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English Vocabulary – Idioms & Phrases

English

**Q:1** Select the most appropriate idiom that can substitute the italicised words in the given sentence.

You get a good and comprehensive idea of the town from the clock tower situated in the centre of the town.

1. blind date
2. body and soul
3. bird's eye view
4. blind alley

**Q:2** Select the sentence that uses the idiom correctly.

1. Flowers bloom under the weather.
2. Trees shed their leaves under the weather.
3. She missed the exam as she felt under the weather.
4. Reena was walking on the lawn under the weather.

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

At sea

1. To overcome
2. Obsolete
3. At a loss or perplexed
4. To blunder

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

He was beaming from ear to ear.

1. Playing
2. Smiling broadly
3. Criticising bitterly
4. Working

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

Some colleagues at a workplace are really hard nuts to crack.

1. Hardcore traditions in a family
2. An inflexible person who is hard to convince
3. Someone showing extra concern over little things
4. An easy-goer who can be easily convinced

**Q:6** Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. To keep a good table

1. To offer sumptuous food to one's guests
2. To keep good company
3. To have a luxurious home
4. To keep one's home organised

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

1. To talk about something that is considered taboo
2. To begin a conversation to relieve the tension in an uncomfortable situation
3. To discuss something worthless
4. To reveal a secret

**Q:8** Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom. Two peas in a pod

1. Make a bad situation worse
2. Treat people fairly
3. Look very similar in appearance or character
4. Talk about a problem

**Q:9** Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idiom in the given sentence.

Grandpa often likes to sit on the balcony and chew the fat with me.

1. Gossip and make small talk
2. Play a game
3. Chew meat
4. Criticise people

**Q:10** Select the appropriate idiom that can replace the underlined phrase in the following sentence.

My father's office is at a close distance from home.

1. from hand to mouth
2. a part and parcel
3. at a stone's throw
4. at sixes and sevens



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### Answer Key

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

### Answers and Solutions

**Q:1** The correct answer is option 3 i.e. **bird's eye view**

**Let us look at the meaning of the idioms.**

Blind date - a social meeting with an unknown person with a view to developing a romantic or sexual relationship.

Body and soul - to do something with all of one's effort and ability.

Bird's eye view - to have a broader view of a situation or place.

Blind alley - an alley or road that is closed at one end.

Hence, **bird's eye view** is the correct answer.

**Q:2** The correct answer is option 3 i.e. **She missed the exam as she felt under the weather.**

The meaning of the idiom under the weather is feeling sick, especially sick with the flu or a common cold.

The sentence can also be written as she missed the exam as she was sick with flu.

Hence, **she missed the exam as she felt under the weather** is the correct answer.

**Q:3** The correct answer is option 3 i.e. **At a loss or perplexed**

The meaning of the idiom 'At sea' is to be in a state of confusion. It is as if one has gotten lost at sea.

Hence, **At a loss or perplexed** is the correct answer.

**Q:4** The correct answer is option 2 i.e. **Smiling broadly**

The meaning of the idiom 'beaming from ear to ear' is to have a broad, enthusiastic smile. It is like the smile extends from one ear to another.

Hence, **Smiling broadly** is the correct answer.

**Q:5** The correct answer is option 2 i.e. **An inflexible person who is hard to convince.**

The meaning of the idiom 'hard nuts to crack' is that it is difficult to do or to understand.

Hence, **an inflexible person who is hard to convince** is the correct answer.

**Q:6** The correct answer is option 1 i.e. **To offer sumptuous food to one's guests**

The idiom **to keep a good table** means to be a good host.

Hence, **To offer sumptuous food to one's guests** is the correct answer.

**Q:7** The correct answer is option 2 i.e. **To begin a conversation to relieve the tension in an uncomfortable situation**

The idiom 'Break the ice' means to say something or start a conversation to release tension when strangers meet.

Hence, **To begin a conversation to relieve the tension in an uncomfortable situation** is the correct answer.

**Q:8** The correct answer is option 3 i.e. **Look very similar in appearance or character**

The idiom 'Two peas in a pod' mean two people who are very close to each other or are very similar.

Hence, **Look very similar in appearance or character** is the correct answer.

**Q:9** The correct answer is option 1 i.e. **Gossip and make small talk**

The idiom 'chew the fat' means to discuss things or gossip.

Hence, **Gossip and make small talk** is the correct answer.

**Q:10** The correct answer is option 3 i.e. **at a stone's throw.**

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

In this, you need to find an appropriate idiom that can replace the underlined phrase.

Given sentence: My father's office is at a close distance from home.

'At a stone's throw' means at a close distance.