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**Directions (1-100):** In each of the questions, four alternatives are given for the Idiom/Phrase. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase and click the button corresponding to it.

**Q1. Every inch a gentleman**

- (a) Somewhat
- (b) Partly
- (c) Entirely
- (d) Calculatedly

**S1. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. every inch a something-completely; in every way. (Usually strengthening a following adjective.)**

**Q2. Gall and wormwood**

- (a) A problem
- (b) Hateful
- (c) Useless
- (d) Hard to digest

**S2. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. gall and wormwood: Strong feelings of bitterness and resentment.**

**Q3. Wet behind the ears**

- (a) Skillful
- (b) Young and rich with experience
- (c) Young and without much experience
- (d) Hearing impaired

**S3. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Wet behind the ears-lacking experience; immature.**

**Q4. Get the sack**

- (a) Look for a sack
- (b) Find a sack
- (c) Get a call back
- (d) Be dismissed

**S4. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. get the sack-to be told to leave your job**

**Q5. I was so disappointed when my close friend *left me in the lurch*.**

- (a) Went away without waiting for me
- (b) Helped me in difficult times
- (c) Abandoned me when I needed help
- (d) Stopped helping me in emergency

**S5. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. left me in the lurch-to leave someone at a time when they need you to stay and help them**

**Q6. To eat humble pie**

- (a) To eat an unsavoury pie
- (b) To be served food that is rotten
- (c) To yield under humiliating circumstances
- (d) To give in to political pressure

**S6. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. eat humble pie-to act very humble when one is shown to be wrong.**

**Q7. To spill the beans**

- (a) To reveal partial truth
- (b) To be untidy
- (c) To reveal a secret
- (d) To conceal a fact

**S7. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. spill the beans-reveal secret information unintentionally or indiscreetly.**

**Q8. Evening of life**

- (a) Old age
- (b) A party
- (c) Holiday
- (d) None of these



**S8. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Evening of life-old age.**

**Q9. Invent cock and bull stories**

- (a) Delightful fables
- (b) Eco-friendly accounts
- (c) Absurd and unlikely stories
- (d) Credible tales

**S9. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. cock-and-bull story: A wildly exaggerated or falsified story or explanation.**

**Q10. A Herculean task**

- (a) A task which requires little effort.
- (b) A task which requires a lot of patience.
- (c) A task which requires enormous courage.
- (d) A task which requires great effort.

**S10. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. A Herculean task - requiring extraordinary strength or exertion**

**Q11. It has been proved *up to the hilt* that China's intentions are bad.**

- (a) completely
- (b) up to first decision
- (c) no outcome
- (d) none of these

**S11. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. (up) to the hilt - if you do something to the hilt, you do it in the strongest and most complete way that you can.**

**Q12. After the retirement, Mr Mehta is thinking of *resting on his oars*.**

- (a) to depend on his savings
- (b) rest after hard work
- (c) do a mild business to keep busy
- (d) none of these

**S12.Ans.(b)**

**Sol. rest on one's oars, to cease to make an effort; relax after exertion; stop working after success or completing a task:**

**Q13. To *pick holes***

- (a) to find some reason to fight
- (b) to destroy something
- (c) to criticize someone
- (d) to cut some part of an item

**S13.Ans.(c)**

**Sol. pick holes in something-to find mistakes in something someone has done or said, to show that it is not good or not correct**

**Q14. To *drive home***

- (a) to find one's roots
- (b) back to original position
- (c) to return to the place of rest
- (d) to emphasize

**S14.Ans.(d)**

**Sol. drive something home-to emphasize an important point about something (to someone).**

**Q15. To *beg the question***

- (a) to refer to
- (b) to take for granted
- (c) to raise objections
- (d) to be discussed

**S15. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. beg the question- Take for granted or assume the truth of the very thing being questioned.**

**Q16. So far as hazards of pollution are concerned, the traffic policeman bear the brunt.**

- (a) suffer the most
- (b) are exposed to the danger
- (c) face the consequences
- (d) have to run the risk

**S16. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. bear the brunt of something-**to get the greater amount or larger part of something bad

**Q17. Talk shop**

- (a) Talk about one's profession
- (b) Talk about shopping
- (c) Ridicule
- (d) Treat lightly

**S17. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Talk shop-**discuss matters concerning one's work, especially at a social occasion when this is inappropriate.

