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Directions:

In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

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Q1. While away

- a) To be on time
- b) To utilize time efficiently
- c) To be late
- d) Spend time uselessly

Q2. To go for broke

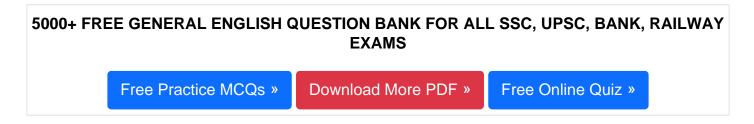
- a) Losing all money in an effort to revive a failing business
- b) Failure in relationship or partnership
- c) To start again after failing in a business.
- d) To risk everything in an all-out effort

Q3. Not one's cup of tea

- a) To accept defeat even before attempting to take up the challenge
- b) Not one's choice or preference
- c) To stop having breakfast
- d) zo be satisfied with less

Q4. To steal a march

- a) To break something
- b) To see a hidden meaning
- c) To act in a foolish way
- d) To outshine



Q5. To let someone off

- a) To leave someone in his present state
- b) To refuse to answer
- c) To let someone fall
- d) To release someone from blame

Q6. To wrangle over an ass's shadow

- a) To punish a person severely for his arrogance
- b) To keep away from extreme poverty
- c) To waste money over trifles
- d) To quarrel over trifles

Q7. To put a spoke in one's wheel

- a) To maintain under all circumstances
- b) To put a difficulty in the way of progress
- c) To be advantageous at the time of difficulty
- d) To blame the other party

Q8. Bear the palm

- a) To meet death
- b) To win
- c) To face the consequences
- d) To be able to predict future

Q9. Blood is thicker than water

- a) Family relationships and loyalties are the strongest and most important ones
- b) All crimes are not equal so punishment for murder is not same as that of theft
- c) Deceit from a family member hurts more than being cheated by strangers
- d) Relations are more important than merit

Q10. To make a fuss about

- a) To work hard for eventual success
- b) An excessive display of attention or activity
- c) To be extremely delighted
- d) To be very strict or have very high standards

Q11. To sleep with the fishes

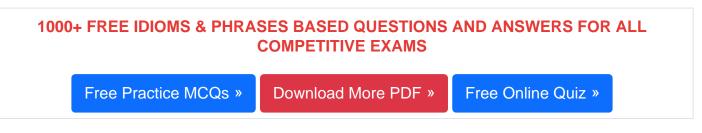
- a) To sleep peacefully
- b) To make absurd excuses
- c) To be dead
- d) Always be in a dream world

Q12. Get someone's goat

- a) To do something special for someone
- b) To annoy someone

c) To explain something to someone in a very clear way with details

d) To improvise



Q13. The squeaky wheel gets the grease

- a) The person who complains the most is hated the most
- b) One unfortunate child always keep getting punished
- c) The favourite child or student gets the most attention
- d) The most noticeable problems are the ones most likely to get attention

Q14. To make up one's mind

- a) To make a decision; decide
- b) To psyche oneself into believing that the task at hand is not impossible
- c) To be prepared for unfavourable outcomes
- d) To overcome intense grief

Q15. To keep the wolf from the door

- a) Crack the deal
- b) Have a pleasant tour
- c) Avoid starvation
- d) Entry prohibited

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (d)

Q2. Answer: (d)

'To go for broke' — To risk everything in an all-out effort.

Q3. Answer: (b)

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Q7. Answer: (b)

Q8. Answer: (b)

Q9. Answer: (a)

'Blood is thicker than water' — Family relationships and loyalties are the strongest and most important ones.

Q10. Answer: (b)

Q11. Answer: (c)

'To sleep with the fishes' — To be dead.

Q12. Answer: (b)

Q13. Answer: (d)

'The squeaky wheel gets the grease' — The most noticeable problems are the ones most likely to get attention.

Q14. Answer: (a)

Q15. Answer: (c)

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