

Idioms Based Questions For ISRO Assistant Exam
2017

1. Since he knew what would happen, he should be left to **stew in his own juice**.

Make a stew

Boil

Suffer in his own juice

Suffer for his own act

2. The cricket match proved to be a **big draw**.

a keen contest

a huge attraction

a lovely spectacle

a game without any result

3. I did not mind what he was saying, he was only **through his hat**.

talking nonsense

talking ignorantly

talking irresponsibly

talking insultingly

4. The case was **held over** due to the great opposition to it.

dropped

stopped

postponed

cancelled

5. The university will have to **shelve** its plans for expansion in view of present situation

reconsider

cancel

discuss

postpone

6. I met him after a long time, but he **gave me the cold shoulder**.

scolded me

insulted me

abused me

ignored me

7. The project did not appear to **hold out** bright prospects.

highlight

show

promise

offer

8. In the armed forces, it is considered a great privilege to **die in harness**.

die on a horse back

die with honour

die in the battlefield

die while still working

9. He was undecided. He let the **grass grow under his feet**.

loitered around

sat unmoving

stayed out

moved away

10. He is **out and out** a reactionary.

thoroughly

no more

deadly against

in favour of

11. I am afraid he is **burning the candle at both ends** and ruining his life.

becoming overgenerous

wasting his money

overtaxing his energies

losing his objectives

12. It was he who **put a spoke in my wheel**.

helped in the execution of the plan

thwarted in the execution of the plan

tried to cause an accident

destroyed the plan

13. Companies producing goods **play to the gallery** to boost their sales.

advertise

attempt to appeal to popular taste
cater to the public taste
depend upon the public for approval

14. This matter has been **hanging fire** for the last many months and must therefore be decided one way or the other.

going on slowly
stuck up
ignored
hotly debated

15. Although he has failed in the written examination, he is using **backstairs influence** to get the job.

Political influence
Deserving and proper influence
Backing influence
Secret and unfair influence

16. Do not trust a man who **blows his own trumpet**
praises others
praises himself
admonishes others
flatters

17. When he heard that he had once again not been selected he **lost heart**.

felt sad
became desperate
became angry
became discouraged

18. He **passed himself** off as a noble man.

Pretended to be
Was thought to be
Was looked upon
Was regarded as

19. Sobhraj could be easily arrested because the police were **tipped off** in advance.

Bribed
Given advance information

Threatened
Toppled over

20. In the organised society of today no individual or nation can **plough a lonely furrow.**

do without the help of others

remain non-aligned

survive in isolation

remain unaffected

21. Dowry is a **burning question** of the day.

a widely debated issue

a relevant problem

a dying issue

an irrelevant issue

22. Sanjay is very **different about** passing the Civil Services Examination this year.

Lacking self confidence about

Dead sure of

Very hopeful of

Reasonably certain of

23. I hope it will not **put you out** if I am late.

please you

irritate you

worry out

harm you

24. He is an interesting speaker but tends to **go off at a tangent.**

forget things in between

go on at great length

change the subject immediately

become boisterous

25. He **sold** his house **for a song.**

at a reasonable price

very cheaply

at a discount

at a premium

26. Despite the trust bestowed on the minister he turned out to be **a snake in the grass** during the revolution.

an unforeseen danger

a treacherous person

a secret enemy

an unexpected misfortune

27. Women should be paid the same as men when they do the same job, for, surely **what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander**.

Both goose and gander should be equally treated
The principle of equal treatment should be implemented

Goose and the gander eat the same sauce

What is thought suitable pay for a man should also be for a woman

28. He is leaving the country **for a good**.

for others good

for a good cause

for better prospects

for ever

29. The popularity of the yesterday's superstar is **on the wane**.

growing less

at rock bottom

at its peak

growing more

30. Leaders should not only make speeches they should also be prepared to to bell the cat.

To make noise

To take lead in danger.

To be alert of the enemy

To tie bell to a cat's neck

31. Sanjay was the real power behind the throne and all politicians were aware of this.

The person who controlled the monarch

The person who had the real control and power

The acknowledged leader

The person who advised the queen

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33. How long will the people put up with the increasing economic hardships?

welcome

take easily

remain satisfied with

tolerate

34. The party stalwarts have advised the President **to take it lying down for a while.**

to take rest

to be on the defensive

to be cautious

to show no reaction

35. The accounts of the murder made her flesh creep.

Made her sad

Made her cry bitterly

Fill her with horror

Surprised her

36. It is no longer easy to strike gold in

Shakespeare's research since much work has already been done on him.

Hit a golden spot

Come across gold

Uncover or find a valuable line of argument or information

Come across the word "gold"

37. Why must you look **a gift horse in the mouth ?**

welcome a gift

find fault with a gift

be fastidious

examine a gift carefully

38. There is **no love lost** between two neighbours.

close friendship

a love hate relationship

cool indifference

intense dislike

39. Some people now wonder whether we just **pay lip-service** or genuinely subscribe to democracy.

show only outward respect

attach no value

remain indifferent

pay oral tribute

40. You cannot **have your cake and eat it too**.

Have it both ways

Enjoy forever

Absolve yourself of guilt

Run away from responsibility

41. I cannot get along with a man **who plays fast and loose**.

does not know how to behave himself

behaves in an unreliable and insincere way

lives a life of ease and luxury

has a loose tongue

41. He visits the doctor **off and on**.

never at all

everyday

regularly

occasionally

42. In spite of the efforts of all peace loving people, world peace is still **a far cry**.

an impracticable idea

an abstract idea

out of reach

a long way off

43. I felt that it was **a tall order** to expect Monisha to go home alone at twelve in the night.

Too much

Simple

Customary
Difficult

44. The new economic policy is likely to **run into rough weather**.

encounter difficulties
create problems
makes things difficult
confuse matters

45. The recent film "Secular India" has tried to **keep the pot** of Muslim women's Bill **boiling**

Keep a controversy alive
Earning enough to keep body and soul together
Boil the bill
Boil something in a pot

