



Important Idioms and Phrases for Upcoming SSC Exams

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Select the most appropriate meaning of the given idiom.

Q.1 Raise the bar

- (a) To grow taller
- (b) To raise the price
- (c) To win a competition
- (d) To set higher goals

Q.2 Bang for the buck

- (a) Dash against something
- (b) More value for money
- (c) Less value for money
- (d) A sorrowful heart

Q.3 To walk on air

- (a) To feel very depressed
- (b) To be completely free
- (c) To be very happy
- (d) To be very rich

Q.4 To take a chill pill

- (a) To ask a doctor for medication
- (b) To drink cold water
- (c) To gulp a tablet for a cold
- (d) To calm down

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Q.5 Want to curl up and die

- (a) Want to die comfortably
- (b) Unable to sleep well
- (c) Feel terribly ashamed and sorry
- (d) Too tired from physical labour

Q.6 Be at a loss for words

- (a) Habituated to using difficult words
- (b) Not aware of the language
- (c) Not know what to say
- (d) Lost the urge to speak

Q.7 Full of beans.

- (a) A dish made of French beans.
- (b) Full of cowardice
- (c) A storeroom full of vegetables
- (d) Full of energy

Q.8 To cut a long story short

- (a) Like to tell long stories
- (b) Like to tell short stories
- (c) Tell something briefly
- (d) Tell something in a roundabout way

Q.9 Apple of one's eye

- (a) Someone who plays all sports

- (b) Someone with great respect
- (c) Someone very precious or dear
- (d) Someone who behaves courteously

Q.10 To the nines

- (a) To be exalted
- (b) To be jealous
- (c) To great depths
- (d) To perfection

Q.11 At the eleventh hour

- (a) At 11:00 a.m.
- (b) At 11:00 p.m.
- (c) At the very last minute
- (d) One hour before midnight

Q.12 A storm in a teacup

- (a) Unnecessary tension
- (b) Disarranging the cutlery
- (c) Lot of fuss that will soon be forgotten
- (d) A sudden storm during teatime

Q.13 Pipe dream

- (a) A dream or idea that is loudly proclaimed
- (b) A dream or idea that is nearly accomplished
- (c) A dream or idea that is unlikely to happen

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(d) A dream or idea that keeps getting repeated

Q.14 Herculean task

- (a) A job that only weak people are assigned
- (b) A job that makes everyone feel proud
- (c) A job that requires a lot of talking and information
- (d) A Job that requires a large amount of physical strength

Q.15 Spick and span

- (a) Far and near
- (b) Noisy and loud
- (c) Fast and efficient
- (d) Neat and clean

Q.16 Go easy on something

- (a) Fill one's plate easily
- (b) Use only a small amount of
- (c) Take as much as one wants
- (d) Eat slowly and liberally

Q.17 Pat on the back

- (a) Friendly tap to push someone
- (b) Praise or approval for doing something good
- (c) Good massage for aches and pains
- (d) Mild form of disapproval or blame

Q.18 Wild goose chase

- (a) A safari to spot rare animals
- (b) A long search for hidden prey
- (c) A worthless hunt or chase
- (d) Going to watch uncommon birds

Q.19 A kick in the teeth

- (a) Severe toothache
- (b) A grave setback
- (c) Removing tooth cavities
- (d) Hitting someone hard

Q.20 A stumbling block

- (a) Putting stones along the way
- (b) An obstacle to progress
- (c) Skipping over a hurdle
- (d) Removing stones on the way

Q.21. Lion's share

- (a) The strongest and richest partner in a group
- (b) The part that must be left for the guests in a party
- (c) The greatest and most desirable portion of something
- (d) The sound produced by a lion when it is attacking a prey

Q.22. A live wire

- (a) An influential and powerful person

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(b) A very active or energetic person

