

NAVODAYA VIDYALYA EXAM 2026

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

IDIOMS AND PHRASES

Direction: (Q. No. 1 to 10) Select the most appropriate meaning of the Idiom/Phrase in the given sentence related to a daily activity.

1. Sentence: She was under the weather during the meeting and couldn't contribute much.
 (A) Well-prepared
 (B) Overly excited
 (C) Extremely busy
 (D) Feeling unwell
2. Sentence: The manager let the cat out of the bag about the upcoming merger.
 (A) Made a bold decision
 (B) Created confusion
 (C) Revealed a secret
 (D) Delayed the plan
3. Sentence: His proposal was a shot in the dark, but it impressed the clients.
 (A) A sudden decision
 (B) A well-planned strategy
 (C) A risky guess
 (D) A guaranteed success
4. Sentence: She kept her cards close to her chest during the negotiations.
 (A) Shared her plans
 (B) Was overly confident
 (C) Made bold moves
 (D) Acted secretly
5. Sentence: The professor's advice hit the nail on the head for solving the issue.
 (A) Was too complicated
 (B) Was exactly right
 (C) Missed the point
 (D) Delayed the solution
6. Sentence: He was barking up the wrong tree when he blamed the intern.
 (A) Taking responsibility
 (B) Being overly cautious
 (C) Achieving success
 (D) Making a mistake
7. Sentence: Her decision to resign was the last straw for the team.
 (A) The final problem
 (B) A minor issue
 (C) A brilliant move
 (D) An early warning

8. Sentence: The client pulled the wool over our eyes with false promises.

- (A) Impressed us
- (B) Deceived us
- (C) Supported us
- (D) Ignored us

9. Sentence: His plan was a dime a dozen and lacked originality.

- (A) Completely unique
- (B) Highly valuable
- (C) Well-executed
- (D) Very common

10. Sentence: She bit off more than she could chew by taking on multiple projects.

- (A) Achieved great success
- (B) Took on too much
- (C) Made a quick decision
- (D) Avoided responsibility

Direction: (Q. No. 11 to 20) Select the idiom/phrase that best fits the blank in the given sentence.

11. Sentence: He worked late every night to meet the deadline, truly _____.

- (A) burning the midnight oil
- (B) cutting corners
- (C) barking up the wrong tree
- (D) pulling strings

12. Sentence: She was _____ when she missed the project deadline due to poor planning.

- (A) on cloud nine
- (B) in hot water
- (C) over the moon
- (D) under a cloud

13. Sentence: The team _____ to ensure the event was flawless.

- (A) hit the nail on the head
- (B) went the extra mile
- (C) threw in the towel
- (D) beat around the bush

14. Sentence: His vague response during the meeting _____ and frustrated the team.

- (A) pulled the wool over their eyes
- (B) spilled the beans
- (C) beat around the bush
- (D) took the bull by the horns

15. Sentence: She _____ when she was offered the promotion unexpectedly.

- (A) was over the moon
- (B) bit off more than she could chew
- (C) put all her eggs in one basket
- (D) was in the same boat

16. Sentence: The team _____ and failed to meet the project standards.

- (A) kept their fingers crossed
- (B) broke the ice
- (C) cut corners
- (D) called it a day

17. Sentence: He _____ by addressing the issue directly in the meeting.

- (A) burned bridges
- (B) let sleeping dogs lie
- (C) spilled the beans
- (D) took the bull by the horns

18. Sentence: Everyone _____ for the team's success in the competition.

- (A) went back to the drawing board
- (B) threw in the towel
- (C) kept their fingers crossed
- (D) was in hot water

19. Sentence: After the failed presentation, the team _____ to rethink their approach.

- (A) broke the bank
- (B) called the shots
- (C) went back to the drawing board
- (D) hit the ground running

20. Sentence: The manager _____ to maintain harmony in the team.

- (A) let sleeping dogs lie
- (B) kept the ball rolling
- (C) threw a spanner in the works
- (D) pulled strings