
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To relax", not this alternative.

D) To relax CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1352

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go off at a tangent

A) Change the subject immediately CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Go on at great length
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Change the subject immediately", not this alternative.

C) Become boisterous
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Change the subject immediately", not this alternative.

D) Forget things in between
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Change the subject immediately", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1351

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Falling head over heels

A) Finding fault with others
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Falling deeply in love with someone", not this alternative.

B) Falling deeply in love with someone CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Feeling deep sympathy to the needy
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Falling deeply in love with someone", not this alternative.

D) Fixing models without proper analysis
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Falling deeply in love with someone", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1350

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Reinventing the wheel

A) Disturbing the system which has already been in use
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Wasting one's time for things that have already been satisfactorily done", not this alternative.

B) Wasting one's time for things that have already been satisfactorily done CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Examining circumstances that have already been understood
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Wasting one's time for things that have already been satisfactorily done", not this alternative.

D) Analysing various factors of happenings
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Wasting one's time for things that have already been satisfactorily done", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1349

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Every cloud has a silver lining

A) Something irritating is there in any joyous situation
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something promising is there in any difficult situation", not this alternative.

B) Something disheartening is there in any happy situation
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something promising is there in any difficult situation", not this alternative.

C) Something promising is there in any difficult situation CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Something interesting is there in any colourful situation
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something promising is there in any difficult situation", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1348

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Made out of whole cloth

A) Entirely fabricated though believable
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Entirely false and fabricated", not this alternative.

B) Entirely true and convincing
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Entirely false and fabricated", not this alternative.

C) Entirely false though convincing
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Entirely false and fabricated", not this alternative.

D) Entirely false and fabricated CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1347

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Keep a civil tongue

A) Speak with great politeness CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Argue with soft words
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Speak with great politeness", not this alternative.

C) Express dissent mildly
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Speak with great politeness", not this alternative.

D) Maintain silence when needed
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Speak with great politeness", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1346

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Cut to the chase

A) Sleeping long hours and spoiling the health
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Talking about the important point and leaving out the detail", not this alternative.

B) Talking about the important point and leaving out the detail CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Stopping unexpectedly and missing the chase
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Talking about the important point and leaving out the detail" in this question.

D) Cutting long pieces and spoiling the dish cooked
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Talking about the important point and leaving out the detail", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1345

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Falling head over heels

A) Finding fault with others
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Falling deeply in love with someone", not this alternative.

B) Fixing models without proper analysis
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Falling deeply in love with someone", not this alternative.

C) Feeling deep sympathy to the needy
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Falling deeply in love with someone", not this alternative.

D) Falling deeply in love with someone CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1344

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Reinventing the wheel

A) Wasting one's time for things that have already been satisfactorily done CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Examining circumstances that have already been understood
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Wasting one's time for things that have already been satisfactorily done", not this alternative.

C) Disturbing the system which has already been in use
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Wasting one's time for things that have already been satisfactorily done", not this alternative.

D) Analysing various factors of happenings
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Wasting one's time for things that have already been satisfactorily done", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1343

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Take one's hat off to someone

A) Display humility
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Show admiration", not this alternative.

B) Express anger
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Show admiration", not this alternative.

C) Show admiration CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Indicate disapproval
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Show admiration", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1342

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Vanish into the air

A) Perpetually postpone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Completely disappear", not this alternative.

B) Totally dilute
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Completely disappear", not this alternative.

C) Completely disappear CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Permanently mix
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Completely disappear", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1341

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

When they read about the proposed strike of buses they said, "We'll cross that bridge when we come to it."

A) Call them for talks
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Solve the problem", not this alternative.

B) Prevent them
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Solve the problem", not this alternative.

C) Cancel our plans
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Solve the problem", not this alternative.

D) Solve the problem CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1340

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom.

Back in saddle

A) Learn how to ride
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Resume duty", not this alternative.

B) Teach someone riding
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Resume duty", not this alternative.

C) Resume duty CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Put a new saddle
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Resume duty" in this question.

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EXPLANATION 371 / 405

SOURCE Q1339

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

We enjoyed watching the film because it was a down–to-earth depiction of modern life.

A) fanciful and dreamlike
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "practical and direct", not this alternative.

B) practical and direct CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) short and meaningful
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "practical and direct", not this alternative.

D) pleasing and entertaining
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "practical and direct", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1338

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

His guide asked him to pull up his socks if he wanted a good rank.

A) take care to be more formal
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "make a greater effort to improve", not this alternative.

B) make a greater effort to improve CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) give attention to his appearance also
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "make a greater effort to improve", not this alternative.

