

# IDIOMS & PHRASES BASED GENERAL ENGLISH PRACTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PDF WITH EXPLANATION

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## Directions:

In the following questions, four alternatives are given for the meaning of the given Idiom/Phrase. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

**Q1.** to smell a rat

- a) to be suspicious
- b) to chase a rat
- c) to see a rat
- d) to smell foul

**Q2.** to move heaven and earth

- a) to cause an earthquake
- b) to try everything possible
- c) to pray to all Gods
- d) to travel in a rocket

**Q3.** to take someone for a ride

- a) to give a ride to someone
- b) to be indifferent
- c) to deceive someone
- d) to disclose a secret

**Q4.** in cold blood

- a) slowly
- b) excitedly
- c) deliberately
- d) angrily

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**Q5.** a damp squib

- a) rainy weather
- b) a disappointing result
- c) a skirt in a laundry
- d) None of the above

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**Q6.** To bite the dust

- a) eat voraciously
- b) have nothing to eat
- c) eat roots
- d) None of the above

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**Q7.** To take to one's heels

- a) to walk slowly
- b) to hop and jump
- c) to run away
- d) to march forward

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**Q8.** To be all at sea.

- a) a family voyage
  - b) in the middle of the ocean
  - c) lost and confused
  - d) a string of islands
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**Q9. Cold comfort**

- a) foolish proposal
  - b) slight satisfaction
  - c) deception
  - d) absurdity
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**Q10. A bolt from the blue**

- a) an unexpected event
  - b) an unpleasant event
  - c) a delayed event
  - d) an inexplicable event
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**Directions:**

In the following questions, four alternatives are given for the idiom / phrase underlined in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best express the meaning of the idiom/phrase as your answer

**Q11. Ram is very calculative and always has an axe to grind.**

- a) fails to arouse interest
  - b) has a private agenda
  - c) works for both sides
  - d) has no result
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**Q12.** There is no gainsaying the fact that the country is in difficulties.

- a) denying
- b) hiding
- c) forgetting
- d) ignoring

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**Q13.** On the issue of marriage, Sarita put her foot down.

- a) walked fast
- b) was firm
- c) got down
- d) stood up

**Q14.** The police looked all over for him but drew a blank.

- a) arrested him
- b) took him to court
- c) did not find him
- d) put him in prison

**Q15.** His investments helped him make a killing in the stock market

- a) lose money quickly
- b) murder someone quickly
- c) plan a murder quickly
- d) make money quickly

**Answers to the above questions :**

**Q1. Answer: (a)**

to be suspicious

**Q2. Answer: (b)**

to try everything possible

**Q3. Answer: (c)**

to deceive someone

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**Q4. Answer: (d)**

angrily

**Q5. Answer: (b)**

a disappointing result

**Q6. Answer: (d)**

Idiom **bite the dust** means :

to fail or to be defeated or destroyed.

**Q7. Answer: (c)**

Idiom **take to your heels** means :

to run away from somebody/something.

**Q8. Answer: (c)**

Idiom to be all at sea means :

confused and not knowing what to do

**Q9. Answer: (b)**

**Cold Comfort** (Noun) means :

the fact that something that would normally be good does not make you happy because the whole situation is bad.

**Q10. Answer: (a)**

Idiom **'a bolt from the blue'** means :

an event or a piece of news which is sudden and unexpected; a complete surprise.

**Q11. Answer: (b)**

Idiom **have an axe to grind** means :

to have private reasons for being involved in something or for arguing for a particular cause.

**Q12. Answer: (a)**

Idiom **Gainsay (verb)** means :

to disagree; to deny.

**Q13. Answer: (b)**

Idiom **put your foot down** means :

to be very strict in opposing what somebody wishes to do; to drive faster.

**Q14. Answer: (c)**

Idiom **draw a blank** means :

to get no response or result

**Q15. Answer: (d)**

Idiom **make a killing** means :

to make a lot of money quickly.

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