(c) A dangerous and evil person

(d) An angry and bad-tempered person

Q.23 Sit on the fence

(a) Create Conflicts

(b) Protect Something

(c) Avoid making a decision

(d) Poke fun at people

Q.24 Fair and square

(a) By and means available

(b) According to the rules

(c) Beautiful in appearance

(d) Calm and quiet

Q.25 A bad egg

(a) Someone who is dishonest and unreliable

(b) Someone who regularly makes mistakes

(c) Someone who doesn't like eggs

(d) Someone who likes to break eggs

Q.26 Tide someone over

(a) Complete a voyage successfully

(b) Give temporary help, usually financial

(c) Ask someone for financial assistance

(d). Get a boat ready to cross a river or water body

Q.27 To pay lip service

(a) To ask for permission

(b) To be insincere

(c) To make loud statements

(d) To talk out of turn

Q.28 To get the ball rolling

(a) To match an opponent

(b) To keep working until late

(c) To play a ball game well

(d) To begin a process

Q.29 Through thick and thin

(a) With ego and pride

(b) Under all conditions

(c) With all kinds of people

(d) With humility

Q.30 On the horizon

(a) The successful beginning of a business venture

(b) A plan for the distant future

(c) An event that is likely to end soon

(d) An event that is likely to happen soon

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Q31 On cloud nine

- (a) Extremely happy
- (b) Flying with a parachute
- (c) Frequently flying by air
- (d) Extremely sad

Q.32 Draw the line at something

- (a) Agreeing to an idea
- (b) Accept something up to a particular point
- (c) Coming to a conclusion
- (d) Making pencil sketches

Q.33 A fish out of water

- (a) Feel as if you are unable to breathe
- (b) Feel like going to an unfamiliar and new place
- (c) Feel comfortable in any kind of place
- (d) Feel uncomfortable in unfamiliar surroundings

Q.34 To be light years away

- (a) An extremely long time from now in the past or future
- (b) To be too distant for human beings to reach
- (c) An unlikely event that happened suddenly
- (d) When something seems like it is about to happen in the near future

Q.35 A square deal

- (a) A fair agreement
- (b) An unfair agreement
- (c) A nice decoration
- (d) A dishonest transaction

Q.36 On edge

- (a) Keeping things safely
- (b) Doing exercises regularly
- (c) Nervous and unable to relax
- (d) Playing a tiring game

Q.37 The gift of the gab

- (a) Loves to give gifts
- (b) Writes very well
- (c) Used to grabbing others' gifts
- (d) Talks well and persuasively

Q.38 Feel at sea

- (a) Feel comfortable while travelling by water
- (b) Feel angry
- (c) Feel seasick
- (d) Feel lost or confused

Q.39 Twiddling one's thumbs

- (a) Feeling hungry

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- (b) Feeling bored
- (c) Feeling angry
- (d) Feeling sad

Q.40 Out of the blue

- (a) Beat someone black and blue
- (b) Loves to wear only blue colour clothes
- (c) Completely honestly
- (d) Completely unexpectedly

ANSWERS

Sol:1.(d) Raise the bar- to set higher goals

Example- The increasing number of appearing candidates has raised the bar for the competition.

Sol:2.(b) Bang for the buck- more value for money

Example- I didn't get the bang for the buck that I expected on the sale of my car.

Sol:3.(c) To walk on air- to be very happy

Example- Rohit was walking on air because he got selected in the Income Tax Department.

Sol:4.(d) To take a chill pill- to calm down

Example- Ram was behaving very furiously on a trivial matter so I told him to take a chill pill.

Sol:5.(c) Want to curl up and die- feel terribly ashamed and sorry

Example- I just wanted to curl up and die when I accidentally broke his new mobile phone.

Sol:6.(c) Be at a loss for words- not know what to say

Example- Raj is at a loss for words so I cannot understand his explanation for the fault

Sol:7.(d) Full of beans- full of energy

Example- Whenever I meet Rajan in the gym he always remains full of beans.

Sol:8.(c) To cut a long story short- Tell something briefly

Example- Ram wanted to be a doctor but, to cut a long story short, he ended up as a pharmacist.

Sol:9.(c) Apple of one's eye- Someone very precious or dear

Example- Aryan Khan is the apple of his father's eye.

