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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.

[SSC CGL 2017]

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

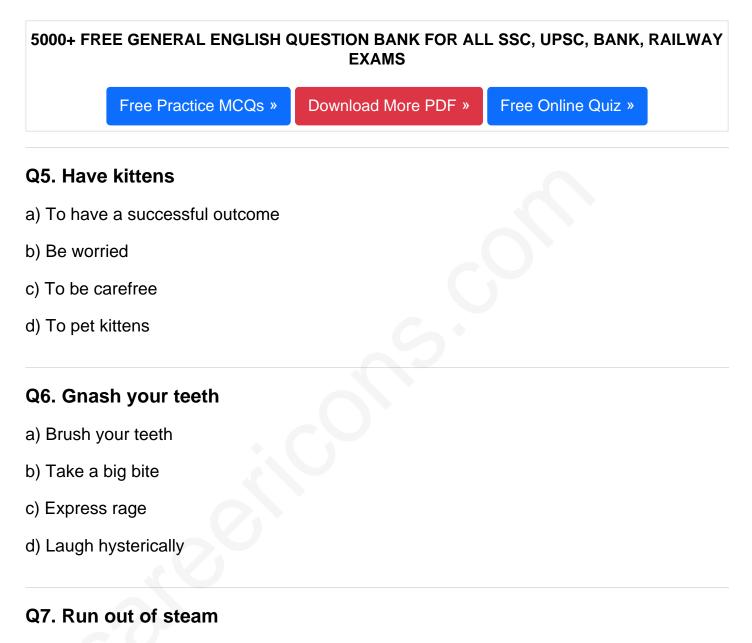
- a) To take a break or a holiday.
- b) To declare the end of a task.
- c) To start a job wishing for success.
- d) Assign different days to different tasks.

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.



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

Q8. All agog

- a) Contentment
- b) Unsystematically
- c) Avoid
- d) Amazed

Q9. To be on cloud nine

- a) To feely lucky
- b) To make one last attempt
- c) To extremely happy
- d) To experience the feeling of being intoxicated

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

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 pl ace
- c) Make a wrong decision and regret it for the rest of the life
- d) Have a sleepless night especially due to worries

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

Q14. At loggerheads

- a) In conflict with someone
- b) To be in do or die situation
- c) To suffer
- d) To face tough competition

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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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)

'To shoot the breeze' — To have a casual conversation.

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