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English Vocabulary - Idioms

English

**Q:1 Select the most appropriate idiom to fill in the blank.**

The family's meeting on property dispute begins today and I'm just sitting down with a cup of coffee, enjoying \_\_\_\_\_.

1. the better of
2. the corridors of power
3. the calm before the storm
4. the bottom line

**Q:2 Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

Rohit was \_\_\_\_\_ when he took important decisions without consulting the family.

1. told to get a new lease of life
2. cutting the red tape
3. in the same boat
4. told to fight his own battles himself

**Q:3 Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

He tries to perform well but good projects done by him are \_\_\_\_\_. He needs to put in the extra effort.

1. on edge
2. walking on air
3. few and far between
4. going with the flow

**Q:4 Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

The government has decided to \_\_\_\_\_ GST on some items in order to help small traders.

1. steer clear of
2. roll back
3. wash away
4. crack down on

**Q:5 Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

The residents of my colony \_\_\_\_\_ in trying to find out about the increasing number of car thefts.

1. hit a purple patch
2. hit the sack
3. beat about the bush
4. pulled all the stops

**Q:6 Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

When you \_\_\_\_\_ it is best to be patient and have faith in your inner strength.

1. remain on high alert
2. keep someone at an arms length
3. call a spade a spade
4. find yourself in troubled waters

**Q:7 Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

Many old projects are \_\_\_\_\_ with a change in company policies.

1. beating around the bush
2. caught red-handed
3. getting a new lease of life
4. breaking the ice

**Q:8 Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

Factory owners are protesting because they think that the government has \_\_\_\_\_ of plastic manufacturing companies by closing their factories in big cities.

1. separated the wheat from the chaff
2. made no bones
3. been barking up the wrong tree
4. upset the applecart

**Q:9 Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

In trying to solve the crime, the detective found himself \_\_\_\_\_ yet the mystery kept deepening.

1. beating the bush
2. beating his brains out
3. letting his hair down
4. making room for others

**Q:10 Select the most appropriate idiom (in the context) to fill in the sentence.**

The official found himself \_\_\_\_\_ when he could not explain his actions and all the members started attacking him with accusations of cheating.

1. in the eye of a storm
2. on the same page
3. wet behind the ears
4. burning the midnight oil



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### Answer Key

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

### Answers and Solutions

**Q:1** The correct answer is **option 3 i.e. the calm before the storm.**

The family's meeting on property dispute begins today and I'm just sitting down with a cup of coffee, enjoying the calm before the storm.

The idiom the calm before the storm refers to a period of peace before a disturbance or crisis. Hence, **the calm before the storm** is the correct answer.

**Q:2** The correct answer is **option 4 i.e. told to fight his own battles himself.**

The meaning of the given idiom is-

To fight his own battles- to argue with someone.

As Rohit has taken the decision without consulting the family it means he argues with family so the chosen option will fit the context of the statement.

**Q:3** The correct answer is **option 3 i.e. few and far between.**

The meaning of the given idiom is-

Few and far between- very rare or do not happen very often.

As the tone of the sentence is negative, the chosen option will be correct.

**Q:4** The correct answer is **option 2 i.e. roll back.**

The meaning of the given idiom is-

roll back- the process of restoring a database or program to a previously defined state, typically to recover from an error.

As the government is resorting tax on some items it will be the correct choice.

**Q:5** The correct answer is **option 4 i.e. pulled all the stops.**

pulled all the stops- Use all the resources or force at one's disposal.

The meaning of the idiom is in coherence with the statement it will be the correct choice.

**Q:6** The correct answer is **option 4 i.e. find yourself in troubled waters.**

The meaning of the idiom is-

find yourself in troubled waters- to be in a difficult situation.

The meaning of the idiom is in coherence with the statement so it will be correct.

**Q:7** The correct answer is **option 3 i.e. getting a new lease of life.**

The meaning of the idiom is-

Getting a new lease of life- an occasion when you become more energetic and active than before.

AS the meaning of the idiom is in coherence with the statement it will be correct.

**Q:8** The correct answer is **option 4 i.e. upset the applecart.**

The meaning of the given idiom is- upset the applecart- Spoil carefully laid plans.

'Upset the applecart' is an idiom that means to disrupt or spoil a plan or arrangement, causing problems or difficulties.

In the given sentence, it suggests that the government's action of closing the factories has disturbed the established system or arrangement in the plastic manufacturing industry, leading to protests from the factory owners.

The meaning of the idiom is completely suitable for the given statement.

**Q:9** The correct answer is **option 2 i.e. beating his brains out.**

The meaning of the given idiom is-

beating his brains out - Make a great mental effort to understand.

The meaning of the idiom completely suits the context of the statement so it will be correct.

**Q:10** The correct answer is **option 1 i.e. in the eye of a storm.**

The meaning of the given idiom is-

In the eye of a storm- a tumultuous reaction; an uproar or controversy.

In the given sentence, it suggests that the official is facing intense scrutiny and accusations from the members, similar to being in the most intense part of a storm where the conditions are at their peak.



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The chosen option fits the meaning of the given statement so it will be correct.

