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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. I have **clean hands**, so why should I be afraid of any one.

- a) faulty
- b) innocent
- c) hygienic
- d) beautiful

Q2. You cannot expect even a single penny from him, he is a **closefisted man**.

- a) boxer
- b) courageous
- c) generous
- d) miser

Q3. **to keep the wolf away from the door**

- a) to guard against wild animals
- b) to guard against enemies
- c) to keep aloof from disputed matters
- d) to keep off starvation

Q4. to set the Thames on fire

- a) do something to suit one's own purpose
- b) to burn someone alive
- c) destroy with fire
- d) do a heroic deed

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Q5. The future of Kashmir is still a vexed question.

- a) None of the given options.
- b) important
- c) confused
- d) controversial

Q6. 15th August is a red-letter day in the history of India.

- a) blood-donation day
- b) holiday
- c) a historical occasion
- d) an important day

Q7. I have a feeling in my gut that her husband is cheating her.

- a) slight hint
- b) lot of Proof
- c) strong fear
- d) strong instinct

Q8. A : Can you help me ? B : Sure, I'll be **finished with** this in a second.

- a) be satisfied
 - b) be exhausted
 - c) be through
 - d) be thorough
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Q9. a golden mean

- a) middle course between two extremes
 - b) a sudden sad event
 - c) a subject of contention
 - d) comfortable and easy work
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Q10. out of sorts

- a) out of reach
 - b) out of sight
 - c) not well
 - d) not rich
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In each of 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 as your answer.**

Q11. We visit the shopping mall **off and on**.

- a) often
- b) really and truly
- c) once upon a time
- d) up and about

Q12. Life is an event of **give and take**.

- a) make believe
- b) always
- c) giving
- d) adjustment

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Q13. Try to **make do** with what you have.

- a) do
- b) produce
- c) manage
- d) create

Q14. The personality development, class started with an **ice breaking** session.

- a) starting conversation
- b) introducing chief guest
- c) making speeches
- d) having breakfast

Q15. He **chickened out** when he confronted opposition.

- a) released chicken
 - b) hatched eggs
 - c) withdrew
 - d) ate chicken
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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (b)

clean hands : not offensive; not doing anything immoral.

I'm clean hands, so I'm not afraid of appearing before the judge.

The best option is innocent

Q2. Answer: (d)

a close - fistted person : not liking to spend money; miser.

She has always been a close-fisted person with her money.

The best option is miser

Q3. Answer: (d)

to keep the wolf away from the door : to have enough money to avoid going hungry; to stop somebody feeling hungry.

I don't make a lot of money, just enough to keep the wolf from the door.

The best option is to keep off starvation.

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Q4. Answer: (d)

to set the Thames on fire : to do such a work that needs a strenuous effort.

To win Mount Everest is like setting the Thames on fire.

The best option is do a heroic deed.

Q5. Answer: (d)

a vexed question : a problem that is difficult to deal with ; thorny.

The conference spent days discussing the vexed question of border controls.

The best option is controversial

Q6. Answer: (d)

a red-letter day : an important/auspicious day.

Republic Day is a red-letter day in our history.

The best option is an important day

Q7. Answer: (d)

gut feeling : based on feeling and emotions rather than thought and reason.

My gut feeling was that she was lying.

The best option is strong instinct.

Q8. Answer: (c)

finish with something : to have something at the end, to stop doing something, be through.

I'll be finished with this matter by the end of the day.

The best option is be through

Q9. Answer: (a)

a golden mean : a course of action that is not extreme.

The importance of the golden mean is that it re-affirms the balance needed in life.

The best option is middle course between two extremes.

Q10. Answer: (c)

out of sorts : ill/sick or upset

She was tired and out of sorts by the time she arrived home.

The best option is not well.

Q11. Answer: (a)

off and on : from time to time; now and again

She always remains sick. She has to visit the doctor off and on.

The best option is often.

Q12. Answer: (d)

give and take : willingness in a relationship to accept what somebody else wants and gives up some of what you want

Every contract involves some give and take.

The best option is adjustment.

Q13. Answer: (c)

to make do : to manage

You'll have to make do with less money next year.

The best option is manage.

Q14. Answer: (a)

ice-breaking :

same as 'break the ice' start introduction. There should be someone who will break the ice at any social gathering

The best option is starting conversation.

Q15. Answer: (c)

chickened out : to decide not to do something because you are afraid

Gaurav chickened out of the plan at the last minute.

The best option is withdrew.

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