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English Vocabulary – Idioms & Phrases

English

Q:1 Select the most appropriate meaning of the highlighted idiom.

The youth involved in the accident escaped by the skin of his teeth.

1. Barely managed to escape
2. Very arrogant
3. Always taking calculated decisions
4. Deficiency of funds

Q:2 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Pull something off

1. Make something happen
2. Take out the cover or lid
3. Drag something forcibly
4. Make a lot of noise

Q:3 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Go to the dogs

1. Go crazy
2. Fail miserably
3. Deteriorate shockingly
4. Want something badly

Q:4 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To be in the dark

1. to not know something others are aware of
2. to be afraid of darkness and refuse to go out at night
3. to learn to face dark places without fear
4. to always be in a bad mood about darkness

Q:5 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A grey area

1. An unusual spot
2. A special part of the brain
3. An unclear situation
4. An unspoken truth

Q:6 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Be out of order

1. Some goods which are out of stock.
2. Do something against the court's ruling.

3. Not in the correct sequence.

4. Thing kept in an organized manner.

Q:7 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

A Herculean task.

1. An important task
2. An immediate task
3. A task requiring great effort
4. A task for brave people

Q:8 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Getting butterflies in one's stomach.

1. To be confident of oneself
2. To be anxious and nervous
3. To be suspicious of someone
4. To be very angry with someone

Q:9 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To drag one's feet

1. To walk with a limp
2. To delay taking a decision
3. To walk unsteadily
4. To pull someone's legs

Q:10 Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

To make both ends meet

1. To try to do two different things at the same time
2. To try to bring two parties together
3. To have just enough money to live
4. To try to solve a problem between friends



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Answer Key

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

Answers and Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **Barely managed to escape**.

Idioms: A group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words.

'By the skin of his teeth' means by a very narrow margin.

Example: He escaped from the police **by the skin of his teeth**.

Q:2 The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **Make something happen**

The meaning of the above phrase is to **successfully accomplish a difficult or challenging task or achieve a goal, often implying that the task was accomplished through skill, effort, or ingenuity.**

The meanings of the options are as follows.

- **Take out the cover or lid:** To remove the covering or lid from something, like a container or a box.
- **Drag something forcibly:** To pull or move something with effort, usually implying resistance.
- **Make something happen:** To cause an event or situation to occur through effort, influence, or action.
- **Make a lot of noise:** To create a loud or disruptive sound.

Thus the most appropriate idiom would be **Make something happen**.

Q:3 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Deteriorate shockingly**

The meaning of **Go to the dogs** is **a situation or thing is deteriorating, declining in quality, or**

becoming worse over time.

The meanings of the idioms are as follows.

- **Go crazy:** To become mentally unstable; to behave irrationally or uncontrollably due to extreme emotions or stress.
- **Fail miserably:** To perform very poorly or unsuccessfully in a task, endeavor, or situation.
- **Deteriorate shockingly:** To decline or worsen in a manner that is surprising or alarming, often beyond what was expected.
- **Want something badly:** To have a strong desire or longing for something; to really want or crave something.

Thus, the most appropriate answer would be **Deteriorate shockingly**.

Q:4 The correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **to not know something others are aware of**

To be in the dark means **to not know something others are aware of**.

The meanings of the options are as follows.

- **To be in the dark:** To not know something others are aware of.
- **To have a fear of the dark:** To be afraid of darkness and refuse to go out at night.
- **To overcome one's fear of the dark:** To learn to face dark places without fear.
- **To be in a dark mood:** To always be in a bad mood about darkness.

Thus the correct meaning would be **to not know something others are aware of**.

Q:5 The correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **An unclear situation**.

A **grey area** refers to an **unclear situation** or an issue that lacks a clear definition, boundaries, or distinct guidelines.

The meanings of the options are as follows.

- **An unusual spot:** A location or place that is uncommon, out of the ordinary, or not typically seen.
- **A special part of the brain:** This phrase doesn't have a common meaning. If you're referring to a specific term related to brain anatomy, please provide the exact term.
- **An unclear situation:** A scenario or circumstance that is not clearly understood or defined, often leading to confusion or uncertainty.
- **An unspoken truth:** A fact or reality that is known but not openly discussed or acknowledged. It's something that is understood but not explicitly mentioned.

Thus, as per the meanings above the most appropriate option would be **An unclear situation**.

Q:6 The correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **Not in the correct sequence**.

The meaning of the given idiom is-

Be out of order- not in the correct sequence.

As the meaning of the given idiom is same as the chosen option it will be correct.

Q:7 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **A task requiring great effort**.

- The meaning of the given idiom i.e., **A Herculean task** is **a task or challenge that is extremely difficult, demanding, or requiring a great amount of effort, strength, or determination to accomplish**.

Thus, the most appropriate meaning would be '**A task requiring great effort**'.

Q:8 The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **To be anxious and nervous**.

- The meaning of the given idiom i.e., **Getting butterflies in one's stomach** is **a feeling of nervousness, anxiety, or excitement, often in anticipation of a significant event or situation**.

Thus, the most appropriate meaning from the given options is '**To be anxious and nervous**'.

Q:9 The correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **To delay taking a decision**.

Idioms: A group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words.

'To drag one's feet' means to do something slowly.

Example: Ram knows he should see a doctor, but he's dragging his feet.

Q:10 The correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **To have just enough money to live**.

Idioms: A group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words.

'To make both ends meet' means earning just enough money to live on.

Example: I work extra hours just to make ends meet.