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## Set no-1

### 1. Made light of

- (a) he can talk very fast      (b) treated it lightly  
(c) he has a good voice      (d) he can pretend convincingly

### 2. Every inch a gentleman

- (a) entirely      (b) fight against  
(c) welcome cheerfully      (d) treat with indifference

### 3. Gall and warmhood

- (a) appeared suddenly      (b) hatful  
(c) became a loser      (d) removed his clothes

### 4. To nip in the bud

- (a) adopting cheap tactics  
(b) befooling the common man  
(c) to stop something at the start  
(d) appeasing the masses

### 5. To put a spoke in one's wheel

- (a) to hinder      (b) to smooth  
(c) he was disgusted      (d) he was depressed

### 6. To clip one's wings

- (a) to deprive one of power      (b) an illiterate person  
(c) an unknown person      (d) a stranger

### 7. Get the sack

- (a) had been injured in an accident  
(b) was lame  
(c) be dismissed  
(d) would have to wait for some time

### 8. Under cloud

- (a) consistently      (b) under suspicion  
(c) joyfully      (d) enthusiastically

**9. To give oneself airs**

- (a) was hastily concluded (b) behaving arrogantly  
(c) was received critically (d) was appreciated by some

**10. At a stone's throw**

- (a) missed the opportunity (b) worked round the clock  
(c) were losers (d) at a short distance

**Answer-**

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (a)  
6. (a) 7. (c) 8. (b) 9. (b) 10. (d)

**Set no-2**

**1. Bone of contention**

- (a) cause for quarrel (b) to face charges  
(c) to realise suddenly (d) to be with somebody

**2. Straw in the wind**

- (a) an indication of what might happen  
(b) to escape from reality  
(c) to state the real facts  
(d) to deny charges

**3. Face the music**

- (a) complete loss (b) be punished  
(c) ultimately die (d) for a long time

**4. Carry favour**

- (a) cook one's food  
(b) leave one's home and friends  
(c) serve one's purpose  
(d) seek favourable attention

**5. To keep in abeyance**

- (a) in a state of suspension
- (b) a statement of praise
- (b) an undeserved compliment
- (d) a rare gift

**6. To be in a fix**

- (a) after some time            (b) two or three times
- (c) in a difficult situation   (c) again and again

**7. To break the ice**

- (a) support somebody
- (b) of against somebody
- (c) made people relaxed and comfortable
- (d) prove nothing

**8. Wet behind the ears**

- (a) young and without much experience
- (b) a general rule
- (c) a common practice
- (d) an admirable practice

**9. Maiden speech**

- (a) a helpless man            (b) a useless blanket
- (c) first speech                (d) a hard question

**10. To beat about the bush**

- (a) to talk about irrelevant things
- (b) a secret murder
- (c) a suppressed desire a murder
- (d) deliberately committed

**Answer**

1. (a) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (d) 5. (a)  
6. (c) 7. (c) 8. (a) 9. (c) 10. (a)

**Set no-3**

**1. Bad blood**

- (a) hand and mouth                      (b) from life to death  
(c) enmity                                      (d) something harmful

**2. A cuckoo in the nest**

- (a) an unwelcome intruder              (b) to be in state  
(c) to be utterly sore                      (d) to be in danger

**3. A house of cards**

- (a) to be hidden                              (b) an insecure scheme  
(c) to be in the dark                      (d) to be in disgrace

**4. To smell a rat**

- (a) to take rest                              (b) to suspect foul dealing  
(c) to fight the enemy                      (d) to hide from the enemy

**5. A dark horse**

- (a) to start the work                      (b) to break the news  
(c) an unknown entry                      (d) to keep cool

**6. Throw cold water**

- (a) cause disturbance in the town  
(b) decide to fight and shed  
(c) discourage  
(d) blood

**7. Butt in**

- (a) show readiness to leave the place  
(b) put several conditions  
(c) interrupt  
(d) assault and abuse

**8. Cheek by jowl**

- (a) a peculiar habit of confusing others  
(b) very close together  
(c) an unreliable and inconsistent way of behaving  
(d) a result of senseless action

**9. Beyond the pale**

- (a) unreasonable or unacceptable
- (b) benefit the poor and downtrodden
- (c) produce good results
- (d) motivate to produce

**10. Blow one's own trumpet**

- (a) take revenge
- (b) take to flight
- (c) take shelter in a thick jungle
- (d) praise oneself

**Answer-**

1. (c) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (b) 5. (c)  
6. (c) 7. (c) 8. (b) 9. (a) 10. (d)

**Set no-4**

**1. Weal and woe**

- (a) to be most intimate      (b) to love passionately
- (c) to do the right thing      (d) good times and bad times

**2. Call in question**

- (a) to defeat person      (b) to play a good game
- (c) to be narrow minded      (d) challenge

**3. Make both ends meet**

- (a) to live within means
- (b) to perform a good deed
- (c) to try to be beautiful
- (d) to show courage before the enemy

**4. As daft as brush**

- (a) give speeches
- (b) extremely silly
- (c) be the object of admiration



(d) be an object of public notice

**5. In a nutshell**

- (a) welcome a gift            (b) a fastidious man  
(c) briefly and concisely    (d) examine a gift carefully

**6. Strain every nerve**

- (a) cater the public taste  
(b) advertise  
(c) depend upon the public for approval  
(d) work very hard

**7. Wild goose chase**

- (a) to walk unsteadily  
(b) a foolish, unprofitable adventure  
(c) to run after  
(d) to make one feel sad

**8. A live wire**

- (a) lively and active            (b) to check  
(c) to control                    (d) to be angry with

**9. Donkey's year**

- (a) a long time  
(b) be in apposition to maintain  
(c) in honour of  
(c) be held in high esteem

**10. Leave no stone unturned**

- (a) try every possible way  
(b) to go away in anger  
(c) to be in a benevolent mood  
(d) to search desperately

**Answer**

1. (d) 2. (d) 3. (a) 4. (b) 5. (c)  
6. (d) 7. (b) 8. (a) 9. (a) 10. (a)

## Set no-5

### 1. Damn all

- (a) something
- (b) to reveal the secret
- (c) nothing
- (d) to be in the extreme hatred

### 2. For all

- (a) to feel depressed
- (b) in spite of
- (c) to be satisfied
- (d) to be pleased

### 3. Royal road

- (a) a grand idea
- (b) a easy way
- (c) a hard way
- (d) something important

### 4. Fire and brimstone

- (a) grace
- (b) pleasure
- (c) punishment of hell
- (d) wine

### 5. With might and main

- (a) to weak
- (b) to put up high demands
- (c) with full force
- (d) to make an exaggerated statement

### 6. A fresh lease of life

- (a) to gamble
- (b) to start new life
- (c) to inherit money
- (d) to become bankrupt

### 7. At the helm

- (a) simple
- (b) in control
- (c) customary
- (d) too much

### 8. Devil's luck

- (a) To misguided
- (b) To fortunate
- (c) To be a drunkard
- (d) To drink in the company of others

**9. Double dealing**

- (a) to fight with poison-tipped arrows
- (b) to fight to the last point of enemy position
- (c) to die fighting
- (d) to deceitful dealing

**10. A big gun**

- (a) an important person      (b) a victorious man
- (c) to be dishonest              (d) to conceal the facts

**Answer**

1. (c) 2. (b) 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (c)  
6. (b) 7. (b) 8. (c) 9. (d) 10. (a)

**Set no-6**

**1. Stuff and nonsense**

- (a) bitten by a snake              (b) to reveal the secret
- (c) senseless talk                  (d) to be in the extreme hatred

**2. To sheet of anchor**

- (a) to feel depressed              (b) to encourage
- (c) to be satisfied                  (d) to be pleased

**3. To set price one's head**

- (a) a grand idea                    (b) a backbite
- (c) a profitable plan                (d) something important

**4. Rat race**

- (a) grace                              (b) pleasure
- (c) dull and unrewarding job      (d) wine

**5. Lock horn with**

- (a) to over-estimate oneself
- (b) to put up high demands
- (c) to disagree
- (d) to make an exaggerated statement

**6. Heart and soul**

- (a) to gamble (b) with complete faith  
(c) to inherit money (d) to become bankrupt

**7. Whiter than white**

- (a) simple (b) honest  
(c) customary (d) too much

**8. To read for the bar**

- (a) to drink little  
(b) to drink alone  
(c) law study  
(d) to drink in the company of others

**9. Set teeth on edge**

- (a) to fight with poison-tipped arrows  
(b) to fight to the last point of enemy position  
(c) to die fighting  
(d) to irritate someone's nerves

**10. To send one packing**

- (a) to dismiss from job (b) to submit the false report  
(c) to be dishonest (d) to conceal the facts

**Answer**

1. (c) 2. (b) 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (c)  
6. (b) 7. (b) 8. (c) 9. (d) 10. (a)

**Set no-7**

**1. The snow one up**

- (a) to be most intimate (b) to love passionately  
(c) to do the right thing (d) to reveal the secret

**2. To seal close to wind**

- (a) to defeat person (b) to play a good game  
(c) to be narrow minded (d) to take risk

**3. Ugly customer**

- (a) dangerous person
- (b) to perform a good deed
- (c) to try to be beautiful
- (d) to show courage before the enemy

**4. Playing with fire**

- (a) give speeches
- (b) to do something in ignorance
- (c) be the object of admiration
- (d) be an object of public notice

**5. Take away my breath**

- (a) welcome a gift
- (b) a fastidious man
- (c) to surprised
- (d) examine a gift carefully

**6. Come of age**

- (a) cater the public taste
- (b) advertise
- (c) depend upon the public for approval
- (d) develop completely

**7. At the top of the tree**

- (a) to walk unsteadily
- (b) be expert in your sector
- (c) to run after
- (d) to make one feel sad

**8. Hung fire**

- (a) to delay
- (b) to check
- (c) to control
- (d) to be angry with

**9. Kick up a row**

- (a) make a noise
- (b) be in appositionto maintain
- (c) in honourof
- (c) be held in high esteem

**10. Come to grief**

- (a) to fail
- (b) to go away in anger
- (c) to be in a benevolent mood
- (d) to search desperately

### Answer

1. (d) 2. (d) 3. (a) 4. (b) 5. (c)  
6. (d) 7. (b) 8. (a) 9. (a) 10. (a)

## Set no-8

### 1. Hold good

- (a) be valid
- (b) to face charges
- (c) to realise suddenly
- (c) to be with somebody

### 2. To make good the loss

- (a) to compensate
- (b) to escape from reality
- (c) to state the real facts
- (d) to deny charges

### 3. True to their salt

- (a) complete loss
- (c) faithful to their employers
- (c) ultimately die
- (d) for a long time

### 4. Under the weather

- (a) cook one's food
- (b) leave one's home and friends
- (c) serve one's purpose
- (d) to feel sick

### 5. To have a wash and brush up

- (a) to get ready
- (b) a statement of praise
- (b) an undeserved compliment
- (d) a rare gift

### 6. On the wrong track

- (a) after some time
- (b) two or three times

(c) in wrong direction      (c) again and again

**7. Hit the sack**

(a) support somebody      (b) of against somebody  
(c) go to bed      (d) prove nothing

**8. Dead to the world**

(a) a popular measure      (b) a general rule  
(c) a common practice      (d) an admirable practice

**9. Take to wife**

(a) a helpless man      (b) a useless blanket  
(c) to marry      (d) a hard question

**10. To show one's teeth**

(a) to frighten  
(b) a secret murder  
(c) a suppressed desire a murder  
(d) deliberately committed

**Answer**

1. (a) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (d) 5. (a)  
6. (c) 7. (c) 8. (a) 9. (c) 10. (a)

**Set no-9**

**1. From sublime to ridicule**

(a) bitten by a snake      (b) to reveal the secret  
(c) to decline      (d) to be in the extreme hatred

**2. Kiss the rod**

(a) to feel depressed  
(b) to accept the punishments  
(c) to be satisfied  
(d) to be pleased

**3. Deep down**

(a) a grand idea      (b) in reality

(c) a profitable plan                      (d) something important

**4. A bad egg**

(a) grace                                      (b) pleasure  
(c) dishonest person                      (d) wine

**5. Up to the ears**

(a) to over-estimate oneself  
(b) to put up high demands  
(c) very busy  
(d) to make an exaggerated statement

**6. To take spear**

(a) to gamble  
(b) to accept full blame for something  
(c) to inherit money  
(d) to become bankrupt

**7. Bed presser**

(a) simple                                      (b) lazy  
(c) customary                                      (d) too much

**8. Soft in head**

(a) to drink little  
(b) to drink alone  
(c) stupid  
(d) to drink in the company of others

**9. To bend the brow**

(a) to fight with poison-tipped arrows  
(b) to fight to the last point of enemy position  
(c) to die fighting  
(d) to rebuke with angry

**10. Narrow bed**

(a) grave                                      (b) dreary  
(c) dishonest                                      (d) facts



### Answer

1. (c) 2. (b) 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (c)  
6. (b) 7. (b) 8. (c) 9. (d) 10. (a)

### Set no-10

#### 1. To die in bed

- (a) to destroy one's reputation
- (b) to die naturally
- (c) to teach someone a lesson
- (d) to announce one's fixed views

#### 2. Born under lucky star

- (a) to find roots
- (b) to restore to original position
- (c) to fortunate
- (d) to return to place of rest

#### 3. On the bum

- (a) to take for granted
- (b) to raise objections
- (c) to refer to
- (d) to live wandering life

#### 4. Cheating cock

- (a) to be in a good mood
- (b) to preserve one's anger
- (c) dishonest person
- (d) to become angry

