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Directions:

In the following questions, four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase in bold in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

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Q1. The principal of this school is **a hard nut to crack**.

- a) difficult
- b) careless
- c) kind
- d) generous

Q2. We consider the 14th of February **a red letter day**.

- a) a day marked in red
- b) a day to write letters
- c) an important day
- d) a day to write with red pens

Q3. I am sure the girls will fight **tooth and nail** for their rights.

- a) without any weapon
- b) in a cowardly manner
- c) with all their rights
- d) with all their might

Q4. At the police station, he showed a **clean pair of heels**.

- a) displayed clean heels
- b) kneeled down
- c) showed courage
- d) ran away

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Q5. You find a **black sheep** in every community.

- a) person with bad reputation
- b) one who lives the life of shame
- c) one who is always doing wrong
- d) one who does not co-operate

Q6. We must **draw the line** somewhere.

- a) fix a limit
- b) aim at the sky
- c) turn the tables
- d) put the screw on

Q7. The trial **made a mockery** of justice.

- a) it was a mock trial
- b) there was no serious outcome
- c) made the system look ridiculous
- d) people mocked at the judgement

Q8. He wanted this agreement **in black and white**.

- a) orally
 - b) in discourse
 - c) in detail
 - d) in writing
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Q9. The President **gave away** the prizes to the winners.

- a) released
 - b) gave back
 - c) distributed
 - d) let go
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Q10. When he left he was extremely disappointed. I think he's gone **for good**.

- a) to a good place
 - b) to a foreign country
 - c) permanently
 - d) to seek good fortune
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Q11. His recent statement is **an about turn**.

- a) a declaration of war
 - b) complete change of opinion
 - c) a bold statement
 - d) a good announcement
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Q12. The shopping mall is **a bee hive** of activity.

- a) a secure place
- b) a sweet place

c) a costly place

d) a busy place

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Q13. You need to improve your work because it is not **up to the mark**.

a) according to the required standard

b) as good as the others

c) marked properly and accurately

d) up to the potential displayed

Q14. The officer was **in the soup** when there was a raid in his office.

a) drinking soup

b) distributing soup

c) to be in trouble

d) preparing soup

Q15. to cut the Gordian knot

a) to cut a piece of cloth

b) to perform an easy task

c) to do a job perfunctorily

d) to perform a difficult task

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (a)

a hard nut to crack : a difficult situation or problem to deal with.

A company whose product has sold well in the states may find the European market a tougher nut to crack.

The best option is difficult

Q2. Answer: (c)

a red letter day : an important day.

Independence Day is a red letter day in Indian History.

The best option is an important day

Q3. Answer: (d)

tooth and nail : with all strength.

The residents are fighting tooth and nail to stop the new development

The best option is with all their might

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Q4. Answer: (d)

show a clean pair of heels : to run away fast; to flee swiftly.

Bobby showed them all a clean pair of heels as he raced for the finishing line.

The best option is ran away

Q5. Answer: (a)

black sheep : a person who is considered bad or embarrassing.

He is the black sheep of the family.

The best option is person with bad reputation

Q6. Answer: (a)

to draw the line : to set a limit.

We would have liked to invite all our relatives, but you have to draw the line somewhere.

The best option is fix a limit.

Q7. Answer: (b)

Make a mockery of something : to make something seem ridiculous or useless.

The film made a mockery of a serious illness.

The best option is there was no serious outcome

Q8. Answer: (d)

in black and white : in writing

I never thought they'd put it in black and white on the front page.

The best option is in writing

Q9. Answer: (c)

give away : distribute

The mayor gave away the prizes at the school sports day.

The best option is distributed

Q10. Answer: (c)

for good : permanently

This time she's leaving for good.

The best option is permanently

Q11. Answer: (b)

an about turn : a complete change of opinion, plan or behaviour etc.

The government did an about turn over nuclear energy.

The best option is complete change of opinion.

Q12. Answer: (d)

a beehive (N.) : a place where busy people are assembled ; a crowded, busy place.

Where ever you go an airport a railway station, etc. – all seem to be a beehive.

The best option is a busy place

Q13. Answer: (b)

up to the mark/up to snuff/ up to scratch : as good as it should be.

Your work isn't really up to the mark.

The best option is according to the required standard.

Q14. Answer: (c)

in the soup : in trouble

We're all in the soup now.

The best option is to be in trouble

Q15. Answer: (d)

to cut the Gordian knot : to solve a problem by taking action.

I'm trying to devise some kind of way by which we can cut the gordion knot without going through the bureaucracy.

The best option is to perform a difficult task.

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