Sol:10.(d) To the nines- to perfection

Example- Tarun is dressed to the nine for the party.

Sol:11.(c) At the eleventh hour- At the very last minute

Example- I told Ravi to change his habit of finishing every project at the eleventh hour.

Sol:12.(c) A storm in a teacup- a lot of fuss that will soon be forgotten

Example- I really think you are making a storm in a teacup over this small issue.

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Sol:13.(c) Pipe dream - a dream or idea that is unlikely to happen

Example- It is a pipe dream if you think a donkey can beat a cheetah in a race.

Sol:14.(d) Herculean task- a job that requires a large amount of physical strength

Example- Cracking the SSB test after the CDS exam is really a herculean task.

Sol:15.(d) Spick and span- neat and clean

Example- Ram's house is so spick and span that you will hardly find anything untidy.

Sol:16.(b) Go easy on something- use only a small amount of

Example- Mohit will respond in a better way if his father goes easy on him.

Sol:17.(b) Pat on the back- praise or approval for doing something good

Example- I got a pat on the back from my father for scoring good marks in exams.

Sol:18.(c) Wild goose chase- a worthless hunt or chase
Example- Abhishek looking for his lost phone may be on a wild goose chase

Sol:19.(b) A kick in the teeth- a grave setback

Example- Losing my job after my car broke down was a real kick in the teeth.

Sol:20.(b) A stumbling block- an obstacle to progress

Example- Unemployment is a stumbling block in the developing country.

Sol:21.(c) Lion's share- the greatest and most desirable portion of something

Example- Military and nuclear research have received the lion's share of public funding.

Sol:22.(b) A live wire -a very active or energetic person

Example- Nakul being a live wire does not get tired easily during physical activities.

Sol:23.(c) Sit on the fence- avoid making a decision

Example- You can't sit on the fence any longer, you have to decide whose side you're on

Sol:24.(b) Fair and square- according to the rules

Example- The X party won the recently held election in a fair and square way.

Sol:25.(a) A bad egg- someone who is dishonest and unreliable

Example- I had already warned you not to trust Shivam on financial matters.

Sol:26.(b) Tide someone over- give temporary help, usually financial.

Example- Can you lend me some money to tide me over till next month?

Sol:27.(b) To pay lip service- to be insincere

Example- Tarun did not offer any help so far and only paid lip service to the cause.



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Sol:28.(d) To get the ball rolling- to begin a process

Example- Ram is shy, so he always waits for other people to get the ball rolling.

Sol:29.(b) Through thick and thin- under all conditions

Example- You should have to work hard through all thick and thin to qualify this exam.

Sol:30.(d) On the horizon- an event that is likely to happen soon

Example- We have some new and fresh plans on the horizon.

Sol:31.(a) On cloud nine- extremely happy

Example- Rohit is on cloud nine as he got selected in the Excise Department.

Sol:32.(b) Draw the line at something - accept something up to a particular point

Example- Mukesh is going to draw the line about working more than 180 hours a month.

Sol:33.(d) A fish out of water- feel uncomfortable in unfamiliar surroundings

Example- When Raj shifted to the USA from a small village in India, he was like a fish out of water.

Sol:34.(b) To be light years away- to be too distant for human beings to reach

Example- The nearest star to our sun, Proxima Centauri, is 4.2 light years away.

Sol:35.(a) A square deal- a fair agreement

Example- The team leader tries to get a square deal for all its employees.

Sol:36.(c) On edge- Nervous and unable to relax

Example- I was on edge last week waiting to see my SSC exam result.

Sol:37.(d) The gift of the gab- talks well and persuasively Example- One must have the gift of the gab if one wants to become a good communicator.

Sol:38.(d) Feel at sea- feel lost or confused

Example- The manager should not feel at sea if he wants to complete his presentation.

Sol:39.(b) Twiddling one's thumbs - feeling bored

Example- Rohit arrived early for the meeting so he was twiddling his thumbs for an hour.

Sol:40.(d) Out of the blue- completely unexpectedly

Example- One day, out of the blue, Rohan called me up.

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