

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

Directions (1-100): In the following question, out of the four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the idiom/phrase.

Q1. Zero tolerance

- (a) Accuracy is paramount
- (b) Non-acceptance of antisocial behaviour
- (c) No return without risk
- (d) No problem at all

Q2. Variety is the spice of life

- (a) New experiences make life more interesting
- (b) Experimentation may be risky
- (c) Life is very beautiful
- (d) There is no life without excitement

Q3. Scot-free

- (a) To escape from captivity
- (b) Be free of all responsibilities
- (c) To Get something unexpected
- (d) Without suffering any punishment or injury

Q4. Tongue-in-cheek


- (a) In an **insincere** way
- (b) To **praise** wholeheartedly
- (c) A **sensational** news
- (d) To say something hurtful

Q5. Wear your heart on your sleeve


- (a) a very bold person
- (b) a noble pure person
- (c) make one's feelings apparent
- (d) being overtly polite at all times

Q6. When it rains, it pours

- (a) one getting much less than what one expected
- (b) calamity always occurs in bad times
- (c) you always fall into trouble when you are least prepared
- (d) When something bad occurs, it usually occurs more than once



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Q7. Add fuel to the fire

- (a) Go from one bad situation to another
- (b) A cause becomes stronger when more people join
- (c) The flame will extinguish if it runs out of oil
- (d) Cause a situation to become worse

Q8. A slap on the wrist

- (a) A mild punishment
- (b) Punishing the wrong person
- (c) To hit someone where it hurts the most
- (d) To threaten someone

Q9. Actions speak louder than words

- (a) Achievers are better than those who talk big
- (b) No action can compensate for saying bad words
- (c) A pen is mightier than a sword
- (d) What someone does mean more than what they say they will do

Q10. A blessing in disguise

- (a) A misfortune that eventually has good results
- (b) A person who has changed so much that he is now unrecognisable
- (c) A prayer asking for God's favour
- (d) A bad person hiding his face behind a mask

Q11. Against the clock

- (a) To do a job fast to finish it before a deadline
- (b) Time is money
- (c) Man is a victim of time
- (d) It is useless to fight destiny

Q12. Scapegoat

- (a) Animal sacrifice as an offering to God
- (b) The most useful animal or person
- (c) A lucky person who is forgiven for his crimes
- (d) A person who is blamed for the mistakes of others

Q13. A dime a dozen

- (a) Strength is in numbers
- (b) People who say bad things have no value
- (c) Very common and of no particular value
- (d) You save more if you buy in large numbers

Q14. A drop in the bucket

- (a) So much silence that even a drop can be heard
- (b) A very small amount compared with what is needed
- (c) The final act before the task is done
- (d) A small favour is worth a lot to a person in trouble

Q15. Practice makes a man perfect

- (a) Perfection demands patience
- (b) Any problem can be solved if you are willing to try many times
- (c) Regular activity is the way to become proficient in it
- (d) It takes a long time to form a good habit

Q16. Pull the plug

- (a) Make a firm refusal
- (b) Save a situation by acting in the nick of time
- (c) To waste away somebody's effort
- (d) Prevent something from continuing

Q17. A hot potato

- (a) A war like situation which could have been easily avoided.
- (b) A common eatery but favoured by celebrities
- (c) A controversial situation which is awkward to deal with.
- (d) A celebrity who keeps getting into some or the other controversy

Q18. New kid on the block

- (a) New rules which are bound to fail.
- (b) A junior
- (c) A new social trend.
- (d) A newcomer

Q19. Water under the bridge

- (a) To create solutions to overcome any problem
- (b) Past events are no longer important
- (c) Young days can never be brought back again
- (d) Time keeps flowing endlessly

Q20. Wag the dog

- (a) To divert attention from something of greater importance to something of lesser importance
- (b) To be nice to someone if you want that person's loyalty
- (c) To praise someone to get that person's love
- (d) A small favour to a person who loves you matters a lot to that person

Q21. Tie the knot

- (a) To put yourself into a problem
- (b) To make a fateful decision
- (c) To sign the deal
- (d) To get married

Q22. The ball is in your court

- (a) It is up to you to make the next move
- (b) You have got a fantastic opportunity
- (c) You will be blamed for crimes that you have not committed
- (d) You have been put into a dilemma.