D) dress more carefully and neatly
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "make a greater effort to improve", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1337

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Hats off to someone

A) Give hats to
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Congratulations to" in this question.

B) Make new hats for
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Congratulations to" in this question.

C) Announce a prize for
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Congratulations to", not this alternative.

D) Congratulations to CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1336

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

A lot of work has gone on behind the scenes for the special event which is being planned next week.

A) Unknown to everyone CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) To complete the arrangements
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Unknown to everyone", not this alternative.

C) For spreading the news
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Unknown to everyone", not this alternative.

D) In the theatre
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Unknown to everyone", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 375 / 405

SOURCE Q1335

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get something off your chest

A) Express something that has been worrying you, and you want to say CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Have difficulty in doing something that is quite easy
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Express something that has been worrying you, and you want to say" in this question.

C) Remove something from you as it is troubling you a lot
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Express something that has been worrying you, and you want to say" in this question.

D) Tell people some good news that you know and you want to share
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Express something that has been worrying you, and you want to say", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 376 / 405

SOURCE Q1334

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Plain as day

A) Very obvious and easy to understand CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) Visible only in broad daylight
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very obvious and easy to understand", not this alternative.

C) Very interesting to know
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very obvious and easy to understand", not this alternative.

D) Very simple and easy to do
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very obvious and easy to understand", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 377 / 405

SOURCE Q1333

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To leave someone in the lurch.

A) Constant source of annoyance to someone
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To desert someone in his difficulties" in this question.

B) To put someone at ease
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To desert someone in his difficulties" in this question.

C) To desert someone in his difficulties CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) To come to compromise with someone
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To desert someone in his difficulties" in this question.

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EXPLANATION 378 / 405

SOURCE Q1332

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Once in a blue moon

A) An incident that is scary
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Happening only rarely", not this alternative.

B) An unforgettable experience
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Happening only rarely", not this alternative.

C) Happening only once in a lifetime
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Happening only rarely" in this question.

D) Happening only rarely CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1331

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Let off the hook

A) Made to pay for one's actions
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Allowed to escape from blame", not this alternative.

B) Allowed to escape from blame CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Not allowed to take part in an activity
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Allowed to escape from blame", not this alternative.

D) Not made to wait for a long time
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Allowed to escape from blame", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1330

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Parthian shot

A) Say goodbye
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Parting hit", not this alternative.

B) Praise
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Parting hit", not this alternative.

C) Parting hit CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Victory
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Parting hit", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1329

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Eat humble pie

A) Eat less food
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Admit that you are wrong", not this alternative.

B) Make noise while eating
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Admit that you are wrong", not this alternative.

C) Admit that you are wrong CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Eat something which is not tasty
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Admit that you are wrong", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1328

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To fall on deaf ears

A) To be listened carefully
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be ignored", not this alternative.

B) To be ignored CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) To be paid attention
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be ignored", not this alternative.

D) To be aware of what is going on
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To be ignored", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1327

Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank in the given sentence.

The _____ entered the house in disguise saying his uncle lived there and robbed the place.

A) technician CORRECT
Correct. This expression completes the sentence naturally and matches the situation described.

B) technicality
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

C) technique
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

D) technical
This would suggest a different idea or action; it does not fit the required meaning in context.

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SOURCE Q1326

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Not mince (your) words

A) Not to have clarity
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "State your opinion clearly", not this alternative.

B) Eat a lot clumsily
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "State your opinion clearly", not this alternative.

C) Say words that are confusing
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "State your opinion clearly" in this question.

D) State your opinion clearly CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1325

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Rub the wrong way

A) Please someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Annoy someone", not this alternative.

B) Rub well without oil
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Annoy someone", not this alternative.

C) Annoy someone CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Rub incorrectly
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Annoy someone", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1324

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Anu jumped the gun and announced their plans at the dinner table.

A) started shooting
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "acted hastily", not this alternative.

B) ate quickly
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "acted hastily", not this alternative.

C) acted hastily CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) shouted loudly
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "acted hastily", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 387 / 405

SOURCE Q1323

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom Looking for a needle in a haystack.

A) Be interested in sewing and embroidery
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Attempting something impossible", not this alternative.

B) Searching for small things to do
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Attempting something impossible", not this alternative.

C) Attempting something impossible CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Suddenly deciding to do farming
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Attempting something impossible", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1322

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Sandeep received a new lease of life after moving to Pune.

A) started taking healthy food
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "became energetic again", not this alternative.

B) became energetic again CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) started looking for a job
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "became energetic again", not this alternative.

D) looked for a group of friends
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "became energetic again", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1321

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

If someone is an old hand, then he/she is:

A) forgetful
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "experienced", not this alternative.

