



ENGLISH

BOOKS - HT Olympiad Previous Year Paper

ONE WORD SUBSTITUTIONS AND IDIOMS

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Choose the most appropriate one word substitution for the given description:

Study of election trends -

- A. Psephology
- B. Anthropology
- C. Graphology
- D. None of these

Answer: A



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2. Choose the most appropriate one word substitution for the given description:

One who is habitually kind to others -

A. Sophisticated

B. Altruist

C. Habitual

D. Monarch

Answer: B



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3. Choose the most appropriate one word substitution for the given description:

An additional nickname -

A. Clio

B. Cognomen

C. Classic

D. Calligraphy

Answer: B



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4. Choose the most appropriate one word substitution for the given description:

Land on the edge of the sea

A. City

B. Island

C. Coast

D. Iceland

Answer: C



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5. Choose the most appropriate one word substitution for the given description:

One who is very particular in one's taste and choice - -

A. Veteran

B. Stoic

C. Ascetic

D. Fastidious

Answer: D



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6. Choose the most appropriate one word substitution for the given description:

One who depends on and believes in fate -

A. Anarchist

B. Meticulous

C. Fatalist

D. Iconoclast

Answer: C



7. Choose the most appropriate one word substitution for the given description:

Two countries whose frontiers touch -

A. Brittle

B. Dynasty

C. Contiguous

D. Ramified

Answer: C



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8. Choose the most appropriate one word substitution for the given description:

The study of coins -

A. Lexicography

B. Astronomy

C. Numismatics

D. Anomaly

Answer: C



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9. Choose the most appropriate one word substitution for the given description:

A rope dancer -

A. Funge

B. Filly

C. Funambulist

D. Fealthy

Answer: C



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10. Choose the most appropriate one word substitution for the given description:

The practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own -

- A. Plagiarism
- B. Etymology
- C. Autobiography
- D. Manuscript

Answer: A



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11. Choose the most appropriate one word substitution for the given description:

One who loves to speak –

A. Anglophile

B. Sycophant

C. Loquacious

D. Etymologist

Answer: C



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12. Choose the most appropriate one word substitution for the given description:

Something impossible to believe -

A. Credible

B. Incredible

C. Incomparable

D. None of these

Answer: B



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13. Complete the given idiomatic expressions by choosing the correct alternatives:

Beating a dead _____ (Giving energy and time to something that is over)

A. horse

B. tiger

C. sparrow

D. crocodile

Answer: A



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14. Complete the given idiomatic expressions by choosing the correct alternatives:

A feather in one's _____. (An achievement that one can be proud of)

A. coat

B. shirt

C. hat

D. cap

Answer: D



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15. Complete the given idiomatic expressions by choosing the correct alternatives:

A hard _____ to crack. (A difficult person or problem)

A. walnut

B. almond

C. nut

D. cashew

Answer: C



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16. Complete the given idiomatic expressions by choosing the correct alternatives:

Best thing since sliced _____ (A good invention)

A. bread

B. fruit

C. cake

D. pie

Answer: A



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17. Complete the given idiomatic expressions by choosing the correct alternatives:

A man of _____. (A scholarly person)

A. script

B. letters

C. sentences

D. text

Answer: B



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18. Complete the given idiomatic expressions by choosing the correct alternatives:

Beat around the ____ (To avoid talking about what is important)

A. bush

B. shrub

C. Scrub

D. wild

Answer: A



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19. Complete the given idiomatic expressions by choosing the correct alternatives:

Live from hand to _____. (To have just enough money to live on and nothing extra)

A. hand

B. leg

C. head

D. mouth

Answer: D



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20. Complete the given idiomatic expressions by choosing the correct alternatives:

From _____ to post. (Driven from one place to another)

A. tower

B. column

C. pillar

D. pole

Answer: C



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21. Complete the given idiomatic expressions by choosing the correct alternatives:

The gift of the _____ (The ability to speak fluently and eloquently)

A. speech

B. tongue

C. talk

D. gab

Answer: D



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22. Complete the given idiomatic expressions by choosing the correct alternatives:

Devil's _____. (To present a counter argument)

A. evil

B. minister

C. advocate

D. emperor

Answer: C



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23. Complete the given idiomatic expressions by choosing the correct alternatives:

To get into hot _____ . _ . (Get into serious trouble)

A. milk

B. blood

C. water

D. oil

Answer: B



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24. Complete the given idiomatic expressions by choosing the correct alternatives:

A bitter _____ to swallow. (Unpleasant but to be accepted)

A. pill

B. tablet

C. medicine

D. capsule

Answer: A



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25. Complete the given idiomatic expressions by choosing the correct alternatives:

By the skin of your _____. (Just barely making it)

A. body

B. teeth

C. hand

D. scalp

Answer: B





26. Complete the given idiomatic expressions by choosing the correct alternatives:

To be on the receiving _____. (Be the one who suffers something unpleasant)

A. limit

B. edge

C. point

D. end

Answer: D



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27. Complete the given idiomatic expressions by choosing the correct alternatives:

The test. (Test that gives conclusive _____ proof of something)

A. acid

B. base

C. caustic

D. acerbic

Answer: A



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28. Complete the given idiomatic expressions by choosing the correct alternatives:

Throw out the baby with the _____ (Foolishly rejecting or discarding something essential with something non-essential)

A. bathwater

B. bath tub

C. cold water

D. hot water

Answer: A



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29. Complete the given idiomatic expressions

by choosing the correct alternatives:

Have a _____ escape. (Escape from being

harmed)

A. wide

B. narrow

C. slim

D. big

Answer: B



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30. Complete the given idiomatic expressions by choosing the correct alternatives:

A _____ for your thoughts. (A way of asking what someone is thinking)

A. penny

B. glimpse

C. second

D. drop

Answer: A



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1. Choose the most appropriate one word substitution for the given description:

The study of cause of disease -

A. Philology

B. Lithography

C. Aetiology

D. Theology

Answer: C



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2. Choose the most appropriate one word substitution for the given description:

Fear of night -

A. Phasmophobia

B. Noctiphobia

C. Octophobia

D. Mysophobia

Answer: B



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3. Complete the given idiomatic expressions by choosing the correct alternatives:

Carrot and stick _____. (Reward and punishment)

A. game

B. policy

C. bundle

D. end

Answer: B



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4. Complete the given idiomatic expressions by choosing the correct alternatives:

Clouds on the _____ (Trouble on its way)

A. sky

B. brain

C. horizon

D. storm

Answer: C



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5. Complete the given idiomatic expressions by choosing the correct alternatives:

Straight from the _____.(Candidly)

A. shoulder

B. gun

C. past

D. heaven

Answer: A



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