Q23. A piece of cake

- (a) Everything tastes nice to a hungry person
- (b) Getting a smaller share than expected
- (c) It is difficult to forget tasty food
- (d) Something easily achieved

Q24. A picture paints a thousand words

- (a) An image of a subject conveys its meaning or essence more effectively than a description does
- (b) It is impossible to describe a beautiful sight
- (c) A painter can express his feelings better than a writer
- (d) A beautiful poem creates a mental picture

Q25. To bite off more than one can chew

- (a) To take on a commitment that one cannot fulfill
- (b) A task which has unexpectedly become very difficult
- (c) A greedy person will always suffer
- (d) To grab a share more than what is rightfully theirs

Q26. To bite the bullet

- (a) Hatred should be nipped in the bud
- (b) To do something difficult that one has been hesitating over
- (c) To punish someone who was later found to be not guilty
- (d) To prevent someone from getting killed

Q27. Bed of roses


- (a) What may look comfortable may have hidden thorns.
- (b) A situation or activity that is comfortable or easy
- (c) A warm welcome to loved one.
- (d) One needs to be extremely rich to live a luxurious life


Q28. Back to the drawing board

- (a) An idea has been unsuccessful and that a new one must be devised.
- (b) A person decides his own fate
- (c) All efforts can be wasted because of one mistake
- (d) One always returns to his roots in times of crisis

Q29. To make a long story short

- (a) A very long boring narrative
- (b) One should always communicate with fewer words wherever possible
- (c) Used to end an account of events quickly
- (d) When you want the complete details and not just the summary

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Q30. To steal someone's thunder

- (a) To share the secret of a person just before that person was supposed to receive praise
- (b) To defuse the ego of an egoistic person
- (c) To plagiarize work done by others
- (d) To do a job before another person can do it and take away the credit

Q31. Rise and shine

- (a) Work hard and succeed in life
- (b) An expression used when waking someone up
- (c) Try harder to overcome life's problems
- (d) Be of spotless character

Q32. Raining cats and dogs

- (a) It is raining unusually hard
- (b) To win a big lottery
- (c) To get wealth beyond what one deserves
- (d) To become filthy rich by honest means

Q33. Run out of steam

- (a) To lose impetus or enthusiasm
- (b) To work quickly like a machine
- (c) To give up easily
- (d) no more money to spend

Q34. saved by the bell

- (a) when time is in your favour
- (b) saved at the last moment
- (c) the bell rings at the most opportune time
- (d) prayers are answered when the church bell rings

Q35. Smell a rat

- (a) To sense that events will not be in one's favour
- (b) To begin to suspect trickery or deception
- (c) To be forewarned of danger to oneself
- (d) To prevent calamity by chance

Q36. Sixth sense

- (a) An intuitive power of perception
- (b) A strong power of sense
- (c) An ability to perceive when something will go wrong
- (d) The false feeling that you know the truth

Q37. Rome was not built in a day

- (a) It takes time to create great things
- (b) You have to win many wars to build an empire
- (b) A task done hurriedly fails completely
- (d) Building anything worth while requires skill

Q38. Rule of thumb

- (a) A rough unit of measure for small lengths
- (b) A broadly accurate guide based on practice
- (c) To force someone to work against his wish
- (d) To use your power to ensure discipline

Q39. Turn a blind eye

- (a) Not able to see the obvious truth
- (b) Hide the ugly truth from someone
- (c) Pretend not to notice
- (d) Stay away from bad habits

Q40. Up a blind alley

- (a) hiding something intentionally from another person
- (b) not warning a person who is in danger
- (c) one can enjoy thrills only if one takes risk
- (d) following a course of action that is certain to lead to an undesirable outcome

Q41. Familiarity breeds contempt

- (a) close association with someone leads to a loss of respect for them
- (b) if you do an undesirable thing daily then it becomes acceptable
- (c) too many people living closely will eventually cause bitterness
- (d) routine has to be broken to bring excitement to life

Q42. Don't put all your eggs in one basket

- (a) avoid risky ventures if you want to be successful in life
- (b) don't risk everything on the success of one venture
- (c) one should try multiple things, at least one will succeed
- (d) those who are blessed with more children are happier

Q43. Through thick and thin

- (a) To be together under all circumstances, no matter how difficult
- (b) None of the days are alike. Some are good and some are bad
- (c) To pass through various types of obstacles
- (d) An obese person suddenly losing weight

