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English Vocabulary – Idioms & Phrases

English

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

A sea change

1. Going on a trip abroad
2. Complete transformation
3. Health-related vacation
4. Getting transferred overseas

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

A bolt from the blue

1. something that is hotly debated
2. a strange dream that wakes one up suddenly
3. something that happens suddenly
4. something causing a head injury

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

Cost an arm and a leg

1. Be easily available
2. Be rather cheap
3. Be worthy of the cost
4. Be extremely expensive

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

Get One's Ducks in a Row.

1. have everything properly organized
2. have everything messily arranged
3. have nothing properly organized, though ready
4. have everything improperly disorganized

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

Child's play

1. Something that everybody knows
2. Something children have made by themselves
3. Something for a child to play with
4. Something that is very easy to do

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

Newton's work in the field of physics speaks volumes about his genius.

1. claims fame and honour
2. advertises his work

3. does not give a detailed report

4. conveys a great deal

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

Wash your dirty linen in public

1. Discuss private matters in front of others
2. Fight with everyone unnecessarily
3. Hangclothes outside
4. Complain about everything

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

Organic food seems to be in vogue these days.

1. readily available
2. very expensive
3. out of stock
4. in fashion

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

To play with fire

1. To fight fires like a fireman
2. To pour oil on a burning fire
3. To act in a dangerous and risky way
4. To hold a revenge against someone

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

Large-hearted

1. Generous
2. Overweight
3. Unhealthy
4. Corrupt



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Answer Key

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

Answers and Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **Complete transformation**.

The idiom 'a sea change' refers to a significant and profound transformation or alteration in circumstances, opinions, attitudes, or situations.

*Thus, the most appropriate choice would be **complete transformation**.*

Q:2 The correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **something that happens suddenly**.

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

'A bolt from the blue' means completely unexpected and very surprising.

Example: The news of his death was a bolt from the blue.

Q:3 The correct answer is **Option 4** i.e. **Be extremely expensive**.

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

'Cost an arm and a leg' means be extremely expensive.

Example: This dress is lovely, but it cost me an arm and a leg.

Q:4 The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **have everything properly organized**.

The idiom 'Get one's ducks in a row' means to organize or arrange things in a systematic and orderly manner in preparation for a task, event, or situation.

*Thus, the most appropriate choice would be **have everything properly organized**.*

Q:5 The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **Something that is very easy to do**.

The idiom 'child's play' means something that is very easy or simple to do, often to the point where

it requires minimal effort or skill.

*Thus, the most appropriate choice would be **something that is very easy to do**.*

Q:6 The correct answer is **Option 4** i.e. **conveys a great deal**.

The idiom 'speaks volumes' means that something or someone communicates a significant or meaningful message, usually without using words or explicitly stating it.

*Thus, the most appropriate choice would be **conveys a great deal**.*

Q:7 The correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **Discuss private matters in front of others**.

The idiom 'wash your dirty linen in public' means to discuss or reveal private or embarrassing matters or conflicts in a public or inappropriate setting.

It implies airing one's personal problems or disagreements in front of others, especially when it should be kept private or handled discreetly.

*Thus, the most appropriate choice would be **'Discuss private matters in front of others.'***

Q:8 The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **in fashion**.

The most appropriate meaning of the idiom 'in vogue' in the given sentence is that organic food is currently popular or fashionable.

*Thus, the most appropriate choice would be **in fashion**.*

Q:9 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **To act in a dangerous and risky way**.

The meaning for the given idiom To play with fire is **to engage in a dangerous or risky activity without considering the potential consequences, often resulting in negative outcomes or harm**.

*Thus, the most appropriate choice would be **'to act in a dangerous and risky way.'***

Q:10 The correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **Generous**.
The meanings of the given words are:

Generous: Willing to give or share more than expected or necessary.

Overweight: Weighing more than is considered healthy for one's height and body type.

Unhealthy: Not conducive to good health; harmful to physical or mental well-being.



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Corrupt: Involved in dishonest or unethical practices, often for personal gain.

Thus, the most appropriate meaning for the given idiom is **generous**.