#### 5. On the bread line

- (a) a colourful day
- (b) a rainy day
- (c) to live in misery
- (d) a sunny day

#### 6. Throw up the cards

- (a) to invite a devil
- (b) to burn a candle
- (c) to fail
- (d) to oppress the poor

#### 7. To make pig of oneself

- (a) to expand one's resources in two directions
- (b) to overeat
- (c) to have serious intentions
- (d) to oppress the poor

**8. Behind one's back**

- (a) to disclose a secret      (b) in the absence of
- (c) to destroy a leaf      (d) to divert from the path

**9. Alive and kicking**

- (a) a rare elephant      (b) a costly gift
- (c) a beautiful thing      (d) active and healthy

**10. To bell the cat**

- (a) to lie down      (b) to fail
- (c) to take risk      (d) to be defeated

**Answer**

1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (d) 4. (c) 5. (c)  
6. (c) 7. (b) 8. (b) 9. (d) 10. (c)

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**Set no-11**

**1. Only burns a hole in his pocket.**

- (a) gets spent quickly (b) makes a hole in his pocket
- (c) catches fire soon (d) does not have value

**2. Lower statement**

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

**3. Price yourself out of the market**

- (a) become too expensive for customers
- (b) lose your job
- (c) sell all your goods
- (d) become a prosperous businessman

**4 In a tight corner**

- (a) in a closed room      (b) in a small field  
(c) in a difficult situation      (d) in a meadow

**5. Does not hold water**

- (a) does not deserve appreciation  
(b) does not fulfil the requirements  
(c) can not be believed      (d) cannot be valued

**6. On the cuff**

- (a) on credit      (b) against his credit card  
(c) in his bank account      (d) in his friend's account

**7. Out and out**

- (a) totally      (b) simply  
(c) merely      (d) slightly

**8. Played havoc**

- (a) caused destruction      (b) caused diseases  
(c) caused floods      (d) caused hardship

**9. Green thumb**

- (a) one's nails are painted green      (b) one is artistic  
(c) to have a natural interest in gardening  
(d) one has a green tattoo on the thumb

**10. To keep the pot boiling**

- (a) to write many books      (b) to boil the pots at home  
(c) to earn enough money      (d) to achieve the target given to live

**Answer**

1. (a) 2. (d) 3. (a) 4. (c) 5. (c)  
6. (a) 7. (a) 8. (a) 9. (c) 10. (d)

**Set no-12**

**1. To bide their time**

- (a) to be one time      (b) to check time often  
(c) to save their time      (d) to wait patiently

**2. First charge**

- (a) a huge drain                      (b) an expense  
(c) a priority                          (d) no great burden

**3. Drew on his fancy**

- (a) used his understanding (b) used his power  
(c) used his imagination    (d) used his skill

**4. Head will roll**

- (a) transfers will take place              (b) heads will be cut off  
(c) people will die                      (d) dismissals will occur

**5. Sowing will oats**

- (a) inviting troubles as a boy  
(b) warning others as a young man  
(c) irresponsible pleasure seeking in young age  
(d) sowing grains called oats when young

**6. Stand-offish**

- (a) angry                                  (b) hilarious  
(c) indifferent                          (d) unmanageable

**7. To give the devil his due**

- (a) to give credit to even a notorious person  
(b) to give encouragement even to the enemy  
(c) to invite the devil    (d) to stand in the way of the devil

**8. With a grain of salt**

- (a) to listen to something with considerable doubt  
(b) to talk sensibly                      (c) to criticise  
(d) to complement

**9. Talking through his hat.**

- (a) talking nonsense                      (b) talking ignorantly  
(c) talking irresponsibly    (d) talking insultingly

**10. Go through fire and water**

- (a) approach everybody for help  
(b) avail himself of any opportunity

- (c) use any conceivable method
- (d) undergo any risk

### Answer

1. (d) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (a) 5. (c)  
6. (c) 7. (a) 8. (a) 9. (a) 10. (d)

## Set no-13

### 1. Ran riot

- (a) behave cleverly
- (b) acted without restraint
- (c) wandered aimlessly
- (d) had the best of time

### 2. Cheek by jowl

- (a) very near
- (b) very far
- (c) tongue tied
- (d) irritated

### 3. Give the game away

- (a) lost the game
- (b) give out the secret
- (c) played badly
- (d) withdrew from the game

### 4. Turn an honest penny

- (a) make a legitimate living
- (b) make a good living
- (c) have dealings in white money
- (d) become more honest

### 5. Went to the winds

- (a) dissipated
- (b) spread all over
- (c) got speed of the winds
- (d) became well known

### 6. At snailpace

- (a) to do things very slowly
- (b) to walk like a snail
- (c) to lack interest in work
- (d) to do things in a methodical manner

### 7. Keep under wraps

- (a) covered
- (b) protected
- (c) unpacked
- (d) secret

### 8. Like a phoenix

- (a) with a new life
- (b) with a start
- (c) with a royal gait
- (d) with vengeance

### 9. Sore point with

- (a) something which hurts
- (b) something that brings fear to

(c) something memorable for      (d) something pleasurable to

**10. Emerge out of thin air**

- (a) appear suddenly      (b) descend gradually  
(c) fall down quickly      (d) enter from space

**Answer**

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (a) 5. (a)  
6. (a) 7. (d) 8. (a) 9. (a) 10. (a)

**Set no-14**

**1. Made my flesh creep**

- (a) thrilled me      (b) horrified me  
(c) excited me      (d) frightened me

**2. Cut no ice with me**

- (a) had no influence on me      (b) did not hurt me  
(c) did not benefit me      (d) did not make me proud

**3. At his beck and call**

- (a) at rest      (b) at work  
(c) his disposal      (d) at their desks

**4. In the long run**

- (a) anger      (b) Universally  
(c) envy      (d) Ultimately

**5. Green eyed monster**

- (a) anger      (b) hatred  
(c) envy      (d) jealousy

**6. Within a stone's throw**

- (a) far off      (b) far away  
(c) very near to      (d) beside

**7. Bone to pick**

- (a) reasonable agreement      (b) cause of quarrel  
(c) cause of doubt      (d) difference of opinion

**8. Blue-eyed boys**

- (a) royal children      (b) settle  
(c) foreigners      (d) favourites

**9. Spilling the beans**

- (a) suppressing the information
- (b) hiding the details
- (c) revealing the information indiscreetly
- (d) spoiling claims the indianindustry is progressing

**10. Take thee at the world**

- (a) listen to you carefully (b) do not believe you
- (c) feel angry with you (d) truly believe you

**Answer**

1. (d) 2. (a) 3. (c) 4. (d) 5. (d)  
6. (c) 7. (b) 8. (d) 9. (c) 10. (d)

**Set no-15**

**1. Set the record straight**

- (a) give a speech (b) win party support
- (c) given a correct account (d) make a confession

**2. Close shave as**

- (a) serious accident (b) close collision
- (c) narrow escape (d) deep dent

**3. Shook in their shoes**

- (a) stamped the ground with their shoes
- (b) shows signs of anger (c) trembled with fear
- (d) stood up to salute

**4. In high spirits**

- (a) full of hope and enthusiasm (b) under tremendous stress
- (c) under the influence of liquor (d) mentally deranged

**5. Ins and outs**

- (a) entry and exit points (b) full details
- (c) tactical moves (d) complexity of character

**6. Set their face against**

- (a) became enemies (b) turned away from

(c) faced difficulty (d) opposed strongly

**7. Take for granted**

(a) to consider as real (b) to admit  
(c) to accept readily (d) to care for

**8. Left high and dry**

(a) wounded (b) alone  
(c) depressed (d) neglected

**9. Ended in a fiasco**

(a) had no effect (b) was an utter failure  
(c) resulted in blood shed (d) was a disaster

**10. Cut him off, without a shilling**

(a) disinherited him (b) snubbed him  
(c) gave him only a shilling (d) sent him away with a shilling

**Answer**

1. (c) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (a) 5. (b)  
6. (d) 7. (a) 8. (d) 9. (b) 10. (a)

**Set no-16**

**1. Has too many irons in the fire**

(a) is engaged in too many enterprises at the same time  
(b) has several problems  
(c) has many ideas in his head  
(d) has a fire burning constantly in his house

**2. Threw down the glove**

(a) accepted defeat (b) rejected the prize  
(c) resorted to wrong tactics (d) gave a challenge

**3. To catch up with**

(a) to compete with (b) to come to their level  
(c) to overtake them (d) to hold them and stop

**4. Fell into line**

(a) stood in a line (b) turned straight  
(c) failed to behave properly (d) became orderly



**5. Made amends for**

- (a) repented for                      (b) compensated for  
(c) forgotten about                      (d) suffered for

**6. Read for the bar**

- (a) studied to become a barrister  
(b) studied to become a barman  
(c) studied to become a judge  
(d) studied to become a courtier

**7. All greek**

- (a) strange                                      (b) incomprehensible  
(c) inaudible                                      (d) uninteresting

**8. To cast aspersions**

- (a) to act as the pillar of support    (b) to raise aspiration  
(c) to make unpleasant remarks    (d) to dissolve all the differences

**9. Dark horse**

- (a) an extremely corrupt person    (b) a notorious criminal  
(c) an extremely rich person                      (d) an unexpected winner

**10. Blowing his own trumpet**

- (a) refusing to use anybody else's trumpet  
(b) playing a tune on the trumpet  
(c) praising himself  
(d) praising himself and other

**Answer**

1. (a) 2. (d) 3. (b) 4. (d) 5. (b)  
6. (a) 7. (b) 8. (c) 9. (d) 10. (c)

**Set no-17**

**1. Making hay while the sun shines**

- (a) taking advantage of a favourable opportunity

- (b) earning money through dishonest means
- (c) earning money at the cost of others
- (d) taking advantage of the inflationary trends

**2. Laid down their arms**

- (a) put their arms on the ground
- (b) fought bravely
- (c) surrendered
- (d) became nervous

**3. Give vent to their**

- (a) to express
- (b) to suppress
- (c) to emphasize
- (d) to dismiss

**4. A bone of contention**

- (a) a subject of peace
- (b) a subject of trade
- (c) a subject of dispute
- (d) a subject of exports

**5. Turned a deaf ear**

- (a) paid no heed
- (b) went far away
- (c) listened carefully
- (d) turned his ear away

**6. Ride rough shod over**

- (a) deal unkindly with
- (b) take for granted
- (c) be handed with
- (d) exploit wilfully

**7. Send him to coventry**

- (a) transfer him
- (b) commend him
- (c) boycott him
- (d) dismiss him

**8. Down in the mouth**

- (a) unable to speak
- (b) very depressed
- (c) very angry
- (d) very confused

**9. To drink life to the lees**

- (a) to have the best of fun and fortune
- (b) to enjoy a life of drinking and dancing
- (c) to have a life full of adventures
- (d) to have the best of life

**10. Gave up the ghost**

- (a) left the ghost (b) lived like a ghost  
(c) invited ghost (d) died

**Answer**

1. (a) 2. (c) 3. (a) 4. (c) 5. (a)  
6. (a) 7. (d) 8. (b) 9. (c) 10. (d)

**Set no-18**

**1. Banging one's head against a wall**

- (a) trying to do something impossible  
(b) injuring oneself in the attempt  
(c) getting frustrated and tried  
(d) showing one's helplessness

**2. Sailing in the same boat**

- (a) sailing together in the same boat  
(b) sharing the financial and social condition  
(c) being in the same difficult situation  
(d) getting rid of the difficult situation

**3. Keep the wolf from the door**

- (a) hunt wild animals (b) escape starvation  
(c) get woollen clothes (d) walk on ice

**4. Soft option**

- (a) popular opinion (b) popular solution  
(c) easy and agreeable option (d) difficult choice

**5. Wear and tear**

- (a) a brand name (b) damage  
(c) lot of sorrow (d) a warning

**6. Fool's paradise**

- (a) heaven (b) an entirely false understanding  
(c) an urban slum (d) hell

**7. Laughing stock**

- (a) a collection of jokes

- (b) one who has made money in stock market
- (c) one who laughs at others
- (d) an object of ridicule

**8. From the blue**

- (a) all of a sudden            (b) knowingly
- (c) continuously            (d) as a slow ball

**9. To keep one's fingers crossed**

- (a) to wait expectantly            (b) to act in a hostile manner
- (c) to interfere in unnecessarily (d) to keep out of any danger

**10. At the eleventh hour**

- (a) to be well in time    (b) to do things timely
- (c) to be frank            (d) to do things at the last moment

**Answer**

1. (a) 2. (c) 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (b)  
6. (b) 7. (d) 8. (a) 9. (a) 10. (d)

**Set no-19**

**1. To call a spade a spade**

- (a) to be biased            (b) to be impartial
- (c) to be frank            (d) to be a hypocrite

**2. To see red**

- (a) get broke            (b) get angry
- (c) feel lucky            (d) become rich

**3. On this side of the grave**

- (a) outside the grave            (b) by the side of the grave
- (c) in this world            (d) before going to grave

**4. To fall back on**

- (a) to oppose something important
- (b) to suffer an injury on the back in an accident
- (c) to fail to do something important in time
- (d) to seek support out of necessity

**5. To make one's blood boil**

- (a) to make somebody furious (b) to develop fever  
(c) to get excited (d) to make someone nervous

**6. A little gush of gratitude**

- (a) gradual recovery (b) friendly feeling  
(c) excessive labour (d) excessive enthusiasm

**7. To lose ground**

- (a) to become less powerful (b) to become less popular  
(c) to lose foundation (d) to be without a leader

