

## 100 Idioms & Phrases for CDS

**Directions (1-60):** Select the correct meanings of the given idiom and phrase.

**Q1.** Bear the palm

- (a) To face the consequences
- (b) To meet death
- (c) To be able to predict future
- (d) To win

**Q2.** To give the devil his due

- (a) To punish the wrong person
- (b) To give credit to even a notorious person
- (c) To let the enemy learn the lesson on his own
- (d) To stand in the way of the devil

**Q3.** To have a finger in every pie

- (a) To Fight with everybody
- (b) To be involved in a large and varied number of activities or enterprises
- (c) To make fun of everybody
- (d) To leave every job unfinished

**Q4.** To make up one's mind

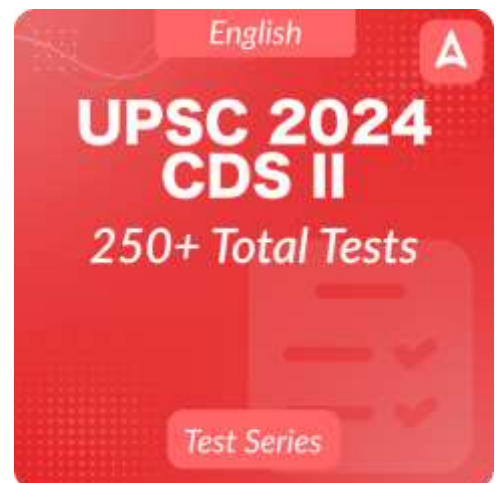
- (a) To be prepared for unfavorable outcomes
- (b) To make a decision; decide
- (c) To overcome intense grief
- (d) To psyche oneself into believing that the task at hand is not impossible

**Q5.** To Have bitten off more than you can chew

- (a) To eat voraciously and then fall sick
- (b) To behave disrespectfully towards elders and then repent the act
- (c) To have tried to do something which is too difficult
- (d) To have missed a golden opportunity and after that willing to put twice the effort to recover the loss

**Q6.** Out of print

- (a) Not able to print due to being short on paper
- (b) A book no longer available from the publisher
- (c) Intentionally not mention some items in the article or book
- (d) All publishers refuse to publish your book



**Q7.** To hit the nail on the head

- (a) To take out frustration by beating a person
- (b) To make a wrong decision
- (c) To find exactly the right answer
- (d) To unwittingly fall into a trap

**Q8.** On thin ice

- (a) To keep failing after repeated efforts
- (b) To endure a harsh winter
- (c) To keep one's cool even in a tough situation
- (d) In a precarious or risky situation

**Q9.** To heave a sigh of relief

- (a) To become very tired with routine or boring work
- (b) To suddenly feel very happy because something unpleasant has not happened or has ended
- (c) To Feel extremely sad over someone else's misfortune
- (d) To Feel silent anger over real or perceived injustice

**Q10.** To be on cloud nine

- (a) To be extremely happy
- (b) To feel lucky
- (c) To experience the feeling of being intoxicated
- (d) To make one last attempt

**Q11.** Mealy-mouthed

- (a) Ill-tempered
- (b) Soft-spoken
- (c) Enthusiastic
- (d) Depressed

**Q12.** By fits and starts

- (a) Regularly
- (b) Totally
- (c) Finally
- (d) Irregularly

**Q13.** Rat race

- (a) Make others fight for scraps and get sadistic pleasure out of it
- (b) Be an oppressive boss and treat employees like animals
- (c) A way of life in which people are caught up in a fiercely competitive struggle for wealth or power
- (d) Play games with the lives of other people and see them run aimlessly

**Q14.** Spin one's wheels

- (a) Keep bragging about oneself
- (b) Try your luck
- (c) Expel much effort for little or no gain
- (d) Start a long journey

**Q15.** Put one's foot down

- (a) Give up easily without a fight
- (b) Learn to dance inspite of being clumsy
- (c) Adopt a firm policy when faced with position or disobedience
- (d) Take the first step of a very long difficult journey

