

SOLVED & EXPLAINED

Idioms & Phrases

Complete MCQs Practice Set

40

QUESTIONS

100%

ANSWERED

Q81-120

RANGE

Idioms & Phrases — Solved MCQs (Q81–Q120)

81 To "face the music" means:

(a) accept your punishment ✓

(b) listen carefully

(c) ask a lot of questions

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: To "face the music" means to accept the consequences or punishment for something you have done, even if unpleasant.

82 When it's "fair and square" it's:

(a) unusual

(b) confused

(c) honest ✓

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: "Fair and square" describes something done in an honest, just, and straightforward way.

83 To "fall behind" means to:

(a) not keep up ✓

(b) hurt yourself

(c) get angry

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: To "fall behind" means to fail to keep pace with others, such as in work, payments, or progress.

84

If something "falls through" it:

(a) happens perfectly

(b) explodes

(c) fails to happen ✓

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: When a plan "falls through," it fails to happen as expected, usually at the last moment.

85

"Far and wide" means:

(a) in a limited area

(b) everywhere ✓

(c) at one time

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: "Far and wide" means over a large area or everywhere, covering great distances.

86

"Fat chance" means:

(a) very lucky

(b) no possibility ✓

(c) unlucky

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: "Fat chance" is used sarcastically to mean there is very little or no possibility of something happening.

87

If it's a "feather in your cap" it's:

(a) a problem

(b) cowardly

(c) an honour ✓

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: A "feather in your cap" is an achievement or honour that one can be proud of.

88

If you are "fed up" you have:**(a) had enough** ✓**(b)** eaten enough**(c)** drunk too much**(d)** none of these

EXPLANATION: *To be "fed up" means you have had enough of something and are frustrated or annoyed by it.*

89

If you "feel like" something you:**(a)** want to touch something**(b)** don't like something**(c) want to do something** ✓**(d)** none of these

EXPLANATION: *"Feel like" doing something means you have a desire or inclination to do it.*

90

To "feel out" means to:**(a) test an idea** ✓**(b)** tell a secret**(c)** hide something**(d)** none of these

EXPLANATION: *To "feel out" means to cautiously test an idea, situation, or person's opinion before proceeding.*

91

"Gather in" means to:**(a) collect** ✓**(b)** give out**(c)** organize**(d)** none of these

EXPLANATION: *"Gather in" means to collect or bring together, often referring to crops or harvests.*

92

The "gift of the gab" means you are:**(a)** experienced**(b)** very intelligent**(c) skilled in talking** ✓**(d)** none of these

EXPLANATION: The "gift of the gab" refers to being naturally skilled and fluent at talking or persuading others.

93

To "gloss over" means to:**(a)** encourage**(b)** praise**(c) try to hide** ✓**(d)** none of these

EXPLANATION: To "gloss over" means to try to hide or make a mistake or problem seem less important than it is.

94

"To go like clockwork" means to:**(a) run smoothly** ✓**(b)** go crazy**(c)** cost a lot of money**(d)** none of these

EXPLANATION: "To go like clockwork" means an event or process runs smoothly and precisely, without any problems.

95

A "golf widow" is a woman who is:**(a) left at home when her husband plays golf** ✓**(b)** in charge of the house**(c)** not married**(d)** none of these

EXPLANATION: A "golf widow" is a wife who is frequently left alone because her husband spends so much time playing golf.

96

To "grin and bear it" means to:**(a) put up with something** ✓**(b)** be angry**(c)** misunderstand**(d)** none of these

EXPLANATION: *To "grin and bear it" means to endure a difficult or unpleasant situation patiently, without complaining.*

97

"To gun for" means to:**(a)** try to help**(b)** try to stop**(c) try to hurt** ✓**(d)** none of these

EXPLANATION: *"To gun for" someone means to actively try to harm, defeat, or criticize them.*

98

If someone is "gung ho", they are:**(a)** stupid**(b)** childish**(c) enthusiastic** ✓**(d)** none of these

EXPLANATION: *"Gung ho" describes someone who is extremely enthusiastic and eager, especially about a task or cause.*