**8. To give a cold shoulder**

- (a) to rub shoulder (b) to tease  
(c) to take no notice of (d) to give a cold shower

**9. Held court with**

- (a) tried to please to gain support  
(b) entertained with interesting funny stories  
(c) took to the court of law  
(d) had a formal discussion with

**10. Under cloud**

- (a) under suspension (b) without stigma  
(c) without trouble (d) without romance

**Answer**

1. (c) 2. (b) 3. (c) 4. (d) 5. (c)  
6. (b) 7. (b) 8. (c) 9. (b) 10. (a)

**Set no-20**

**1. Beauty is only skin deep**

- (a) physical charm is important  
(b) internal beauty is not important  
(c) physical touch is not important  
(d) physical beauty is not important

**2. As duck takes to water**

- (a) like taking the duck to water  
(b) like bursting out suddenly

- (c) like dropping the duck in the water
- (d) like easily and naturally

**3. Made my day**

- (a) gave me great pleasure (b) displeased me
- (c) spoiled my day (d) made me resentful

**4. Against the clock**

- (a) work while keeping patience
- (b) work with vigour to finish in limited time
- (c) work with enthusiasm
- (d) work hard to go against the time

**5. Let off steam**

- (a) to release his tension (b) to show his anger
- (c) to show his approval (d) to show his displeasure

**6. Drew a blank**

- (a) did not find him (b) put him in prison
- (c) arrested him (d) took him to court

**7. Make a killing**

- (a) lose money quickly (b) plan a murder quickly
- (c) murder someone quickly (d) make money quickly

**8. Fit of the blues**

- (a) steroids or drugs (b) depression
- (c) stimulants (d) entertainment

**9. Utopian idea**

- (a) unworthy idea (b) imaginary idea
- (c) classic idea (d) intelligent idea

**10. Getting into a row**

- (a) getting a right path (b) giving unwanted advice
- (c) seeking the help (d) picking up a fight

**Answer**

1. (d) 2. (d) 3. (a) 4. (b) 5. (a)  
6. (a) 7. (d) 8. (b) 9. (b) 10. (d)

## Set no-21

**1. A small fry**

- (a) unimportant (b) weak  
(c) little (d) important

**2. Out of spirits**

- (a) gloomy (b) sober  
(c) lifeless (d) uninvolved

**3. To have no backbone**

- (a) justification (b) impact  
(c) no strength (d) support

**4. On their toes**

- (a) eager (b) alert  
(c) harried (d) quick

**5. Taken the wind out of my sails**

- (a) made my words or actions ineffective  
(b) made me depressed  
(c) made me think of the future  
(d) made me remember my past

**6. Pours cold water on any**

- (a) puts off (b) dislikes  
(c) disapproves (d) postpones

**7. Let her hair down**

- (a) really enjoy (b) wash her hair  
(c) comb her hair (d) work till late

**8. Jumped out of my skin**

- (a) was in panic (b) was excited  
(c) was nervous (d) was angry

**9. Taking her for a ride**

- (a) trying to trick her (b) taking her in a car  
(c) pulling her along (d) forcing her to go with him

**10. Washed their hands off it**

- (a) waited for a response to
- (b) claimed credit for
- (c) disassociated themselves from
- (d) seemed eager to continue

### Answer

1. (a) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. (a)  
6. (c) 7. (a) 8. (a) 9. (a) 10. (c)

## Set no-22

### 1. Halcyon days

- (a) hard days
- (b) of mental pressure
- (c) happy days
- (d) days of preparation

### 2. Fall on stony ground

- (a) was counter productive
- (b) had a strong impact
- (c) made one stubborn
- (d) had little success

### 3. Has all his ducks in a row

- (a) has everything ready
- (b) is well organized
- (c) always scores a zero
- (d) never gets confused

### 4. To cut his coat according to his cloth

- (a) over come his problems
- (b) wear modest clothes
- (c) improve his tailoring abilities
- (d) live within his income

### 5. Blowing hot and cold

- (a) being friendly at one moment and unfriendly the next
- (b) trying to cool the situation down and then raking it up again
- (c) being unfriendly and critical
- (d) being good and bad alternately

### 6. At her fingertips

- (a) on her typewriter
- (b) readily available
- (c) in their compact disc
- (d) not accessible

### 7. To take the bull by the horns

- (a) to check rumour from spreading
- (b) to inflict a crushing defeat upon the enemy



- (c) to face danger
- (d) to restrain anger

**8. Crying over spilled milk.**

- (a) to slip and spill milk
- (b) complaining about an event that cannot be changed
- (c) worrying about the milk that was spilled
- (d) to cry having a glass of milk

**9. To account for**

- (a) speak the truth about
- (b) maintain accounts properly
- (c) give the accounts for
- (d) give a satisfactory explanation for

**10. A wolf in sheep's clothing**

- (a) a woman who looks younger than her age
- (b) a man of high birth but in poor condition
- (c) a wicked man who pretends to be good
- (d) a good for nothing person

**Answer**

1. (c) 2. (d) 3. (b) 4. (d) 5. (a)  
6. (b) 7. (c) 8. (b) 9. (d) 10. (c)

**Set no-23**

**1. Left him in the lurch**

- (a) annoyed him      (b) deserted him in difficult times
- (c) put him at ease      (d) compromised him

**2. Keep the ball rolling.**

- (a) to continue the work      (b) more information
- (c) to do better      (d) new strategies

**3. Bear the palm**

- (a) played quite well      (b) to be victorious

(c) was defeated (d) played a very boring match

**4. Keep your wig on.**

- (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

**5. Iron will**

- (a) good health (b) strong determination
- (c) sticks to the point (d) has high haemoglobin

**6. Weal and woe**

- (a) ups and downs (b) joys and sorrows
- (c) whole heartedly (d) under suspicion

**7. A free hand**

- (a) complete liberty (b) an expense account
- (c) to employ men to work (d) unlimited funds

**8. As hard as nail**

- (a) tough (b) emotionless
- (c) physically strong (d) hard working

**9. Fish in troubled waters**

- (a) make a profit out of a disturbance
- (b) go for fishing and cause trouble
- (c) fish in hot weather
- (d) catch fish in disturbed waters

**10. Null and void**

- (a) valid (b) impossible
- (c) invalid (d) empty

**Answer**

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (b)  
6. (b) 7. (a) 8. (b) 9. (a) 10. (c)

**Set no-24**

**1. Out of my wits**

- (a) totally ignorant (b) not intelligent enough
- (c) greatly confused (d) helpless without power

**2. Jumping down my throat**

- (a) forcing me to eat                      (b) running away  
(c) making a joke                         (d) scolding me

**3. Apple of discord**

- (a) cause of anger                         (b) cause of hatred  
(c) cause of quarrel                      (d) cause of animosity

**4. Let the grass grow under their feet**

- (a) grown grass all over the lawn (b) gone on a luxury tour  
(c) delayed doing the work                      (d) demanded more benefits

**5. Egged on**

- (a) urged                                      (b) dampened  
(c) hindered                                 (d) discouraged

**6. Not fit to hold a candle**

- (a) superior                                 (b) not equal  
(c) inferior                                  (d) indifferent

**7. Casting pearls before swine**

- (a) speaking nice words and convincing them  
(b) offering good things to undeserving people  
(c) uplifting the needy for their welfare  
(d) doing worthwhile things to unknown people

**8. A leap in the dark**

- (a) was cocksure                         (b) took a risk  
(c) was hesitant                         (d) was confused

**9. Cut the Gordian knot**

- (a) add other difficulty                      (b) lessened the difficulty  
(c) let the difficulty remain as it was (d) removed the difficulty

**10. Live-wire.**

- (a) lazy                                        (b) dangerous  
(c) naughty                                 (d) energetic

**Answer**

1. (c) 2. (d) 3. (c) 4. (c) 5. (a)

6. (b) 7. (b) 8. (b) 9. (d) 10. (d)

## Set no-25

**1. Cool his heels**

- (a) to be kept waiting      (b) to make publicly known  
(c) to exercise influence    (d) to lose one's temper

**2. Wet his whistle.**

- (a) have a nap                      (b) be happy  
(c) have a problem                (d) have a drink

**3. Back to square one.**

- (a) to return to the starting point    (b) to run to the first square  
(c) to start and return                (d) to come to a stop

**4. In apple pie order.**

- (a) orderly preparation of apple pie  
(b) in perfect order  
(c) ordering for apple pie  
(d) arranging apples neatly

**5. A closed book**

- (a) an unopened book      (b) a covered book  
(c) a mystery                      (d) a special Sunday

**6. Let sleeping dogs lie.**

- (a) Dogs can raise tempers    (b) Do not allow dogs to stand  
(c) Prevent dog mobility    (d) Do not bring up an old controversial issue

**7. A cakewalk**

- (a) a difficult achievement      (b) a walkway made with cakes  
(c) an easy achievement    (d) walk away with a cake

**8. In high dudgeon.**

- (a) in a state of great resentment  
(b) in a state of great depression  
(c) in a state of great jubilation  
(d) in a state of great anguish

**9. By the skin of my teeth.**

- (a) by a narrow margin      (b) by sheer hard work  
(c) by strong will power      (d) by absolute luck

**10. Had butterflies in my stomach.**

- (a) became carefree      (c) became confident  
(c) became irritated      (d) became nervous

**Answer**

1. (a) 2. (d) 3. (a) 4. (b) 5. (c)  
6. (d) 7. (c) 8. (a) 9. (a) 10. (d)

**Set no-26**

**1. Yeoman's service**

- (a) medical help      (b) excellent work  
(c) social work      (d) hard work

**2. To call it a day**

- (a) to conclude proceedings  
(b) to initiate proceedings  
(c) to work through the day  
(d) none of the above

**3. To put up with**

- (a) to accommodate      (b) to adjust  
(c) to understand      (d) to tolerate

**4. To face the music**

- (a) to enjoy a musical recital  
(b) to bear the consequences  
(c) to live in a pleasant atmosphere  
(d) to have a difficult time

**5. To take to heart**

- (a) to be encouraged      (b) to grieve over  
(c) to like      (d) to hate

**6. In cold blood**

- (a) angrily (b) deliberately  
(c) excitedly (d) slowly

7. **A damp squib**

- (a) rainy weather  
(b) a disappointing result  
(c) a skirt in a laundry  
(d) none of the above

8. **To take someone for a ride**

- (a) to give a ride to someone  
(b) to deceive someone  
(c) to be indifferent  
(d) to disclose a secret

9. **To move heaven and earth**

- (a) to cause an earthquake (b) to try every thing possible  
(c) to be indifferent (d) to disclose a secret

10. **Turn down**

- (a) sent back (b) twisted around  
(c) refused (d) handed over

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (d) 4. (b) 5. (b)  
6. (b) 7. (b) 8. (b) 9. (b) 10. (c)

**Set no-27**

1. **To smell a rat**

- (a) to smell foul (b) to see a rat  
(c) to chase a rat (d) to be suspicious

2. **Cold comfort**

- (a) absurdity (b) deception  
(c) slight satisfaction (d) foolish proposal

3. **A bolt from the blue**

- (a) a delayed event

- (b) an inexplicable event
  - (c) an unexpected event
  - (d) an unpleasant event
4. **To show a clean pair of heels**
- (a) to hide
  - (b) to escape
  - (c) to pursue
  - (d) to follow
5. **To die in harness**
- (a) premeditated murder
  - (b) dying young in an accident
  - (c) to die while in service
  - (d) to be taken by surprise
6. **To feather one's nest**
- (a) to make a residential house
  - (b) something that lasts for a time
  - (c) to profit in a dishonest way
  - (d) none of the above
7. **Sum and substance**
- (a) gist
  - (b) theme
  - (c) outline
  - (d) conclusion
8. For his alleged involvement espionage he is **under a cloud these days**.
- (a) experiencing cloudy weather
  - (b) enjoying favourable luck
  - (c) under suspicion
  - (d) under observation
9. We have appealed to him again and again there is no use **flogging a dead horse** now
- (a) repeating our request
  - (b) making him see reason
  - (c) beating about the bush
  - (d) wasting time in useless effort

10. We shouldn't **look down upon** the wretched of the earth

- (a) sympathize with            (b) hate intensely  
(c) be indifferent to            (d) regard with contempt

**Answer**

1. (d) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. (c)  
6. (c) 7. (a) 8. (c) 9. (d) 10. (b)

**Set no-28**

1. Because of his misbehaviour he is bound **to face the music**

- (a) Get finished            (b) listen to the music  
(c) bear the consequences (d) feel sorry

2. The working of the factory was disrupted on account of **a token strike** by the workers

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

3. By opposing his proposal I **fell foul** of him

- (a) quarrelled with            (b) felt annoyed with  
(c) agreed with            (d) did not agree with

4. Those who work by **fits and starts** seldom show good results

- (a) rarely            (b) disinterestedly  
(c) irregularly            (d) regularly

5. The new manager thought that he would give employees **enough rope**

- (a) many directives and orders  
(b) sufficient advice  
(c) all the material they needed  
(d) enough freedom for action

6. He was all **at sea** when he began his new job .

- (a) happy            (b) sad  
(c) puzzled            (d) triumphant

7. His promotion is **on the cards**



- (a) certain                      (b) probable  
(c) evident                      (d) due
8. She rejected his proposal of marriage **point blank**  
(a) directly                      (b) briefly  
(c) abruptly                      (d) pointedly
9. Have you **given up** the idea of accepting the new assignment.  
(a) postponed                      (b) abandoned  
(c) amended                      (d) adopted
10. Caesar was **done to death** by the conspirators  
(a) eliminated                      (b) attacked  
(c) murdered                      (d) removed