**Q16.** Whistle in the dark

- (a) Pretend to be unafraid
- (b) A ray of hope in the worst of times
- (c) See a ghost while dreaming
- (d) Be blind and fall into a trap

**Q17.** The alpha and the omega

- (a) Happy and sad
- (b) The beginning and the end
- (c) The love and the hatred
- (d) Truth and dare

**Q18.** Throw up the sponge

- (a) To attack
- (b) To laugh at someone
- (c) To surrender
- (d) To talk loudly

**Q19.** To put a spoke in one's wheel

- (a) To be advantageous at the time of difficulty
- (b) To maintain under all circumstances
- (c) To blame the other party
- (d) To put a difficulty in the way of progress

**Q20.** At loggerheads

- (a) To suffer
- (b) In conflict with someone
- (c) To face tough competition
- (d) To be in do or die situation

**Q21.** Chicken-hearted

- (a) Coward
- (b) Short tempered
- (c) Composed
- (d) Bold

**Q22.** Red letter day

- (a) Starting day
- (b) Holiday
- (c) Significant day
- (d) Ending day

**Q23.** Ended in a fiasco

- (a) A complete failure
- (b) A successful event
- (c) Changed one completely
- (d) Twisted around

**Q24.** Sow wild oats

- (a) To make someone fool
- (b) To make space to red
- (c) To take revenge
- (d) To waste time by doing foolish things

**Q25.** Live from hand to mouth

- (a) Filthy rich people
- (b) To be dependent on others
- (c) To have enough money to live on and nothing extra
- (d) Living in miserable conditions.

**Q26.** To face the music

- (a) To bear the consequences
- (b) To disparage someone
- (c) To be hard of hearing
- (d) To enjoy a musical concert

**Q27.** Pillar to post

- (a) Main support of an object
- (b) One place to another
- (c) To be reluctant
- (d) To incite others

**Q28.** Hobson's choice

- (a) To choose first in row
- (b) To make a careful choice
- (c) No real choice at all
- (d) To seek all favourable alternatives to choose from

**Q29.** Adam's ale

- (a) Gift
- (b) Food
- (c) Water
- (d) Belongings

**Q30.** At one's wits end

- (a) A man of ability
- (b) At the last moment
- (c) To get puzzled
- (d) Undecided controversy

**Q31.** To steal a march

- (a) To act in a foolish way
- (b) To break something
- (c) To outshine
- (d) To see a hidden meaning

**Q32.** In a jiffy

- (a) Fail to win appreciation
- (b) In an appropriate manner
- (c) Something that is done very quickly
- (d) To fall in love

**Q33.** Herculean task

- (a) Important task
- (b) Motivating
- (c) Optional to do
- (d) Very difficult task

**Q34.** On tenterhooks

- (a) Flattery
- (b) In a disorganized manner
- (c) In anxious suspense
- (d) Speak quickly

**Q35.** The thin end of the wedge

- (a) In strict vigilance
- (b) Start of harmful development
- (c) Be aware of the trick
- (d) Not a worthy possession

**Q36.** To accept the gauntlet

- (a) To accept challenge
- (b) To accept defeat
- (c) To accept what is written in fate
- (d) To be able to grasp the hidden meaning

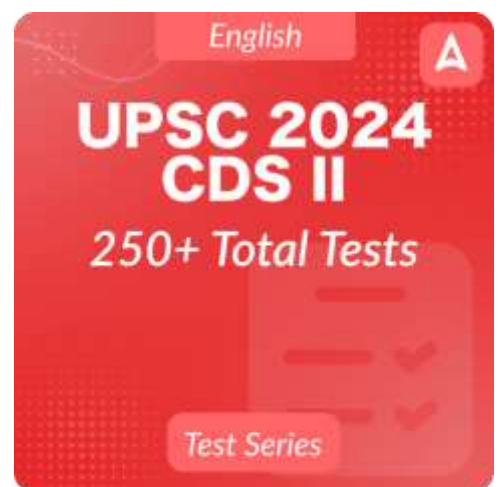
**Q37.** To wrangle over an ass's shadow