**Q18. Catch a tartar**

- (a) To catch a dangerous person
- (b) To deal with a person who is more than one's match
- (c) To trap a wanted criminal with great difficulty
- (d) To live carefully and cautiously

**S18. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Catch a tartar-** to deal with someone or something that proves unexpectedly troublesome or powerful.

**Q19. Cap in hand**

- (a) Defiant
- (b) Screaming
- (c) Well behaved
- (d) In a respectful manner

**S19. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. cap in hand:** Humbly or submissively.

**Q20. Bandy words with**

- (a) argue
- (b) oratory
- (c) speech enthusiast
- (d) linguistic acumen

**S20. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. bandy with someone-** to argue [with someone]; to argue by "playing catch with words.

**Q21. Be down and out**

- (a) be destitute
- (b) be tipsy
- (c) over-drinking
- (d) rivalry

**S21. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. down-and-out: Lacking funds, resources, or prospects.**

**Q22. Be down in the dumps**

- (a) to fall down
- (b) to fall from grace
- (c) ever ready to take on
- (d) appear miserable

**S22. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. down in the dumps definition. In a gloomy or depressed mood: "After losing the student election, Jack really felt down in the dumps."**

**Q23. Be to the fore**

- (a) to the brim
- (b) pre-apprehension
- (c) be prominent
- (d) to take the lead

**S23. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. to the fore- In, into, or toward a position of prominence,**

**Q24. Put a spoke in one's wheel**

- (a) obstruct progress
- (b) grinder
- (c) help someone to progress
- (d) help someone with advice

**S24. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. put a spoke in somebody's wheel- to spoil someone else's plans and stop them from doing something**

**Q25. To have an axe to grind**

- (a) to work for both sides
- (b) to have selfish interest to serve
- (c) to criticize someone
- (d) to fail to arouse interest

**S25. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. have an axe to grind-have a private reason for doing or being involved in something.**



**Q26. To hit the right nail on the head**

- (a) to do things right
- (b) to announce one's fixed views
- (c) to destroy one's reputation
- (d) to teach someone a lesson

**S26. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. hit the nail (right) on the head- to do exactly the right thing; to do something in the most effective and efficient way.**

**Q27. To be at cross-purposes**

- (a) miss each other
- (b) work with each other
- (c) like each other
- (d) misunderstand each other

**S27. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. at cross purposes-In conflict with or in opposition to.**

**Q28. To be in dribs and drabs**

- (a) without fail
- (b) with much ease
- (c) in small quantities
- (d) with great difficulty



**S28. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. dribs and drabs-in small scattered or sporadic amounts.**

**Q29. The gift of the gab means**

- (a) an unexpected gain
- (b) fluency of speech
- (c) thought provoking oration
- (d) a X-mas gift

**S29. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. The gift of the gab-the ability to speak with eloquence and fluency.**

**Q30. A man of spirit is**

- (a) a very talented man
- (b) a spiritual person
- (c) a very courageous man
- (d) a unique person

**S30. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. A man of spirit is someone who courageous and full of energy.**

**Q31. Work like a Trojan**

- (a) face difficulties
- (b) take trouble
- (c) to imitate
- (d) work very hard

**S31. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Work like a Trojan-to work very hard**

**Q32. Set tongues wagging**

- (a) be easy to pronounce
- (b) encourage gossip
- (c) to be curious
- (d) wait eagerly

**S32. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Set tongues wagging-to cause people to start gossiping**

**Q33. A nail in someone's coffin**

- (a) something bad that contributes towards someone's failure
- (b) something irrelevant to the subject
- (c) to make money unfairly
- (d) to make someone feel uncomfortable or embarrassed

**S33. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. A nail in someone's coffin - something that will harm or destroy someone or something**

**Q34. A man of the world**

- (a) headstrong and arrogant
- (b) highly experienced in many fields
- (c) very popular because of success
- (d) a man of wit or genius

**S34. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. a man of the world-someone who has a lot of experience of life, and is not usually shocked by the way people behave**

**Q35. A leap in the dark**

- (a) a random guess or a risky attempt
- (b) a mistake that cannot be rectified
- (c) to get wounded
- (d) unusual behavior

**S35. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. A leap in the dark-a daring step or enterprise whose consequences are unpredictable.**