Q44. Thumb one's nose

- (a) an ill-mannered person
- (b) to show affection
- (c) to scold a naughty person
- (d) to express scorn

Q45. Wild goose chase

- (a) A hopeless search for something unattainable
- (b) An adventurous trip full of surprises
- (c) To waste a lot of time and effort for small returns
- (d) To have fun doing a certain task

Q46. You bet

- (a) Contradicting someone
- (b) Certainly
- (c) Gamble
- (d) Letting others lead

Q47. To put the cat among the pigeons

- (a) To hunt easy prey
- (b) To be different in a group where everybody is alike
- (c) To do something that is likely to cause controversy
- (d) When the entire group feels trapped in a bad situation

Q48. to shoot the breeze

- (a) To do random acts hoping one will be successful
- (b) To have a casual conversation
- (c) To release stomach gases
- (d) To brag about some mild achievement

Q49. The best of both worlds

- (a) To live like a saint so that you are the best in the living world as well as the heavens
- (b) To be lucky in life as well as in death
- (c) The benefits of widely differing situations, enjoyed at the same time
- (d) To be popular amongst both the opposing groups

Q50. To take the cake

- (a) To have something unexpectedly good to eat
- (b) To get a lovely gift
- (c) To throw the prize before others
- (d) To be especially good; outstanding

Q51. Shooting fish in a barrel

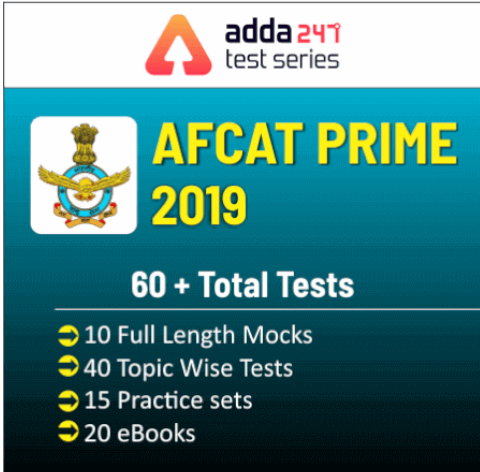
- (a) To do random acts of stupidity
- (b) To behave in a cruel manner
- (c) Ridiculously easy
- (d) To escape through a narrow opening

Q52. To sleep with the fishes

- (a) Always be in a dream world
- (b) To make absurd excuses
- (c) To sleep peacefully
- (d) To be dead

Q53. Ignorance is bliss

- (a) Lack of knowledge is a curse
- (b) Sometimes it is better for you if you do not know all the facts
- (c) Fools believe they know more than the wise
- (d) To be truly happy one should ignore everything else



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Q54. Have a blast

- (a) A party with very loud music
- (b) To have peace amidst noise
- (c) To have a lot of fun
- (d) An explosion of happiness

Q55. There is no such thing as a free lunch.

- (a) It isn't possible to get something for nothing
- (b) There is no genuine kindness in this world
- (c) Even a mother will expect something for her love
- (d) Those who are tempted by free things, end up spending more

Q56. By the skin of one's teeth

- (a) to hurt someone
- (b) Teeth show health of an animal or a person
- (c) Dental hygiene is critical for good health
- (d) A very narrow margin

Q57. Crocodile tears

- (a) To feel sad for another person's misfortunes
- (b) To laugh so much that your eyes start to water
- (c) A person whose sadness is never noticed
- (d) Expressions of sorrow that are insincere

Q58. Chink in one's armour

- (a) A spotless shield tells that the person has not yet fought any war
- (b) A small crack if not repaired will break the shield
- (c) An area of vulnerability
- (d) One's primary defence system against loss or injury

Q59. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder

- (a) The world is beautiful if one can see it that way
- (b) To see only beautiful things if one wants to make his life beautiful
- (c) That which one person finds beautiful or admirable may not appeal to another
- (d) For an infatuated person even bad qualities of the beloved appear good

Q60. Necessity is the mother of invention

- (a) solution to a problem is easy if one is sufficiently desperate
- (b) great inventions happen only if you are desperate
- (c) there is always a mother behind every great scientist who has invented something
- (d) when the need for something becomes essential, you are forced to find ways of getting it

Q61. By the seat of one's pants

- (a) When one is saved in the nick of time
- (b) Your future depends on what choices you make now
- (c) To do it using only one's own experience and judgment
- (d) Nothing worthwhile can be achieved if you sit in one place

