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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.

Q1. Blow one's trumpet

- a) To praise a leader
- b) To praise oneself
- c) To praise a community
- d) To praise another

Q2. pick to pieces

- a) complete a work entirely
- b) analyse critically
- c) select only what you need.
- d) study something superficially

Q3. curry favour

- a) seek favourable attention
- b) prepare a dish
- c) attract attention
- d) seek impartial judgement

Q4. cut the mustard

- a) to score average
- b) to perform well
- c) to underperform
- d) to get under expectations

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Q5. Feather one's own nest

- a) Work hard at home
- b) build a home
- c) make money in an improper way
- d) Decorate

Q6. on tenterhooks

- a) in suspense and anxiety
- b) angry and irritated
- c) surprised and shocked
- d) happy and excited

Q7. A drop in a bucket

- a) Nothing at all
- b) A handsome amount
- c) A very insignificant amount
- d) As much as possible

Q8. Button her lip

- a) Stop talking
 - b) Invite us too
 - c) Enjoy herself
 - d) Tell us more
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Q9. A Man of letters

- a) Proof-reader
 - b) Postman
 - c) Scholar
 - d) Letter-writer
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Q10. put two and two together

- a) poor financial condition
 - b) reason logically
 - c) forget something
 - d) bad at mathematics
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Q11. Call in question

- a) Doubtful
 - b) Prove a theory
 - c) Challenge
 - d) Summon as a witness
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Q12. Every dark cloud has a silver lining

- a) Every unpleasant situation has a positive side
- b) Every dark cloud is upsetting
- c) Cloud with dark and silver lining is good
- d) Every unpleasant situation has to wait

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Q13. once in a blue moon

- a) common
- b) predictable
- c) ordinary
- d) very rarely

Q14. Evening of life

- a) A party
- b) Holiday
- c) None of these
- d) Old age

Q15. bark is worse than his bite

- a) temper cannot be controlled.
- b) ferocious scolding hurt more than his action.
- c) anger is always justified.
- d) threat is worse than the action taken.

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (b)

to praise a oneself

Blow one's trumpet = talk boastfully about one's achievement.

Look at the sentence : He refused to blow his own trumpet and blushinglly declined to speak.

Q2. Answer: (b)

pick to pieces : to criticize somebody

Here, analyse critically is the right option.

Look at the sentence : You have just picked her to pieces leave her alone !

Q3. Answer: (a)

curry favour : to try to get somebody to like or support you by praising or helping.

Here, seek favourable attention is the right option.

Look at the sentence : He's always trying to carry favour with the boss.

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Q4. Answer: (b)

cut the mustard : to be as good as expected or required.

Look at the sentence : I did not cut the mustard as a hockey player.

Here, to perform well is the right option

Q5. Answer: (c)

make money in an improper way

Feather one's own nest = to make yourself rich especially in a way that is unfair or dishonest.

Look at the sentence : You always try to feather your own nest first.

Q6. Answer: (a)

on tenterhooks : very anxious or excited

Here, in suspense and anxiety is the right option.

Look at the sentence : I have been on tenterhooks all week waiting for the results.

Q7. Answer: (c)

A very insignificant amount

A drop in a bucket = a very small or unimportant amount.

Look at the sentence : What we were paid for our work was a drop in the bucket compared to what the company earned.

Q8. Answer: (a)

to stop talking

Button one's lip = to be quiet; to stop talking; to say nothing.

Look at the sentence : She did not want to get into a fight, so she decided to button her lip.

Q9. Answer: (c)

Scholar

A man of letters = a male scholar or author; a man who knows a lot.

Look at the sentence : He wished to fashion for himself a career as a man of letters.

Q10. Answer: (b)

put two and two together : to guess the truth from what you see.

Here, reason logically is the right option.

Look at the sentence : He's inclined to put two and two together.

Q11. Answer: (c)

Challenge

Call in/into question = to cause something or someone to be evaluated; interrogate; to cause doubts.

Look at the sentence : How can you call her honesty into question ?

Q12. Answer: (a)

Every unpleasant situation has a positive side

Every dark cloud has a silver lining = Difficult times always lead to better days. Difficult times are like dark clouds that pass overhead and block the sun.

Q13. Answer: (d)

once in a blue moon : hardly ever ; almost never ; very rarely.

Here, very rarely is the right option.

Look at the sentence : He comes to me once in a blue moon.

Q14. Answer: (d)

Evening of life = old age

Look at the sentence : The residents of this rest home are all in the evening of life.

Q15. Answer: (d)

bark is worse than bite : threat is worse than the action taken.

Here, threat is worse than the action taken is the right option

Look at the sentences : I wouldn't be scared of her if I were you.

Her bark's a lot worse than her bite.

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