**Q36. A flash in the pan**

- (a) an incorrect piece of reasoning
- (b) sudden but brief success
- (c) a mixture of many types
- (d) among other things

**S36. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. A flash in the pan-a thing or person whose sudden but brief success is not repeated or repeatable.**

**Q37. A blot on the landscape**

- (a) something that spoils a situation
- (b) criminal action against someone
- (c) receive severe criticism
- (d) have more useful things to do

**S37. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. A blot on the landscape-Something that is considered unattractive that covers up or otherwise takes away from the value of something attractive**

**Q38. The captors of the kidnapped kept his family *on tenterhooks*.**

- (a) an anxious suspense
- (b) on constant move
- (c) in seething anger
- (d) in excited state

**S38. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. on tenterhooks-in a state of suspense or agitation because of uncertainty about a future event., anxiously waiting for news about someone or something**

**Q39. I have come to know of your *hole-and-corner* methods of dealing with people.**

- (a) suspicious
- (b) secret
- (c) servile
- (d) strict

**S39. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. hole-and-corner: hole-and-corner activities are kept secret, usually because they are dishonest**

**Q40. He was *in a brown study* and did not seem to catch my point.**

- (a) in his study room
- (b) absorbed in reading
- (c) absent-minded
- (d) in a state of shock

**S40. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. brown study: a mood of deep absorption or thoughtfulness; reverie, The condition of being so lost in solitary thought as to be unaware of one's surroundings.**

**Q41. The green-eyed monster**

- (a) the creature of the sea
- (b) an animal with green eyes
- (c) personal jealousy
- (d) to get into trouble

**S41. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. the green-eyed monster-jealousy personified., expressing jealousy**

**Q42. He is not *playing with the full deck*.**

- (a) someone who has lost interest
- (b) someone who lacks intelligence
- (c) someone who is clever in his dealings
- (d) someone who has less money to make the deal

**S42. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. play with a full deck: to operate as if one were mentally sound. (Usually in the negative. One cannot play cards with a partial deck.)**

**Q43. Harassed by repeated acts of injustice, he decided to *put his foot down*.**

- (a) not to yield
- (b) resign
- (c) withdraw
- (d) None of these

**S43. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. put one's foot down (about someone or something)-to tell someone in a strong way that they must do something or that they must stop doing something**

**Q44. He was murdered *in cold blood*.**

- (a) coolly
- (b) deliberately
- (c) unfeelingly
- (d) thoughtlessly

**S44. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. in cold blood-without feeling or mercy; ruthlessly.**

**Q45. Every political party is at present *playing to the gallery*.**

- (a) Adopting cheap tactics
- (b) Befooling the common man
- (c) Fighting for votes
- (d) Appeasing the masses

**S45. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. playing to the gallery-to perform in a manner that will get the strong approval of the audience; to perform in a manner that will get the approval of the lower elements in the audience.**

**Q46. A hornet's nest**

- (a) A comfortable position
- (b) An unpleasant situation
- (c) Among thorns
- (d) A perfect place

**S46. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. a hornet's nest. a situation or subject which causes a lot of people to become angry and upset.**

**Q47. God's acre refers to which of the following places.**

- (a) Aisle
- (b) Altar
- (c) A cemetery beside church
- (d) Chimney

**S47. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. God's acre: A churchyard burial area. The phrase is a translation of the German word, Gottesacker, "God's field" where the souls of the faithful are sown.**

**Q48. She wrangled over an ass's shadow.**

- (a) did unnecessary work
- (b) quarreled over trifles
- (c) sat on the shadow of the ass
- (d) quarreled like fools

**S48. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. wrangle for an ass's shadow: To argue over trivial matters.**

**Q49. To play second fiddle**

- (a) To be happy, cheerful and healthy
- (b) To reduce importance of one's senior
- (c) To support the role and view of another person
- (d) To do back seat driving

**S49. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. play second fiddle-have a subordinate role to someone or something; be treated as less important than someone or something.**

**Q50. Beggar description**

- (a) Cannot be described
- (b) Something described by a beggar
- (c) A poor account of something
- (d) A description of a beggar

**S50. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Beggar description-be too extraordinary to be believed or described.**

**Q51. Flogging a dead horse**

- (a) repeating our request
- (b) making him see reason
- (c) beating about the bush
- (d) wasting time in useless effort

