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CREST English Olympiad (CEO) Worksheet *for*

Class 9



Topic
Idioms



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Worksheet on Idioms

Direction for questions (1-20): Fill in the blanks with the correct idiom:

1. _____, a gentle breeze would rustle through the ancient trees, carrying with it the fragrance of blooming flowers in the secluded garden.
 - a. Ever and anon
 - b. Easy does it
 - c. Get something out of your system
 - d. Get out of hand

2. The manager ruled the department with _____, enforcing strict policies and expecting unwavering adherence to rules and regulations from all employees.
 - a. an iron hand
 - b. a white whip
 - c. a trunk and a tooth
 - d. tooth and nail

3. After hearing about the boss's bad mood, the employees decided to give his office _____ to avoid any unnecessary confrontations.
 - a. a wide berth
 - b. a quick blink
 - c. a clever wink
 - d. a stern look

4. The argument between the two classmates started over a minor disagreement but quickly escalated and _____, requiring intervention to restore order in the workplace.
 - a. got out of hand
 - b. got a wide berth
 - c. called it a day
 - d. easy does it

5. Living in a bustling city, seeing a shooting star is an event that happens _____, making it a rare and cherished experience.
 - a. every now and then
 - b. once in a blue moon
 - c. cut something slack
 - d. a man of straw

6. He promised to submit his assignment on time, but it seems he'll do so _____, given his track record of procrastination.
 - a. when pigs fly
 - b. when stars shine
 - c. when dogs crawl
 - d. fish swims

7. Della and Veronica's friendship is _____ these days.
- on the rocks
 - on the hills
 - under the rainbow
 - on the moon
8. Venting your frustrations and getting something _____ can be therapeutic, allowing you to move forward with a clearer mindset.
- pouring phlegm
 - out of your system
 - out of the box
 - blow your horn
9. Paula is disliked by many at school because she many times acts as _____.
- slow as a slug
 - sharp as a knife
 - as penetrating as a needle
 - proud as a peacock
10. She received the award _____, completely unexpected but incredibly welcome.
- out of the blue
 - bolt from a nut
 - belted safely
 - with a bang
11. Despite his initial reluctance, he eventually decided to take the job _____.
- by the horns
 - by the nose
 - by the tail
 - by the skin of his teeth
12. Shelly had to _____ the hard way that honesty is always the best policy.
- bear the brunt
 - swallow her pride
 - bite the bullet
 - take the cake
13. The politician's promises sounded good, but many suspected they were just _____.
- birds of a feather
 - chips off the old block
 - ducks in a row
 - pie in the sky

14. After weeks of preparation, the concert went off _____ and the audience loved every minute of it.
- like clockwork
 - like a bull in a china shop
 - like a bat out of hell
 - like a rolling stone
15. Alice always _____ her siblings, offering them advice and support whenever they needed it.
- lent an ear to
 - turned a blind eye to
 - held the fort for
 - gave them the cold shoulder
16. Despite his age, he still manages to _____ and stay active in various sports.
- keep his head above water
 - keep his nose to the grindstone
 - keep his ear to the ground
 - keep his feet on the ground
17. Scarlet was known for her ability to _____ any challenge that came her way.
- face the music
 - hold her horses
 - rise to the occasion
 - jump the gun
18. After years of hard work, Zayn finally _____ and achieved his dream of becoming a successful entrepreneur.
- turned over a new leaf
 - made a mountain out of a molehill
 - broke the ice
 - hit the jackpot
19. The project's success was largely due to the team's ability to _____ and collaborate effectively.
- pull together
 - pull the wool over someone's eyes
 - pull strings
 - pull a fast one
20. Despite facing numerous setbacks, the team managed to _____ and complete the project ahead of schedule.
- keep their heads above water
 - keep their fingers crossed
 - keep their noses clean
 - keep their eyes peeled

Answer Key

1.	a	2.	a	3.	a	4.	a	5.	b	6.	a	7.	a
8.	b	9.	d	10.	a	11.	a	12.	c	13.	d	14.	a
15.	c	16.	b	17.	c	18.	d	19.	a	20.	a		



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