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- Q1. All eyes
- 1. Watching eagerly
- 2. Watching with no interest
- 3. Not watching at all
- 4. Watching with anger
- Q2. Like a cakewalk
- 1. Pleasant experience
- 2. Smooth surface
- 3. Easy task
- 4. Active

Q3. In weal and woe

- 1. In sad and gloomy days
- 2. In despair and failure
- 3. In prosperity and adversity
- 4. In happiness and good times
- Q4. A green horn

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- 1. Clever person
- 2. Uneducated person
- 3. Skil<mark>led</mark> person
- 4. Inexperienced person

Q5. <mark>He was</mark> murd<mark>e</mark>red <u>in cold blood.</u>

- 1. deliberately
- 2. regretfully
- in cold weather
- 4. when blood was cold
- Q6. Bag and baggage



- 2. With burden
- 3. With all of one's possessions
- 4. Without any aim

Q7. Fly into a passion

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1. To be aggressive at times 2. To be always angry Q10. Beat around the bush 3. To become aggressive often 1.Avoid using foul words to make 4. To become angry suddenly someone uncomfortable 2.Avoid praising someone and demean **3.Avoid** saying what you mean, usually Q8. A skeleton in the cupboard 1.A popular fact which is not hidden because it is not funny 2.A popular fact to be kept secret 4. Avoid the main point by talking in a 3.An embarrassing fact not to be kept roundabout way secret 4.An embarrassing fact to be kept **Q11. To smell a rat 1.To have reason to know the presence** secret of a rat 2.To know the smell of a rat **Q9.** Break the ice 3. To learn the smell of a rat 1.Make people meeting first time feel more detached 4.To have reason to suspect 2.Make people meeting first time feel more comfortable Q12. Fair and square 3.Make people meeting first time feel 1. Good looking uncomfortable 2. Fair-skinned 4.Make people meeting first time feel 3. Being vague sad 4. Honestly

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Q13. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.Being an ardent professional, the lawyer always kept his clients <u>at an arm's length.</u>

- 1. Away from each other
- 2. Under wraps
- 3. At a distance
- 4. Alert and prepared

Q14. Cut a poor figure 1. Bad physical form 2. To put a bad impression 3. To put a good impression 4. In a poor state Q15. Bear the palm 1. To advocate peace 2. To be a winner 3. To lose a game

4. To bring joyful news

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Q16. "Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence."Just add a bit of cheese to your pasta and <u>Bob's your uncle</u>!" Reena suggested to me over dinner last night.

 It changes nothing
 It ruins everything
 It changes the appearance
 It becomes easily and quickly achievable

Q17. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence. When the District Attorney asked the convict about details of the day of the crime, he started <u>beating about the bush.</u>

1.Speaking in a confusing manner without giving a correct answer

2. Trying to invoke sympathy

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- 3. Accusing others of the crime
- 4. Being excessively aggressive

Q18. I know she really wants the promotion, but she really <u>hit me below</u> <u>the hand</u> by telling the boss about my personal problems.

- 1. hit me below the b<mark>o</mark>oks
- 2. hit me the bricks
- 3. hit me below the b<mark>ot</mark>tle
- 4. hit me below the belt

Q19. I have been a vegetarian for a very long time.

- 1. donkey's years
- 2. Damocles' sword

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- 3. duck in the thunderstorm
- 4. die in harness

Q20. He was sacked from his jobbecause of a grave error on his part.1. Himalayan blunder

- 2. raining cats and dogs
- 3. minding one's p's and q's
- 4. picking holes in one's cot

Q21. The announcement of the new tourism policy of the government has made some people <u>excited or</u> <u>interested</u>.

- 1. Qu<mark>icke</mark>n the pulse
- 2. <mark>Reach fo</mark>r the moon
- <mark>3. Pull out</mark> all the stops
- <mark>4. Run ar</mark>ound in circles
- Q22. In hot waters 1. To be in a hot climate 2. To dip in hot water 3. To be in trouble
- 4. To feel relaxed

Q23. Some people still feel that they have very little freedom to be innovative in their work.