**S51. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Flogging a dead horse- is an idiom that means to continue a particular endeavour is a waste of time as the outcome is already decided.**

**Q52. Face the music**

- (a) get finished
- (b) get reprimanded
- (c) feel sorry
- (d) listen to the music

**S52. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Face the music -be confronted with the unpleasant consequences of one's actions.**

**Q53. Plough a lone furrow**

- (a) to play the best card
- (b) to play the last card
- (c) do something that achieves the desired success
- (d) to achieve something singlehandedly

**S53. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. plough a lone/lonely furrow-to do something alone and without help from other people**

**Q54. A prophet of doom**

- (a) a godman who bless
- (b) prediction of goodness
- (c) a person who holds and spreads pessimistic views
- (d) a person who holds the world guilty

**S54. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. a prophet of doom-someone who always expects bad things to happen**

**Q55. A pyrrhic victory**

- (a) a victory which is not possible
- (b) unfair victory
- (c) a victory that brings more loss than gains
- (d) a win even after losing

**S55. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. a Pyrrhic victory: a victory that is not worth winning because you have suffered so much to achieve it.**

**Q56. A quid pro quo**

- (a) something done in revenge or retaliation
- (b) give up
- (c) selfless service
- (d) selfish act of revenge

**S56. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. quid pro quo-a favour or advantage granted in return for something.**

**Q57. Token strike**

- (a) total strike
- (b) carefully planned strike
- (c) short strike held as warning
- (d) sudden call of strike

**S57. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Token strike -a situation in which a group of workers refuses to work, but only for a short period.**

**Q58. Sweeping statement**

- (a) rash statement
- (b) unpremeditated statement
- (c) thoughtless statement
- (d) generalized statements

**S58. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Sweeping statement -a general statement leaving out details.**

**Q59. To a hair**

- (a) vaguely
- (b) to some extent
- (c) exactly
- (d) not the like of

**S59. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. to a hair- exactly; right in every detail**

**Q60. On the cards**

- (a) A winner
- (b) Accept defeat
- (c) Play at cards
- (d) Likely to happen

**S60. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. On the cards-Very likely or certain to happen, occur, or take place.**

**Q61. At the eleventh hour**

- (a) At eleven o'clock
- (b) in the last line
- (c) Arrive late
- (d) The last possible time

**S61. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. at the eleventh hour: At the last possible moment or opportunity.**

**Q62. Call it a day**

- (a) Stop active day or life
- (b) Name the day
- (c) Call in day time
- (d) Call on someone

**S62. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. Call it a day-to quit work and go home; to say that a day's work has been completed., to stop some activity.**

**Q63. Much ado about nothing**

- (a) To make a noise
- (b) To make a fuss over small matter
- (c) A play by Shaw
- (d) Talk about somebody

**S63. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Much ado about nothing -a furor over something unimportant. , a lot of trouble or excitement about something that is not important.**

**Q64. To rock the boat**

- (a) To inspire people
- (b) To create confusion
- (c) To felicitate
- (d) To disturb a situation

**S64. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. To rock the boat- to cause trouble where none is welcome; to disturb a situation that is otherwise stable and satisfactory.**

**Q65. To give airs**

- (a) Exhale
- (b) Inhale
- (c) Boast
- (d) Humble

**S65. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. give (oneself) airs: To think or behave as though one is superior to others or better than one really is; to have or assume a pretentious or self-aggrandizing attitude.**

**Q66. Veera has unknowingly bitten off more than she can chew.**

- (a) been very greedy
- (b) always been honest
- (c) an upset stomach
- (d) little regard for others

**S66. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. bite off more than one can chew-** to take (on) more than one can deal with; to be overconfident., to take a larger mouthful of food than one can chew easily or comfortably.

**Q67. The bare bones of the conversation had been that he hated my guts.**

- (a) the naked truth
- (b) just bones
- (c) the main point
- (d) the detailed analysis

**S67. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. the bare bones:** the most basic parts of something, without any detail

**Q68. He spoke well though it was his maiden speech.**

- (a) Long speech
- (b) Brief speech
- (c) First speech
- (d) Emotional speech

**S68. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. maiden speech. -a person's first speech**

**Q69. She denied *point-blank* her involvement in the crime.**

- (a) Directly
- (b) Desperately
- (c) Stubbornly
- (d) Rudely

**S69. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. point-blank-** (of a statement or question) direct and without explanation or qualification.

