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English Vocabulary – Idioms & Phrases

English

**Q:1** Choose the appropriate meaning of the underlying idiom.

They got into hot water when their tricks were revealed by their neighbour.

1. Landed in trouble
2. Made fun of
3. Were thoroughly familiar with
4. Took the help of

**Q:2** Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom used in the given sentence.

The new production targets have stirred up a hornet's nest.

1. To confess without reserve
2. To preserve one's energy
3. To gain prominence
4. To raise controversy

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

Break a leg

1. Good luck
2. Sudden attack
3. Accident
4. Bravery

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

To win laurels

1. To achieve honours and glory
2. To be fooled by others
3. To win an easy battle
4. To secure a well-paying job

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

You need to be aware of argus-eyed people in the organisation.

1. Angry
2. Content
3. Vigilant
4. Kind

**Q:6** Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

The accident site had become a bear garden by afternoon.

1. A place of noise and disturbance
2. A peaceful place
3. A soothing environment
4. Unclean and dirty

**Q:7** Select the most appropriate idiom for the underlined segment in the given sentence.

The dacoit was shot from up close by the police officer.

1. Milksop
2. Smell a rat
3. Point blank
4. Bullet proof

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

Hand and glove

1. Very intimate terms
2. Under all conditions
3. Decided
4. Oppressive

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

Once in a blue moon

1. Occasionally
2. Continuously
3. Rarely
4. Often

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

By hook or by crook

1. Using a lot of energy and effort to do something
2. Using whatever methods are necessary
3. Making more of an effort
4. Probably possible, but it will be difficult



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### Answer Key

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

### Answers and Solutions

**Q:1** The correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **Landed in trouble.**

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

'Got into hot water' means to land into difficulty, to be in danger.

**Q:2** The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **To raise controversy.**

The idiom 'stirred up a hornet's nest' means to have done something that has provoked anger, controversy, or trouble.

It implies that the action or statement has disrupted a situation that was previously calm or dormant, much like poking a hornet's nest would provoke an angry swarm of hornets.

In the context of sentence, 'The new production targets have stirred up a hornet's nest,' it means that the introduction of the new production targets has caused a lot of controversy or problems, perhaps by upsetting or angering people who were affected by these targets.

**Q:3** The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **Good luck.**

The idiom 'Break a leg' is typically used to wish someone good luck, especially before a performance, presentation, or any important event.

This idiom is not meant to be taken literally; instead, it carries a metaphorical meaning associated with success and a positive outcome.

When someone says, 'Break a leg,' they are offering their best wishes for success and a great performance.

It is a playful and encouraging way to express support and confidence in someone's abilities, even though the literal words might seem negative or strange if taken out of context.

**Q:4** The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **To achieve honours and glory**

**Idiom:** 'To win laurels' - This is a figurative expression that uses the word 'laurels' to represent honors, awards, recognition, or accolades.

**Meaning:** When someone 'wins laurels,' it means they have achieved a high level of success or distinction in their field or endeavor. It often implies that the individual's

'to win laurels' is an idiom that conveys the idea of achieving honors and glory through one's outstanding accomplishments and contributions in a particular domain.

**Q:5** The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Vigilant.**  
**The meanings of the given words are;**

**Vigilant:** Always on the lookout, ready to detect any potential threats or issues.

**Angry:** Filled with intense displeasure or irritation, often in response to a perceived injustice or annoyance.

**Content:** Feeling a deep sense of satisfaction and happiness with one's current situation or circumstances.

**Kind:** Showing genuine concern for the well-being of others, often through acts of generosity and compassion.

The idiom 'argus-eyed' is used to describe someone who is extremely observant, vigilant, or watchful, often to the point of being overly attentive to details and noticing even the smallest things.

**Q:6** The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **A place of noise and disturbance**

The idiom 'bear garden' refers to a scene of chaos and confusion.

Hence, **A place of noise and disturbance** is the correct answer.

**Q:7** The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Point blank.**

The idiom 'from up close' means to be in a very close range; a point-blank range.

Hence, **Point blank** is the correct answer.

**Q:8** The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **Very intimate terms.**

The phrase "hand and glove" means in close association or collaboration with someone or something. It can also mean working together, often to do something dishonest.



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The phrase is often used to describe two or more departments or groups working together to achieve a common goal.

Based on the given options, the most appropriate meaning of the idiom “hand and glove” is **very intimate terms**.

Hence, **Very intimate terms** is the correct answer.

**Q:9** The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Rarely**

The idiom ‘Once in a blue moon’ refers to a person or situation that happens seldom/rarely.

Hence, **Rarely** is the correct answer.

**Q:10** The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **Using whatever methods are necessary**

The idiom ‘By hook or by crook’ means to do something by any means possible.

Hence, **Using whatever methods are necessary** is the correct answer.