- (a) To waste money over trifles
- (b) To punish a person severely for his arrogance
- (c) To quarrel over trifles
- (d) To keep away from extreme poverty

**Q38.** Make one's flesh creep

- (a) To confuse someone
- (b) To flatter someone
- (c) To abuse someone
- (d) To frighten someone

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**Q39.** Damp squib

- (a) Complete failure
- (b) Complete knowledge
- (c) To motivate
- (d) To squander money

**Q40.** Rise like a phoenix

- (a) Something memorable
- (b) Time to answer for one's action
- (c) To become successful again
- (d) To make people happy

**Q41.** What does the idiom "Bite the bullet" mean?

- (a) To eat something spicy
- (b) To face a difficult situation with courage
- (c) To criticize someone harshly
- (d) To avoid taking responsibility

**Q42.** Which idiom means to reveal a secret unintentionally?

- (a) Let the cat out of the bag
- (b) Cry over spilled milk
- (c) Break a leg
- (d) Hit the nail on the head

**Q43.** What does the phrase "In the same boat" imply?

- (a) To be stuck on a deserted island
- (b) To be in a difficult situation together
- (c) To travel on a cruise ship
- (d) To be on a successful journey

**Q44.** If someone "turns a blind eye" to something, what are they doing?

- (a) Ignoring or pretending not to see something
- (b) Being overly cautious
- (c) Seeking medical attention
- (d) Wearing sunglasses

**Q45.** What does the idiom "Break a leg" mean when used in a theater context?

- (a) Good luck
- (b) Be careful
- (c) Take a break
- (d) Get injured

**Q46.** What does the phrase "Ball is in your court" mean?

- (a) The game is over
- (b) It's time to go home
- (c) It's your responsibility or decision now
- (d) Pass the ball to me

**Q47.** What does the idiom "Cost an arm and a leg" mean?

- (a) Inexpensive
- (b) Very expensive
- (c) Worth the price
- (d) Hard to find

**Q48.** If someone "spills the beans," what have they done?

- (a) Made a mess in the kitchen
- (b) Shared a secret or confidential information
- (c) Broken a glass container
- (d) Cooked a delicious meal

**Q49.** What does the phrase "Once in a blue moon" indicate?

- (a) Very often
- (b) Every day
- (c) Rarely or infrequently
- (d) On a cloudy day

**Q50.** What does the idiom "A piece of cake" mean?

- (a) A difficult task
- (b) A delicious dessert
- (c) An easy or simple task
- (d) A broken plate

**Q51.** A wild goose chase

- (a) Fruitful search
- (b) Timely search
- (c) Useless search
- (d) Wrong decision

**Q52.** A moot point

- (a) Agreeable
- (b) Disputed
- (c) Unclear
- (d) Unknown

**Q53.** Spick and Span

- (a) High and low
- (b) Dark and light
- (c) Neat and clean
- (d) Happy and sad

**Q54.** To draw the longbow

- (a) To nullify
- (b) To exaggerate
- (c) To underrate
- (d) To demarcate

**Q55.** All agog

- (a) Avoid
- (b) Contentment
- (c) Amazed
- (d) Unsystematically

**Q56.** Not to mince matters

- (a) To be at ease
- (b) To not confuse others
- (c) To not interfere in others affairs
- (d) To speak out politely

**Q57.** Kick the bucket

- (a) Loose temper
- (b) To delay a little longer
- (c) To die
- (d) To meet with an accident

**Q58.** An axe to grind

- (a) To act bravely
- (b) To act like a fool
- (c) To have a selfish motive
- (d) To take risk

**Q59.** Will-o-the wisp

- (a) Something that is impossible to get or achieve.
- (b) To keep off an unwanted and undesirable person.
- (c) To spend recklessly.
- (d) Accept or leave the offer.

