

Idioms & Phrases Test - 1



Suggested Time : 10 min

Total questions : 30

DIRECTIONS: For the following questions, substitute the given sentence or phrase with the most suitable word from the given options.

1. A formal, sanctimonious, hypocritical person is called a/an
(1) Eden (2) pharisee
(3) gehenna (4) pedagogue
2. A bold vicious woman is known as a/an
(1) dame (2) pollyanna
(3) Amazon (4) Jezebel
3. A person who betrays his own country by helping an invader is called a /an
(1) quisling (2) vagrant
(3) allegiant (4) pander
4. A person who wants to preserve the existing order of things, feeling content or safe with things as they are, is called a / an
(1) conservative (2) conservationist
(3) pragmatist (4) optimist
5. A person who is selflessly concerned for the welfare of others is called a/an
(1) paranoid (2) altruist
(3) ascetic (4) romantic

DIRECTIONS: For the given capitalized word, pick the option that is closest in meaning.

6. SCURRILOUS
(1) abusive (2) speedy
(3) imbecile (4) transient
7. INGENUOUS
(1) ingenious (2) crafty
(3) diplomatic (4) candid
8. CYNICAL
(1) surprised (2) believer
(3) doubtful (4) meretricious

DIRECTIONS: For the given capitalized word, pick the option that is farthest in meaning.

9. OBSTREPEROUS
(1) noisome (2) obedient
(3) reasonable (4) agreeable
10. PASTORAL
(1) urban (2) unctuous
(3) bucolic (4) fervid
11. VULTURE
(1) greedy (2) gullible
(3) tactless (4) None of these

DIRECTIONS: For the following questions, mark your answer as the option which is different from all other question words in some manner.

12. (1) philistine (2) vulgar
(3) boorish (4) precocious
13. (1) austere (2) self-abnegating
(3) hermitic (4) aesthete
14. (1) gloomy (2) doxy
(3) sad (4) dour

DIRECTIONS: For the following questions, choose the option, which illustrates the given capitalized question word the best.

15. PARANOID
(1) Grandma is always worrying about her health.
(2) Sandra is always suspicious that her competitor is scheming to beat her hollow.
(3) The criminals were constantly looking over their shoulders checking whether someone was following them or not.
(4) The Mughal Emperor who built Taj got the hands of his master architect amputated because of the fear of any replication.

16. APOSTATE

(1) Julian shifted loyalties from the Communists to the Democrats.

(2) I told mother about the girl’s elopement with the boy of another caste.

(3) Though he has been a Congress-man for life he has continually shifted camps within the party.

(4) Lee Kwa Yuan raised his voice against the brutal massacre at the Tianamen Square.

17. COMPLACENT

(1) The student tried to better her scores in the examination.

(2) India is satisfied about its defence readiness after the Pokhran tests.

(3) Iris overlooked her mistake and accepted her with open arms.

(4) He never cares about the details.

DIRECTIONS: For the following questions, mark your answer as the option that represents the relationship similar to the one exhibited by the given capitalized question pair of words.

18. MACHIAVELLIAN : INGENUOUSNESS

(1) celibate : lecherousness

(2) agitator : pogrom

(3) buccaneer : greed

(4) virtuoso : practice

19. HYPOCHONDRIA : INSANITY

(1) adroit : gauche

(2) reckless : careful

(3) martinet : personality

(4) rectitude : behaviour

20. INERUDITE : KNOWLEDGE

(1) inept : capacity

(2) indecisive : determination

(3) incurable : treatment

(4) insensitive : stoic

DIRECTIONS: For the following questions, mark your answer as the option that represents a relationship not similar to the one exhibited by the given capitalized question pair of words.

21. TASKMASTER : EXACTING

(1) philistine : vulgar

(2) steadfast : staunch

(3) prodigy : doltish

(4) prurient : immoral

22. BUCOLIC : IDYLIC

(1) supercilious : disdainful

(2) prodigal : spendthrift

(3) pimp : panderer

(4) hermetic : prurient

23. SATURNINE : SURLY

(1) fickle : volatile

(2) spread-eagle : jingoist

(3) sloppy : slipshod

(4) None of these

DIRECTIONS: For the following questions, fill in the blank spaces with the best choice from the given options.

24. The manner of the lecturer endeared him to his students.

(1) pedantic

(2) affable

(3) rapacious

(4) None of these

25. She had a square build.

(1) huge

(2) mannish

(3) siding

(4) Spartan

26. A dictator is usually surrounded by yes men.

(1) heinous

(2) sycophantic

(3) pompous

(4) inimical

DIRECTIONS: For each of the words below, a contextual usage is provided. Pick the word from the alternatives that is most inappropriate in the given context.

27. IMPECUNIOUS : I first knew him as an impecunious student living in one small room.

(1) destitute

(2) fastidious

(3) indigent

(4) impoverished

28. HARBINGER : The latest figures are seen by many to be harbingers of financial doom.

(1) resilient

(2) precursor

(3) portend

(4) omen

29. GAMBOL : Children gambolled in the play ground for so long that they could not get up in time the next day.

(1) skip

(2) frolic

(3) gawk

(4) caper

30. FULSOME : As we were not convinced by the sales person’s fulsome words about the car, we dropped the idea of purchasing it from there.

(1) dishevelled

(2) insincere

(3) obsequious

(4) flattering
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