### Answer

1. (c) 2. (c) 3. (a) 4. (c) 5. (d)  
6. (c) 7. (b) 8. (a) 9. (b) 10. (c)

### Set no-29

1. If you **rub him the wrong way** he is bound to react  
(a) encourage him                      (b) flatter him  
(c) abuse him                      (d) annoy him
2. As the bomb exploded people ran **helter skelter**  
(a) in great fear                      (b) in disorderly haste  
(c) in haste                      (d) in great sorrow
3. He was progressing **by leaps and bounds** because of his hard work  
(a) rapidly                      (b) slowly  
(c) peacefully                      (d) strongly
4. Our founder had done **a herculean task** by constructing this great educational institution  
(a) a work of no worth  
(b) an effortless job  
(c) a work requiring very great effort

- (d) a work requiring very great intelligence
5. My close friend **got the sack from** his first Job recently  
 (a) resigned (b) get rid of  
 (c) was demoted from (d) was dismissed from
6. I can no longer **put up with** her insolence.  
 (a) endure (b) evade  
 (c) suppress (d) assume
7. My neighbour had to **pay through his nose** for a brand new car  
 (a) pay huge loans (b) pay a reasonable price  
 (c) pay an extremely high price (d) make a quick buck
8. Very ambitious people do not like to **rest on their laurels**  
 (a) to be unhappy (b) to be motivated  
 (c) to be impatient (d) to be complacent
9. If he phones again I am going to give him a **piece of my mind**  
 (a) to be nice to him (b) to take revenge on him  
 (c) to reprimand him (d) to support him
10. The party high command wanted to **stave off** an open battle  
 (a) postpone  
 (b) wait and see  
 (c) allow it to take its own course  
 (d) prevent

### Answer

1. (d) 2. (b) 3. (a) 4. (c) 5. (d)  
 6. (a) 7. (c) 8. (d) 9. (c) 10. (d)

### Set no-30

1. Ramesh **takes after** his father  
 (a) follows (b) imitates  
 (c) obeys (d) resembles
2. They **made no bones** about acknowledging their debt to his genius  
 (a) did not have any hesitation in

- (b) did not have any faith in  
(c) demanded compensation for  
(d) had problems in
3. During the last moment of his life the criminal **made a clean breast of** everything he had done  
(a) showed his breast (b) fought like a hero  
(c) confessed without reserve (d) faced bravely
4. She tries very hard to **keep up with** her rich neighbours  
(a) to imitate (b) to keep in touch  
(c) to avoid (d) to be on par
5. Where he saw the snake he **took to his heels**  
(a) run away in fear (b) went slowly  
(c) walked in fear (d) jumped fast
6. He has to abide by **the hard and fast** rules of the company  
(a) flexible (b) strict  
(c) difficult (d) honest
7. She goes to her mother house **off and on**  
(a) frequently (b) rarely  
(c) occasionally (d) sometimes
8. The robber murdered the woman **incold blood** for the sake of the jewels  
(a) a murder done without feeling  
(b) a murder done in revenge  
(c) a murder done in great anger  
(d) a murder done in enmity
9. Indians are **going places** in the field of software technology  
(a) going abroad (b) going to spaces  
(c) talented and successful (d) friendly and amicable
10. **A bed of roses**  
(a) a very soft bed (b) a dull life  
(c) belong to (d) full of joy

## Answer

1. (d) 2. (a) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. (a)  
6. (b) 7. (c) 8. (a) 9. (c) 10. (d)

## Set no-31

1. **In the throes of**  
(a) out of the grip                      (b) in the grip of  
(c) controlled                              (d) understand
2. **Under duress**  
(a) under compulsion              (b) unwillingly  
(c) smell something burning              (d) to discourage
3. **Smell a rat**  
(a) to have reasons to suspect              (b) to encourage  
(c) smell something burring                              (d) to discourage
4. **Black and blue**  
(a) colour                              (b) doings  
(c) suffering                              (d) severely
5. **To face the music**  
(a) to suffer evil consequences  
(b) to listen to music  
(c) to suffer hardship  
(d) to change one way
6. **To put two and two together**  
(a) to add two things  
(b) to conclude from obvious facts  
(c) to put on a false appearance  
(d) to continue
7. **To leave no stone unturned**  
(a) to sweep the room              (b) to divide and rule  
(c) to change things              (d) to try utmost
8. **To wash dirty lines in public**

- (a) to talk personal matters in public
- (b) to clear one stand
- (c) to clean the field
- (d) to quarrel openly

9. **To read between the lines**

- (a) to read loudly
- (b) to understand the hidden meaning of the word
- (c) to do some important work
- (d) to escape from reality

10. **To flog a dead horse**

- (a) in a dilemma
- (b) useless work
- (c) between two seas
- (d) in a helpless state

**Answer**

1. (b) 2. (b) 3. (a) 4. (d) 5. (a)  
6. (b) 7. (d) 8. (a) 9. (b) 10. (b)

**Set no-32**

1. **To meet one's Waterloo**

- (a) to die fighting
- (b) to meet one's final defeat
- (c) to meet with humiliation
- (d) to face no difficulty

2. **To fight tooth and nail**

- (a) to make every possible effort to win
- (b) to fight cowardly
- (c) to succeed
- (d) to fight a battle

3. **To bait hook to suit the fish**

- (a) to do something to please others
- (b) to catch fish by providing suitable food

- (c) to look things from other person point of view  
(d) to prepare a boy to pack fish
4. **An axe to grind**  
(a) work hard (b) private ends to serve  
(c) tool to work with (d) difficult job
5. **Through thick and thin**  
(a) under all conditions (b) fat and thin  
(c) through the forest (d) big and small
6. **Sit on the fence**  
(a) sit comfortably (b) remain neutral  
(c) support one side (d) balance oneself
7. **Take exception to**  
(a) take something new (b) exceptionally well  
(c) take with difficulty (d) object to
8. **At one's wit's end**  
(a) very angry (b) very intelligent  
(c) confused (d) at enmity
9. **To be born with a silver spoon in one's mouth**  
(a) to be a very handsome boy  
(b) to be born in a rich family  
(b) to be fed with a silver spoon  
(d) to be the only child
10. **To beat about the bush**  
(a) to do useless work (b) to blush  
(c) to conceal facts (c) not to come to the point

**Answer**

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. (a)  
6. (b) 7. (d) 8. (c) 9. (b) 10. (d)

**Set no-33**

1. **From hand to mouth**

- (a) hand and mouth
- (b) from life to death
- (c) just able to make both ends meet
- (d) something harmful

2. **To be on the horns of a dilemma**

- (a) to be in a fix                      (b) to be in state
- (c) to be utterly sore                (d) to be in danger

3. **To be under a cloud**

- (a) to be hidden                      (b) to be suspicious
- (c) to be in the dark                (d) to be in disgrace

4. **To beat a retreat**

- (a) to take rest                      (b) to withdraw
- (c) to fight the enemy                (d) to hide from the enemy

5. **To break the ice**

- (a) to start the work                (b) to break the news
- (c) to break a painful silence (d) to keep cool

6. **Paint the town red**

- (a) cause disturbance in the town
- (b) decide to fight and shed
- (c) by noisy merry making
- (d) blood

7. **Throws down the gauntlet**

- (a) show readiness to leave the place (b) put several conditions
- (c) throw the challenge                (d) assault and abuse

8. **Bee in one's bonnet**

- (a) a peculiar habit of confusing others
- (b) an obsession about something
- (c) an unreliable and inconsistent way of behaving
- (d) a result of senseless action

9. **End in smoke**

- (a) bear no fruit

- (b) benefit the poor and downtrodden
- (c) produce good results
- (d) motivate to produce

10. **Take to one's heel**

- (a) take revenge
- (b) take to flight
- (c) take shelter in a thick jungle
- (d) To run away

**Answer**

1. (c) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (b) 5.(c)  
6. (c) 7. (c) 8. (b) 9(a) 10. (d)

**Set no-34**

1. **Wear one's heart on one's sleeve**

- (a) to be most intimate
- (b) to love passionately
- (c) to do the right thing
- (d) to show one's feelings

2. **To play fast and loose**

- (a) to defeat person
- (b) to play a good game
- (c) to be narrow minded
- (d) to act in an unreliable way

3. **To show the white feather**

- (a) to behave timidly
- (b) to perform a good deed
- (c) to try to be beautiful
- (d) to show courage before the enemy

4. **Be in the limelight**

- (a) give speeches
- (b) be the centre of attraction
- (c) be the object of admiration
- (d) be an object of public notice

5. **Look a gift horse in the mouth**

- (a) welcome a gift
- (b) a fastidious man
- (c) find fault with a gift
- (d) examine a gift carefully



6. **Play to the gallery**  
 (a) cater the public taste  
 (b) advertise  
 (c) depend upon the public for approval  
 (d) attempt to appeal to popular taste
7. **To give chase**  
 (a) to walk unsteadily      (b) to wait and see the result  
 (c) to run after      (d) to make one feel sad
8. **To bear up with**  
 (a) to endure      (b) to check  
 (c) to control      (d) to be angry with
9. **In name only**  
 (a) be in theory only  
 (b) be in apposition to maintain  
 (c) in honour of  
 (d) be held in high esteem
10. **To stamp out**  
 (a) suppress      (b) to go away in anger  
 (c) to be in a benevolent mood      (d) to search desperately

**Answer**

1. (d) 2. (d) 3. (a) 4. (b) 5. (c)  
 6. (d) 7. (b) 8. (a) 9. (a) 10. (a)

**Set no-25**

1. **To strike one**  
 (a) to collide with      (b) to face charges  
 (c) to realise suddenly      (d) to be with somebody
2. **To have an axe to grind**  
 (a) to have a private end to serve      (b) to escape from reality  
 (c) to state the real facts      (d) to deny charges

3. **For days on end**  
(a) complete loss (c) a position to maintain  
(c) ultimately die (d) for a long time
4. **Shift for oneself**  
(a) cook one's food  
(b) leave one's home and friends  
(c) serve one's purpose  
(d) look after oneself without another's help
5. **A backhanded compliment**  
(a) a sarcastic compliment  
(b) a statement of praise  
(b) an undeserved compliment  
(d) a rare gift
6. **Into the bargain**  
(a) after some time (b) two or three times  
(c) over and above (c) again and again
7. **Bear one out**  
(a) support somebody (b) of against somebody  
(c) confirm the truth (d) prove nothing
8. **The order of the day**  
(a) a popular measure (b) a general rule  
(c) a common practice (d) an admirable practice
9. **A wet blanket**  
(a) a helpless man (b) a useless blanket  
(c) one who discourages others (d) a hard question
10. **A cold blooded murder**  
(a) a murder without emotion  
(b) a secret murder  
(c) a suppressed desire a murder  
(d) deliberately committed

**Answer-**

1. (a) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (d) 5. (a)

6. (c) 7. (c) 8. (a) 9. (c) 10. (a)

## Set no-36

1. **A fish out of water**

- (a) a person in unfamiliar surroundings
- (b) a dead fish
- (c) a lovely sight
- (d) a sad person

2. **A jack of all trades**

- (a) a businessman
- (b) one who can turn his hand to anything
- (c) a successful trader
- (d) doing all types of business

3. **A wild goose chase**

- (a) a chase of wild goose
- (b) useless work
- (c) a careless effort
- (d) a foolish venture

4. **Through thick and thin**

- (a) in every condition
- (b) through the growth
- (c) to cover everything
- (d) to persuade

5. **To put one's foot down**

- (a) to die
- (b) to reject with determination
- (c) to shake one's foot
- (d) to keep one's foot clean

6. **At sixes and sevens**

- (a) in disorder
- (b) at a certain point
- (c) very few
- (d) altogether thirteen

7. **To fall flat**

- (a) to lie down
- (b) to have no effect
- (c) to believe
- (d) to become hopeless

8. **In the teeth of**

- (a) in the mouth                      (b) in the middle of  
(c) in the face of                      (d) in a certain case

9. **To bury the hatchet**

- (a) to forget a quarrel                (b) to suppress mark  
(c) substandard                        (d) below dignity

10. **A black sheep**

- (a) a type of sheep                    (b) an attractive person  
(c) disreputable                        (d) a unique cry

**Answer**

1. (a) 2. (d) 3. (b) 4. (a) 5. (b)  
6. (a) 7. (b) 8. (c) 9. (a) 10. (c)

**Set no-37**

1. **To have a flying start**

- (a) to fly in the air  
(b) to make a castle in the air  
(c) to meet success from the very beginning  
(d) to live peacefully

2. **To turn the tables on**

- (a) to put some matter  
(b) to argue angrily  
(c) to repeat the mistakes  
(d) to frustrate the plans of one's adversary

3. **A queer fish**

- (a) a kind of sea fish                (b) a strange fellow  
(c) a lovely fish                        (d) a different situation

4. **To lock horns with**

- (a) to give a tough fight      (b) to tie the horns  
(c) to break the horns      (d) to control by holding horns
5. **Against one's grain**  
(a) against one's will      (b) against one's interest  
(c) against one's nature      (d) against one's plan
6. **To live in an ivory tower**  
(a) to live in a fort      (b) to be unaware of the realities  
(c) to be uncompromising      (d) to live in an old house
7. **A white collar job**  
(a) a useless job      (b) a highly fruitful job  
(c) a job for a good man      (d) clerical work
8. **Palmydays**  
(a) prosperous and peaceful days      (b) bad days  
(c) sunny days      (d) lovely days
9. **To speak out**  
(a) to abuse  
(b) to state one's beliefs, objections, etc  
(c) to tell the truth  
(d) to retort
10. **Let the cat out of the bag**  
(a) to leak out the secrets      (b) to release the cat  
(c) to help the cat      (d) to kill the cat

