

ENGLISH QUIZ

Directions (1-15): In each of the question given below a/an idiom/phrase is given in bold which is then followed by five options which then try to decipher its meaning. Choose the option which gives the correct meaning of the phrases.

Q1. Tip of the iceberg

- (a) Beginning of a problem
- (b) First most item of any list
- (c) The crux of the whole problem that can be seen, with the more serious issues lying beneath
- (d) The main part of the situation that is visible as a problem but there is happiness lying inside
- (e) Acme of a mountain

Q2. Caught between two stools

- (a) To caught between two difficult situations
- (b) To find it difficult to choose between two alternatives
- (c) To accept the two tasks to be done mandatory at a time
- (d) To face two accidents at a time
- (e) None of the above

Q3. Devil's Advocate

- (a) To act as a witness of a criminal
- (b) To stab/attack from behind
- (c) To support someone wrong
- (d) To speak something wrong in the greed of getting money
- (e) To present a counter argument

Q4. Elvis has left the building

- (a) To relocate the residence
- (b) To evacuate in order to get safe
- (c) To leave the argument
- (d) To end the show or to make it over
- (e) To quit or to suicide

Q5. Give the benefit of the doubt

- (a) To believe someone without getting any proof or evidence
- (b) To get the reward of cheating someone
- (c) To get the praise of solving or resolving a doubtful situation
- (d) To steal someone's credit
- (e) To be hopeful of getting success

Q6. Hit the sack / sheets / hay

- (a) To complete the target
- (b) To go for a walk and workout
- (c) To say good bye to someone
- (d) To wake up early
- (e) To go to bed

Q7. Kill two birds with one stone

- (a) Kill two snakes from a same stick
- (b) Having two tasks done with the same resource
- (c) To complete two tasks at a same time
- (d) To hunt two prey with the same gun
- (e) To have two achievements at a same time

Q8. Method to my madness

- (a) A logistic approach to explain something complex
- (b) A dogmatic attitude towards the solution of a problem
- (c) A purpose in doing something that is seemingly crazy
- (d) An intention that leads to craziness
- (e) A solution from the way of madness

Q9. Not a spark of decency

- (a) Having a barbarian attitude
- (b) No manners
- (c) Matter of decency
- (d) Lack of specialized skills
- (e) Not having a good personality

Q10. Not playing with a full deck

- (a) Not completing all the tasks assigned
- (b) Not having all the manners required
- (c) Lack of knowledge
- (d) Lacking intelligence
- (e) Lacking common sense

Q11. Toot you own horn

- (a) To boast about the achievements of oneself
- (b) To always beat about the bush
- (c) To end up in doing the loss of oneself
- (d) To prove to be the best of all
- (e) None of the above

Q12. Picture paints a thousand words

- (a) A describing picture
- (b) A caricature that speaks a thousands of words
- (c) A painted picture with the words inscribed on it
- (d) A sketch of a person which reflects the emotions of his heart
- (e) A visual representation which is far more descriptive than words

Q13. To hear something straight from the horse's mouth

- (a) To get rebuked or scolded by someone
- (b) To hear something from the authoritative source
- (c) To hear rumors about oneself by someone
- (d) To hear something bad from an uncivilized person
- (e) To hear something commendable for someone and then get jealous

Q14. Whole nine yards

- (a) A long distance
- (b) All the levels of a game
- (c) Wholly or completely
- (d) Something
- (e) Everything

Q15. Your guess is as good as mine

- (a) To have the same sense of humor
- (b) A same guess made by the two different persons at a time
- (c) To have an idea about what's happening around
- (d) To have no idea or answer to a question
- (e) To have the same IQ as of the other

ANSWERS

- 1. C
- 2. B
- 3. E
- 4. D
- 5. A
- 6. E
- 7. C
- 8. C
- 9. B
- 10. D
- 11. A
- 12. E
- 13. B

14. E

15. D

