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English Vocabulary – Idioms & Phrases

English

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

To take a back seat

1. To go through a short but unpleasant period of time
2. To be less successful in one's efforts
3. To lecture or criticise the person who is actually in control of something
4. To become less important or to give up control over things

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

Dead heat

1. A deadly blast of hot air
2. A strong heat wave
3. Close contest that ends in a tie
4. Strong opposition to one's ideas

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

Back to square one

1. Come to the original point
2. Neglect something
3. Draw a square
4. Move ahead

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

Throw out of gear

1. To face the risk
2. Hesitate between two decisions
3. Spread quickly
4. Disturb the working of

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

The apple of one's eye.

1. Someone very rich
2. A person who is very dear
3. A jolly fellow
4. A fierce opponent

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

Elephant in the room

1. An obvious issue left unaddressed due to its

sensitivity

2. An extremely fat person sitting all alone in a room
3. A wild untamed animal left to wander astray
4. A pretty affair which is kept a secret

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

To aim for the stars

1. To set high goals
2. To see shooting stars
3. To be dizzy
4. To go into space

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

Hold your horses

1. Run fast
2. Make a profit
3. Be patient
4. Take control

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

To break into tears

1. To cry suddenly
2. To fidget
3. To panic
4. To be afraid of

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

To break loose

1. To escape
2. To untie
3. To set free
4. To let go



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Answer Key

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

Answers and Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is option 4 i.e. **To become less important or to give up control over things.**

The meaning of the given idiom is–

To take a back seat– to allow somebody to play a more important or active role than you do in a particular situation.

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

Q:2 The correct answer is option 3 i.e. **Close contest that ends in a tie.**

The meaning of the given idiom is–

Dead heat– the result of a race when two people, etc. finish at exactly the same time.

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

Q:3 The correct answer is option 1 i.e. **Come to the original point.**

The meaning of the given idiom is–

Back to square one– back to where one started, with no progress having been made.

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

Q:4 The correct answer is **Option 4** i.e. **Disturb the working of.**

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:–

Throw out of gear– stop something from working normally; to cause some process or situation to begin no longer function or operate normally, ideally, or as desired.

For example:– The fanatics have **thrown out of gear** many of our important industries.

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 2** i.e. **A person who is very dear.**

The meaning of the given idiom, '**Apple of one's eye**' is **a person of whom one is extremely fond and proud.**

The correct choice among the given options is 'A person who is very dear.'

Q:6 The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **An obvious issue left unaddressed due to its sensitivity.**

The meaning of the given idiom, '**Elephant in the room**' is a major problem or controversial issue which is obviously present but is avoided as a subject for discussion.

The most appropriate choice among the given options is 'An obvious issue left unaddressed due to its sensitivity.'

Q:7 The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **To set high goals**

The meaning of the given idiom, '**To aim for the stars**' is '**To aim high; to set lofty goals.**'

The most appropriate choice among the given options is '**to set high goals.**'

Q:8 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **Be patient.**

The meaning of the given idiom, '**Hold your horses**' is '**wait a moment.**'

*The most appropriate choice among the given options is '**Be patient.**'*

Q:9 The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **To cry suddenly.**

The meaning of the given idiom, '**To break into tears**' is **to start to cry.**

Thus, the most appropriate option would be 'to cry suddenly.'

Q:10 The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **To escape.**

The meaning of the given idiom, '**to break loose**' is '**to suddenly become loose.**'

*Thus, the most appropriate choice among the given options is '**to escape.**'*