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Idioms n Phrases for IBPS Clerk Pre, SBI Clerk Pre and IBPS PO Pre Exams.

Idioms n Phrases Quiz 27

Directions: Identify the words that are similar in meaning to the word/idiom/phrase in bold. If none of the options conveys the correct meaning, mark as your answer. The options do not necessarily need to be grammatically correct.

1. The braggart had to **eat the humble pie** when he failed to qualify the final round of the quiz.

- A. Eat a very soft pie
D. Apologize humbly
- B. Eat a pie as a symbol of defeat
E. None of the above
- C. Cry like a newborn child

2. The two warring families should **bury the hatchet** as animosity does not bring any happiness to anyone.

- A. Close the door
D. Bring enmity to the next level
- B. Open the door
E. None of the above
- C. End the quarrel

3. The couple who fought all the time, finally decided to **bite the bullet** and break up.

- A. Move on as it is inevitable
D. All the options are correct
- B. Divorce each other
E. None of the above
- C. Give each other time

4. He directly **hit the sack** as soon as he reached home because he was really tired.

- A. Was angry
D. Went to sleep
- B. Relaxed
E. None of the above.
- C. Started hitting punching bag

5. Now that you're the boss, get ready to face the **harsh criticisms** of unhappy customers and employees alike.

- A. hustle and bustle
D. trials and tribulations
- B. slings and arrows
E. None of the above
- C. rose tinted glasses



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6. The **complete transformation** coincided with the most dramatic incident to have occurred on the Hinkley Point site since it started operation.

- A. sea change
D. zero sum game
- B. night and day
E. None of the above
- C. catnap

7. People lacking supportive relationships were **likely to suffer from** depression whether or not they experienced major difficulties or threatening events.

- A. on the mend to
D. bumped into
- B. looking forward to
E. None of the above
- C. prone to

8. For the new weight loss drug, the university girls in town were **a target that can be easily reached** as they are always looking for ways to lose weight.

- A. low hanging fruit
D. procrustean bed
- B. snow job
E. None of the above manipulate
- C. ice queen

9. Rahul Gandhi would typically be easy to pick out in a crowd, but his new appearance can make just about anyone to **be so surprised that they have to take another look**.

- A. giddy up
D. so so
- B. grasp at straws
E. None of the above
- C. do a double take

10. Don't worry about the new restaurant down the street, it is **at its height of popularity** now, but the customers will come back to us eventually.

- A. colouring outside the lines
D. in fits and starts
- B. all the rage
E. None of the above
- C. shifting sands



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Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
D	C	A	D	B	A	C	A	C	B



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Explanations:

1. The idiom/expression 'to eat the humble pie' literally means '**to apologize humbly, to yield under humiliating circumstances**'.

Option A, option B and option C do not make any sense whatsoever.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

2. The idiom/expression 'bury the hatchet' literally means to '**end a quarrel or conflict and become friendly**'.

'Hatchet' means 'an axe/a small axe with a short handle for use in one hand'.

So, burying the hatchet signifies the end of quarrel.

Option A and option B do not make any sense.

Option D talks about increasing the enmity, which is the complete opposite of what the idiom means.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

3. Option B and Option C are incorrect as from the sentence it can clearly be understood that they wanted to move on from the relationship. Also, in the sentence, it is not mentioned whether they are married or not, so option b is incorrect. Option c is opposite to the sense of sentence as the couple don't want to be together anymore.

So option A is correct.

4. Here, option A and option C is incorrect as he was tired and won't have energy for hitting bag or anger. Option B is incorrect which can be understood from the word **directly** used in the sentence. option D is correct as we can understand from the sentence that he was really tired and **went to sleep** as soon as he reached home.



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5. **Hustle and bustle (idiom):** a busy activity usually in a noisy surrounding
- Slings and arrows (idiom):** Harsh criticisms, judgments, or personal attacks.
- Rose tinted glasses (idiom):** to see only the pleasant things about a situation.
- Trials and tribulations (idiom):** difficult experiences, problems, etc.

Hence, the correct answer option is option B.

6. **Sea change (idiom):** to undergo a complete transformation

Night and day (idiom): all the time

Catnap (idiom): a short sleep, usually during the day

Zero sum game (idiom): to be in a situation where the outcomes can either be to win or to lose

Hence, the correct answer option is option A.

7. **On the mend (idiom):** to improve in health after an illness

Look forward to (idiom): to eagerly await something

Prone to (idiom): likely to suffer from something

Bump into (idiom): to meet someone by chance/accident

Hence, the correct answer option is option C.



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8. **Low hanging fruit (idiom):** a goal that can be easily reached

Snow job (idiom): an elaborate cover up of something

Ice queen (idiom): used to describe heartless females who show little or no emotion

Procrustean bed (idiom): a scheme or pattern into which someone or something is arbitrarily forced

Hence, the correct answer option is option A.

9. **Giddy up (idiom):** to hurry up and move forward or move faster

Grasp at straws (idiom): Make a desperate attempt at saving oneself

Do a double take (idiom): to be so surprised at something that you have to take another look

So so (idiom): average - neither bad and nor good

Hence, the correct answer option is option C.

10. **Colour outside the lines (idiom):** not sticking to the rules

All the rage (idiom): when something is the height of popularity

Shifting sands (idiom): something that is very unpredictable

In fits and starts (idiom): to do something intermittently or sporadically

Hence, the correct answer option is option B.



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