Q62. Discretion is the greater part of valour

- (a) To be brave in any situation
- (b) Caution is preferable to rash bravery
- (c) A genuinely brave person is always humble
- (d) If you are over-cautious then you cannot achieve great things

Q63. Too many cooks spoil the broth

- (a) it is always better to do a job independently
- (b) asking many people for advice will cause confusion, and the decision will never be made
- (c) if too many people are involved in a task or activity, it will not be done well
- (d) food is always cooked better if one person cooks it

Q64. Easy come, easy go

- (a) if you forcibly tie up a person in a relationship that person will run away
- (b) no matter what, one should never lose temper
- (c) every task is easy for a talented person
- (d) something acquired without effort may be lost without regret

Q65. To spill the beans

- (a) To reveal secret information unintentionally
- (b) To lose inherited wealth
- (c) To spread rumours to intentionally harm someone
- (d) To spend away hard-earned savings

Q66. To spin one's wheels

- (a) to take a chance
- (b) to do a job quickly
- (c) to narrate someone a confusing story
- (d) to waste one's time

Q67. No horse in this race

- (a) A rigged contest
- (b) A very easily won contest where there are no strong contestants
- (c) To have no vested interest in the outcome of a contest
- (d) To have no chance of winning



Q68. To be pushing up daisies

- (a) To get up feeling fresh
- (b) To be dead and buried
- (c) To smell like flowers
- (d) Once beautiful but now ugly

Q69. To jump ship

- (a) Climbing the career ladder
- (b) To jump to grab an opportunity
- (c) To leave an organization
- (d) To renounce great wealth

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Q70. To kick the bucket

- (a) to get angry
- (b) to die
- (c) to fall ill
- (d) to get hurt

Q71. X marks the spot

- (a) A very popular place
- (b) Not to tell others of a fantastic discovery
- (c) The exact location
- (d) A secret hideout

Q72. You can say that again

- (a) To challenge someone
- (b) To express agreement
- (c) To politely ask someone to repeat
- (d) A favourite story

Q73. The elephant in the room

- (a) A very fat man
- (b) When a big person is finally trapped
- (c) An obvious problem that no one wants to discuss
- (d) One person who is strong enough to defeat everybody else

Q74. to make from scratch

- (a) The universe was created out of nothing
- (b) To do something from the beginning
- (c) To build something out of nothing
- (d) One scratch if neglected will destroy the structure eventually

Q75. If you can't beat 'them, join 'them

- (a) Many times those who fight eventually become best of friends
- (b) If one has to give up fighting with some group because one can't win, band together with them
- (c) Not to hurt others. Instead, be friends with them.
- (d) To fight till you get acceptance to a group which does not initially accept you as a member

Q76. All good things must come to an end

- (a) Even enjoyable experiences cannot last for ever
- (b) A good story should always have a happy ending
- (c) The world will be destroyed one day
- (d) Only bad things can continue forever. Life of good things feel short.

Q77. barking up the wrong tree

- (a) One should ignore those who keep harassing them
- (b) To say something wrong to a person who has always been kind to you
- (c) Scolding a thick-skinned person will cause no improvement
- (d) To be pursuing a misguided line of course of action

Q78. Back to the drawing board

- (a) To solve a problem one has to go back to the root cause
- (b) An inventive person will find fresh ways to solve a problem
- (c) An idea has been unsuccessful and that a new one must be devised
- (d) An artist is always happy if he gets a chance to go back to painting

Q79. blood is thicker than water

- (a) relations are more important than merit
- (b) all crimes are not equal so punishment for murder is not same as that of theft
- (c) family relationships and loyalties are the strongest and most important ones
- (d) deceit from a family member hurts more than being cheated by strangers

Q80. once in a blue moon

- (a) an imaginary situation
- (b) feeling sad
- (c) a beautiful sight
- (d) to happen very rarely

Q81. A fool and his money are easily parted

- (a) a foolish person spends money carelessly and will soon be penniless
- (b) a miser will eventually lose all his money due to one foolish mistake
- (c) a foolish person will never be able to get rich
- (d) a rich person should be smart enough to avoid people who will fool him for his wealth