99

"Great guns" means:**(a)** slow and precise**(b)** big and heavy**(c) fast and hard** ✓**(d)** none of these

EXPLANATION: *"Great guns" describes doing something with great speed, energy, and success (e.g., "going great guns").*

100

If something is "half baked", it's:

(a) very useful

(b) incomplete ✓

(c) unusual

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: *Something "half baked" is poorly planned, thought out, or incomplete.*

101

To "hail from" means to:

(a) send from

(b) come from ✓

(c) send to

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: *"Hail from" means to originate or come from a particular place.*

102

To "hand it to" someone means to:**(a) give credit to** ✓

(b) take from

(c) allow

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: *To "hand it to" someone means to give them credit or acknowledge their achievement.*

103

To "hang your head" means to:**(a) feel shameful** ✓

(b) be brave

(c) be over-confident

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: *To "hang your head" means to feel ashamed or embarrassed about something.*

104

"No hard feelings" means the same as:**(a) don't worry** ✓**(b)** thank you**(c)** please**(d)** none of these

EXPLANATION: "No hard feelings" is said to assure someone that there is no resentment or anger, similar to "don't worry about it."

105

If your "heart goes out to" someone, you:**(a)** try to help them**(b) feel sorry for them** ✓**(c)** love them**(d)** none of these

EXPLANATION: When your "heart goes out to" someone, you feel deep sympathy and compassion for them.

106

If you get a "head start", you:**(a)** are the winner**(b)** are lost**(c) begin before the others** ✓**(d)** none of these

EXPLANATION: A "head start" means beginning something earlier or with an advantage over others.

107

If something is "heavy-duty", it:**(a)** weighs a lot**(b) is tough and powerful** ✓**(c)** must be done**(d)** none of these

EXPLANATION: "Heavy-duty" describes something built to be strong, tough, and able to withstand hard use.

108 To "hook up" with means to:

(a) lose

(b) fight

(c) connect ✓

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: To "hook up" with someone or something means to connect, join, or meet with them.

109 If it's "hush-hush" it's:

(a) easy

(b) secret ✓

(c) difficult

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: "Hush-hush" describes something that is kept very secret or confidential.

110 If you are "in the family way", you are:

(a) shy

(b) popular

(c) pregnant ✓

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: To be "in the family way" is an old-fashioned, polite way of saying someone is pregnant.

111 If it's "in the wind", it's:

(a) imminent ✓

(b) lost

(c) furnished

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: "In the wind" means something is about to happen soon; it is imminent or rumored to be coming.

112 If you are "in the dog house", you are:

(a) enthusiastic

(b) in trouble ✓

(c) happy

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: To be "in the dog house" means to be in trouble or out of favor with someone, often after upsetting them.

113 "In the pink" means to be:

(a) drunk

(b) rich

(c) healthy ✓

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: "In the pink" means to be in excellent health and good physical condition.

114 To "iron out" means to:

(a) complete small details ✓

(b) make problems

(c) plan ahead

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: To "iron out" means to resolve difficulties or settle small remaining details/problems.

115 "In toto" means:

(a) no where

(b) something

(c) everything ✓

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: "In toto" is a Latin phrase meaning "as a whole" or "entirely, completely" — i.e., everything.

116 The "ins and outs" are:

(a) the small details ✓

(b) everyone

(c) complications

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: The "ins and outs" of something refer to all its small details and particulars.

117 If something is "in your hair", it's:

(a) interesting

(b) amusing

(c) annoying ✓

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: If something or someone is "in your hair," they are constantly bothering or annoying you.

118 "In hand" means:

(a) unmanageable

(b) under control ✓

(c) difficult

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: "In hand" means that a situation or task is under control and being properly managed.

119 "In the nick of time" means:

(a) too late

(b) on time

(c) in time ✓

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: "In the nick of time" means at the last possible moment, just in time before it would be too late.

120

To "jazz up" means to:

(a) go faster

(b) **make something
more exciting** ✓

(c) make a lot of noise

(d) none of these

EXPLANATION: To "jazz up" something means to make it more lively, interesting, or exciting, often by adding decoration or flair.

✓ Correct answers highlighted in green with a tick mark | Prepared for exam practice