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Directions:

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

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Q1. to spill the beans

- a) to be untidy
- b) to reveal a secret
- c) to conceal a fact
- d) to reveal partial truth

Q2. dressing-down

- a) wear an expensive gown
- b) give a scolding
- c) pretend
- d) apply bandage

Q3. straw in the wind

- a) a lucky charm
- b) a game that kids play
- c) an indication of what might happen
- d) a light-weight object

Q4. every inch a gentleman

- a) partly
- b) entirely
- c) calculatively
- d) somewhat

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Q5. turn turtle

- a) turn like a turtle
- b) over-turn
- c) a game turtles play
- d) slow like a turtle

Q6. for keeps

- a) away
- b) forever
- c) hid
- d) himself

Q7. Smell a rat

- a) Smell a burned rat
- b) Smell a rotten rat
- c) Smell something right
- d) Suspect something wrong

Q8. pull a long face

- a) to look sad
 - b) to irritate someone
 - c) to pull someone's face
 - d) to make fun
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Q9. to get cold feet

- a) fear
 - b) felicitate
 - c) fever
 - d) drenched
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Q10. with one voice

- a) by one community
 - b) unanimously
 - c) in disharmony
 - d) by one man
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Q11. face the music

- a) be ridiculed
 - b) be punished
 - c) be dismissed
 - d) be applauded
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Q12. Strain every nerve

- a) Work very hard
- b) Beg before others

c) Spend a large amount

d) Try all tricks

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Q13. cat nap

a) sleep like a cat

b) make a snoring sound while sleeping

c) to sleep briefly

d) take a long sleep

Q14. Pale into insignificance

a) was less exciting

b) was less hectic

c) was dull and pale

d) seemed less important

Q15. a chip off the old block

a) to remind of one's son

b) reminds them of one's son

c) reminds of previous memories

d) reminds them of one's father

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (b)

to spill the beans : reveal secret information indiscreetly.

Here, to reveal a secret is the right option.

Look at the sentence : I spilled the beans about the surprise party, by telling the birthday girl.

Q2. Answer: (b)

dress-down (N.) : an occasion when somebody speaks angrily to a person because they have done something wrong.

Here, give a scolding is the right option.

Look at the sentence : I'm really late. I know my parents will dress me down when I get home

Q3. Answer: (c)

straw in the wind : a small sign of what might happen in the near future.

Here, an indication of what might happen is the right option.

Look at the sentence : There were straws in the wind that suggested a strike was likely.

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Q4. Answer: (b)

every inch a gentleman : completely; entirely.

Here, entirely is the right option.

Q5. Answer: (b)

over-turn

Turn turtle = turn upsidedown.

Look at the sentence : But en route at Chavara the ambulance met with an accident and turned turtle.

Q6. Answer: (b)

for keeps : for ever

Look at the sentence : Is it yours for keeps or does he want it back ?

Here, forever is the right option

Q7. Answer: (d)

Suspect something wrong

Smell a rat = begin to suspect trickery or deception.

Look at the sentence : When she died, investigators were called in who soon smelt a rat.

Q8. Answer: (a)

pull a long face : to have an unhappy or disappointed expression.

Look at the sentence : He took one look at her long face and said 'what's wrong ?'

Here, to look sad is the right option

Q9. Answer: (a)

to get cold feet : to suddenly become nervous about doing something.

Here, fear is the right option.

Look at the sentence : He was going to ask her but he got cold feet and said nothing.

Q10. Answer: (b)

with one voice : unanimously; with everyone agreeing.

Look at the sentence : The various opposition parties speak with one voice on this issue.

Here, unanimously is the right option.

Q11. Answer: (b)

face the music : to accept and deal with criticism or punishment for something you have done.

Here, be punished is the right option.

Look at the sentence : The others all ran off, leaving me to face the music.

Q12. Answer: (a)

Work very hard

Strain every nerve = make every possible effort.

Look at the sentence : He strained every nerve to get a job for his wife.

Q13. Answer: (c)

cat nap : brief sleep

Look at the sentence : I am going to try to squeeze in a cat nap before my next shift starts

Here, to sleep briefly is the right option

Q14. Answer: (d)

Q15. Answer: (d)

a chip off the old block : a person who is very similar to their mother or father in the way that they look or behave.

Look at the sentence : She enjoys bossing people around just like her mother used to do – she's a real chip off the old block

Here, reminds them of one's father is the right option

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