**Q60.** To go through fire and water

- (a) To scold someone
- (b) To experience many dangers in order to achieve something
- (c) To act without restraints
- (d) Something which hurts

**Directions (61-90):** In the following questions four alternatives are given for idioms or phrases in a row. Choose the one that best expresses the meaning of the given idiom or phrase.

**Q61.** Touch and go

- (a) To waste
- (b) Dangerous and Uncertain
- (c) Conduct Secretly
- (d) Pleasant and Certain



**Q62.** Be hand and foot

- (a) In all possible ways; by all means
- (b) To be lazy to move your hands and feet
- (c) To fall between two great difficulties
- (d) In disorder

**Q63.** To set at naught

- (a) To like
- (b) To ruin
- (c) To admire
- (d) To be agree

**Q64.** In the black

- (a) In a financially profitable condition
- (b) In extreme difficulty
- (c) In the absence of money
- (d) To be unsuccessful

**Q65.** Gray matter

- (a) Kindness
- (b) Intelligence
- (c) Cruelty
- (d) Weakness

**Q66.** All Thumps

- (a) To give your best
- (b) Awkward and clumsy especially with one's hands
- (c) To examine thoroughly
- (d) To stop some activity, to stop working and go home

**Q67.** Be in the swim

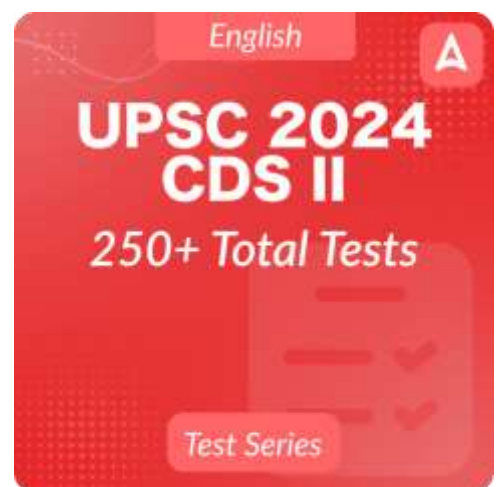
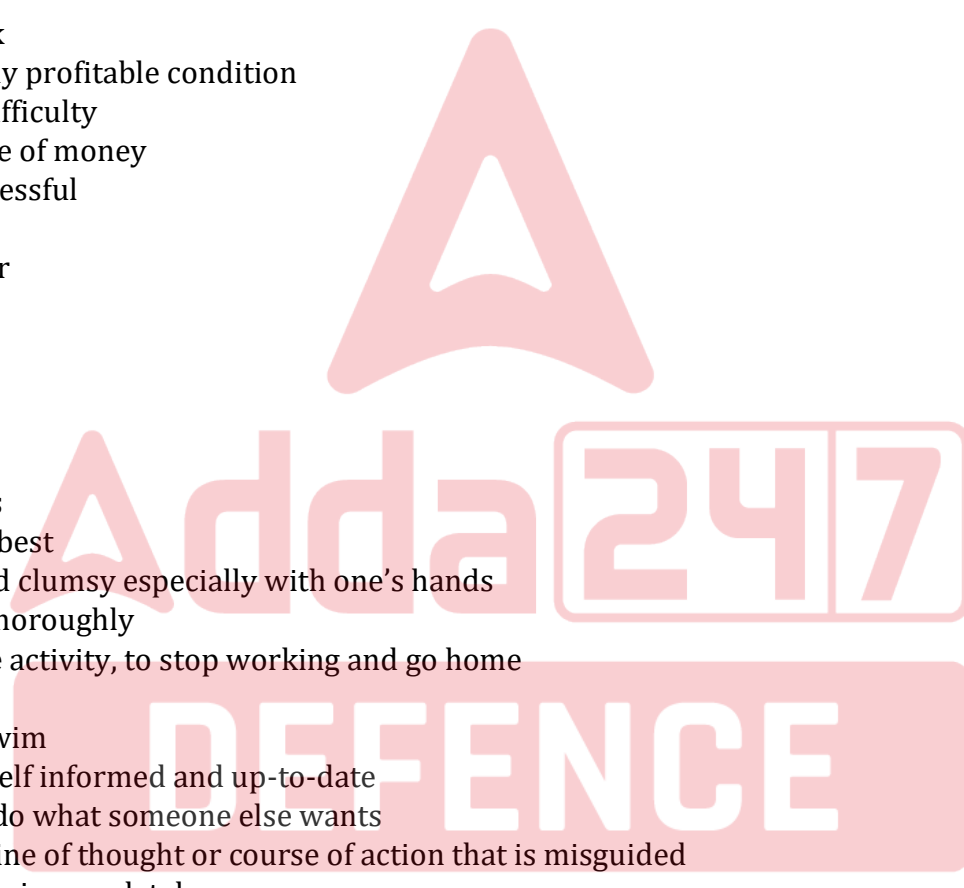
- (a) To keep oneself informed and up-to-date
- (b) To refuse to do what someone else wants
- (c) To pursue a line of thought or course of action that is misguided
- (d) Someone who is completely crazy