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 elbow room
 an old head on young shoulders
 to make a pile
 an old lady
 Q24. The lecture by the French professor seemed Latin and Greek to the young students.
 Incomprehensible
 Lucid
 Unbiased
 Interesting

- Q25. On the ball
- 1. To be lazy
- 2. Doing a bad job
- 3. To be alert
- 4. Doing an average job

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Q26. When the war breaks out, all the war mongering social media activists become <u>velow belies.</u>

- 1. Upset stomachs
- 2. Cowards
- **3. Sceptics**
- 4. Zealots

Q27. A rolling stone gathers no moss 1.A person who settles for a short time and runs from place to place, enjoying his freedom 2.A person who does not settle anywhere for a short time, and is always searching for gold 3.A person who does not settle in one place for a long time, does not gain wealth, name or fame 4.A person who settles for a long time and leads a boring and useless life

Q28. The world needs a global leader who can hold out a gesture of peace 1. a grass widow 2. halcyon days

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- 3. mother wit
- 4. an olive branch

Q29. The young boy was <u>born with a</u> silver spoon in his mouth.

1.born with a spoon that was not of gold

2.born to riches and luxury3. born with a spoon stuck in his mouth

4.born to not so rich parents

Q30. The game is now <u>in ful swing</u>.

- 1. very passive
- 2. very active
- 3. very uninteresting

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4. playing on the swings

Q31. Nobody in the conference seemed to believe the <u>cock and bull story</u> about such a major movie star.

- 1. Wildly exaggerated or falsified story
- 2. Secretive story
- 3. Factual story
- 4. Interesting story

Q32. Take something at face value 1.Accept something as it looks without thinking about whether it might, in fact, not be quite what it appears 2.Show that you do not like something by making an unpleasant expression 3.Not laugh or change your expression even though you want to laugh 4.According to the appearance of something

Q33. The MD of the company let the cat out of the bag by telling her secretary, who got the much coveted promotion.
1. openly confess
2. To allow a secret to be known, usually without intending to

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- 3. Creating a false story4. secretly confide
- Q34. Turn over a new leaf
- 1. To plant a tree
- 2. To take a break
- 3. To stop finally
- 4. To begin again

Q35. <u>A fair-weather friend</u> can never be trusted in the times of exigency. 1. An old acquaintance 2. A selfish friend

- 3. A pen friend
- 4. A close friend

Q36. Cudgel one's brain

- 1. Not to think
- 2. To overthink
- 3. To think hard

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4. Thinking about a debate

Q37. I bought some extra copies from the stationery shop. These may <u>come</u> <u>in handy</u> during exams.

- 1. Cause trouble
- 2. Bring luck
- 3. Be sold
- 4. Be u<mark>sef</mark>ul

Q38. Play it by ear
1. To improve
2. To listen carefully
3. To do something without special preparation
4. To plan

Q39. A.Dozens of distinctly different regional languages are spoken in India, which share many characteristics such as grammatical structure and vocabulary.

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B.India has had a longer exposure to
English than any other country which
uses it as a second language, its
distinctive words, idioms, grammar
and rhetoric spreading gradually to
affect all places, habits and culture.
C.The historical background of India is
never far away from everyday usage of
English.

D.Since the early 1600s, the English language has had a toehold on the Indian subcontinent, when the East India Company established settlements in Chennai, Kolkata, and Mumbai, formerly Madras, Calcutta, and Bombay, respectively.

- 1. DBCA
- 2. DCAB
- 3. ABCD
- 4. ADCB

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Q40. On cloud nine 1. Floating 2. Flying 3. Very happy 4. Dreaming

Q41. Someone's heart is in the right place 1.Suddenly feel so excited or frightened that your heart beats faster 2.Share secret worries with someone else 3.Change your opinion or the way you feel 4.Someone is good even if they sometimes behave in a wrong manner

Q42. Down the tubes

- 1. Failing completely
- 2. Going to swim
- 3. Being informal
- 4. Minting money

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- Q43. I begged him to reconsider my application, but he <u>put his foot down</u>.
- 1. refused to yield
- 2. did not run
- 3. agreed to reconsider
- 4. stamped his foot down

Q44.Select the sentence that uses the idiom correctly.