Q82. All bark and no bite

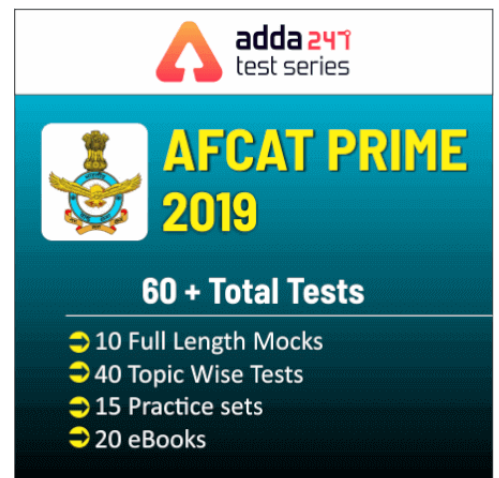
- (a) Children should only be scolded but never beaten
- (b) To be full of big talk but lacking action
- (c) The person who appears most scary will help you the most
- (d) A person who talks a lot will never harm you

Q83. backseat driver

- (a) A person who keeps giving advice to others for things that they are not responsible
- (b) The one who is sitting in the back seat behaves like a boss
- (c) The real power lies in the hands of those who control the strings
- (d) The puppet dances to the actions of the puppeteer

Q84. Back to square one

- (a) Remembering one's past makes one humble
- (b) To be back to where one started, with no progress having been made
- (c) To become friends once again with a person with whom you had a fight
- (d) To apologize for one's past actions



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Q85. an arm and a leg

- (a) a large, possibly exorbitant, amount of money
- (b) a highly motivated person can succeed even with few resources
- (c) one loves a person so much that one is willing to sacrifice his most precious things for them
- (d) all children are equal for a mother. She can't sacrifice anyone.

Q86. an axe to grind

- (a) preparing for a fight
- (b) to have a problem with something or someone
- (c) some important task to do
- (d) one's skill should always be practiced or their edge becomes blunt

Q87. All in the same boat.

- (a) staying together is the secret to successfully navigating the ups and downs of life
- (b) In a group, one's situation is tied up with the situation of the rest.
- (c) There is false sense of safety in a large group
- (d) To be in the same unpleasant situation as other people

Q88. All Greek to me

- (a) The new person in a group gets the most attention
- (b) Learning a new language is very difficult
- (c) Saying that one does not understand something that is said or written
- (d) Everything is new when one is in a new country

Q89. to bend over backwards

- (a) to accommodate every unreasonable request usually without getting anything back
- (b) stepping away from an unpleasant situation
- (c) to make every effort to achieve something, especially to be fair or helpful
- (d) submitting oneself completely to a higher authority

Q90. The dilemma

- (a) life is always choosing between two options
- (b) challenges are hidden opportunities
- (c) escaping one difficulty but falling into another
- (d) faced with two equally undesirable alternatives

Q91. at the drop of a hat

- (a) to challenge someone
- (b) to give up very easily
- (c) to pick a fight for small reasons
- (d) without hesitation or good reason

Q92. apple of my eye

- (a) every thing looks enticing to a hungry person
- (b) a very pleasant thing to watch
- (c) someone that one cherishes above all others
- (d) the ugliest child is still pretty for a mother

Q93. No man is an island

- (a) a man is self-sufficient only when he gets married
- (b) no one is self-sufficient; everyone relies on others
- (c) nobody prefers to live alone
- (d) to not marry is like living on an island

Q94. The squeaky wheel gets the grease

- (a) the most noticeable problems are the ones most likely to get attention
- (b) one unfortunate child always keep getting punished
- (c) the person who complains the most is hated the most
- (d) the favourite child or student gets the most attention

Q95. To beat a dead horse

- (a) To revive interest in a hopeless issue
- (b) A cruel master will expect a slave to work even after his death
- (c) To extract everything from a resource till it fails
- (d) Doing a cruel act

Q96. beating around the bush

- (a) Not accepting the real issue and solving minor problems
- (b) To avoid getting to the point of an issue
- (c) To run around in circles and never accomplishing results
- (d) Avoiding coming face to face with a problem, escaping

Q97. to bite off more than you can chew

- (a) to take on a commitment one cannot fulfil
- (b) to grab a share more than what one rightfully deserves
- (c) to hog more than what one needs
- (d) a greedy person can easily be identified from the way one eats

Q98. to bite your tongue


- (a) to cause self-inflicting harm
- (b) to make a desperate effort to avoid saying something
- (c) harsh words once spoken can never come back
- (d) to be astonished


Q99. Two heads are better than one

- (a) having a partner reduces risk in a business
- (b) to be lonely is a curse
- (c) it's helpful to have the advice of a second person
- (d) a married life is better than living as a bachelor

Q100. Don't count your chickens before they hatch

- (a) Not to live in a fancy imaginary world, where everything happens as per your wish
- (b) Counting your wealth repeatedly will not make it grow
- (c) One should be optimistic but be ready for failures
- (d) Not to be too sure that something good you hope for will really happen It might not happen after all.

