# **17**

## **IDIOMS & PHRASES**

Often in admission tests, you come across questions in which you're given an Idiom and Phrasal verb, as a question and are asked to identify its literal meaning from the choices. These idioms may have their origins in other languages like Latin, French or Greek. A list of the most commonly used idioms are given in the Word Bank issued to you as part of module 1. Learn them well and look up to the dictionary for more of them. It is also interesting as well as important to collect and make a list of those idioms that you come across in your daily reading.

#### **Practice Exercise -1**

Directions for (Que. 1 - 30): Read the information carefully and answer the questions given below it.

Study the following idioms and choose their meanings from the answer choices given below them.

them.	
1.	By the seat of one's pants
	(1)Through the tough method
	(2)Using guess work or instinct
	(3) Through maintaining a secret

- (4) Using one's strength
- (5) Borrow one's pants

2.	In good season (1) Perfect timing (4) Safe from danger	(2) Having a pleasant temper (5) Happiness	(3) Sufficiently early		
3.	In a sense	(O) TI	(2) T. 1		

J.	in a sense							
	(1) To be sane	(2) To some extent	(3) To be awake					
	(4) In a moment	(5) Not nonsense						

4.	At second hand							
	(1) In a sale	(2) Through something that is already	used					
	(3) By the minute	(4) Through an intermediate source	(5) Arriving late					

5.	Set one's face against (1) To confront (4) To be opposed to	(2) To infuriate (5) To criticize	(3) To contradict
6.	<b>Dictum</b> (1) Value	(2) Theory	(3) Order

6.	Dictum (1) Value (4) Thesis	(2) Theory (5) Dictionary	(3) Order
7.	<b>Dojo</b> (1) Extinct (4) Seminary	(2) Distinct (5) Musical	(3) Idiot

8.	Fio-ru-it (1) He/she flourished (4) It bore fruit	<ul><li>(2) It flowered</li><li>(5) Withered flower</li></ul>	(3) She gave birth
9.	Fracas I (1) Mess (4) Ire	<ul><li>(2) Disorderly mob</li><li>(5) Tidiness</li></ul>	(3) Disorderly light
10.	Ruckus (1) Brain-washing (4) Uproar	(2) Dirt (5) Ragamuffin	(3) Wild
11.	Savant (1) Elderly Person (4) A ruler	(2) Learned Person (5) Servant	(3) Person with Good Taste
12.	Grantee (1) One who gives a grant (2) One who receives a grant (3) Someone who assures a (4) Someone who assures a (5) Guaranteed	one of something	
13.	Mayhem (1) Deliberate violence (4) Aggression	(2) Confusion (5) Turmoil	(3) Self-sacrifice
14.	Megalomania (1) Exaggerated self-impor (4) Love for Insanity	tance (2) Fear of food (5) Fear for drinks	(3) Love for food
15.	In Toto (1) In accordance to (4) Completely	<ul><li>(2) In existence</li><li>(5) In confusion</li></ul>	(3) In fear of
16.	Xeno (1)Warrior (4) Feminine	(2) Foreign (5) Universal	(3) Angry
17.	Kaput (1) Immobile (4) Royal	(2) Worthless (5) Connection	(3) Totally ruined
18.	Kitsch (1) Vague (4) Destroyed	(2) Immaterial (5) Ordinary	(3) Worthless

19.	Persona Grata (1) Grateful person (4) Person with a pure chara	(2) Acceptable person acter (5) Friendly perso	(3) Huge personality
20.	Diaspora (1) Dispersed Group (4) Colorfully magnificent	(2) Collected mob (5) Mess	(3) Varied interests
21.	Let sleeping dogs lie (1) Leave an existing situati (3) To shirk responsibility		age someone to tell a lie (5) Slumdogs
22.	To go to the dogs (1) To be destroyed (4) To have a bad life	(2) To degenerate (5) To ask for life	(3) To be eaten up
23.	To pump up (1) To flatter (4) To improve something		3) To infuse with enthusiasm
24.	To put on the ritz (1) To put on an accent (4) To assume an attitude of		(3) To cheat somebody (5) To take a risk
25.	To put oneself out (1) To commit suicide (2) (4) To fall sick intentionally		To take pains & do something
26.	To say put (1) To remain in a single pos (4) To remain in order	sition (2) To laze around (5) To have patience	(3) To be in captivity
27.	In the saddle (1) In deep trouble (4) Be in an embarrassing si	(2) To travel constantly ituation	(3) In control (5) On a war
28.	From scratch (1) From absolutely nothing (4) From the living	<ul><li>(2) From waste material</li><li>(5) From the box</li></ul>	(3) From strong evidence
29.	Up to scratch (1) Till Death (4) Till one becomes irritable	<ul><li>(2) Up to the standard</li><li>(5) Till one gets hurt</li></ul>	(3) Till one becomes useless
30.	Go to sea (1) To leave one's children (4) Set out on a voyage	<ul><li>(2) To realize the 'truth' of</li><li>(5) To go for fishing</li></ul>	life (3) To lose a lot of money

# **Answer Key:**

## **Practice Exercise 1**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3	4	1	3	4	2	4	1	1	3	2	3	2	1
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
4	2	3	3	2	1	1	2	3	4	3	1	3	1
29	30												
2	4												