

BANK EXAMS

ENGLISH

IDIOMS AND PHRASAL VERBS

Apart from possessing a good hold on English grammar usage, a candidate aspiring for a Banking career is expected to have a good English vocabulary. This includes a good understanding of verbs and their different forms and different shades of meanings that we use in our day to day activities and at our work place. A fair knowledge of idioms and phrasal verbs in English will definitely come handy in writing short essays and letters in the bank main exams and later in facing interviews. Here are a few questions on the use of idioms and phrasal verbs.

Directions (1 – 10) : In each of the following sentences there are two blank spaces. Below each sentence there are five pairs of words denoted by numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Find out which pair of words can be filled up in the blanks in the same order to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

1. If you kindly bear Ravi for some time, he shall the whole issue.
1) out and show 2) with and clarify 3) for and open 4) in and close
5) from and clear
2. The account of the crime given by police was and was
1) correct and documented 2) false and factual
3) narrated and doctored 4) recorded and revealed
5) balanced and imaginary
3. When the agitating students turned, police opened fire to bring the under control.
1) back and group 2) down and ground
3) peaceful and place 4) violent and situation
5) up and time
4. A reader gets much greater joy from reading books than a close-fisted person in
1) new and sleeping 2) powerful and spending
3) fervent and hoarding 4) small and sharing
5) regular and receiving
5. With large classes, it is difficult for teachers to regular essay-type questions for home work because long answers would take too much time.
1) write and erasing 2) give and evaluating
3) take and estimating 4) copy and encircling
5) impose and endorsing
6. Hari has a sense of words. Therefore, the sentences he constructs are always with rich meaning.
1) great and fraught 2) little and barren
3) less and limited 4) no and round
5) bad and brimming

7. The present education system is and needs
- 1) complete and improvement
 - 2) full and betterment
 - 3) defective and reforming
 - 4) total and redressal
 - 5) inadequate and recharging
8. Punishment is and a lot of wrong doings
- 1) a gift and helps
 - 2) a god send and creates
 - 3) a deterrent and prevents
 - 4) a door stopper and laces
 - 5) a wage and wipes
9. Pradeep was for the crime of
- 1) honoured and eve teasing
 - 2) fined and drunken driving
 - 3) detained and directing a film
 - 4) fired and incurring heavy losses
 - 5) denounced and employing a child
10. The manners of the new bride won for her the of one and all.
- 1) good and praise
 - 2) old and hearts
 - 3) new and affection
 - 4) crude and recognition
 - 5) refined and wrath

Directions (11 – 15): There is a blank in each of the five sentences. Fill in the blank with a suitable Idiom and Phrasal verb choosing from the options given below each question.

11. Madhu does watch movies on T.V. but goes to the theatre to see Telugu movies
- 1) once in a blue moon
 - 2) once in a donkey's year
 - 3) once upon a time
 - 4) once in four years
 - 5) once in five years
12. The old man in hospital yesterday after a brief illness
- 1) kicked the ball
 - 2) footed the bill
 - 3) kicked the bucket
 - 4) kicked up a row
 - 5) kicked off
13. As Mohan is very kind and he helps one and all, his friends often call him
- 1) a miser
 - 2) a smart Alec
 - 3) a good Samaritan
 - 4) a man Friday
 - 5) a man of few words
14. Maintaining the big and pristine mansion has become for Raju
- 1) a dark horse
 - 2) a white elephant
 - 3) a black sheep
 - 4) a lame duck
 - 5) a sitting duck
15. When I found a costly mobile on the road, I immediately rushed to a near by police station to the item to them.
- 1) turn in
 - 2) turn off
 - 3) turn down
 - 4) turn up
 - 5) turn around

16. Police use their riot shields to bricks and other missiles thrown at them
1) find out 2) bend out 3) fend off 4) send off
5) show off
17. When late prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpai was in hospital in a critical condition, the entire nation hoped that he would soon
- 1) turn the corner 2) bend the corner
3) lend the corner 4) win the corner
5) run the corner
18. The government admits that in implementing 'The Health for All' scheme, there are many
- 1) glass necks 2) bottle necks
3) cup necks 4) jug necks
5) tumbler necks
19. Sita is the of her parents' eye
1) apple 2) mango 3) orange 4) banana
5) pineapple
20. Rani advised me not to off my new diamond ring
1) send 2) sent 3) show 4) showed
5) lend
21. To get a free medical PG admission to Radha, her father moved
- 1) state and government 2) university and college
3) earth and heaven 4) the sun and the moon
5) here and there
22. Our Deputy Director often refuses to play a second
- 1) round 2) guitar 3) sitara 4) flute
5) fiddle
23. Recently my plan of buying a house in Hyderabad has through when the bank refused to give a loan to me.
1) fallen 2) falling 3) felled 4) fell
5) felling
24. our soldiers the other day fought in capturing some hardcore terrorists.
1) tooth and nail 2) head and shoulder
3) arms and legs 4) hand in hand
5) head and tail
25. Sharing of the river water is often a among our States
1) bank of contention 2) bone of contention
3) boon of contention 4) bond of contention
5) blood of contention