**Answer**

1. (c) 2. (d) 3. (b) 4. (a) 5. (b)  
6. (b) 7. (b) 8. (a) 9. (b) 10. (a)

**Set no-38**

1. **To make both ends meet**  
(a) to unite      (b) to reconcile  
(c) to mix      (d) to live within one's means
2. **In the nick of time**

- (a) just in time
- (b) after the appointed time
- (c) in the evening
- (d) in trouble

3. **To mince matters**

- (a) to solve problems
- (b) to conceal the facts
- (c) to cater to the rich
- (d) to settle some issue

4. **The power that be**

- (a) the suitable man
- (b) the powerful man
- (c) the ruling authority
- (d) the existing system

5. **To get cold feet**

- (a) to be terrified
- (b) to catch a cold
- (c) to wash feet
- (d) to injure feet

6. **To have done with**

- (a) to have finished
- (b) to compromise
- (c) to solve
- (d) to be ready

7. **Cheek by jowl**

- (a) some spot in the cheek
- (b) lovely cheek
- (c) very close or intimate
- (d) glowing cheek

8. **To nip in the bud**

- (a) to die suddenly
- (b) to deflower a girl
- (c) to reveal a secret
- (d) to destroy a thing in the beginning

9. **To go a whole hog**

- (a) to postpone a programme
- (b) to do something as completely as possible
- (c) to agree fully
- (d) to falsify a statement

10. **To pick holes**

- (a) to cut some part of an item
- (b) to find some reason to quarrel
- (c) to find fault
- (d) to destroy something

### Answer

1. (d) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (a)  
6. (a) 7. (c) 8. (d) 9. (b) 10. (c)

### Set no-39

1. **To hit the right nail on the head**
  - (a) to destroy one's reputation
  - (b) to do the right thing
  - (c) to teach someone a lesson
  - (d) to announce one's fixed views
2. **To drive home**
  - (a) to find roots
  - (b) to restore to original position
  - (c) to emphasize
  - (d) to return to place of rest
3. **To beg the question**
  - (a) to take for granted
  - (b) to raise objections
  - (c) to refer to
  - (d) to be discussed
4. **To keep one's temper**
  - (a) to be in a good mood
  - (b) to preserve one's anger
  - (c) to succeed in controlling one's anger
  - (d) to become angry
5. **A red letter day**
  - (a) a colourful day
  - (b) a rainy day
  - (c) an important occasion
  - (d) a sunny day
6. **To hold a candle to the devil**
  - (a) to invite a devil
  - (b) to burn a candle

- (c) to do knowingly what is wrong  
 (d) to oppress the poor
7. **The burn the candle at both ends**  
 (a) to expand one's resources in two directions  
 (b) to exhaust one's energies  
 (c) to have serious intentions  
 (d) to oppress the poor
8. **To turn over a new leaf**  
 (a) to disclose a secret  
 (b) to commence a new course of life  
 (c) to destroy a leaf  
 (d) to divert from the path
9. **A white elephant**  
 (a) a rare elephant (b) a costly gift  
 (c) a beautiful thing (d) a very costly and useless possession
10. **To lick the dust**  
 (a) to lie down (b) to fail  
 (c) to be killed (d) to be defeated

**Answer**

1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (d) 4. (c) 5. (c)  
 6. (c) 7. (b) 8. (b) 9. (d) 10. (c)

**Set no-40**

1. **The sword of Damocles**  
 (a) imminent danger (b) a special type of sword  
 (c) an old sword (d) an instant remedy
2. **Set by the ears**  
 (a) correct (b) make someone weep  
 (c) instigate (d) hold the ears
3. **Work round the clock**  
 (a) work day and night (b) work successfully  
 (c) work sincerely (d) move everywhere



4. **Beat about the bush**  
(a) do one's work successfully  
(b) beat somebody severely  
(c) help the needy  
(d) approach a subject without coming to the point
5. **A cut above**  
(a) more active than            (b) a little rougher than  
(c) rather superior to        (d) quite taller than
6. **Showed the white flag**  
(a) surrendered                (b) ran away  
(c) sereincensed              (d) calmly left the scene
7. **To cut one short**  
(a) to insult one.              (b) to criticize one  
(c) to interrupt one          (d) to love one
8. **To throw dust on one's eyes**  
(a) to deceive                (b) to show false things  
(c) to make blind              (d) to harm someone
9. **Read between the lines**  
(a) can read a lot quicker  
(b) know what the writer thinks  
(c) can read and write in the language  
(d) can read leaving lines in between
10. **Saw through**  
(a) anticipated                (b) win  
(c) witnessed                 (d) defeated

1. (a) 2. (c) 3. (a) 4. (d) 5. (c)  
6. (a) 7. (c) 8. (a) 9. (b) 10. (b)

## **Set no-41**

1. **The gift of the gab**  
(a) he can talk very fast    (b) he can speak very well

- (c) he has a good voice      (d) he can pretend convincingly
2. **Put up with**  
(a) bear patiently      (b) fight against  
(c) welcome cheerfully      (d) treat with indifference
3. **Came out of his shell**  
(a) appeared suddenly      (b) became more sociable  
(c) became a loser      (d) removed his clothes
4. **Playing to the gallery**  
(a) adopting cheap tactics      (b) befooling the common man  
(c) fighting for votes      (d) appeasing the masses
5. **Blood ran cold**  
(a) he was frightened      (b) he was horrified  
(c) he was disgusted      (d) he was depressed
6. **A man in the street**  
(a) an ordinary person      (b) an illiterate person  
(c) an unknown person      (d) a stranger
7. **Hadn't a leg to stand on.**  
(a) had been injured in an accident  
(b) was lame  
(c) did not have much hope of getting it  
(d) would have to wait for some time
8. **Fits and starts**  
(a) consistently      (b) irregularly  
(c) joyfully      (d) enthusiastically
9. **Went ofwell**  
(a) was hastily concluded      (b) was considered a success  
(c) was received critically      (d) was appreciated by some
10. **Carried the day.**  
(a) missed the opportunity      (b) worked round the clock  
(c) were losers      (d) victorious

## Answer

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (a)  
6. (a) 7. (c) 8. (b) 9. (b) 10. (d)

## Set no-42

1. **Put up with**  
(a) abide by (b) tolerate  
(c) pardon (d) appreciate
2. **Made a clean breast**  
(a) confessed (b) repeated  
(c) regretted (d) changed
3. **On the horns of a dilemma**  
(a) in nervous condition (b) in terrible mood  
(c) in difficult situation (d) in nonsense
4. **Died in harness**  
(a) ceased to live (b) died of a disease  
(c) died for his country (d) died while working
5. **Ended in smoke**  
(a) came to nothing (b) got on fire  
(c) burnt up (d) attracted everybody
6. **Kicking up his heels**  
(a) playing happily  
(b) kicking someone  
(c) wasting time  
(d) passing a gesture of disrespect
7. **A scapegoat**  
(a) fool (b) witness  
(c) fall guy (d) proxy
8. **Point-blank**

- (a) directly (b) desperately  
(c) stubbornly (d) rudely

9. **Strike a bargain**

- (a) to finalize a deal (b) to negotiate a deal  
(c) to negotiate (d) to deal

10. **Had better**

- (a) should (b) may  
(c) might (d) can

**Answer**

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (c) 4. (d) 5. (a)  
6. (a) 7. (a) 8. (a) 9. (b) 10. (a)

**Set no-43**

1. **To give currency**

- (a) to make public known (b) to misinterpret  
(c) to bestow important (d) to originate

2. **Give me a hand with**

- (a) keep a watch on (b) handle  
(c) provide me with (d) help me with

3. **Eat humble pie**

- (a) he accepted the food offered  
(b) he had to yield under pressure  
(c) he maintained composure  
(d) he failed to protest eventually

4. **Feel his pulse**

- (a) guide him  
(b) find his views  
(c) enlighten him  
(d) argue with him

5. **Ruled the roost**

- (a) created good impression

- (b) exercised authority
  - (c) rushed through work
  - (d) got paid very handsomely
6. **Taken to task**
- (a) he will be entrusted with an official job
  - (b) he will get an official reprimand from the authority.
  - (c) he will be rewarded by the authority
  - (d) he will tender his resignation on the from the
7. **Have something up your sleeve**
- (a) have an alternative plan
  - (b) have some honest means
  - (c) have some hidden sources of money
  - (d) have a secret pocket in the sleeve
8. **Damocles' Sword**
- (a) to immediately work very hard and successfully at a new activity
  - (b) to become too excited and eager about something
  - (c) an impending and uncertain danger
  - (d) something that you say in order to emphasize that you agree with what someone has just with
9. **To the letter**
- (a) in writing
  - (b) literally and strictly
  - (c) forever
  - (d) certainly
10. **Gives himself the airs of**
- (a) enjoys being
  - (b) tries to hide the fact that he is
  - (c) pretends to be
  - (d) boast over the fact that he is

**Answer**

1. (a) 2. (d) 3. (b) 4. (b) 5. (b)  
6. (b) 7. (a) 8. (c) 9. (b) 10. (d)

## Set no-44

1. **Got into hot water**
  - (a) fail in one's efforts
  - (b) land in trouble
  - (c) take the help of
  - (d) come to nothing
2. **Achilles' heel**
  - (a) downfall
  - (b) vulnerable point
  - (c) main setback
  - (d) strength
3. **Fell flat**
  - (a) did not inspire other
  - (b) did not produce the desired effect
  - (c) were not goal-oriented
  - (d) left everyone awestruck
4. **He got the better of me**
  - (a) he thought I was good
  - (b) he got defeated
  - (c) I understood him better
  - (d) he overcame me
5. **Look through**
  - (a) turn the pages of
  - (b) study
  - (c) omit
  - (d) get an explanation of
6. **Taking you for a ride**
  - (a) taking you in the car
  - (b) trying to oust you
  - (c) pulling you long
  - (d) trying to trick you
7. **Far cry**
  - (a) a long way off
  - (b) an emotional journey
  - (c) a boring journey
  - (d) too long a way
8. **To be above board**
  - (a) to have a good height
  - (b) to be honest in any business
  - (c) having no debts
  - (d) to try to be beautiful
9. **To cry wolf**
  - (a) to listen eagerly
  - (b) to give false alarm

(c) to turn pale                      (d) to keep off starvation

10. **On the wrong side of seventy**

- (a) more than seventy years old
- (b) less than seventy years old
- (c) seventy years old
- (d) eighty years old

**Answer**

1. (b) 2. (b) 3. (b) 4. (d) 5. (b)  
6. (d) 7. (d) 8. (b) 9. (b) 10. (a)

**Set no-45**

1. **An axe to grind**

- (a) a private end to serve    (b) to fail to arouse interest
- (c) to have no result            (d) to work for both sides

2. **To drive home**

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

3. **Fair and square**

- (a) rough and complex    (b) honest and simple
- (c) dishonest and complex (d) cruel

4. **At sixes and sevens**

- (a) in groups of sixes and sevens
- (b) confused
- (c) playing a game
- (d) none of the above

5. **By fits and starts**

- (a) finally                              (b) hastily
- (c) irregularly                        (d) impulsively

6. **Fly a kite**

- (a) possible explanation    (b) please the children  
(c) test public opinion    (d) enter into an agreement
7. **The Achilles' heel**  
(a) major factor    (b) satisfactory element  
(c) weak point    (d) cause of failure
8. **Free for all**  
(a) everyone got something free    (b) uncontrollable situation  
(c) free entrance of all    (d) fight for freedom
9. **Play second fiddle**  
(a) play the first fiddle    (b) lead other people  
(c) play a subordinate role    (d) play any other fiddle
10. **Cock and bull stories**  
(a) stories of birds and animals    (b) unbelievable stories  
(c) stories dealing with fight    (d) stories of adventure

### Answer

1. (a) 2. (d) 3. (b) 4. (b) 5. (c)  
6. (a) 7. (c) 8. (b) 9. (c) 10. (b)

### Set no-46

1. **Gave him a piece of my mind**  
(a) complained to him    (b) advised him  
(c) scolded him    (d) warned him
2. **Play ducks and drakes with**  
(a) destroy    (b) save  
(c) bet    (d) waste
3. **Wild goose chase**  
(a) tight competition    (b) surprising result  
(c) horrible experience    (d) hopeless search
4. **To come clean**  
(a) to deny the crime  
(b) to confess to the crime



- (c) to accuse someone else of the crime  
(d) to apologize for the crime
5. **Kept in the dark**  
(a) were informed after office hours  
(b) were informed when it was too late  
(c) were given secret information  
(d) were not informed at all
6. **Passing the buck**  
(a) analyses the problem (b) prepares to resign  
(c) pays a bride (d) blames someone else
7. **To speak one's mind**  
(a) to be frank and honest  
(b) to think aloud  
(c) to talk about one's idea  
(d) to express one's thought
8. **By hook or by crook**  
(a) by compromising or other responsibilities  
(b) by impressing the interviewers  
(c) by any means, right or wrong  
(d) by becoming a specialist in the field
9. **To sit on the fence**  
(a) to avoid taking sides (b) to insult a speaker  
(c) to relax while others speak (d) to agree with everyone
10. **Like a fish out of water**  
(a) uncomfortable (b) exhausted  
(c) energetic (d) nervous

