

Often in admission tests, you come across questions in which you're given an Idiom and Phrasal verb, as a question and are asked to identify its literal meaning from the choices. These idioms may have their origins in other languages like Latin, French or Greek. A list of the most commonly used idioms are given in the Word Bank issued to you as part of module 1. Learn them well and look up to the dictionary for more of them. It is also interesting as well as important to collect and make a list of those idioms that you come across in your daily reading.

## Practice Exercise -1

**Directions for (Que. 1 - 30): Read the information carefully and answer the questions given below it.**

Study the following idioms and choose their meanings from the answer choices given below them.

1. **By the seat of one's pants**  
 (1) Through the tough method  
 (2) Using guess work or instinct  
 (3) Through maintaining a secret  
 (4) Using one's strength  
 (5) Borrow one's pants
2. **In good season**  
 (1) Perfect timing  
 (2) Having a pleasant temper  
 (3) Sufficiently early  
 (4) Safe from danger  
 (5) Happiness
3. **In a sense**  
 (1) To be sane  
 (2) To some extent  
 (3) To be awake  
 (4) In a moment  
 (5) Not nonsense
4. **At second hand**  
 (1) In a sale  
 (2) Through something that is already used  
 (3) By the minute  
 (4) Through an intermediate source  
 (5) Arriving late
5. **Set one's face against**  
 (1) To confront  
 (2) To infuriate  
 (3) To contradict  
 (4) To be opposed to  
 (5) To criticize
6. **Dictum**  
 (1) Value  
 (2) Theory  
 (3) Order  
 (4) Thesis  
 (5) Dictionary
7. **Dojo**  
 (1) Extinct  
 (2) Distinct  
 (3) Idiot  
 (4) Seminary  
 (5) Musical

- 8. Fio-ru-it**  
 (1) He/she flourished (2) It flowered (3) She gave birth  
 (4) It bore fruit (5) Withered flower
- 9. Fracas I**  
 (1) Mess (2) Disorderly mob (3) Disorderly light  
 (4) Ire (5) Tidiness
- 10. Ruckus**  
 (1) Brain-washing (2) Dirt (3) Wild  
 (4) Uproar (5) Ragamuffin
- 11. Savant**  
 (1) Elderly Person (2) Learned Person (3) Person with Good Taste  
 (4) A ruler (5) Servant
- 12. Grantee**  
 (1) One who gives a grant  
 (2) One who receives a grant  
 (3) Someone who assures one of something  
 (4) Someone who assures an assurance  
 (5) Guaranteed
- 13. Mayhem**  
 (1) Deliberate violence (2) Confusion (3) Self-sacrifice  
 (4) Aggression (5) Turmoil
- 14. Megalomania**  
 (1) Exaggerated self-importance (2) Fear of food (3) Love for food  
 (4) Love for Insanity (5) Fear for drinks
- 15. In Toto**  
 (1) In accordance to (2) In existence (3) In fear of  
 (4) Completely (5) In confusion
- 16. Xeno**  
 (1) Warrior (2) Foreign (3) Angry  
 (4) Feminine (5) Universal
- 17. Kaput**  
 (1) Immobile (2) Worthless (3) Totally ruined  
 (4) Royal (5) Connection
- 18. Kitsch**  
 (1) Vague (2) Immaterial (3) Worthless  
 (4) Destroyed (5) Ordinary

- 19. Persona Grata**  
 (1) Grateful person (2) Acceptable person (3) Huge personality  
 (4) Person with a pure character (5) Friendly person
- 20. Diaspora**  
 (1) Dispersed Group (2) Collected mob (3) Varied interests  
 (4) Colorfully magnificent (5) Mess
- 21. Let sleeping dogs lie**  
 (1) Leave an existing situation as it is (2) To encourage someone to tell a lie  
 (3) To shirk responsibility (4) Let somebody sleep (5) Slumdogs
- 22. To go to the dogs**  
 (1) To be destroyed (2) To degenerate (3) To be eaten up  
 (4) To have a bad life (5) To ask for life
- 23. To pump up**  
 (1) To flatter (2) To disintegrate (3) To infuse with enthusiasm  
 (4) To improve something (5) To eat furiously
- 24. To put on the ritz**  
 (1) To put on an accent (2) To dress very well (3) To cheat somebody  
 (4) To assume an attitude of wealth (5) To take a risk
- 25. To put oneself out**  
 (1) To commit suicide (2) To leave the country (3) To take pains & do something  
 (4) To fall sick intentionally (5) To rusticate someone
- 26. To say put**  
 (1) To remain in a single position (2) To laze around (3) To be in captivity  
 (4) To remain in order (5) To have patience
- 27. In the saddle**  
 (1) In deep trouble (2) To travel constantly (3) In control  
 (4) Be in an embarrassing situation (5) On a war
- 28. From scratch**  
 (1) From absolutely nothing (2) From waste material (3) From strong evidence  
 (4) From the living (5) From the box
- 29. Up to scratch**  
 (1) Till Death (2) Up to the standard (3) Till one becomes useless  
 (4) Till one becomes irritable (5) Till one gets hurt
- 30. Go to sea**  
 (1) To leave one's children (2) To realize the 'truth' of life (3) To lose a lot of money  
 (4) Set out on a voyage (5) To go for fishing

# Answer Key :

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