IDIOMS & PHRASES

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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.

	 (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 (1) To be sane (4) In a moment	(2) To some extent (5) Not nonsense	(3) To be awake							
4.	At second hand (1) In a sale (3) By the minute	(2) Through something that is (4) Through an intermediate s	-							
5.	Set one's face against (1) To confront (4) To be opposed to	(2) To infuriate (5) To criticize	(3) To contradict							
6.	Dictum (1) Value (4) Thesis	(2) Theory (5) Dictionary	(3) Order							
7.	Dojo (1) Extinct (4) Seminary	(2) Distinct (5) Musical	(3) Idiot							

8.	Fio-ru-it (1) He/she flourished (4) It bore fruit	(2) It flowered (5) Withered flower	(3) She gave birth				
9.	Fracas I (1) Mess (4) Ire	(2) Disorderly mob (5) Tidiness	(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 gra (3) Someone who assures (4) Someone who assures (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		(3) Love for food				
15.	In Toto (1) In accordance to (4) Completely	(2) In existence (5) In confusion	(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		
		(2) Acceptable person facter (5) Friendly person	(3) Huge personality
20.	Diaspora		
	(1) Dispersed Group(4) Colorfully magnificent		(3) Varied interests
21.	Let sleeping dogs lie		
		ion as it is (2) To encour (4) Let somebody sleep	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		
_0.	(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 o	• •	(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		
-01	(1) To remain in a single po(4) To remain in order		(3) To be in captivity
27.	In the saddle		
	(1) In deep trouble(4) Be in an embarrassing s	(2) To travel constantly ituation	(3) In control (5) On a war
28.	From scratch (1) From absolutely nothing	(2) From waste material	(3) From strong evidence
	(4) From the living	(5) From the box	
29.	Up to scratch		
	(1) Till Death(4) Till one becomes irritable	(2) Up to the standard(5) Till one gets hurt	(3) Till one becomes useless
30.	Go to sea		
		(2) To realize the 'truth' of(5) To go for fishing	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												