

IDIOMS & PHRASES

Idioms and Phrases Worksheet - 1

For students preparing for SSC MTS 2024 Exam.

1. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Beauty of it

- A. Make things worse
- B. Cause for dispute
- C. Quite ordinary
- D. Good points

2. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

We prefer going to movies once in a blue moon.

- A. Very rarely
- B. Very amazingly
- C. Very diligently
- D. Very often

3. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Today's question paper felt like a cakewalk.

- A. Very sweet
- B. Very tasty
- C. Very easy
- D. Very difficult

4. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom.

Mary is a ball of fire and is always engaged in something creative.

- A. An active and energetic person
- B. A dull and insipid person
- C. To be good and beneficial for someone
- D. A talkative person

5. Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.

By living in a rural area with access to the city, she gets _____.

- A. the best of both worlds
- B. to keep an ear to the ground

C. on cloud nine

D. in for a penny in for a pound

6. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get your act together

- A. To have patience
- B. To stay together
- C. To act in a play
- D. Get organised and do things better

7. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the following sentence.

After having invested so much time and energy into the project, we are now back to square one.

- A. Not ready for the consequence
- B. In the same city
- C. Fighting with each other
- D. Having to start all over again

8. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Sell like hot cakes

- A. Quick sell out
- B. Selling cakes
- C. Being ignored
- D. Eating hot cake

9. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Let sleeping dogs lie

- A. To let somebody sleep
- B. To fall sick intentionally
- C. Leave an existing situation as it is
- D. To care for the pet

10. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Call the shots

- A. To be a follower that makes less important decision
 - B. To be in a position to make decisions that influences a situation
 - C. To be in a powerless position that follows orders
 - D. To be in a neutral position
- C. Have an exceptionally fun or exciting experience
 - D. Immediate involvement of everyone present

11. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Ethnic Cleansing

- A. Worshipping of a certain ethnic or religious group on a massive scale
- B. Killing of a certain ethnic or religious group on a massive scale
- C. One who was previously unknown and is now prominent
- D. A large number of people either falling ill or dying

12. In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom phrase.

A blind spot

- A. A person who is blind
- B. A person with no emotional feelings
- C. A situation where no progress is made
- D. An area in your range of vision that you cannot see properly

13. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Get down to brass tacks

- A. To become serious about something
- B. Get fired from the job
- C. Compromise, cooperation between people
- D. To be ready

14. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Back on one's feet

- A. To support the losing side
- B. Relive previous moments
- C. Well or successful again
- D. Forced to begin something again

15. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Have a whale of a time

- A. Be extremely busy with work
- B. A good thing that seems bad at first

16. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Crocodile tears

- A. Hopeless situation
- B. Totally different
- C. False tears
- D. Of less worth

17. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Spill the beans

- A. To drop something
- B. To find out something
- C. Give away a secret
- D. To get a new idea

18. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

If you keep dodging your manager's call, you will be on thin ice.

- A. In a risky situation
- B. Perform adequately
- C. Change plans in the middle of a process
- D. Go to jail

19. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To foot the bill

- A. To reveal a secret
- B. To be friendly
- C. To hold grudges
- D. To make payment

20. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

My elder brother is so innocent that winning an argument against him is like shooting fish in a barrel.

- A. Indulge in an illegal activity
- B. Exceptionally easy to do
- C. Asking for charity
- D. Making someone uneasy

21. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Out for the count

- A. Very expensive

- B. Prepared for battle
- C. In a deep, insensible sleep
- D. Ready for scrutiny

22. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Draw the line

- A. To accept someone's idea
- B. To give a second chance
- C. To move on from a past relationship
- D. To set a limit on something

23. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To be off your food

- A. To have no food
- B. To help someone
- C. To give food to others
- D. To have no appetite

24. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To go bananas

- A. To become nervous
- B. To feel very hungry
- C. To become very excited or angry
- D. To keep eating bananas

25. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Raining cats and dogs

- A. Facing light rain and wind
- B. Raining very heavily
- C. Having lots of pets around you
- D. Worried about cats and dogs

26. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

How time flies!

