

**PART - A**  
**Idioms and Phrases**

**Directions :** Given below are some idioms/phrases followed by four alternative meanings for each. Choose the most appropriate answer from among the options (a), (b), (c) or (d).

1. The lion's share

- (a) A portion of something
- (b) The largest and the best part of something
- (c) An important decision
- (d) An aggressive statement

2. Spill the beans

- (a) Reveal a secret
- (b) Forced to leave belongings
- (c) Share the news
- (d) Take offence at someone's rude behaviour

3. Cook someone's goose

- (a) To assist others
- (b) Hypnotize other's mind
- (c) To spoil other's plans
- (d) Inviting misfortune

4. Disappear into thin air

- (a) Lost forever
- (b) Become forgetful
- (c) Become uncaring
- (d) Disappear suddenly

5. Put the screws on

- (a) Forcing someone to do what you want
- (b) Never letting go of things
- (c) Keep the past alive
- (d) Using someone's trick for own benefit

6. Sit on the fence

- (a) Avoid meeting someone
- (b) Waiting patiently
- (c) Avoid taking sides
- (d) Hiding from someone

7. Be as sharp as a tack

- (a) A talkative person
- (b) A shrewd person
- (c) A clumsy person
- (d) A clever person

8. From pillar to post

- (a) Upside down
- (b) Keep moving from one place to another
- (c) Constructing a huge building
- (d) Jumping from the top of the mountain

9. Heath Robinson

- (a) Very complicated system or machine for doing a simple task
- (b) Treating everyone as enemy, when they are not
- (c) Sleeping all day, doing nothing
- (d) Very lazy person, slow in action

10. As thick as thieves

- (a) Dumb person
- (b) Good for nothing
- (c) Someone who uses everyone for personal gain
- (d) Very close friends who are looked upon with suspicion

## Antonyms

**Directions :** Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four options, (a), (b), (c) and (d). Select the option that is **opposite in meaning** to the underlined word and mark your response in your Answer Sheet accordingly.

11. The parental support can fortify a child's learning.  
 (a) weaken  
(b) encourage  
(c) brace  
(d) strengthen
12. Now we can have another dazzling thought, as an outcome of my brilliant research!  
(a) splendid  
 (b) murky  
(c) dazing  
(d) fulgent
13. The group held some clandestine meetings to resolve the matter.  
(a) secret  
(b) covert  
(c) sneaky  
 (d) public
14. In the winters, the countryside view is bleak and the house is drafty.  
(a) cheerless  
 (b) verdant  
(c) desolate  
(d) bare
15. Amid commotion the leader and his supporters remained passive.  
 (a) quietude  
(b) uproar  
(c) tempest  
(d) stir
16. He had the audacity to blame him.  
(a) boldness  
(b) vigour  
(c) temerity  
 (d) politeness
17. They are making plans for the abatement of the nuisance within a specified time.  
(a) subsidence  
(b) ebbing  
 (c) accumulation  
(d) mitigation
18. There is exponential growth in the development of the scientific researches in the recent few decades.  
(a) aggressive  
(b) rampant  
 (c) meager  
(d) augmented
19. He was known for his sagacity.  
(a) prudence  
(b) wisdom  
 (c) ignorance  
(d) sapience
20. The river Ganges culminates in the Bay of Bengal.  
(a) concludes  
(b) flows  
 (c) originates  
(d) merges

## Spotting Errors

**Directions :** Each item in this section has a sentence with three underlined parts labelled (a), (b) and (c). Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in any underlined part. Indicate your answer on the Answer Sheet against the corresponding letter i.e., (a) or (b) or (c). If you find no error, it should be indicated as (d).

21. Over long periods of time, layers of sediments builds up to a height of a few kilometers  
(a) (b) (c)

No Error

(d)

22. When a gas is cooled down it turns into a liquid from a process called condensation.  
(a) (b) (c)

No Error

(d)

23. If you want to know the news you can read a newspaper. No Error  
(a) (b) (c) (d)

24. Columbus made his first voyage from Europe to America on 1492.  
(a) (b) (c)

No Error

(d)

25. Whenever the sky is clear, you can see the stars in the night. No Error

(a)

(b)



(d)

26. I'm not working tomorrow, so I don't had to get up early. No Error

(a)



(c)

(d)

27. She didn't tell anybody about her plans. No Error

(a)

(b)

(c)



28. She wouldn't have has an accident, if she had driven carefully.

(a)



(c)

No Error

(d)

29. I will watch film if I finish the work in time. No Error



(b)

(c)

(d)

30. In 1989, the government did an about-face and Iran restored it's family planning program.

(a)

(b)



No Error

(d)

## Synonyms

**Directions :** Each item in this section consists of a sentence with an underlined word followed by four options, (a), (b), (c) and (d). Select the option that is **nearest in meaning** to the underlined word and mark your response in your Answer Sheet accordingly.

