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Q1. From stem to stern

- a) all the way from the front of a ship to the back
- b) from the beginning to the end
- c) top of a plant to its roots.
- d) loose pleasantness to become strict

Q2. Over egg the pudding

- a) add unnecessary details to make something seem better or worse.
- b) fill the pudding excessively with egg.
- c) add details in order to make something more exciting.
- d) add important details to the content of a story.

Q3. Turn over a new leaf

- a) change one's behaviour for the better
- b) read between the pages of a book.
- c) do a somersault
- d) do a new job.

Q4. Take up the hatchet

- a) behave formally
- b) pursue a chanc
- c) be caught in a trap
- d) prepare for or go to war

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Q5. At loose ends

- a) tie two loose ends of a thread
- b) keep options open
- c) in an uncertain situation
- d) repay debts

Q6. With might and main

- a) with full risks
- b) with full force
- c) having full confidence
- d) with full blessings

Q7. Ruffle somebody's feather

- a) gamble
- b) escape responsibility
- c) annoy somebody
- d) show contempt for

Q8. Cut short

- a) delete
- b) praise
- c) interrupt
- d) slice into small pieces

Q9. Bad blood a) war b) ill feeling c) threatening attitude d) in an infected state of being Q10. A laughing stock a) an object of laughte b) a storehouse of joke c) an object of desire d) a stock of high value Q11. He and his neighbour are always at loggerheads a) agree on everything b) disagreeing on everything c) aloof from each othe d) abusing each other Q12. I am going to stay at home because I am feeling under the weather today. a) unhappy b) depressed c) irritated d) sick

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Q13. Even in the middle of the fire he kept a level head.
a) was impulsive
b) was sensible
c) was crazy
d) was self centred
Q14. The winning team decided to go for the jugular in the last quarter of the match.
a) forfeit the match
b) give easy opportunities to the opposite team
c) give reserve players a chance
d) attack all out
Q15. Everybody thought Asha and Ashok were a happy couple, but it was all just make believe.
a) hatred
b) treachery
c) reality
d) pretence
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Answers to the above questions :
Q1. Answer: (a)

From stem to stern = from the front to the back especially of a ship

Look at the sentence : Surges of water rocked their boats from stem to stern

Q2. Answer: (a)

add unnecessary details to make better or worse.

Over egg the pudding = to spoil something by trying too hard to improve it.

Look at the sentence: As a director, I think he has a tendency to over-egg the pudding, with a few too many gorgeous shots of the country side.

Q3. Answer: (a)

change one's behaviour for the better

Turn over a new leaf = start to act or or behave in a better or more responsible way; improve; to start behaving in a better way.

Look at the sentence: Apparently he has turned over a new leaf and he is not smoking any more.

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Q4. Answer: (d)

prepare for or go to war

Take up the hatchet = to make or declare war

Look at the sentence: He induced the tribes to take up the hatchet against the English.

Q5. Answer: (c)

in an uncertain situation

At a loose end = to have nothing to do At loose ends = not knowing what to do, especially because of an upsetting change.

Look at the sentences: If you find yourself at loose ends, you could always clean the bathroom.

I was at loose ends after finishing school and not being able to find a job.

Q6. Answer: (b)

with full force

With might and main = with all one's power or strength; to the best of one's ability; with as much effort as possible.

Look at the sentence: They shouted with might and main but nobody came to rescue them.

Q7. Answer: (c)

annoy somebody

Ruffle somebody's feather = to cause someone to be upset.

Look at the sentence: Mohan ruffled a few feathers when he suggested cutting the teacher's salaries.

Q8. Answer: (c)

interrupt

Cut short = to have to stop doing something before it is finished.

Look at the sentence: Their conversation was cut short by the arrival of more guests.

Q9. Answer: (b)

ill feeling

Bad blood = feelings of hate between people because of arguments in the past.

Look at the sentence: There has been bad blood between the two families for years.

Q10. Answer: (a)

an object of laughter

A laughing stock = someone or something that seems stupid or silly, especially by trying to be serious or important and not succeeding.

Look at the sentence: Another performance like that and this team will be the laughing stock of the league.

Q11. Answer: (b)

at loggerheads: in strong disagreement.

? The two governments are still at loggerheads over the island.

The best option is disagreeing on everything

Q12. Answer: (d)

under the weather: slightly ill/sick and not as well as usual.

? I She said she was under the weather and couldn't make it to the meeting.

The best option is sick

Q13. Answer: (b)

keep a level head: to remain calm and sensible in a difficult situation.

? I You have to keep a level head during business negotiations.

The best option is was sensible

Q14. Answer: (d)

go for the jugular : to attack somebody's weaker point during a discussion , in an aggressive way.

? I She went straight for the jugular at the end of the game.

The best option is attack all out

Q15. Answer: (d)

make believe that...: to pretend that something is true.

? I Let's make believe we're elves. (dwarfs)

The best option is pretence.

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