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English Language – Idioms & Phrase

English

**Q:1 In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.**

Paper over the cracks

1. To take risk
2. To cause embarrassment
3. To hide problems
4. To be absent from duty without permission

**Q:2 In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.**

Carry the can

1. To listen to something with considerable doubt
2. To be impatient
3. To be in touch
4. To take the responsibility of some misdemeanor

**Q:3 In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.**

Catch 22

1. A particular situation in which one cannot do anything
2. Close to winning line
3. Able to achieve the target
4. Grabbing the opportunity on time

**Q:4 Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.**

Trying to find my lost ring in the college is like looking for a needle in a haystack.

1. Doing something impossible
2. Doing something unimportant
3. Making a big deal of a small thing
4. Doing something secretly

**Q:5 Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.**

In spite of her severe accident she took heart and moved forward

1. Gathered courage
2. Overcame problems
3. Felt depressed
4. Acted promptly

**Q:6 Select the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.**

Off and on I take a break from my hectic schedule to refresh myself.

1. Rarely
2. Seldom
3. Immediately
4. Periodically

**Q:7 In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.**

Come hell or high water

1. No matter what
2. Feeling ill
3. Possible obstacles in one's path
4. Something good and useful

**Q:8 In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.**

A hair's breadth

1. Telling about the smallest possible amount or degree of something
2. Irresponsible pleasure seeking in an old age
3. Praising someone's abilities and achievements
4. Looking for something which is not clearly visible

**Q:9 In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.**

Get cracking

1. To delay little longer
2. To destroy at the end
3. To waste time in waiting
4. To start doing something

**Q:10 In the following question, out of the given four alternatives, select the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.**

Be a dab hand at something

1. Always telling nonsense
2. Hearing a fake intention
3. Ready to listen to other people's conversation
4. Skilled in a particular area



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**Answer Key**

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

**Answers and Solutions**

**Q:1 The correct answer is option 3 i.e. To hide problems.**

The meaning of 'paper over the cracks' is 'to hide problems'.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

**Q:2 The correct answer is option 4 i.e. To take the responsibility of some misdemeanor.**

The meaning of 'carry the can' is 'to take the responsibility of some misdemeanor'.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

**Q:3 The correct answer is option 1 i.e. A particular situation in which one cannot do anything.**

The meaning of 'catch 22' is 'a particular situation in which one cannot do anything'.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

**Q:4 The correct answer is option 1 i.e. Doing something impossible.**

The meaning of the idiom 'to look for a needle in a haystack' is 'doing something impossible'.

As the chosen option is the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom it will be correct.

**Q:5 The correct answer is option 1 i.e. Gathered courage.**

The meaning of the idiom 'take heart' is 'to gather courage'.

As the chosen option expresses the most appropriate meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence it will be correct.

**Q:6 The correct answer is option 4 i.e. Periodically.**

The meaning of the idiom 'off and on' is 'periodically'.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

**Q:7 The correct answer is option 1 i.e. No matter what.**

The meaning of the idiom/phrase 'come hell or high water' is 'no matter what'.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

**Q:8 The correct answer is option 1 i.e. Telling about the smallest possible amount or degree of something.**

The meaning of the idiom/phrase 'a hair's breadth' is 'telling about the smallest possible amount or degree of something'.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

**Q:9 The correct answer is option 4 i.e. To start doing something.**

The meaning of the idiom/phrase 'get cracking' is 'to start doing something'.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.

**Q:10 The correct answer is option 4 i.e. Skilled in a particular area.**

The meaning of the idiom/phrase 'be a dab hand at something' is 'skilled in a particular area'.

Hence, the chosen option is correct.