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Solutions

S1. Ans.(b)

Sol. Zero tolerance means absolutely no toleration of even the smallest infraction of a rule. Tolerance cannot be related with accuracy.

S2. Ans.(a)

Sol. Variety is the spice of life means new and exciting experiences make life more interesting.

S3. Ans.(d)

Sol. Scot-free means to escape punishment for a crime or wrongdoing; to be acquitted of charges for a crime.

S4. Ans.(a)

Sol. Tongue-in-cheek means Jocular or humorous, though seeming or appearing to be serious.

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol. Wear your heart on your sleeve means to display one's feelings openly and habitually, rather than keep them private.

S6. Ans.(d)

Sol. When it rains, it pours means something good or bad occurring multiple times within a short span of time.

S7. Ans.(d)

Sol. Add fuel to the fire means to do or say something to make an argument, problem, or bad situation worse; to further incense an already angry person or group of people.

S8. Ans.(a)

Sol. A slap on the wrist means a mild reprimand or punishment.

S9. Ans.(d)

Sol. Actions speak louder than words mean actions are more revealing of one's true character since it is easy to say things or make promises, but it takes effort to do things and follow through.

S10. Ans.(a)

Sol. A blessing in disguise means an unfortunate event or situation that results in an unforeseen positive outcome.

S11. Ans.(a)

Sol. Against the clock means in a very limited amount of time; with a shortage of time being the main problem.

S12. Ans.(d)

Sol. Scapegoat means to make someone take the blame for something.

S13. Ans.(c)

S14. Ans.(b)

Sol. A drop in the bucket means a tiny amount, especially when compared to a much larger one.

S15. Ans.(c)

Sol. Practice makes a man perfect means Only by practicing or repeatedly doing something can one become proficient or skillful at it.

S16. Ans.(d)

Sol. Pull the plug means to remove, turn off, or discontinue someone's life-support system, resulting in their death.

S17. Ans.(c)

Sol. A hot potato means a sensitive situation or controversial issue that is difficult to handle and thus gets passed from one person to the next.

S18. Ans.(d)

Sol. New kid on the block means a newcomer to a particular place or sphere of activity.

S19. Ans.(b)

Sol. Water under the bridge means a prior issue that is now resolved or considered resolved.

S20. Ans.(a)

Sol. Wag the dog means to change the topic from something that is more important to something that is not.

S21. Ans.(d)

Sol. Tie the knot means to marry a mate.

S22. Ans.(a)

Sol. The ball is in your court means one needs to take some action to keep something going.

S23. Ans.(d)

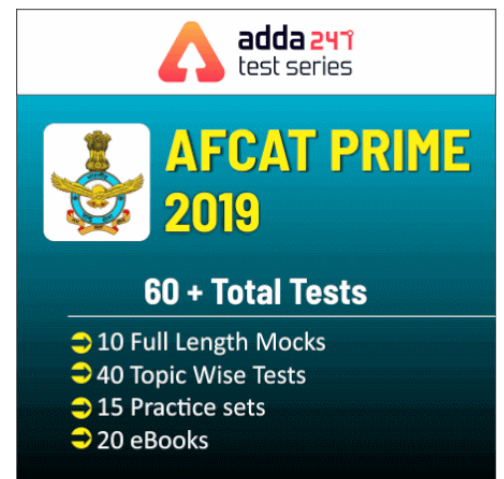
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S24. Ans.(a)

Sol. A picture paints a thousand words: It refers to the notion that a complex idea can be conveyed with just a single still image or that an image of a subject conveys its meaning or essence more effectively than a description does.

S25. Ans.(a)

Sol. To bite off more than one can chew means to take (on) more than one can deal with; to be overconfident.



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S26. Ans.(b)

Sol. To bite the bullet means decide to do something difficult or unpleasant that one has been putting off or hesitating over.

S27. Ans.(b)

Sol. Bed of roses means an easy, comfortable situation.

