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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. There's no such thing as a free lunch

- a) Even a mother will expect something for her love
- b) There is no genuine kindness in this world
- c) Those who are tempted by free things, end up spending more
- d) It isn't possible to get something for nothing

Q2. Throw up the sponge

- a) To laugh at someone
- b) To talk loudly
- c) To attack
- d) To surrender

Q3. Make an ass out of

- a) Work very hard like a donkey
- b) Make a mistake
- c) Cause someone or oneself to look foolish or stupid
- d) Be smart but act dumb

Q4. Chicken-hearted

- a) Short tempered
- b) Bold
- c) Coward
- d) Composed

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Q5. Know the ropes

- a) To understand the details
- b) Main support
- c) To climb on a rope
- d) Unable to understand

Q6. The thin end of the wedge

- a) Be aware of the trick
- b) Start of harmful development
- c) Not a worthy possession
- d) In strict vigilance

Q7. In a jiffy

- a) In an appropriate manner
 - b) To fall in love
 - c) Fail to win appreciation
 - d) Something that is done very quickly
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Q8. fits and starts

- a) quickly
 - b) slowly
 - c) continuously
 - d) not regularly
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Q9. Rat race

- a) Be an oppressive boss and treat employees like animals
 - b) Play games with the lives of other people and see them run aimlessly
 - c) Make others fight for scraps and get sadistic pleasure out of it
 - d) A way of life in which people are caught up in a fiercely competitive struggle for wealth or power
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Q10. An axe to grind

- a) To act like a fool
 - b) To take risk
 - c) To act bravely
 - d) To have a selfish motive
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Q11. To hit the nail on the head

- a) To make a wrong decision
 - b) To unwittingly fall into a trap
 - c) To take out frustration by beating a person
 - d) To find exactly the right answer
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Q12. Give somebody a ring

- a) Inform about the death of a loved one
- b) Trap somebody in a difficult relationship

- c) Propose marriage
- d) Call someone on the telephone

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Q13. To chip on his shoulder

- a) Wearing your battle scars like medals
- b) Uniform decorated with stars and medals
- c) Holding a grudge or grievance that readily provokes a fight
- d) To have huge responsibilities on one's shoulders

Q14. To make amends

- a) To feel guilty for something you have not done
- b) To make flimsy excuses
- c) To make new friends
- d) To compensate

Q15. Teething problems

- a) Problems at the start of a new project
- b) Problem of having good dentist
- c) Oral problems
- d) Problems for quite a long time in adjusting in the new place

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (d)

'There's no such thing as a free lunch' — It isn't possible to get something for nothing.

Q2. Answer: (d)

Q3. Answer: (c)

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Q4. Answer: (c)

Q5. Answer: (a)

Q6. Answer: (b)

Q7. Answer: (d)

Q8. Answer: (d)

Q9. Answer: (d)

Q10. Answer: (d)

Q11. Answer: (d)

Q12. Answer: (d)

Q13. Answer: (c)

'To chip on his shoulder' — Holding a grudge or grievance that readily provokes a fight.

Q14. Answer: (d)

Q15. Answer: (a)

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