- A. Time seems to stay still
- B. Difficult to pass time
- C. A clock going very fast
- D. Time seems to move quickly

27. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Babe in the woods

- A. A wise old person
- B. A young defenceless person
- C. A pale and sickly person
- D. A foolish and stupid person

28. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be all ears

- A. Not being alert
- B. Ready to wait
- C. Eager to listen
- D. Be content

29. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom/ phrase.

Go off

- A. Continue or happen
- B. Stop working
- C. Leave or disappear
- D. Explain something in detail

30. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom/phrase.

Break in

- A. Enter a building illegally
- B. End a relationship
- C. Be unable to control (one's) feelings
- D. Begin to do (something) suddenly

31. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Turn a deaf ear

- A. Pretend to listen carefully
- B. Shout to be heard by someone
- C. Be hard of hearing
- D. Ignore what someone says

32. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pull someone up

- A. Agree with someone
- B. Drag someone
- C. Criticise someone
- D. Help someone

33. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Close to one's heart

- A. One who is being followed
- B. One who treats heart problems
- C. One who is very emotional
- D. Dear and important to oneself

34. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go bonkers

- A. Become crazy

- B. Become wealthy
- C. Become selfish
- D. Become greedy

35. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Keep someone in the loop

- A. Make them do exercises regularly
- B. Save all their numbers
- C. Give them all the information
- D. Take good care of them

36. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Of the old school

- A. School in an old age home
- B. School one attended long ago
- C. Old fashioned in thought
- D. Old dilapidated building

37. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To get on the nerves

- A. To irritate
- B. To give medicine
- C. To have an illness
- D. To soothe

38. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

By the same token

- A. In the same bus
- B. Use the same ticket
- C. Use the same password
- D. In the same way

39. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To pick up the threads

- A. To examine an issue seriously
- B. Being received very warmly
- C. To restart from the previous closing point
- D. At a short distance

40. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Sail in the same boat

- A. pay a very low price for something
- B. be in the same situation as others
- C. be in heavy debt
- D. go for a boat ride

41. In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Birds of the same feather

- A. People with a generous heart
- B. To get into trouble together
- C. To be in a totally helpless condition
- D. People with similar character

42. In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Cat's whiskers

- A. A very easy matter
- B. To be highly impressive
- C. To be very determined
- D. Difficult to understand

43. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

The ball is in (one's) court

- A. To be responsible for further action
- B. To pass the responsibility to another
- C. To be fearful of taking any action
- D. To risk everything in one venture

44. Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Bend over backwards

- A. To express sudden shock
- B. To exert a lot of effort towards some end
- C. To end all activities
- D. To confess to a crime

45. In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

At the eleventh hour.

- A. the initial moment
- B. at the last possible moment
- C. at its usual time
- D. at the earliest possible time

46. In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

A red letter day.

- A. a day when one feels lazy
- B. a day that is pleasantly noteworthy or memorable
- C. a sorrowful day
- D. most dangerous day of one's life

47. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

The killing of human beings.

- A. homicide
- B. patricide
- C. suicide
- D. infanticide

48. In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which is the best substitute of the phrase.

Something which is out of use.

- A. catastrophe
- B. obsolete
- C. common
- D. disaster

49. In the following question, out of the four given alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Man in the Street

- A. man of talent
- B. a foolish man
- C. simple man
- D. a dutiful person

50. In the following question, out of the four given alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

Now and again

- A. occasionally
- B. always
- C. to be continued
- D. at present time or future

Answer Key

1. D	2. A	3. C	4. A	5. A	6. D	7. D	8. A	9. C	10. B
11. B	12. D	13. A	14. C	15. C	16. C	17. C	18. A	19. D	20. B
21. C	22. D	23. D	24. C	25. B	26. D	27. B	28. C	29. B	30. A
31. D	32. C	33. D	34. A	35. C	36. C	37. A	38. D	39. C	40. B
41. D	42. B	43. A	44. B	45. B	46. B	47. A	48. B	49. C	50. A