**Q68.** Feather brained

- (a) To show that you do not support something
- (b) Silly or often forgetting things
- (c) To be over excited
- (d) To take a balanced diet

**Q69.** Hear it on grapevine

- (a) To hear stories regularly
- (b) To listen news carefully
- (c) To hear rumors about something or someone
- (d) To continue to listen songs



**Q70.** Between the cup and the lips

- (a) On the point of achievement
- (b) By any means
- (c) Straight talks
- (d) To take on a task that is way too big

**Q71.** What does the idiom "Kick the bucket" mean?

- (a) To start a project
- (b) To complete a task successfully
- (c) To die
- (d) To play soccer

**Q72.** If someone is "barking up the wrong tree," what are they doing?

- (a) Trying to climb a tree
- (b) Investigating a mystery
- (c) Pursuing the wrong course of action or suspect
- (d) Calling for help

**Q73.** What does the idiom "Beat around the bush" mean?

- (a) To avoid addressing the main issue
- (b) To avoid getting lost in the forest
- (c) To speak directly and honestly
- (d) To be a skilled musician

**Q74.** What does the idiom "The apple of my eye" refer to?

- (a) A tasty fruit
- (b) Something insignificant
- (c) A favorite or cherished person or thing
- (d) A beautiful garden

**Q75.** What does the phrase "Burn the midnight oil" mean?

- (a) To set something on fire at night
- (b) To work late into the night
- (c) To relax and enjoy the evening
- (d) To sleep soundly

**Q76.** What does the idiom "Don't cry over spilled milk" advise?

- (a) To clean up a mess immediately
- (b) To cry when you make a mistake
- (c) To not worry about past mistakes or losses
- (d) To avoid drinking milk

**Q77.** What does the phrase "Read between the lines" mean?

- (a) To read a book carefully
- (b) To analyze and understand what is implied but not explicitly stated
- (c) To read a letter out loud
- (d) To skip important details

**Q78.** What does the idiom "Hit the nail on the head" mean?

- (a) To miss the target
- (b) To accurately describe or identify something
- (c) To play a musical instrument loudly
- (d) To hammer a nail into the wall

**Q79.** What does the phrase "Give someone the cold shoulder" mean?

- (a) To offer someone a cold drink
- (b) To welcome someone warmly
- (c) To ignore or reject someone intentionally
- (d) To share a secret with someone

**Q80.** What does the idiom "Jumping on the bandwagon" mean?

- (a) Riding a musical parade float
- (b) Trying something new and exciting
- (c) Joining a popular trend or following what is popular
- (d) Avoiding crowds and public events

**Q81. To foam at one's mouth**

- (a) to brush properly
- (b) to get very angry
- (c) to salivate on seeing food
- (d) None of the above

**Q82. To feel like a fish out of water**

- (a) disgusted
- (b) uncomfortable
- (c) disappointed
- (d) homeless

**Q83. At the eleventh hour**

- (a) too late
- (b) too early
- (c) immediately
- (d) at the last moment

**Q84. To burn one's fingers**

- (a) to get hurt physically
- (b) to suffer financial losses
- (c) to find work
- (d) to suffer nervous breakdown

