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Directions:

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

Q1. To shed crocodile tears

- a) to grieve seriously
- b) to pretend grief
- c) to mock something
- d) to weep profusely

Q2. The car broke down just as it reached the edge of a cliff. It was indeed a close shave.

- a) narrow escape from danger
- b) very risky
- c) to be happy
- d) to share one's brand

Q3. He amassed his wealth through sharp practices.

- a) Intelligent decisions
- b) illegal means
- c) quick decisions
- d) dishonest means

Q4. The village headman pretends to be a good Samaritan.

- a) a citizen of Samaria
- b) a helpful person
- c) a law-abiding citizen
- d) a religious person

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Q5. to have something up one's sleeves

- a) having an ambitious plan
- b) having an Important project
- c) having a secret plan
- d) having a practical plan

Q6. Raj couldn't pay the bill, so he asked the owner to put it on the cuff.

- a) In his bank account
- b) against his credit card
- c) in his friend's account
- d) on credit

Q7. Sometimes, it happens that we have to give the devil his due.

- a) to invite the devil
- b) to give encouragement even to the enemy
- c) to stand in the way of the devil
- d) to give credit to even a notorious person

Q8. pot-luck dinner

- a) dinner where only soup is served
 - b) dinner where everybody pays for his food
 - c) dinner where people eat and play game is at the same time
 - d) dinner where everybody brings something to eat
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Q9. Red-letter day

- a) happy and significant day
 - b) fatal day
 - c) hapless day
 - d) a colourful day
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Q10. We wanted to give Rita a surprise party but John let the cat out of the bag.

- a) told her about it unintentionally
 - b) gave her a party himself
 - c) prevented her from attending it
 - d) spoilt the party with a cat
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Q11. at one's wit's end

- a) to be a stupid person
 - b) to be puzzled
 - c) to behave irrationally
 - d) to understand thoroughly
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Q12. to show a clean pair of heels

- a) to pursue

- b) to escape
- c) to follow
- d) to hide

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Q13. When he went to claim insurance for his car, the agent said he hadn't a leg to stand on.

- a) did not have much hope of getting it
- b) was lame
- c) would have to wait for some time
- d) had been injured in an accident

Q14. The luxury car that they bought turned out to be a white elephant.

- a) costly or troublesome possession
- b) useful mode of transport
- c) a proud possession
- d) a rare article

Q15. at snail's pace

- a) to lack interest in work
- b) to walk like a snail
- c) to do things in methodical manner
- d) to do things very slowly

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (b)

Q2. Answer: (a)

Q3. Answer: (d)

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Q4. Answer: (b)

Q5. Answer: (c)

Q6. Answer: (d)

Q7. Answer: (b)

Q8. Answer: (d)

Q9. Answer: (d)

Q10. Answer: (a)

Q11. Answer: (b)

Q12. Answer: (b)

Q13. Answer: (a)

Q14. Answer: (a)

Q15. Answer: (d)

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