

ENGLISH

Idioms & Phrases Worksheet

For students preparing for MAH-B.BCA/BBA/BMS/BBM CET 2024 for admission to BCA, BBA, BMS, BBM

Directions (1-10) Given below are the sentences with Idioms and Phrases highlighted in bold. You are required to choose the most correct meaning of the phrase from the given options.

- The government of the nations is not **hard and fast** with the lockdown rules during pandemic disease.
 - Serious
 - Cause of trouble
 - Facing the risk
 - Strict
- America and China own the **lion's share** in the investment of the top companies of the world.
 - Under its control
 - Equal part
 - Biggest part
 - The whole part
- The **bone of contention** between the two brothers is the ancestral property of their forefathers.
 - Reason of brotherhood
 - Point of argument
 - Reason of quarrel
 - Pretence of love
- Currently, the economies of the world are **biting the bullet** as major companies have affected its works due to the present situation amid the virus outbreak.
 - Having war with others
 - Dwelling on the same page
 - Doing things in the wrong order
 - Doing something unpleasant that one has been putting off
- Trust Ria's mother to **spill the beans** as she sees no reason why she shouldn't do it.
 - Reveal the secret
 - Arrive at the wrong time
 - To make unkind statements about someone
 - To praise one's own achievement
- The Principal was **up in arms** when he heard that boys had fought over a room sharing in the hostel.
 - Very hopeless
 - Very nervous
 - Very tensed
 - Very Angry
- The nation must express the sincerest condolence to the soldiers who secured our lives but **died in harness** at the border.
 - Died while fighting
 - Died while in duty
 - Died without any reason
 - Dying due to disease
- She is **on cloud nine** since she heard the news of her destination engagement.
 - Lost in own world
 - Free from anxiety
 - Extremely enthusiastic
 - Extremely Happy

9. They decided to promote Nell to Manager post, do they not know that he is still **wet behind the ears**.

- A. Work on other directions
- B. Childlike
- C. Inexperienced
- D. Accused of nepotism

10. Hellis is of the opinion that he can **plough a lonely furrow** for his new business, it is more sensible for him to work as a whole with his partners.

- A. Crack a deal
- B. Create a plan of action
- C. Do without others help
- D. Work alone for profit

11. Sobhraj could be easily arrested because the police were **tipped off** in a advance.

- A. Toppled over
- B. Bribed
- C. Given advance information
- D. Threatened

12. I met him after a long time, but he gave me the **cold shoulder**.

- A. scolded me
- B. insulted me
- C. abused me
- D. ignored me

13. He **passed himself off** as a noble man.

- A. Was regarded as
- B. Pretended to be
- C. Was thought to be
- D. Was looked upon

14. This matter has been **hanging fire** for the last many months and must therefore be decided one way or the other.

- A. going on slowly
- B. hotly debated
- C. stuck up
- D. ignored

15. In the armed forces, it is considered a great privilege to **die in harness**.

- A. die on a horse back
- B. die in the battlefield
- C. die while still working
- D. die with honor

16. Since he knew what would happen, he should be left to **stew in his own juice**.

- A. Make a stew
- B. Boil
- C. Suffer in his own juice
- D. Suffer for his own act

17. The project did not appear to **hold out** bright prospects.

- A. highlight
- B. show
- C. offer
- D. promise

18. I am afraid he is burning **the candle at both ends** and ruining his life.

- A. wasting his money
- B. becoming overgenerous
- C. overtaking his energies
- D. losing his objectives

19. The university will have to **shelve** its plans for expansion in view of present situation

- A. cancel
- B. discuss
- C. reconsider
- D. postpone

20. Do no trust a man who **blows his own trumpet**

- A. flatters
- B. praises others
- C. admonishes others
- D. praises himself

Directions (21-30) Find the correct idioms.

21. "Be down in the dumps"

- A. Appear miserable
- B. Ever ready to take on
- C. To fall down
- D. To fall down

22. "Sweeping statement"

- A. Generalized statements
- B. Thoughtless statement
- C. Rash statement
- D. Unpremeditated statement

23. "Back out"
- A. Withdraw from
 - B. Support
 - C. Step aside
 - D. Pack up
24. "The green-eyed monster"
- A. To get into trouble
 - B. The creature of the sea
 - C. An animal with green eyes
 - D. Personal jealousy
25. "To beg the question"
- A. to be discussed to be discussed
 - B. to raise objections
 - C. to refer to
 - D. to take for granted
26. "Face the music"
- A. Listen to the music
 - B. Feel sorry
 - C. Get finished
 - D. Get reprimanded
27. "Back up"
- A. Give moral support
 - B. Pull back from
 - C. Back-bencher
 - D. Stay behind
28. "Be to the fore"
- A. Be prominent
 - B. To take the lead
 - C. To the brim
 - D. Pre-apprehension
29. "To beat about the bush" Find the Idioms.
- A. To avoid coming to the point
 - B. To boast about oneself
 - C. To punish an innocent person
 - D. None of these
30. "To keep one's temper"
- A. to be aloof from
 - B. to preserve one's energy
 - C. to become angry
 - D. to be in a good mood

Answer Key

1. D	2. B	3. B	4. D	5. A	6. D	7. B	8. D	9. D	10. C
11. C	12. D	13. B	14. A	15. C	16. D	17. C	18. C	19. D	20. D
21. A	22. A	23. A	24. D	25. D	26. D	27. A	28. A	29. A	30. D