**Q85. To add fuel to fire**

- (a) to investigate
- (b) to insulate
- (c) to initiate
- (d) to incite

**Q86. Dog in a manger**

- (a) selfish
- (b) warm
- (c) cold
- (d) selfless

**Q87. Vote with one's feet**

- (a) choose one as a leader
- (b) stop one from speaking
- (c) kick one out
- (d) show one's disapproval

**Q88. Arm-chair critic**

- (a) someone who gives advice based on practice not theory
- (b) someone who gives advice based on theory not practice
- (c) someone who gives advice based on experience
- (d) someone who never gives advice

**Q89. Take French leave**

- (a) being absent without permission
- (b) leaving without intimation
- (c) giving lame excuse
- (d) resigning without giving notice

**Q90. Give a wide berth to**

- (a) give a larger bed to
- (b) share her seat with
- (c) pay more attention to
- (d) to stay away from

**Q91. Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

After many quarrelling years, they finally decided to (\_\_\_\_\_).

- (a) Break a leg
- (b) Bite the bullet
- (c) Hang in there
- (d) Bury the hatchet

**Q92. Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

Pratik is (\_\_\_\_\_) as he failed to complete the sales target.

- (a) On cloud nine
- (b) Head over heels
- (c) In a pickle
- (d) Up in arms



**Q93. Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

It's important for him to keep (\_\_\_\_\_) so that he can get a job.

- (a) A cool head
- (b) Under the weather
- (c) A taste of his own medicine
- (d) Go on a wild goose chase

**Q94. Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

Many politicians in India are (\_\_\_\_\_) to Subhas Chandra Bose.

- (a) Not fit to hold a candle
- (b) Live and learn
- (c) Chip off the old block
- (d) Fair and square

**Q95. Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

She hates people who are always (\_\_\_\_\_).

- (a) Scrape the barrel
- (b) Blowing their own trumpet
- (c) Burn your bridges
- (d) In the same breath

**Q96. Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

Mr. Thakur ruled the company with \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) An iron hand
- (b) A toss-up
- (c) An eyewash
- (d) An Axe

**Q97. Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

Atul had invested extensively in stocks and got his \_\_\_\_\_ when the market collapsed.

- (a) Cutting corners
- (b) Under the weather
- (c) Add insult to injury
- (d) Fingers burned

**Q98. Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

She was \_\_\_\_\_ by leaving her permanent job before getting new one.

- (a) Putting the cart before the horse
- (b) Comparing apples to oranges
- (c) Killing two birds with one stone
- (d) Playing devil's advocate

**Q99. Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

Our happiness is \_\_\_\_\_ when we are dealing with uncertainties, insecurities, and chaos.

- (a) Put something on ice
- (b) Put cards on the table
- (c) Put house in order
- (d) Put to a tough test

**Q100. Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

Narendra Modi's popularity among elderly voters gives him \_\_\_\_\_ for the coming election.

- (a) A blessing in disguise
- (b) An ace up his sleeve
- (c) A snowball effect
- (d) A dime a dozen

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**Sol.** "Turns a blind eye" means deliberately ignoring or avoiding acknowledging something, typically a problem or wrongdoing.

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**S46. Ans.(c)**

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**S47. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** "Cost an arm and a leg" refers to something that is extremely expensive.

**S48. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** "Spill the beans" means to accidentally or deliberately reveal a secret or private information.

**S49. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** "Once in a blue moon" refers to something that happens very rarely or on rare occasions.

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**Sol.** **To draw the longbow:** to lie; to exaggerate.