**Q70. Mother Teresa *blazed a new trail* when she started working among lepers.**

- (a) Walked in the right path
- (b) Gave up her job
- (c) Did something for the first time and showed others how to do it
- (d) Changed her old way of lie

**S70. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. blazed a new trail - to do early or pioneering work that others will follow up on.**

**Q71. Mr. Narayan is eighty-eight, but he is *as fit as a fiddle*.**

- (a) As sham as a fiddle
- (b) Good at fitting up fiddles
- (c) Extremely healthy
- (d) Of the fiddling type

**S71. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. fit as a fiddle-In excellent form or health.**

**Q72. A Man of letters**

- (a) Letter - writer
- (b) Proof - reader
- (c) Postman
- (d) Scholar

**S72. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. man of letters: a male scholar or author.**

**Q73. Bear in mind**

- (a) Respect
- (b) Observe
- (c) Remember
- (d) Pretend to listen

**S73. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. bear/keep something in mind: to remember a piece of information when you are making decisions or thinking about a matter.**

**Q74. Old head on young shoulders**

- (a) To be intelligent when old
- (b) To be old and yet look young
- (c) To be wise beyond his years
- (d) To be less smart

**S74. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. an old head on young shoulders: A young person who acts or speaks like an older person.**

**Q75. A wild-goose chase**

- (a) A fruitful search
- (b) A pointless search
- (c) To search for a wild-goose
- (d) A hunting expedition

**S75. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. A wild-goose chase: a foolish and hopeless search for or pursuit of something unattainable.**



**Q76. To follow the primrose path**

- (a) To follow one's objectives very steadfastly
- (b) To go on wandering
- (c) To trek to the mountains
- (d) To go in for pursuit of pleasure or an easy life

**S76. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. the primrose path-if you lead someone down the primrose path, you encourage them to live an easy life that is full of pleasure but bad for them.**

**Q77. A shot in the dark**

- (a) To love to go out on adventures
- (b) Be able to work very quickly
- (c) Be very violent
- (d) An attempt to guess something

**S77. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. A shot in the dark-an act whose outcome cannot be foreseen; a guess.**

**Q78. In a nutshell**

- (a) Angrily
- (b) Causally
- (c) Writing
- (d) Brief



**S78. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. In a nutshell-in the fewest possible words.**

**Q79. She cut a sorry figure in her first performance on the stage.**

- (a) to perform badly and failed
- (b) cut a cake
- (c) did not attend the function
- (d) performed a brilliant role

**S79. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. cut a sorry figure-(Expression) to make a poor impression.**

**Q80. To give so much importance to this dispute is to make a mountain of a molehill.**

- (a) to take advantage
- (b) to give great importance to trifles
- (c) to see a thing with prejudiced mind
- (d) to get into trouble

**S80. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Making a mountain out of a molehill is an idiom referring to over-reactive, histrionic behaviour where a person makes too much of a minor issue.**

**Q81. There is no *gainsaying* that the country is in difficulties.**

- (a) ignoring
- (b) hiding
- (c) forgetting
- (d) denying

**S81. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. gainsay: deny or contradict (a fact or statement).**

**Q82. The host team *bore the palm*.**

- (a) played quite well
- (b) was victorious
- (c) was defeated
- (d) played a very boring match

**S82. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. bear the palm: To win. Palm leaves were formerly used as symbols of victory.**

**Q83. Just *keep your wig on*. Everything will be alright.**

- (a) hold on to your wig, so it won't fall off.
- (b) get another hair cut
- (c) calm down
- (d) take off your wig

**S83. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. Idiom Definitions for 'Keep your wig on!' This idiom is used to tell someone to calm down.**

**Q84. If you want to be happy, *cut your coat according to your cloth*.**

- (a) be honest in your dealings
- (b) work more than your capacity
- (c) live within your means
- (d) don't be too ambitions

**S84. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. cut your coat according to your cloth: undertake only what you have the money or ability to do and no more.**

**Q85. He *lays out* fifty percent of his income on bonds and shares.**

- (a) allows
- (b) displace
- (c) donates
- (d) spends

**S85. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. lay out: To expend; spend, To arrange according to a plan**

**Q86. I could have continued my higher studies if I wanted but, that's *water under the bridge*.**

- (a) something I cannot change
- (b) the time I met with an accident near the bridge
- (c) something my family did not want
- (d) the time I went on a cruise

