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English Vocabulary - Idioms & Phrases

English

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

At the eleventh hour.

1. Too late in the night
2. One hour before noon
3. At the very last minute
4. At 11:00 am

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

Barking up the wrong tree

1. In a very difficult situation
2. Made up story that one should not believe
3. Doing wrong thing to achieve something intended
4. Disturb the work

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

Out of the question

1. The anxiety in which you hope that nothing will upset your plans
2. To keep at a distance
3. Impossible
4. Run away

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

Bury the hatchet

1. End the quarrel and make peace
2. Understand the hidden meaning
3. Run away
4. Dwell on the same subject

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

To sweat blood

1. To do something sensational or remarkable
2. To come out of one trouble and get into a worse
3. Overwhelmed by what is happening in the moment
4. To make a great effort

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

Make hay while the sun shines

1. To take advantage of favorable conditions
2. To exert all efforts
3. To present a counter argument
4. To have no idea about anything

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

Every cloud has a silver lining

1. Adverse conditions do not last forever
2. A foolishly incredible story
3. A time when there are peace and happiness in the land
4. Things are not always as attractive as they appear

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

To square the circle

1. To discourage efforts
2. To attract attention
3. To attempt something impossible
4. To be perfectly sure or certain

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

Monkey business

1. Dealing in the supply of monkeys
2. Actions that imitate other animals
3. Carrying out business related to monkeys
4. Behaviour that is not acceptable or is dishonest

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

In the long run

1. Immediately
2. Occasionally
3. Ultimately
4. Regularly

Answer Key

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

Answers and Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **At the very last minute**

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

'At the eleventh hour' means the latest possible moment.

Example: She postponed her trip at the eleventh hour.

Q:2 The correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **Doing wrong thing to achieve something intended.**

In the given question, we need to select the meaning of the given **idiom**.

An **IDIOM** refers to 'a group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words'.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given idiom:-

Bark up the wrong tree- to be wrong about the reason for something or the way to achieve something; to make the wrong choice; to ask the wrong person; to follow the wrong course; doing wrong thing to achieve something intended.

For example:- Her husband thinks she's under suspicion, but I'm sure he's **barking up the wrong tree**.

The meaning of the given idiom is the same as the chosen option hence, it will be correct.

Q:3 The correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **Impossible.**

In the given question, we need to select the meaning of the given **idiom**.

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Let's have a look at the meaning of the given idiom:-

Out of the question- too impracticable or unlikely to merit discussion; not possible or allowed.

For example:- Asking my mother for money was

completely **out of the question**.

The meaning of the given idiom is the same as the chosen option hence, it will be correct.

Q:4 The correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **End the quarrel and make peace.**

In the given question, we need to select the meaning of the given **idiom**.

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Let's have a look at the meaning of the given idiom:-

Bury the hatchet- end a quarrel or conflict and become friendly.

For example:- After years of fighting over who should have gotten mother's money, my sisters finally **buried the hatchet**.

The meaning of the given idiom is the same as the chosen option hence, it will be correct.

Q:5 The correct answer is **Option 4** i.e. **To make a great effort.**

In the given question, we need to select the meaning of the given **idiom**.

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Let's have a look at the meaning of the given idiom:-

To sweat blood- make an extraordinarily strenuous effort to do something; work very hard to achieve something.

For example:- He's **sweated blood** to support his family.

The meaning of the given idiom is the same as the chosen option hence, it will be correct.

Q:6 The correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **To take advantage of favorable conditions.**

In the given question, we need to select the meaning of the given **idiom**.

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Let's have a look at the meaning of the given idiom:-

Make hay while the sun shines- make the most of



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a favourable situation while it lasts; do something while you can.

For example:- I think I really need to *make hay while the sun shines* and get down to work.

The meaning of the given idiom is the same as the chosen option hence, it will be correct.

Q:7 The correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **Adverse conditions do not last forever.**

In the given question, we need to select the meaning of the given **idiom**.

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Let's have a look at the meaning of the given idiom:-

Every cloud has a silver lining– every difficult or sad situation has a comforting or more hopeful aspect, even though this may not be immediately apparent; no matter how bad a situation might seem, there is always some good aspect to it.

For example:- She told us about her resignation— an absolute disaster at the time, but *every cloud has a silver lining* because it led to my appointment.

The meaning of the given idiom is the same as the chosen option hence, it will be correct.

Q:8 The correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **To attempt something impossible.**

In the given question, we need to select the meaning of the given **idiom**.

An **IDIOM** refers to 'a group of words established by usage as having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words'.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given idiom:-

To square the circle– to solve, or attempt to solve, an impossible (or seemingly impossible) problem or situation; to attempt something impossible.

For example:- 'Nirvana' *squared the circle* by making a record that was pop and rock at the same time.

The meaning of the given idiom is the same as the chosen option hence, it will be correct.

Q:9 The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **Behaviour that is not acceptable or is dishonest.**

Idioms: A group of words established by usage as

having a meaning not deducible from those of the individual words.

'Monkey business' means behaviour that is not acceptable or is dishonest

Example: There's been some monkey business going on here!

Q:10 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Ultimately.**

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'In the long run' means the eventually.

Example: They will win out in the long run.