**S55. Ans.(c)**

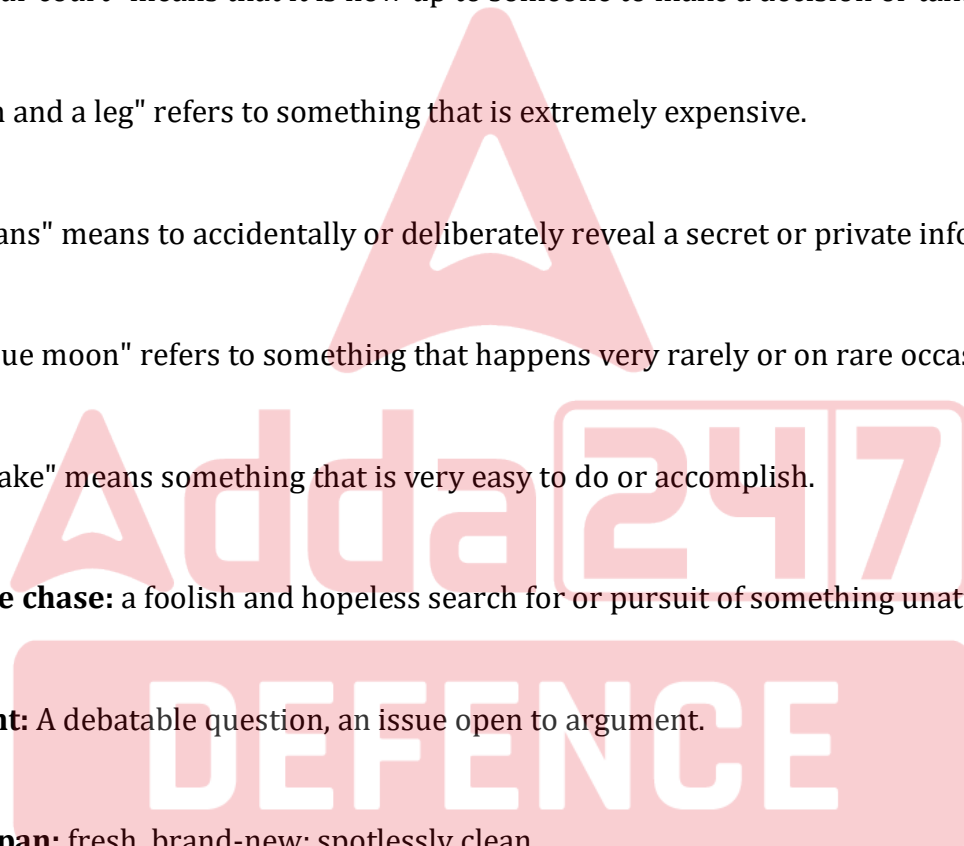
**Sol.** **All agog:** means Amazed or impressed.

**S56. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** **Not to mince matters:** means to speak frankly.

**S57. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** **Kick the bucket:** to die.



**S58. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. An axe to grind:** to have a strong personal opinion about something.

**S59. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Will-o-the wisp:** a person or thing that is difficult or impossible to reach or catch.

**S60. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. To go through fire and water:** To face many challenges in the process of doing.

**S61. Ans.(b)**

**S62. Ans.(a)**

**S63. Ans.(b)**

**S64. Ans.(a)**

**S65. Ans.(b)**

**S66. Ans.(b)**

**S67. Ans.(a)**

**S68. Ans.(b)**

**S69. Ans.(c)**

**S70. Ans.(a)**

**S71. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. "Kick the bucket"** is a euphemism for dying or passing away.

**S72. Ans.(c)** Pursuing the wrong course of action or suspect

**Sol. "Barking up the wrong tree"** means someone is focusing their efforts on the wrong direction or person.

**S73. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. "Beating around the bush"** means to avoid getting to the point or addressing the main topic.

**S74. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. "The apple of my eye"** is used to describe someone or something that is deeply loved and cherished.

**S75. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. "Burn the midnight oil"** means to work or study late into the night, usually when preparing for something important.

**S76. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. "Don't cry over spilled milk"** advises not to dwell on past mistakes or losses because they cannot be undone.

**S77. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** "Read between the lines" means to interpret the hidden or implied meaning in a statement or text.

