

Set no-27

1. **To smell a rat**
(a) to smell foul (b) to see a rat
(c) to chase a rat (d) to be suspicious
2. **Cold comfort**
(a) absurdity (b) deception
(c) slight satisfaction (d) foolish proposal
3. **A bolt from the blue**
(a) a delayed event
(b) an inexplicable event
(c) an unexpected event
(d) an unpleasant event
4. **To show a clean pair of heels**
(a) to hide (b) to escape
(c) to pursue (d) to follow
5. **To die in harness**
(a) premeditated murder
(b) dying young in an accident
(c) to die while in service
(d) to be taken by surprise
6. **To feather one's nest**
(a) to make a residential house
(b) something that lasts for a time
(c) to profit in a dishonest way
(d) none of the above
7. **Sum and substance**
(a) gist (b) theme
(c) outline (d) conclusion

8. For his alleged involvement espionage he is **under a cloud** these days.
- (a) experiencing cloudy weather
 - (b) enjoying favourable luck
 - (c) under suspicion
 - (d) under observation
9. We have appealed to him again and again there is no use **flogging a dead horse** now
- (a) repeating our request
 - (b) making him see reason
 - (c) beating about the bush
 - (d) wasting time in useless effort
10. We shouldn't **look down upon** the wretched of the earth
- (a) sympathize with
 - (b) hate intensely
 - (c) be indifferent to
 - (d) regard with contempt

Answer

1. (d) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. (c)
6. (c) 7. (a) 8. (c) 9. (d) 10. (b)