**S86. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. *water under the bridge (water over the dam):* used to refer to events that are in the past and consequently no longer to be regarded as important.**

**Q87. My parents want me to study science, but I will *stick to my guns* and graduate in Economics.**

- (a) prefer to disobey them
- (b) hold on to my decision
- (c) agree to listen to them
- (d) show them that they are wrong

**S87. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. *stick to one's guns:* refuse to compromise or change, despite criticism.**

**Q88. All moonshine**

- (a) Glowing
- (b) Far from reality
- (c) Celestial
- (d) About the moon

**S88. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. *All moonshine:* total lies, not real**



**Q89. At a snail's pace**

- (a) Quietly
- (b) Quickly
- (c) Continuously
- (d) Slowly

**S89. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. *at a snail's pace:* Very slowly (as a snail is known to move very slowly).**

**Q90. Call on**

- (a) Telephone
- (b) Seek help
- (c) Pay a visit
- (d) Order

**S90. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. *call on:* pay a visit to (someone).**

**Q91. A cuckoo in the nest**

- (a) One who likes to stay at home
- (b) A view from a high place
- (c) An unwelcome intruder
- (d) One who is chosen as the leader of the group

**S91. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. A cuckoo in the nest-an unwelcome intruder in a place or situation.**

**Q92. A house of cards**

- (a) An insecure scheme
- (b) A gambling house
- (c) A plan with high standard
- (d) A place where cards are printed

**S92. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. a house of cards-an organization or a plan that is very weak and can easily be destroyed**

**Q93. To smell a rat**

- (a) To see signs of plague epidemic
- (b) To get the bad smell of a dead rat
- (c) To suspect foul dealings
- (d) To be in a bad mood

**S93. Ans.(c)**

**Sol. To smell a rat-begin to suspect trickery or deception.**

**Q94. To nip in the bud**

- (a) To stop something at the start
- (b) To trim the flowers
- (c) to pluck the flowers
- (d) to steal from

**S94. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. To nip in the bud-to put an end to something before it develops into something larger.**

**Q95. He died in harness.**

- (a) Ceased to live
- (b) Died of a disease
- (c) Died for his country
- (d) Died while working

**S95. Ans.(d)**

**Sol. die in harness: To die while still actively working or still of the age or physical condition to do so (i.e., before retirement)**

**Q96. Cut the mustard**

- (a) to lose
- (b) to come up to expectations
- (c) to get injured
- (d) to leave the job

**S96. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. Cut the mustard -come up to expectations; reach the required standard.**

**Q97. Truly he is a chip of the old block.**

- (a) very similar to his father
- (b) a good actor
- (c) an honorable man
- (d) outdated in his mannerisms

**S97. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. chip off the old block-a person (usually a male) who behaves in the same way as his father or resembles his father.**

**Q98. Why you should always be the one to cast the first stone?**

- (a) deeply involved
- (b) to be the first to find fault
- (c) to praise first of all
- (d) to start a fight

**S98. Ans.(b)**

**Sol. cast the first stone-to make the first criticism; to be the first to attack.**

**Q99. Hear it on the grapevine**

- (a) to hear rumours
- (b) to hear from the market
- (c) to listen from behind the doors
- (d) to listen from horse's mouth

**S99. Ans.(a)**

**Sol. To hear something through the grapevine is to learn of something informally and unofficially by means of gossip or rumor.**

**Q100. Let the grass grow under one's feet**

- (a) to accept responsibility
- (b) to engage in useless talk
- (c) to be trifled with
- (d) to remain idle

**S100. Ans.(d)**

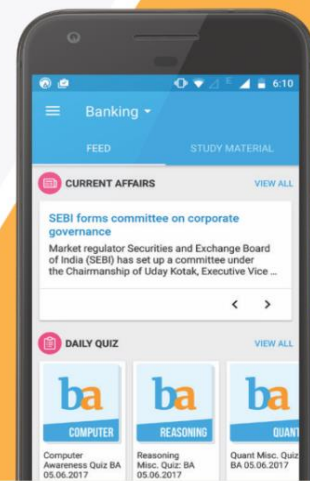
**Sol. let the grass grow under one's feet-to wait before doing something or to do something slowly**



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