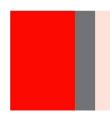
## **English Proficiency**



## Idioms & Phrases



## **Application Based Questions**

## Multiple choice questions:

**Directions:** Given below are certain sentences which use idioms/ phrases (given in italics). For each of the

	following sent	ences choose the most s	suitable answer to repla	ce the words in italics.		
1.	For the first week the	apprentice felt like a fis	h out of water			
	(a) frustrated	(b) unfamiliar	(c) disappointed	(d) uncomfortable		
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2.	His friends failed to see why he should ride the high horse just because he had won an election.					
	(a) become abnormal		(b) appear arrogant			
	(c) indulge in dreams		(d) hate others			
3.	The cooperation and esprit de corps between the soldiers and the officers was directly responsible					
	their victory.					
	(a) bravery	(b) loyalty	(c) subordination	(d) unity		
4.	It is evident from the t	minister's statement that	heads will roll			
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	<ul><li>(a) transfers will take place</li><li>(c) dismissals will occur</li></ul>		<ul><li>(b) people will die</li><li>(d) heads of department will have to repent</li></ul>			
5.	I saw him make a wry face					
	(a) abuse	(b) feel sick	(c) cry with pain	(d) show disappointment		
Direc	tions: Choose an ap	propriate idiom from th	e four options to replac	e the expression in the brackets:		

6. The computer software patent is (a good source of money) for our company.

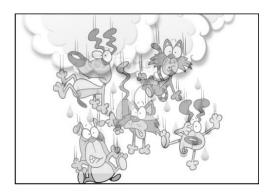
(a) a cash cow

(b) as strong as an ox

(c) a horse of a different color

(d) a dark horse

<b>7</b> .	When the police arrived the two men looked frightened and suddenly (ran away).				
	(a) hit the bull's eye	(b) let the cat out of the bag			
	(c) turned tail	(d) cried wolf			
8.	The car engine stopping while driving on the freeway was the (thing that finally made me decide to do				
	something) so I sold the car.				
	(a) straw that broke the earners back	(b) black sheep of the family			
	(c) cat on a hot tin roof	(d) wolf in sheep's clothing			
9.	I had not seen my cousin for a long time so when we finally met we talked (for a long time).				
	(a) in the dog house	(b) as busy as a beaver			
	(c) until the cows came home	(d) like lambs to the slaughter			
10.	The young boy (pretended to be asleep) when his friend came into the room.				
	(a) went to the dogs	(b) put on the dog			
	(c) served as a guinea pig	(d) played possum			
11.	I knew that our company was (supporting someone who could not win) but still we continued to support our candidate in the election.				
	(a) killing the fatted calf	(b) making a silk purse out of a sow's ear			
	(c) backing the wrong horse	(d) separating the sheep from the goats			
Q.2.	Cartoon reading:				
1.	Observe the picture given below.				
	(i) Which phrase are you reminded of after looking at this picture?				
	(ii) Can you use this phrase in sentences of your own? Write 2 such sentences.				



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Q.3.	Framing sentences:				
Direc		ertain idioms commonly		lay communication.	Explain their
	meaning and fram	e one sentence using ea	ch of the idioms.		
1.	heap coals of fire on his head				
Ans.		•••••		•••••	
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<b>2</b> .	esprit de corps				
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<b>3</b> .	heads will roll				
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4.	ride the high horse			
Ans.				
5.	duck in a thunderstorm			
Ans.				
6.	feathering his own nest.			
Ans.				
Q.4.	Replacing idioms:			
Direc	<b>tions:</b> Given below are certain sentences which use an idiom. Clearly write the idiom being used. Further rewrite the sentences without using idiom such that it do not change the sense.			
	Turner rewrite the sentences without using fatorn such that it do not change the sense.			
1.	I had not planned to take a holiday just then but the offer was so good that I decided to make hay while			
	the sun shone.			
2.	After a game lasting nearly three hours, Sanjeev lowered his sail.			
3.	A man on the make is not to be trusted.			
4.	You cannot have respect for a leader who passes the buck.			
<b>5</b> .	They were not enthusiastic about the scheme, but his forceful personality and eloquence roped them in			
	eventually.			
Ans.				