B) aged
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "experienced", not this alternative.

C) experienced CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) weak
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "experienced", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1320

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Add insult to injury

A) Say words that are very offensive
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Make a bad situation even worse", not this alternative.

B) Make a bad situation even worse CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Play a prank on someone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Make a bad situation even worse", not this alternative.

D) Hurt someone physically
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Make a bad situation even worse", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1319

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Jump on the bandwagon

A) Do something because circumstances force you to
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Get involved in an activity because it is likely to succeed", not this alternative.

B) Get engaged in an activity that is very important
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Get involved in an activity because it is likely to succeed", not this alternative.

C) Get involved in an activity because it is likely to succeed CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Do an activity that is fun
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Get involved in an activity because it is likely to succeed", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1318

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom.

Pull yourself together

A) Use a rope ladder
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Regain composure", not this alternative.

B) Talk about fitness
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Regain composure", not this alternative.

C) Be friendly with everyone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Regain composure", not this alternative.

D) Regain composure CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1317

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

To restart his cash-strapped company he decided to apply for a bank loan.

A) expanding
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "impoverished", not this alternative.

B) improving
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "impoverished", not this alternative.

C) expensive
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "impoverished", not this alternative.

D) impoverished CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1316

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Akshay is likely to take the heat for having miscalculated the expenses.

A) enjoy warm climate
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "receive criticism", not this alternative.

B) scold everyone
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "receive criticism", not this alternative.

C) feel very hot
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "receive criticism", not this alternative.

D) receive criticism CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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EXPLANATION 395 / 405

SOURCE Q1315

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom.

To have a gut feeling

A) To have pain in the abdomen
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "To feel an instinct or intuition" in this question.

B) To suffer from inflammation
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To feel an instinct or intuition", not this alternative.

C) To experience discomfort
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To feel an instinct or intuition", not this alternative.

D) To feel an instinct or intuition CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1314

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Fit as a fiddle

A) Playing a musical instrument
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Healthy and strong", not this alternative.

B) Of the right size
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Healthy and strong", not this alternative.

C) Healthy and strong CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Singing happily
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Healthy and strong", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1313

Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

It took Rohan a long time to get the hang of the machine in the new factory.

A) Bring someone to run
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Learn how to use", not this alternative.

B) Learn how to use CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

C) Put up safely
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Learn how to use", not this alternative.

D) Clean and dry
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Learn how to use", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1312

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bite off more than one can chew

A) To cheat someone and get away
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To take on more than one can deal with", not this alternative.

B) To taste something while cooking
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To take on more than one can deal with", not this alternative.

C) To eat quickly and run away
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "To take on more than one can deal with", not this alternative.

D) To take on more than one can deal with CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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EXPLANATION 399 / 405

SOURCE Q1311

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Like talking to a brick wall

A) Fascinated
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Inattentive", not this alternative.

B) Frightened
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Inattentive", not this alternative.

C) Inattentive CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Curious
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Inattentive", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1310

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A dime a dozen

A) Expensive
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very common", not this alternative.

B) Phenomenal
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very common", not this alternative.

C) Very common CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Uncommon
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Very common", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1309

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Couch Potato

A) Skinny
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Lazy person", not this alternative.

B) Overweight
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Lazy person", not this alternative.

C) Lazy person CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Hyperactive
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Lazy person", not this alternative.

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EXPLANATION 402 / 405

SOURCE Q1308

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A piece of cake

A) Something serious
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something easy", not this alternative.

B) Something difficult
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something easy", not this alternative.

C) Something amusing
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Something easy", not this alternative.

D) Something easy CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

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SOURCE Q1307

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Actions speak louder than words

A) What you do reveals the real you CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

B) What you don't say is what you are
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "What you do reveals the real you", not this alternative.

C) What you can see may not be true
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "What you do reveals the real you", not this alternative.

D) What you do is your own business
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "What you do reveals the real you", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1306

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Stir up a hornet's nest

A) Destroy a nest
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Provoke trouble" in this question.

B) Call for dialogue
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Provoke trouble", not this alternative.

C) Provoke trouble CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Lead a revolt
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Provoke trouble", not this alternative.

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SOURCE Q1305

Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Up in arms

A) Throw up arms in joy
This suggests a literal interpretation of the words; the idiom means "Angry about something" in this question.

B) Give up fighting and surrender
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Angry about something", not this alternative.

C) Angry about something CORRECT
Correct. This gives the intended figurative meaning in the question, rather than a literal reading of the expression.

D) Divide into armed groups
This describes a different idea. The idiomatic sense here is "Angry about something", not this alternative.

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