**Answer**

- 1 (c) 2. (d) 3.(d) 4.(b) 5.(d)  
6. (d) 7. (d) 8. (c) 9. (a) 10. (a)

## Set no-47

1. **Sorted out**
  - (a) revised
  - (b) supported
  - (c) resolved
  - (d) changed
2. **Carried out**
  - (a) exited
  - (b) executed
  - (c) supported
  - (d) applied
3. **Set off**
  - (a) started
  - (b) travelled
  - (c) entered
  - (d) resonated
4. **Added fuel to the fire**
  - (a) got others angry
  - (b) ignited the fireplace
  - (c) worsened matters
  - (d) created warmth all around
5. **Fight shy of**
  - (a) fight with
  - (b) avoid
  - (c) embarrass
  - (d) shout at
6. **Latched onto**
  - (a) promoted
  - (b) understand
  - (c) exposed
  - (d) discovered
7. **Follow his nose**
  - (a) to find it by himself
  - (b) to ask someone else
  - (c) to follow me
  - (d) to go straight ahead
8. **A feather in my cap**
  - (a) rewarding
  - (b) an exciting moment
  - (c) an achievement
  - (d) a joy for my parents
9. **Above board**
  - (a) to everyone's liking
  - (b) mandatory
  - (c) without any secret
  - (d) ambiguous
10. **Go haywire**
  - (a) were in jubilation
  - (b) protested

(c) became out of control (d) left the venue

**Answer**

1. (c) 2. (b) 3. (a) 4. (c) 5. (c)  
6. (b) 7. (d) 8. (c) 9. (c) 10. (c)

**Set no-48**

1. **Bad hats.**

(a) people with bad hats (b) people of bad character  
(c) people selling bad hats (d) people of poor status

2. **Ice breaking**

(a) having breakfast (b) starting conversation  
(c) introducing chief guest (d) making speeches

3. **Chicken out**

(a) ate chicken (b) released chicken  
(c) hatched eggs (d) not to decide because of afraid

4. **Make do**

(a) create (b) do  
(c) produce (d) manage

5. **Donkey's years**

(a) a long time (b) a short time  
(c) for donkeys (d) for few years

6. **Broke down**

(a) resigned his job (b) ceased to smile  
(c) stopped working (d) wept bitterly

7. **Throw dust into my eyes**

(a) you should not try to blind me with dust  
(b) iknow how to protect my eyes.  
(c) iwill not let you blind me with dust.  
(d) "don't try to mislead or confuse me."

8. **A man of straw**

- (a) a man of no substance (b) a very active person  
(c) a worthy fellow (d) an unreasonable person

9. **Off and on.**

- (a) up and about (b) often  
(c) really and truly (d) once upon a time

10. **Give and take.**

- (a) adjustment (b) make believe  
(c) always (d) giving

**Answer**

1. (b) 2. (b) 3. (d) 4. (d) 5. (a)  
6. (c) 7. (d) 8. (a) 9. (b) 10. (a)

**Set no-49**

1. **Added fuel to the fire.**

- (a) got others angry (b) ignited the fireplace  
(c) worsened matters (d) created warmth all around

2. **Fight shy of**

- (a) fight with (b) avoid  
(c) embarrass (d) shout at

3. **Latched onto**

- (a) promoted (b) understand  
(c) exposed (d) discovered

4. **Followed his nose.**

- (a) to find it by himself (b) to ask someone else  
(c) to follow me (d) to go straight ahead

5. **A feather in my cap.**

- (a) rewarding (b) an exciting moment  
(c) an achievement (d) a joy for my parents

6. **Above board.**

- (a) to everyone's liking (b) mandatory

- (c) without any secret      (d) ambiguous
7. **Went hay wire.**  
(a) were in jubilation      (b) protested  
(c) became out of control      (d) left the venue
8. **Broke off**  
(a) fainted      (b) suddenly stopped  
(c) divided his narrative      (d) took time off
9. **At random.**  
(a) without any aim      (b) for a long time  
(c) to end quarrel      (d) throughly
10. **Back seat driver.**  
(a) person who misjudge driver  
(b) person who wants to do things by herself  
(c) person who falsely accuses others  
(d) person who gives unwanted advice

**Answer**

1. (c) 2. (c) 3. (b) 4. (d) 5. (c)  
6. (c) 7. (c) 8. (b) 9. (a) 10. (d)

**Set no-50**

1. **Fabian policy**  
(a) dictatorial policy      (b) democratic policy  
(c) market policy      (d) policy of using
2. **To kick the bucket**  
(a) to start an account      (b) to start a sea journey  
(c) to die      (d) to star agricultural
3. **Odds and ends**  
(a) quarrelsome persons      (b) various intentions  
(c) miscellaneous things      (d) nonsense
4. **To pick up the gauntlet**

- (a) to accept felicitations (b) to accept a challenge  
(c) to accept bribe (d) to accept a senior post

**5. The primrose path**

- (a) a modern marketplace  
(b) the pursuit of pleasure  
(c) right of self-determination  
(d) process using high technology

**6. Any old how**

- (a) untidy (b) unpredictable  
(c) a horror movie (d) by chance

**7. Lead somebody to the altar**

- (a) to make somebody to learn games  
(b) to marry somebody  
(c) to arrest somebody  
(d) To pass judgment

**8. To go for the jugular**

- (a) to play a music instrument  
(b) to make a destructive attack  
(c) to go to watch a circus  
(d) to go for hunting

**9. In pawn**

- (a) to feel better (b) confused  
(c) very busy (d) pledged

**10. Touch - and go**

- (a) a weak person  
(b) uncertain as to the result  
(c) to catch a thief  
(d) a tough competitor

**Answer**

1. (a) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. (b)

6. (d) 7. (b) 8. (b) 9. (d) 10. (b)

## Set no-51

**1. In tatters**

- (a) in prison (b) under mortgage  
(c) ruined (d) under confusion

**2. Come a cropper**

- (a) to come as a surprise (b) to fail  
(c) to get injured (d) to get unexpected success

**3. In the fullness of time**

- (a) by sheer hardwork (b) at leisure  
(c) night of full Moon (d) at the appropriate time

**4. The lie of the land**

- (a) protection of environment (b) spirit of adventure  
(c) assessment of a situation (d) mountaineering

**5. An eager beaver**

- (a) an enthusiastic person (b) fond of travelling  
(c) a rich person (d) a successful politician

**6. Raise somebody's hackles**

- (a) to praise somebody (b) to deceive somebody  
(c) to flatter somebody (d) to make somebody angry

**7. Beneath contempt**

- (a) guilt  
(b) completely unworthy of respect  
(c) animosity  
(d) under wraps

**8. At a rate of knots**

- (a) very rapidly (b) sluggishly  
(c) technology-savvy (d) highly self-opinionated

**9. Clam up**

- (a) to depart (b) to remain silent  
(c) to prepare meticulously (d) to feel soil

**10. Plain as a pikestaff**

- (a) polished surface (b) extremely honest  
(c) extremely poor (d) very obvious

**Answer**

1. (c) 2. (b) 3. (d) 4. (a) 5. (a)  
6. (d) 7. (b) 8. (a) 9. (b) 10. (d)

**Set no-52**

**1. A bread-and-butter letter**

- (a) an appointment letter  
(b) a contract termination letter  
(c) a letter to thank a host  
(d) a request to get donation for a noble cause

**2. Cloak-and-dagger**

- (a) involving intrigue (b) to become very weak  
(c) family feud (d) fond of hunting

**3. The worse for wear**

- (a) worn out (b) improbable  
(c) far off (d) frightening

**4. In the clear**

- (a) without any money  
(b) without and knowledge of traditions  
(c) very friendly  
(d) no longer in danger

**5. Take up the cudgels**

- (a) to support somebody (b) to start a new business  
(c) to go on a holiday (d) to relax

**6. As the crow flies**



- (a) to wander in jungles (b) in a straight line  
(c) to protect environment (d) to travel to a foreign land

**7. To champ at the bit**

- (a) to be careless in making preparations  
(b) to show off  
(c) to be restlessly impatient  
(d) to win in a tournament

**8. With a flea in one's ear**

- (a) to know secrets (b) to have severe headache  
(c) to be rebuked (d) to flatter someone

**9. Pie in the sky**

- (a) beautiful surroundings (b) event unlikely to happen  
(c) rainy season (d) foreign traditions

**10. Bank upon**

- (a) accumulate (b) consequent upon  
(c) guess (d) depend upon

**Answer**

1. (c) 2. (a) 3. (a) 4. (d) 5. (a)  
6. (b) 7. (c) 8. (c) 9. (b) 10. (d)

**Set no-53**

**1. In the guise of**

- (a) challenged (b) in the colour of  
(c) in the semblance of (d) in the pretence of

**2. Caught up with**

- (a) conversed (b) tackled  
(c) arrested (d) overlook

**3. Blow by blow**

- (a) eruptions in quick succession from a great volcano  
(b) continuously remaining with thunders  
(c) describable an event as it occurred in every detail

(d) a rapid decline of business leading to its closure

**4. Chock-a-block**

- (a) in a completely insane manner
- (b) not being able to fulfil one's desires
- (c) blocking somebody's path to progress
- (d) suffocation caused due to living in a congested area

**5. For good**

- (a) for a good cause
- (b) temporarily
- (c) permanently
- (d) seriously

**6. To get into a scrape**

- (a) to get into a muddle
- (b) to find oneself in an awkward predicament
- (c) to get into irritating circumstances
- (d) to be trapped in a conspiracy

**7. To fly off the handle**

- (a) to take off
- (b) to be indifferent
- (c) to dislocate
- (d) to lose one's temper

**8. To read between the line**

- (a) to concentrate
- (b) to read carefully
- (c) to suspect
- (d) to grasp the hidden meaning

**9. To blaze trail**

- (a) to set on fire
- (b) to be annoyed
- (c) to vehemently oppose
- (d) to initiate work in a movement

**10. To be lost in the cloud**

- (a) to meet with one's death
- (b) to be perplexed
- (c) to be concealed from view
- (d) to find oneself in a very uncomfortable position

**Answer**

1. (d) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (c) 5. (c)

6. (b) 7. (d) 8. (d) 9. (d) 10. (b)

## **Set no-54**

### **1. To flog a dead horse**

- (a) to act in a foolish way
- (b) to waste one's efforts
- (c) to revive interest in an old subject
- (d) to revive old memories

### **2. Hush money**

- (a) money overdue
- (b) easy money
- (c) money coined by wrong means
- (d) bribe paid to secure silence

### **3. To pay one back in the same coin**

- (a) to provoke a person to quarrel
- (b) to offer another polite attention
- (c) to retaliate
- (d) to give word of encouragement or praise to another

### **4. A tall order**

- (a) a task difficult to perform
- (b) a big problem
- (c) a royal summon
- (d) a big demand

### **5. To draw a bead upon**

- (a) to make prayers
- (b) to cause hindrance in work
- (c) to count the benefits
- (d) to take aim at

### **6. To turn the tables**

- (a) to defeat
- (b) to oppose
- (c) to create chaos
- (d) to change sorry scheme
- (e) to change completely the position of disadvantage

**7. To keep the ball rolling**

- (a) to earn more and more      (b) to work constantly  
(c) to keep the conversation going (d) to make the best use of

**8. All and sundry**

- (a) greater share      (b) all of a sudden  
(c) completion of work      (d) everyone without distinction

**9. To worship the rising sun**

- (a) to honour a man who is coming into office  
(b) to honour the promising people  
(c) to indulge in flattery  
(d) to welcome the coming events

**10. To disabuse one's mind**

- (a) to conceal something  
(b) to remove a misapprehension  
(c) to banish from one's mind a thought  
(d) to proceed cautiously so as to avoid risks and dangers

**Answer**

1. (b) 2. (d) 3. (c) 4. (d) 5. (d)  
6. (e) 7. (b) 8. (d) 9. (b) 10. (b)

**Set no-55**

**1. A storm in a tea cup**

- (a) unexpected event  
(b) a danger signal  
(c) much excitement over something trivial  
(d) a great noise

**2. To play fast and loose**

- (a) to beguile others  
(b) to be winning sometimes and losing at other times  
(c) to play with someone's feelings  
(d) to play tricks

**3. To tempt providence**

- (a) to invite punishment (b) to achieve a fortune  
(c) to take reckless risks (d) to have God's favour

**4. To haul over the coals**

- (a) to put hand in a wrong task  
(b) to throw into the fire  
(c) to put to task  
(d) to say the wrong words

**5. To put the cart before the horse**

- (a) to offer a person what he cannot eat  
(b) to force a person to do something  
(c) to raise obstacles  
(d) to reverse the natural order of things

**6. To accept the Gauntlet**

- (a) to accept defeat (b) to accept a challenge  
(c) to suffer humiliation (d) to accept an honour

**7. To give currency**

- (a) to bestow importance (b) to misinterpret  
(c) to make publicly known (d) to originate

**8. French leave**

- (a) long absence (b) leave on the pretext of illness  
(c) casual leave (d) absence without permission

**9. Castles in the air**

- (a) romantic designs (b) perfect plans  
(c) ideal projects (d) fanciful schemes

**10. To have brush with**

- (a) to start painting (b) to have good and pleasing terms  
(c) to be impressed (d) to have a slight encounter

**Answer**

1. (c) 2. (d) 3. (c) 4. (c) 5. (d)  
6. (b) 7. (c) 8. (d) 9. (d) 10. (d)

## Set no-56

### 1. To lose face

- (a) to look angry
- (b) to be humiliated
- (c) to be helpless
- (d) to look vacant