**S78. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** "Hit the nail on the head" means to describe or identify something accurately or precisely.

**S79. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** "Give someone the cold shoulder" means to intentionally be unfriendly or dismissive toward someone.

**S80. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** "Jumping on the bandwagon" means to join or support something that has become popular or trendy.

**S81. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **to foam at one's mouth** to be uncontrollably angry.

**S82. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **to feel like a fish out of water** to feel awkward because you are not familiar with a situation or because you are very different from the people around you.

**S83. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** **at the eleventh hour** at the last possible moment(Just before the last clock hour, 12).

**S84. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **To burn one's fingers** to have a bad result from something, esp. to lose money.

**S85. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** **To add fuel to fire** to make a problem worse; to say or do something that makes a bad situation worse; to make an angry person get even angrier.

**S86. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** **A dog in a manger** means someone who keeps something that they do not really want in order to prevent anyone else from having it

**S87. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** **Vote with the feet** means leaving situations we do not like. Option d is correct with the context.

**S88. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** **An armchair critic** is a person who knows or pretends to know a lot about something in theory rather than practice.

**S89. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** **Take French leave** is to go away, or do anything, without permission or notice.

**S90. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** **Give a wide berth to** keep a reasonable distance from someone or something. Option d is correct.

**S91. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct answer is option d.

Bury the hatchet - It is an idiomatic expression which means, "To stop fighting or arguing or to end old resentments.

As per the context, the idiom – 'Bury the hatchet' best fits in the given sentence.

Hence, option (d) is the correct choice.

**S92. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The correct answer is option c.

In a pickle - It is an idiomatic expression which means, "To be in a difficult situation. As per the context, the idiom – 'In a pickle' best fits in the given sentence.

Hence, option (c) is the correct choice.

**S93. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct answer is option a.

a cool head - It is an idiomatic expression which means, "The ability to stay calm and behave in a reasonable way in difficult situations.

As per the context, the idiom – 'A cool head' best fits in the given sentence.

Hence, option (a) is the correct choice.

**S94. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct answer is option a.

Not fit to hold a candle - It is an idiomatic expression which means, "Cannot compare to someone or something; is not nearly as good or desirable as someone or something.

As per the context, the idiom – 'Not fit to hold a candle' best fits in the given sentence.

Hence, option (a) is the correct choice.

**S95. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct answer is option b.

Blowing their own trumpet – It is an idiomatic expression which means, "To boast or brag about one's own abilities, skills, success, achievements, etc.

As per the context, the idiom – 'Blowing their own trumpet' best fits in the given sentence.

Hence, option (b) is the correct choice.

**S96. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct answer is option a.

An iron hand – It is an idiomatic expression which means, "To control a group of people very firmly, having complete power over everything they do".

As per the context, the idiom – 'An iron hand' best fits in the given sentence.

Hence, option (a) is the correct choice.

**S97. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct answer is option d.

Burn one's fingers – It is an idiom which means, "To suffer unpleasant results of an action, especially loss of money, so you do not want to do the same thing again."

As per the context, the idiom – 'Burn one's fingers' best fits in the given sentence.

Hence, option (d) is the correct choice.

**S98. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct answer is option a.

Putting the cart before the horse – It is an idiomatic expression which means, “To do things in the wrong order.”

As per the context, the idiom – ‘Putting the cart before the horse’ best fits in the given sentence.

Hence, option (a) is the correct choice.

**S99. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct answer is option d.

Put to a tough test – It is an idiomatic expression which means, “To test how good someone or something is, esp. in difficult conditions:

As per the context, the idiom – ‘Put to a tough test’ best fits in the given sentence.

Hence, option (d) is the correct choice.

**S100. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct answer is option b.

An ace up one's sleeve - It is an idiomatic expression which means, “a powerful and often secret weapon, advantage, etc., that can be used if it is needed”.

As per the context, the idiom – ‘An ace up one's sleeve’ best fits in the given sentence.

Hence, option (b) is the correct choice.