S28. Ans.(a)

Sol. Back to the drawing board means used to indicate that an idea, scheme, or proposal has been unsuccessful and that a new one must be devised.

S29. Ans.(c)

Sol. To make a long story short : used to end an account of events quickly.

S30. Ans.(d)

Sol. To steal someone's thunder : win praise for oneself by pre-empting someone else's attempt to impress

S31. Ans.(b)

Sol. Rise and shine: Wake up and get out of bed promptly.

S32. Ans.(a)

Sol. Raining cats and dogs: something that we say when it is raining heavily

S33. Ans.(a)

Sol. Run out of steam means to lose one's energy or vitality for something.

S34. Ans.(b)

Sol. Saved by the bell means saved or spared from difficulty or misfortune by some intervention at the very last moment.

S35. Ans.(b)

Sol. Smell a rat suspect that means to is something wrong; to sense that someone has caused something wrong.

S36. Ans.(a)

Sol. Sixth sense means a supposed power to know or feel things that are not perceptible by the five senses of sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch.

S37. Ans.(a)

Sol. Rome was not built in a day: Important work takes time

S38. Ans.(b)

Sol. Rule of thumb: a broadly accurate guide or principle, based on practice rather than theory.

S39. Ans.(c)

Sol. turn a blind eye: pretend not to notice.

S40. Ans.(d)

Sol. Up a blind alley: you mean that someone is following a course of action that is certain to lead to an undesirable outcome.

S41. Ans.(a)

Sol. Familiarity breeds contempt: extensive knowledge of or close association with someone or something leads to a loss of respect for them or it.

S42. Ans.(b)

Sol. Don't put all your eggs in one basket: a piece of advice which means that one should not concentrate all efforts and resources in one area.

S43. Ans.(a)

Sol. Through thick and thin: under all circumstances, no matter how difficult.

S44. Ans.(d)

Sol. Thumb one's nose: a gesture of disrespect

S45. Ans.(a)

Sol. Wild goose chase: a foolish and hopeless search for or pursuit of something unattainable.

S46. Ans.(b)

Sol. You bet: sure or certainty.

S47. Ans.(c)

Sol. To put the cat among the pigeons: it is used to describe a disturbance caused by an undesirable person.

S48. Ans.(b)

Sol. to shoot the breeze: to spend time talking about things that are not important.

S49. Ans.(c)

Sol. The best of both worlds: the benefits of widely differing situations, enjoyed at the same time.

S50. Ans.(d)

Sol. to take the cake: Be the most outstanding in some respect

S51. Ans.(c)

Sol. Shoot ing fish in a barrel: Ridiculously easy

S52. Ans.(d)

Sol. To sleep with the fishes: Killed and thrown in a river.

S53. Ans.(b)

Sol. Ignorance is bliss: if one is unaware of an unpleasant fact or situation one cannot be troubled by it.

S54. Ans.(c)

Sol. have a blast: to have a lot of fun"

S55. Ans.(a)

Sol. There is no such thing as a free lunch.: the idea that it is impossible to get something for nothing.

S56. Ans.(d)

Sol. By the skin of one's teeth: narrowly' or 'barely.

S57. Ans.(d)

Sol. Crocodile tears: tears or expressions of sorrow that are insincere.

S58. Ans.(c)

Sol. Chink in one's armour: an area of vulnerability

S59. Ans.(c)

Sol. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder: that which one person finds beautiful or admirable may not appeal to another.

S60. Ans.(d)

Sol. Necessity is the mother of invention: when the need for something becomes essential, you are forced to find ways of getting it

S61. Ans.(c)

Sol. By the seat of one's pants: Decide a course of action as you go along by your skill or judgement.

S62. Ans.(b)

Sol. discretion is the greater part of valour: Caution is preferable to rash bravery.

S63. Ans.(c)

Sol. Too many cooks spoil the broth: if too many people are involved in a task or activity, it will not be done well.

S64. Ans.(d)

Sol. easy come, easy go: said when something, especially money, is easily got and then soon spent or lost.

S65. Ans.(a)

Sol. To spill the beans: to reveal secret information unintentionally or indiscreetly.

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S66. Ans.(d)

Sol. To spin one's wheels: waste one's time or efforts.

S67. Ans.(c)

Sol. No horse in this race: no vested interest in the outcome of a contest or debate.

S68. Ans.(b)

Sol. To be pushing up daisies: dead and buried.