### 2. To turn the other cheek

- (a) to sulk and suffer
- (b) to respond to violence with violence
- (c) to respond to violence with non-violence
- (d) to be indifferent to peace overtures

### 3. To pull one's socks up

- (a) to prepare
- (b) to try hard
- (c) to get ready
- (d) to depart

### 4. To bite one's lips

- (a) to be angry
- (b) to feel sorry
- (c) to have doubt
- (d) to laugh at others

### 5. Within An Ace of

- (a) within one's reach
- (b) very near
- (c) within the hitting range
- (d) narrowly

### 6. Dog in the manger

- (a) an undersized bull almost the shape of a dog
- (b) a dog that has no kennel of its own
- (c) a person who puts himself in difficulties on account of other people
- (d) a person who prevents others from enjoying something useless to himself

### 7. To blow hot and cold

- (a) changing weather
- (b) to be untrustworthy
- (c) to be inconsistent
- (d) to be rich and poor frequently

### 8. To give chapter and verse for a thing

- (a) to produce the proof of something
- (b) to eulogize the qualities of a thing

- (c) to make publicity of a thing
- (d) to attach artificial value to a thing

**9. To beggar's description**

- (a) a poor statement
- (b) to describe things without care
- (c) beyond one's power to describe adequately
- (d) none of these

**10. To plough the sands**

- (a) to work hard to achieve one's aim
- (b) to afford hope or ground for expecting a good result
- (c) to busy oneself in a way which cannot lead to any profitable result
- (d) to advance one's position in life

**Answer**

1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (b) 4. (b) 5. (b)  
6. (d) 7. (c) 8. (a) 9. (c) 10. (c)

**Set no-57**

**1. Foam in the mouth**

- (a) bitten by a snake
- (b) to reveal the secret
- (c) to be furious
- (d) to be in the extreme hatred

**2. To take umbrage**

- (a) to feel depressed
- (b) to be offended
- (c) to be satisfied
- (d) to be pleased

**3. Something up one's sleeve**

- (a) a grand idea
- (b) a secret plan
- (c) a profitable plan
- (d) something important

**4. Adam's ale**

- (a) grace
- (b) pleasure
- (c) water
- (d) wine

**5. To draw the long bow**

- (a) to over-estimate oneself

- (b) to put up high demands
- (c) to demand a very high price
- (d) to make an exaggerated statement

**6. To hit the jackpot**

- (a) to gamble                      (b) to make money unexpectedly
- (c) to inherit money      (d) to become bankrupt

**7. Tall order**

- (a) simple                              (b) difficult
- (c) customary                      (d) too much

**8. To drink like a fish**

- (a) to drink little              (b) to drink alone
- (c) to be a drunkard      (d) to drink in the company of others

**9. To fight to the bitter end**

- (a) to fight with poison-tipped arrows
- (b) to fight to the last point of enemy position
- (c) to die fighting
- (d) to carry on a contest regardless of consequences

**10. To give a false colouring**

- (a) to misrepresent              (b) to submit the false report
- (c) to be dishonest              (d) to conceal the facts

**Answer**

1. (c) 2. (b) 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (c)  
6. (b) 7. (b) 8. (c) 9. (d) 10. (a)

**Set no-58**

**1. Carry off**

- (a) win                                      (b) defeat
- (c) grab                                      (d) joy

**2. Come up**

- (a) fall in rank                      (b) rise in status



(c) become proud

(d) become humble

3. **Cut out**

(a) stop

(b) acquainted

(c) suitable

(d) considered

4. **Square up**

(a) work out

(b) consider

(c) discuss

(d) settle

5. **Call on**

(a) visited

(b) surrounded

(c) helped

(d) criticized

1. (a) 2. (b) 3. (a) 4. (a) 5. (a)

### Set no-59

1. **Hold up**

(a) keep

(b) detain

(c) stop

(d) delay

2. **Set down**

(a) write

(b) ruin

(c) snub

(d) humiliate

3. **Pare down**

(a) decrease

(b) increase

(c) rise

(d) weak

4. **Pass off-**

(a) disappear

(b) appear

(c) reveal

(d) secret

5. **Cut out for**

(a) suit

(b) vent

(c) legible

(d) uneducated

1. (c) 2. (a) 3. (a) 4. (a) 5. (a)

### Set no-60

1. **Run down**

- |                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| (a) cheerful      | (b) tired     |
| (c) active        | (d) joy       |
| <b>2. Come up</b> |               |
| (a) rise          | (b) own       |
| (c) fall          | (d) shell     |
| <b>3. Put off</b> |               |
| (a) delay         | (b) carry out |
| (c) do            | (d) continue  |
| <b>4. Let in</b>  |               |
| (a) allow entry   | (b) deny      |
| (c) stop          | (d) dispute   |
| <b>5. Let off</b> |               |
| (a) punish        | (b) forgive   |
| (c) freedom       | (d) chide     |

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (a) 4. (a) 5. (b)

## Set no-61

- |                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| <b>1. Wrap up</b>   |               |
| (a) start           | (b) continue  |
| (c) finish          | (d) interrupt |
| <b>2. pull up</b>   |               |
| (a) continue        | (b) do        |
| (c) carry           | (d) stop      |
| <b>3. Cry down</b>  |               |
| (a) praise          | (b) admit     |
| (c) allow           | (d) condemn   |
| <b>4. Stand by</b>  |               |
| (a) deny            | (b) ignore    |
| (c) support         | (d) disobey   |
| <b>5. Make away</b> |               |

- (a) flee
- (c) go

- (b) come
- (d) deduce

1. (c) 2. (d) 3. (d) 4. (c) 5. (a)

## Set no-62

1. **Put across**

- (a) reveal
- (c) cover

- (b) conceal
- (d) take

2. **Stand up**

- (a) raze
- (c) rise

- (b) raise
- (d) rose

3. **Tear up**

- (a) repair
- (c) create

- (b) build
- (d) destroy

4.

- (a) altercation
- (c) harmony

**Fall out**

- (b) agree
- (d) concur

5. **Die out**

- (a) lower
- (c) grow

- (b) developed
- (d) raise

1. (a) 2. (b) 3. (d) 4. (a) 5. (a)

## Set no-63

1. **Look up**

- (a) find
- (c) wing

- (b) decline
- (d) worsen

2. **Bring home**

- (a) realise
- (c) fail

- (b) discourage
- (d) pass

3. **Hold out**

- (a) resist
- (c) give

- (b) accept
- (d) hang

4. **Fall through**

- (a) ascend (b) rise  
(c) build (d) fall

5. **Knock out**

- (a) conscious (b) unconscious  
(c) grow (d) ahead

1. (a) 2. (a) 3. (a) 4. (d) 5. (b)

**Set no-64**

1. **Set up**

- (a) stop (b) hinder  
(c) start (d) initial

2. **Put up with-**

- (a) freedom (b) tolerate  
(c) forgive (d) morbid

3.

- (a) surprise (b) laugh  
(c) simple (d) back

4. **Look up-**

- (a) ignore (b) research  
(c) waste (d) hate

5. **Run amuck**

- (a) serene (b) flute  
(c) calm (d) storm

1. (c) 2. (b) 3. (a) 4. (b) 5. (d)

**Set no-65**

1. **Close with**

- (a) deny (b) scold  
(c) accept (d) chide

2. **Lay out**

- (a) scrimp (b) spend money

- (c) miser (d) save
3. **Look down upon**  
 (a) praise (b) hate  
 (c) appraise (d) laud
4. **Give in**  
 (a) win (b) accept  
 (c) defeat (d) mercy
5. **Give up**  
 (a) surrender (b) raise  
 (c) win (d) erect

1. (c) 2. (b) 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (a)

### Set no-66

1. **Do away with**  
 (a) repair (b) build  
 (c) condition (d) destroy
2. **Do for**  
 (a) health (b) ruin  
 (c) sturdy (d) care
3. **Pass away**  
 (a) live (b) livid  
 (c) die (d) lurid
4. **Cast aside**  
 (a) accept (b) deserted  
 (c) adore (d) freedom
5. **Go into**  
 (a) alone (b) participate  
 (c) inhale (d) impart

1. (d) 2. (d) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. (b)

### Set no-67

1. **Look after**

- |                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| (a) care            | (b) abandon |
| (c) neglect         | (d) leave   |
| 2. <b>Turn up</b>   |             |
| (a) arrive          | (b) exit    |
| (c) go              | (d) leave   |
| 3. <b>Turn on</b>   |             |
| (a) close           | (b) end     |
| (c) excite          | (d) finish  |
| 4. <b>Go down</b>   |             |
| (a) raise           | (b) fall    |
| (c) arrive          | (d) grow    |
| 5. <b>Set aside</b> |             |
| (a) accept          | (b) approve |
| (c) cancel          | (d) pass    |

1. (a) 2. (a) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. (c)

### **Set no-68**

- |                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. <b>Make out</b>  |                   |
| (a) fiasco          | (b) fail          |
| (c) recognize       | (d) misunderstand |
| 2. <b>Lay by</b>    |                   |
| (a) squander        | (b) waste         |
| (c) store           | (d) spend         |
| 3. <b>Cut down</b>  |                   |
| (a) plant           | (b) raise         |
| (c) fell            | (d) ahead         |
| 4. <b>Crave for</b> |                   |
| (a) love            | (b) desire        |
| (c) deny            | (d) accept        |
| 5. <b>Fall in</b>   |                   |
| (a) break down      | (b) go down       |
| (c) carry on        | (d) come on       |

1. (c) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. (b)

## Set no-69

1. **Carry away**  
(a) hire (b) move  
(c) unload (d) detain
2. **Carry off**  
(a) win (b) loose  
(c) free (d) tight
3. **Carry on**  
(a) stop (b) continue  
(c) spasmodic (d) deny
4. **Carry out**  
(a) fetch (b) complete  
(c) odd (d) unfinished
5. **Carry over**  
(a) halt (b) cease  
(c) end (d) resume

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (b) 5. (d)

## Set no-70

1. **Dash off**  
(a) learn (b) write  
(c) memorize (d) read
2. **Stave off**  
(a) go (b) accept  
(c) avoid (d) feeble
3. **Bowl over**  
(a) find (b) calm  
(c) amaze (d) glower
4. **Put up with**  
(a) avoid (b) refuse  
(c) go (d) tolerate

5. **Eat away**

- |               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| (a) rebuild   | (b) build |
| (c) construct | (d) erode |

1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (d) 5. (d)

**Set no-71**

1. **Tip off**

- |           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| (a) avoid | (b) ignore |
| (c) hint  | (d) find   |

2. **Bear down**

- |          |            |
|----------|------------|
| (a) free | (b) press  |
| (c) true | (d) affect |

3. **Bear with**

- |              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| (a) null     | (b) refuse |
| (c) tolerate | (d) cancel |

4. **Bring forth**

- |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| (a) stop    | (b) burden   |
| (c) produce | (d) demolish |

5. **Come round**

- |                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| (a) unconscious | (b) worse |
| (c) recover     | (d) ill   |

1. (c) 2. (b) 3. (c) 4. (c) 5. (c)

**Set no-72**

1. **Set apart**

- |             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| (a) isolate | (b) retain |
| (c) return  | (d) hold   |

2. **Set off**

- |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| (a) inactive | (b) dormant |
| (c) activate | (d) lazy    |

3. **Hold back**

- |            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| (a) remove | (b) freedom |
|------------|-------------|



- (c) restrain (d) forgive
4. **Hold good**  
(a) apply (b) go  
(c) cancel (d) quit
5. **Hold with**  
(a) cancel (b) disapprove  
(c) approve (d) deny

1. (a) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (a) 5. (c)

### Set no-73

1. **Get off**  
(a) arrive (b) come  
(c) depart (d) stay
2. **Get off**  
(a) flee (b) attach  
(c) fix (d) join
3. **Take away**  
(a) join (b) mend  
(c) remove (d) heal
4. **Come across**  
(a) encounter (b) miss  
(c) jolt (d) adjoin
5. **Put on**  
(a) disguise (b) truth  
(c) candid (d) fit

1. (c) 2. (a) 3. (a) 4. (a) 5. (a)

### Set no-74

1. **Put off**  
(a) stop (b) detain  
(c) post pone (d) hire
2. **Put up with**  
(a) deny (b) accept

- (c) tolerate (d) punish
3. **Keep back**  
(a) reveal (b) tell  
(c) go (d) detain
4. **Bring off**  
(a) succeed (b) fail  
(c) fiasco (d) find
5. **Get abroad**  
(a) notorious (b) unruly  
(c) famous (d) hide

1. (c) 2. (c) 3. (d) 4. (a) 5. (c)

### **Set no-75**

1. **Bring forward**  
(a) Promote (b) keep  
(c) hinder (d) cease
2. **Bring up**  
(a) hold (b) arrive  
(c) cultivate (d) appear
3. **Bring down**  
(a) cancel (b) reduce  
(c) cull (d) forward
4. **Bring off**  
(a) hurt (b) fail  
(c) succeed (d) find
5. **Bring round**  
(a) science (b) receive  
(c) turn (d) return

1. (a) 2. (c) 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (d)

### **Set no-76**

1. **Come out**  
(a) conceal (b) disclose

- (c) cover (d) hide
2. **Hail from**  
(a) go from (b) prevent from  
(c) come from (d) do for
3. **Come of**  
(a) cease (b) halt  
(c) develop (d) decrease
4. **lay out**  
(a) hide (b) save  
(c) invest (d) hoard
5. **Stay away**  
(a) near (b) touch  
(c) avoid (d) contrite

