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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. To beat a dead horse

- a) To extract everything from a resource till it fails
- b) A cruel master will expect a slave to work even after his death
- c) Doing a cruel act
- d) To revive interest in hopeless issue

### Q2. Call it a day

- a) To take a break or a holiday.
- b) To declare the end of a task.
- c) To start a job wishing for success.
- d) Assign different days to different tasks.

### Q3. At one's wits end

- a) At the last moment
- b) Undecided controversy
- c) A man of ability
- d) To get puzzled

#### **Q4. At the drop of a hat**

- a) Show outward respect to someone you hate.
- b) A mistake which is of not much consequence
- c) Without any hesitation; instantly.
- d) Forcibly let go of something which is very personal to you.

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#### **Q5. Have kittens**

- a) To have a successful outcome
- b) Be worried
- c) To be carefree
- d) To pet kittens

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#### **Q6. Gnash your teeth**

- a) Brush your teeth
- b) Take a big bite
- c) Express rage
- d) Laugh hysterically

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#### **Q7. Run out of steam**

- a) To give up easily
  - b) To work quickly like a machine
  - c) No more money to spend
  - d) To lose impetus or enthusiasm
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**Q8. All agog**

- a) Contentment
  - b) Unsystematically
  - c) Avoid
  - d) Amazed
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**Q9. To be on cloud nine**

- a) To feel lucky
  - b) To make one last attempt
  - c) To be extremely happy
  - d) To experience the feeling of being intoxicated
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**Q10. In bad taste**

- a) To be a bad cook
  - b) To express honest harsh opinion about someone or something
  - c) Not suitable or offensive
  - d) To have a poor choice of fashion style
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**Q11. Get up on the wrong side of the bed**

- a) Start the day in a bad mood, which continues all day long
  - b) Suffer an uncomfortable stay at an unfamiliar place
  - c) Make a wrong decision and regret it for the rest of the life
  - d) Have a sleepless night especially due to worries
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**Q12. Hobson's choice**

- a) To make a careful choice
- b) To seek all favourable alternatives to choose from

c) To choose first in row

d) No real choice at all

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**Q13. In black and white**

a) Not able to appreciate the finer things in life

b) very clear choice that causes no confusion

c) Be colour blind

d) Be excessively prejudiced against something or someone

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**Q14. At loggerheads**

a) In conflict with someone

b) To be in do or die situation

c) To suffer

d) To face tough competition

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**Q15. To shoot the breeze**

a) To release stomach gases

b) To have a casual conversation

c) To brag about some mild achievement

d) To do random acts hoping one will be successful

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**Answers to the above questions :**

**Q1. Answer: (d)**

'To beat a dead horse' — To revive interest in a hopeless issue.

**Q2. Answer: (b)**

**Q3. Answer: (d)**

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**Q4. Answer: (c)**

**Q5. Answer: (b)**

**Q6. Answer: (c)**

**Q7. Answer: (d)**

'Run out of steam' — To lose impetus or enthusiasm.

**Q8. Answer: (d)**

**Q9. Answer: (c)**

**Q10. Answer: (c)**

**Q11. Answer: (a)**

**Q12. Answer: (d)**

**Q13. Answer: (b)**

**Q14. Answer: (a)**

**Q15. Answer: (b)**

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