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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) to 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

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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
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Q8. Bear the palm

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

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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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Q4. Answer: (d)

Q5. Answer: (a)

Q6. Answer: (d)

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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