1.After too much cycling Arun got cold feet.

2.One can swim easily with cold feet.

3.Ranita was not selected for the job as she got cold feet.

4.Walking bare feet on grass gave him cold feet.

Q45. Fair-weather friends 1.A person who is friends with you during the night

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2.A person whose friendship cannot be relied on in times
3.A person who is friends with you in difficult times
4.A person who is friends with you every day

Q46. The new intern is a <u>green horn</u> and thus his superiors take advantage of him.

- 1. Inexperienced
- 2. Jealous
- 3. Sick
- 4. Overenthusiastic

Q47. Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.After several years of cheating on his PhD work, the

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candidate finally had to <u>face the music</u> and lose the opportunity.

- 1. Accept ignorance
- 2. to Accept unpleasant Consequence
- 3. Choose another alternative that is uninteresting
- 4. Be exposed

Q48. Lose your marbles

- 1. To handle stress
- 2. To go insane
- 3. To lower down anger
- 4. To be patient

Q49. He's sitting on the fence

- 1. He can't take a decision
- 2. He can't do anything seriously
- 3. He can't stop trying

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4. He can't hide himself

Q50. The anxious duke was found strolling in the garden <u>to and fro.</u>

1. Forward and backward

- 2. Upward and downward
- 3. From west to east
- 4. From north to south

Q51. The sailor tells great tales of adventure that you should <u>take with a</u> <u>grain of s</u>alt.

- 1. No<mark>t tak</mark>e too se<mark>ri</mark>ously
- 2. <mark>Be afraid</mark> to re<mark>fr</mark>ain from
- <mark>3. Great p</mark>atriotism
- <mark>4. Great</mark> admiration

Q52. Eat humble pie

- 1. To enjoy life to the fullest
- 2. To live a life of humility
- 3. To apologise humbly
- 4. To live in penury

Q53. After the government interventions, the enrolment and retention of female students have increased <u>by leaps and bounds.</u>

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- 1. Systematically
- 2. Intermittently
- 3. Swiftly
- 4. Gradually

Q54. Red tape

1.Have a negative amount in your bank balance 2.Catch someone at the moment they

are doing someone at the moment they are doing something wrong
3.Something unimportant that takes attention away from the main subject
4.Official rules and bureaucracy that make it difficult to do something

Q55. Let us know what you think <u>in</u> <u>black and white.</u>

1. in darkness and light

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- 2. in black and white paint
- 3. in writing
- 4. verbally

Q56. Steer clear of 1.Avoid someone or something because it is dangerous for you 2.Show someone how to do a job or activity 3. Be very easy

- 4. Be mentally and physically exhausted
- Q57. Hold water 1. Appear to be of no value 2. A diluted argument 3. Appear to be valid or reasonable 4. Stop emphasising a point

Q58. My mother said, "Make consistent progress for success."

- 1. in and outs
- 2. slow and steady
- 3. make a habit
- 4. do's and don'ts

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Q59. The intern aspired to understand the <u>ins and outs</u> of the operating systems of the institution.

- 1. Elaborate theories
- 2. Prior conditions
- 3. Stern regulations
- 4. Detailed description

Q60. I must tell you that it all <u>went</u> <u>pear-shaped</u> after you left the meeting in the middle.

1. Turned out fine

- 2. Became very entertaining
- 3. Became tragic
- 4. Went terribly wrong

Q61. A village fair is <u>a place that</u> <u>contains many interesting</u> <u>objects.</u>People of all age groups eagerly wait for this.

- 1. Jew<mark>el i</mark>n the crown
- 2. Road to Damascus
- 3. Ivory tower
- 4. Aladdin's cave

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Q.41	4	Q.42	1	Q.4 3	1	Q.4 4	3	Q.45	2
Q.46	1	Q.47	1	Q.4 8	2	Q.4 9	1	Q.50	1
Q.51	1	Q.52	3	Q.5 3	3	Q.5 4	4	Q.55	3
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