31. During the pandemic the indigent people had to suffer a lot.  
 (a) very poor  
 (b) opulent  
 (c) solvent  
 (d) prosperous
32. She had no idea what made him angry in one minute and joyial the next.  
 (a) aggrieved  
 (b) melancholic  
 (c) doleful  
 (d) mirthful
33. It is sheer lunacy to drive a car in this frosty weather.  
 (a) prudence  
 (b) normalcy  
 (c) insanity  
 (d) sanity
34. Operating on a child with cancer needs meticulous planning and teamwork.  
 (a) strong  
 (b) long  
 (c) playful  
 (d) scrupulous
35. The thrill of over-speeding the vehicle can be exhilarating, but it is important not to take the consequences lightly.  
 (a) humdrum  
 (b) dreary  
 (c) exciting  
 (d) agitating
36. The redemption will now depend on his new strategy of inclusiveness.  
 (a) retrieval  
 (b) forfeiture  
 (c) corporation  
 (d) desecration
37. Only three candidates are now in contention for the title.  
 (a) involved in dispute  
 (b) in agreement with each other  
 (c) chance of winning  
 (d) amiable to each other
38. All my fishing paraphernalia is in the car.  
 (a) boxes  
 (b) accessories  
 (c) fuel  
 (d) food
39. The public watched in astonishment as he took a sudden jump from the bridge.  
 (a) anticipation  
 (b) hurriedly  
 (c) wonderment  
 (d) calmness
40. Drinking inordinate amount of liquor is not good for health.  
 (a) temperate  
 (b) exorbitant  
 (c) moderate  
 (d) regular

### Ordering of words in a sentence

**Directions :** Each of the following items in this section consists of a sentence, the parts of which have been jumbled. These parts have been labelled P, Q, R and S. Given below each sentence are four sequences namely (a), (b), (c) and (d). You are required to re-arrange the jumbled parts of the sentence correctly and mark your response accordingly.

41. because I feel      you remember it better      when you write something,

P

Q

R

I make at least three drafts of a song

S

The correct sequence should be :

- (a) SPRQ
- (b) RQPS
- (c) QRSP
- (d) PRSQ

42. for hours in the shop      a gunman who held      a hostage      demanding ransom of ₹ 10 lakh

P

Q

R

S

The correct sequence should be :

- (a) SPRQ
- (b) RQPS
- (c) QRPS
- (d) PRSQ

43. living in Russia      country immediately      Ukraine has urged its citizens      to leave the

P

Q

R

S

The correct sequence should be :

- (a) SPRQ
- (b) RPSQ
- (c) RSQP
- (d) PRSQ

44. ripping roofs off houses and raising fears of coast of Madagascar in the early hours,  
P Q  
cyclone Emnati crashed into the southeastern flooding and food shortages in the region  
R S

The correct sequence should be :

- (a) SPRQ  
(b) RPSQ  
 (c) RQPS  
(d) PRSQ

45. ecology is protected and aquatic life thrives we need to utilize the resources of water  
P Q  
for different purposes while ensuring that its natural  
R S

The correct sequence should be :

- (a) SPRQ  
(b) RQPS  
 (c) QRSP  
(d) PRSQ

46. very difficult the poor visibility made the movement of traffic due to fog  
P Q R S

The correct sequence should be :

- (a) SPRQ  
(b) RQPS  
(c) QRPS  
 (d) QSRP

47. avenues for the patients to indict but rarely is it the other way round  
P Q

there are multiple legal the doctors  
R S

The correct sequence should be :

- (a) SPRQ
- (b) RPSQ
- (c) QRPS
- (d) QSRP

48. flight, and each person her own journey life is a solo makes his or  
P Q R S

The correct sequence should be :

- (a) SPRQ
- (b) RPQS
- (c) RPSQ
- (d) PQRS

49. made it evolve technologies and equipment has  
P Q

into a rare centre of excellence adoption of the latest  
R S

The correct sequence should be :

- (a) PQRS
- (b) RPQS
- (c) SQPR
- (d) QSRP

50. please mark the same be made in response to this notice  
P Q

if you have any complaint to to the concerned authority  
R S

The correct sequence should be :

- (a) PQRS
- (b) RPQS
- (c) SQPR
- (d) RQPS