1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (c) 5. (c)

### **Set no-77**

1. **Look over**  
(a) examine (b) reject  
(c) find out (d) store
2. **Come back**  
(a) return (b) return to earth  
(c) return to reality (d) be honest
3. **Guilty of**  
(a) suspicious (b) daring  
(c) culpable (d) ruthless
4. **Get up**  
(a) climb (b) down  
(c) fall (d) fall out
5. **Fill up**  
(a) complete (b) incomplete  
(c) hinder (d) end

1. (a) 2. (a) 3. (c) 4. (a) 5. (a)

## Set no-78

1. **Be off**  
(a) leave (b) come  
(c) go (d) arrive
2. **Blot out**  
(a) demand (b) build  
(c) destroy (d) repaired
3. **Dispose of**  
(a) reject (b) buy  
(c) accept (d) sell
4. **Shake off**  
(a) find (b) get rid of  
(c) entangle (d) puzzle
5. **Train up**  
(a) reject (b) ostracize  
(c) educate (d) deny

1. (a) 2. (c) 3. (d) 4. (b) 5. (c)

## Set no-79

1. **Take after**  
(a) care (b) odd  
(c) similar (d) different
2. **Call in**  
(a) summon (b) appear  
(c) well (d) reprimand
3. **Call on**  
(a) brief (b) details  
(c) Short visit (d) long visit
4. **Call for**  
(a) demand (b) dislike  
(c) similar (d) have
5. **Call off**

- (a) begin
- (c) cancel

- (b) start
- (d) discover

1. (c) 2. (a) 3. (c) 4. (a) 5. (c)

## Set no-80

1. **Set to**

- (a) begin
- (c) prevent

- (b) stop
- (d) hinder

2. **Set by**

- (a) spend
- (c) future

- (b) save
- (d) stuff

3. **Set about**

- (a) abide
- (c) convince

- (b) start
- (d) win

4. **Set forward**

- (a) start journey
- (c) destiny

- (b) call on
- (d) stave

5. **Set upon**

- (a) start
- (c) defend

- (b) attack
- (d) call

1. (a) 2. (b) 3. (b) 4. (a) 5. (b)

## Set no-81

1. **Put forth**

- (a) fall
- (c) tumble

- (b) decrease
- (d) grow

2. **Put upon**

- (a) free
- (c) impose

- (b) blame
- (d) exonerate

3. **Put over**

- (a) haste
- (c) quick

- (b) delay
- (d) frisk

4. **Put by**

- (a) spend
- (c) red

- (b) lavish
- (d) save

5. **Put away**

- (a) renounce (b) accept  
(c) good (d) refuse

1. (d) 2. (c) 3. (b) 4. (d) 5. (a)

**Set no-82**

1. **Lay down**

- (a) ahead (b) rise  
(c) surrender (d) fall

2. **Lay into**

- (a) scold (b) praise  
(c) accept (d) hail

3. **Lay off**

- (a) set (b) terminate  
(c) begin (d) inter

4. **Break even**

- (a) loss (b) gain equal amount  
(c) profit (d) advantage

5. **Break into**

- (a) free (b) adapt  
(c) interrupt (d) train

6. **Break through**

- (a) sudden (b) delay  
(c) tire (d) regularly

1. (c) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (b) 5. (c) 6(a)

**Set no-83**

1. **Wipe out**

- (a) ahead (b) destroy  
(c) surrender (d) fall

2. **Tear down**

- (a) scold (b) praise  
(c) destroy (d) hail

3. **Tumble down**

- (a) set (b) terminate  
(c) begin (d) collapse

4. **Turn out**

- (a) loss (b) prove to be  
(c) profit (d) advantage

5. **Turn away**

- (a) free (b) dismiss  
(c) interrupt (d) train

1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (d) 4. (b) 5. (b)

**Set no-84**

1. **Pick off**

- (a) fall (b) remove  
(c) tumble (d) grow

2. **Shut up**

- (a) free (b) stop talking  
(c) impose (d) exonerate

3. **Smile upon**

- (a) haste (b) delay  
(c) favour (d) frisk

4. **Shake out**

- (a) spend (b) lavish  
(c) red (d) spread

5. **Vouch for**

- (a) renounce (b) accept  
(c) responsible for (d) refuse

1. (b) 2. (b) 3. (c) 4. (d) 5. (c)

**Set no-85**

1. **Opt out to**
  - (a) begin
  - (b) stop
  - (c) take no part in
  - (d) hinder
2. **Pull down**
  - (a) spend
  - (b) save
  - (c) future
  - (d) demolish
3. **Pick out**
  - (a) abide
  - (b) select
  - (c) convince
  - (d) win
4. **Put aside**
  - (a) start journey
  - (b) call on
  - (c) destiny
  - (d) save
5. **Put on**
  - (a) start
  - (b) attack
  - (c) wear
  - (d) call

1. (c) 2. (d) 3. (b) 4. (d) 5. (c)

## Set no-86

1. **Cut back**
  - (a) care
  - (b) odd
  - (c) similar
  - (d) reduce
2. **Cry down**
  - (a) summon
  - (b) condemn
  - (c) well
  - (d) reprimand
3. **Cut up**
  - (a) brief
  - (b) destroy
  - (c) Short visit
  - (d) long visit
4. **Die out**
  - (a) demand
  - (b) dislike
  - (c) similar
  - (d) become extinct
5. **Enter on**



- (a) begin
- (c) cancel

- (b) new
- (d) discover

1. (d) 2. (b) 3. (b) 4. (d) 5. (a)

### **Set no-87**

**1. Run out**

- (a) leave
- (c) go
- (b) finish
- (d) arrive

**2. Run after**

- (a) demand
- (c) destroy
- (b) chase
- (d) repaired

**3. Rule out**

- (a) reject
- (c) accept
- (b) buy
- (d) sell

**4. Run away**

- (a) find
- (c) entangle
- (b) flee
- (d) puzzle

**5. Set upon**

- (a) reject
- (c) educate
- (b) attack
- (d) deny

1. (b) 2. (b) 3. (a) 4. (b) 5. (b)

### **Set no-88**

**1. Itch for**

- (a) desire
- (c) find out
- (b) reject
- (d) store

**2. Keep under**

- (a) return
- (c) return to reality
- (b) return to earth
- (d) suppress

**3. Jump on**

- (a) suspicious
- (b) criticize

(c) culpable

(d) ruthless

4. **Lay down**

(a) climb

(b) down

(c) establish

(d) fall out

5. **Make up-**

(a) complete

(b) incomplete

(c) hinder

(d) end

1. (a) 2. (d) 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (a)

### **Set no-89**

1. **Find out**

(a) conceal

(b) discover

(c) disclose

(d) hide

2. **Get at**

(a) go from

(b) prevent from

(c) reach

(d) do for

3. **Go by**

(a) cease

(b) halt

(c) pass

(d) decrease

4. **Lay out**

(a) hide

(b) save

(c) invest

(d) hoard

5. **Hold over**

(a) near

(b) postpone

(c) avoid

(d) contrite

1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (c) 5. (c)

### **Set no-90**

1. **End off**

(a) Promote

(b) finish

(c) hinder

(d) cease

2. **Bring up**

- (a) hold (b) arrive  
(c) cultivate (d) appear

3. **Feel for**

- (a) cancel (b) search  
(c) cull (d) forward

4. **Bring off**

- (a) hurt (b) fail  
(c) succeed (d) find

5. **Eat into**

- (a) science (b) destroy  
(c) turn (d) return

1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (b)

**Set no-91**

1. **Push off**

- (a) deny (b) scold  
(c) leave (d) chide

2. **Put back**

- (a) scrimp (b) hinder  
(c) miser (d) save

3. **Allow of**

- (a) praise (b) make possible  
(c) appraise (d) laud

4. **Ask in**

- (a) win (b) accept  
(c) come in (d) mercy

5. **Back out**

- (a) withdraw from agreement (b) raise  
(c) win (d) erect

1. (c) 2. (b) 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (a)

**Set no-92**

1. **Beat off**

- |                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| (a) repair          | (b) build              |
| (c) condition       | (d) to repel an attack |
| 2. <b>Bend to</b>   |                        |
| (a) health          | (b) ruin               |
| (c) sturdy          | (d) submit             |
| 3. <b>Bid for</b>   |                        |
| (a) live            | (b) livid              |
| (c) try to attain   | (d) lurid              |
| 4. <b>Blot out</b>  |                        |
| (a) accept          | (b) destroy            |
| (c) adore           | (d) freedom            |
| 5. <b>Blow over</b> |                        |
| (a) alone           | (b) subside            |
| (c) inhale          | (d) impart             |
1. (d) 2. (d) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. (b)

### Set no-93

- |                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1. <b>Blow up</b>       |              |
| (a) explode             | (b) abandon  |
| (c) neglect             | (d) leave    |
| 2. <b>Build up</b>      |              |
| (a) accumulate          | (b) exit     |
| (c) go                  | (d) leave    |
| 3. <b>Burn out</b>      |              |
| (a) close               | (b) end      |
| (c) become extinguished | (d) finish   |
| 4. <b>Burn up</b>       |              |
| (a) raise               | (b) flare up |
| (c) arrive              | (d) grow     |
| 5. <b>Call out</b>      |              |
| (a) accept              | (b) approve  |
| (c) summon              | (d) pass     |
1. (a) 2. (a) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. (c)

### Set no-94

1. **Care for**  
 (a) fiasco (b) fail  
 (c) like (d) misunderstand
2. **Catch up with**  
 (a) squander (b) waste  
 (c) overtake (d) spend
3. **Clear off**  
 (a) plant (b) raise  
 (c) get rid of (d) ahead
4. **Come down**  
 (a) love (b) descend  
 (c) deny (d) accept
5. **Climb up**  
 (a) break down (b) ascend  
 (c) carry on (d) come on

1. (c) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (b) 5. (b)

### Set no-95

1. **Come off**  
 (a) hire (b) separated  
 (c) unload (d) detain
2. **Crop with**  
 (a) sow (b) loose  
 (c) free (d) tight
3. **Cry up**  
 (a) stop (b) praise highly  
 (c) spasmodic (d) deny
4. **Cry down**  
 (a) fetch (b) criticize  
 (c) odd (d) unfinished
5. **Cut into**  
 (a) halt (b) cease  
 (c) end (d) intervene

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (b) 4. (b) 5. (d)

### Set no-96

1. **Die out**
    - (a) learn
    - (b) become extinct
    - (c) memorize
    - (d) read
  2. **Do without**
    - (a) go
    - (b) manage without
    - (c) avoid
    - (d) feeble
  3. **Drag on**
    - (a) find
    - (b) calm
    - (c) progress very slowly
    - (d) glower
  4. **Drink in**
    - (a) avoid
    - (b) refuse
    - (c) go
    - (d) absorb
  5. **Drop away**
    - (a) rebuild
    - (b) build
    - (c) construct
    - (d) fewer or less
1. (b) 2. (b) 3. (c) 4. (d) 5. (d)

### **Set no-97**

1. **End off**
  - (a) begin
  - (b) stop
  - (c) finish
  - (d) hinder
2. **Fill away**
  - (a) spend
  - (b) save
  - (c) future
  - (d) abandon
3. **Fall for**
  - (a) abide
  - (b) attracted
  - (c) convince
  - (d) win
4. **Fall out with**
  - (a) start journey
  - (b) call on
  - (c) destiny
  - (d) quarrel with
5. **Fill up**
  - (a) start
  - (b) attack
  - (c) complete
  - (d) call

### **Set no-98**

1. **Get along with**

- |                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| (a) care           | (b) odd        |
| (c) similar        | (d) agree      |
| 2. <b>Get over</b> |                |
| (a) summon         | (b) forget     |
| (c) well           | (d) reprimand  |
| 3. <b>Go for</b>   |                |
| (a) brief          | (b) attack     |
| (c) Short visit    | (d) long visit |
| 4. <b>Go over</b>  |                |
| (a) demand         | (b) dislike    |
| (c) similar        | (d) examine    |
| 5. <b>Go under</b> |                |
| (a) fail           | (b) new        |
| (c) cancel         | (d) discover   |

1. (d) 2. (b) 3. (b) 4. (d) 5. (a)

## Set no-99

- |                     |                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. <b>Hold off</b>  |                         |
| (a) leave           | (b) remain at a distant |
| (c) go              | (d) arrive              |
| 2. <b>Hold on</b>   |                         |
| (a) demand          | (b) wait                |
| (c) destroy         | (d) repaired            |
| 3. <b>Hold out</b>  |                         |
| (a) resist          | (b) buy                 |
| (c) accept          | (d) sell                |
| 4. <b>Hunt for</b>  |                         |
| (a) find            | (b) search              |
| (c) entangle        | (d) puzzle              |
| 5. <b>Hold with</b> |                         |
| (a) reject          | (b) agree               |
| (c) educate         | (d) deny                |

1. (b) 2. (b) 3. (a) 4. (b) 5. (b)

## Set no-100

1. **Imbue with**

- (a) inspire
- (c) find out

- (b) reject
- (d) store

2. **Inquired for**

- (a) return
- (c) return to reality

- (b) return to earth
- (d) ask for

3. **Live on**

- (a) suspicious
- (c) culpable

- (b) continue live or exist
- (d) ruthless

4. **Look to somebody**

- (a) climb
- (c) depend

- (b) down
- (d) fall out

5. **Wind up**

- (a) come to an end
- (c) hinder

- (b) incomplete
- (d) end

1. (a) 2. (d) 3. (b) 4. (c) 5. (a)