S69. Ans.(c)

Sol. To jump ship: a sailor leave the ship on which one is serving without having obtained permission to do so.

S70. Ans.(b)

Sol. To kick the bucket: to die

S71. Ans.(c)

Sol. X marks the spot means the exact spot. (Sometimes the speaker will draw an X in the spot while saying this.)

S72. Ans.(b)

Sol. You can say that again means to express strong agreement with what someone has just said.

S73. Ans.(c)

Sol. The elephant in the room means a major problem or controversial issue which is obviously present but is avoided as a subject for discussion.

S74. Ans.(b)

Sol. to make from scratch means from the very beginning, from the outset; from nothing.

S75. Ans.(b)

Sol. If you can't beat 'them, join 'them means if you have to give up fighting some group because you can't win, band together with them.

S76. Ans.(a)

Sol. All good things must come to an end means everything that one is fond off comes to an end, eventually

S77. Ans.(d)

Sol. barking up the wrong tree means to attempt or pursue a futile course of action, often by making some kind of suggestion or request.

S78. Ans.(c)

Sol. Back to the drawing board means used to indicate that an idea, scheme, or proposal has been unsuccessful and that a new one must be devised.

S79. Ans.(c)

Sol. **Blood is thicker than water** means family relationships and loyalties are the strongest and most important ones

S80. Ans.(d)

Sol. **once in a blue moon** means very rarely.

S81. Ans.(a)

Sol. A fool and his money are easily parted: a foolish person spends money carelessly and will soon be penniless.

S82. Ans.(b)

Sol. All bark and no bite: threatening, aggressive, but not willing to engage in a fight;

S83. Ans.(a)

Sol. backseat driver: a person who interferes in affairs without having knowledge, responsibility, or authority for doing so.

S84. Ans.(b)

Sol. Back to square one: back to where one started, with no progress having been made.

S85. Ans.(a)

Sol. an arm and a leg: If you say that something costs an arm and a leg, you mean that it is very expensive.

S86. Ans.(b)

Sol. an axe to grind: To have a complaint or dispute that one feels compelled to discuss.

S87. Ans.(d)

Sol. All in the same boat: in the same situation; having the same problem

S88. Ans.(c)

Sol. All Greek to me: expressing that something is not understandable.

S89. Ans.(c)

Sol. to bend over backwards: to work very hard to accomplish something for someone.

S90. Ans.(d)

Sol. the dilemma: faced with two equally undesirable alternatives

S91. Ans.(d)

Sol. at the drop of a hat: without hesitation or good reason.

S92. Ans.(c)

Sol. apple of my eye: to something or someone that one cherishes above all others.

S93. Ans.(b)

Sol. “No man is an island” means to require help from other every now and then because of one’s limitations

S94. Ans.(a)

Sol. The squeaky wheel gets the grease: the most noticeable (or loudest) problems are the ones most likely to get attention.

S95. Ans.(a)

Sol. To beat a dead horse: to continue a particular endeavour is a waste of time as the outcome is already decided.

S96. Ans.(b)

Sol. beating around the bush: to avoid talking about what is important.

S97. Ans.(a)

Sol. to bite off more than you can chew: to try to do something that is too difficult for you.

S98. Ans.(b)

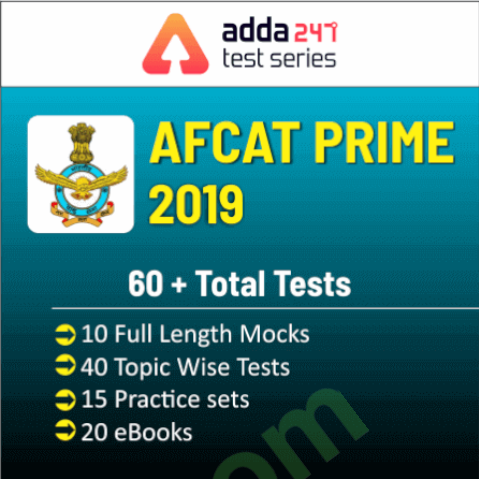
Sol. to bite your tongue: to stop yourself from saying something that you would really like to say

S99. Ans.(c)

Sol. Two heads are better than one: it's helpful to have the advice or opinion of a second person.

S100. Ans.(d)

Sol. Don't count your chickens before they hatch: you should not make plans that depend on something good happening before you know that it has actually happened.



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