46. He felt like **a fish out of water** among all those business tycoons.

stupid
inferior
uncomfortable
complexity

47. His friends let him down.

failed
comforted
succeeded
stood by

48. If you give John all your money, you are likely to **burn your fingers**.

be unhappy
be happy
suffer
be ill

49. Discipline is **on the wane** in schools and colleges these days.

spiralling
spreading
increasing
declining

50. We were in hurry. The road being zigzag we had **to cut off a corner** to reach in time.

To take a short cut

To go fast

To cut a portion of the road

To take an alternative route

51. The rebels **held out** for about a month

retreated

bargained

waited

resisted

52. I am sure they will **fight tooth and nail** for their rights.

with all their might

without any other weapon

very cowardly

resorting to violence

53. The question of abolition of private property is still a moot point.

uncertain

undecided

unknown

not clear

54. The robber **took to his heels** when the police arrived.

hid himself

ran off

surrendered

opened fire

55. Don't **thrust your nose into my affairs**.

Be in opposition

Meddle officiously in

Advise me about

Deal with

56. The old father **brought home** the moral of unity by asking each of his sons to break the bundle of sticks

voiced

emphasised
declared
suggested

57. The sight of the accident made my flesh creep.
confused me
worried me
draw my attention
frightened me

58. Vikram said that he has got a problem to
square up with the manager.
discuss
settle
consider
workout

59. As a politician he is used to being in the
limelight all the time.

giving speeches
the centre of attraction
the object of admiration
an object of public notice

60. He intends **setting up** as a lawyer in the
adjoining district.

To migrate
To join
To establish himself
To settle

61. Why do you **wish to tread on the toes?**

To follow them grudgingly
To give offence to them
To be kicked by them
To treat them indifferently

62. Although both the parents are running the show
for the last ten years but their business is now **on
its last legs.**

About to take off
About to perish
About to fructify
About to produce results

63. The time is running out, you must **look sharp**.

be sensible

be careful

make haste

be punctual

64. In his youth, he was practically **rolling in money**

Spending more than his income

Borrowing money liberally

Very rich

Wasting a lot of money

65. He went to his friend's house in the evening **as was his wont**.

as usual

as he wanted

as his want was

as he wanted that day

66. I ran out of money on my European tour.

did not have enough

lost

exhausted my stock of

carried a lot

67. Jaya had a **chequered career**. since I first knew him as an office assistant in the insurance company.

A career where he signed a lot of cheques

Had a variety of jobs and experiences

A career which helped him make lot of money

Did odd jobs

68. There is no **hard and fast** rule regarding this subject.

rule that can be broken or modified

rule that is difficult

rule that cannot be broken or modified

rule that is fat changing

69. When he tells stories about himself, he is inclined to **draw the long bow**.

exaggerate

get emotional
understate
get excited

70. The autographed bat from the famous cricketer Sunil Gavaskar is **worth a jew's eye**

Not a worthy possession
unnecessary
A possession of high value
A costly items

71. In modern democratic societies **lynch law** seems to have become the spheres of life.

law of the underworld
law of the mob
law of the constitution
law of the parliament

72. He was **in high spirits** when I met him in the restaurant.

He was very cheerful
He was deeply engrossed in thoughts
He was in a drunken state
He talked incoherently

73. He resigned the post of his own accord.

which he liked
according to his convenience
according to his judgement
voluntarily and willingly

74. He is in the habit of throwing **dust in his superiors eyes**

To deceive
To put sand into eyes
To make blind
To show false things

75. The speaker gave **a bird's eye view** of the political conditions in the country.

a biased view
a personal view
a general view

a detailed presentation

76. This regular absenteeism is **a bad business** since on work is being completed.

Bad for business

Non-business like

Creating ill-will

An unfortunate event

77. He put across his ideas to the Minister.

made available

effectively conveyed

strongly expressed

laid aside

78. George and I are neighbours, but we don't **see eye to eye** with each other.

like

interact

agree

fight

79. The question of unemployment is a hard nut to crack.

difficult task

different matter

impossible task

inexplicable problem

80. People were **dropping like flies** in the intense heat.

collapsing in large numbers

getting infected with many diseases

taking leave in large numbers

sitting down in the shade

81. Tagore was a man of letters.

of wide contacts

an excellent letter dictator

a great writer of letters

proficient in literary art

82. His friends beat the boy **to pay off old scores**.

to refund old dues

to take revenge
to force him to be a scorer in a match
because he had not scored well earlier

83. The poor subordinates are made **scapegoats** by their superiors.

punished for others misdeeds
developed poor relations
treated humbly and respectfully
scolded with arrogant reactions

84. Even though the new clerk was given a difficult task. He remained **cool as a cucumber**

Not nervous or emotional
Caught cold
Was happy
Was scared

85. George Bernard shaw was **blessed with the gift of the gab.**

Enormous wealth
ability to work hard
Ability to speak impressively
luck on one's side

86. The parents are **in high spirits** as their son has got a decent job.

in good position
drunk
cheerful
shocked

87. We were going to meet last night, but she **BLEW ME OFF** at the last minute.

Cheated
Cancelled the meeting
Forebode
Black Magic

88. He was being stupid in the meeting, so we told him to **ZIP UP.**

Argue
Disturb
Keep Quiet

Skip

89. When the servant tried to make the matter clear he **got a flea in his ear**.

to get a rumour

to get a severe scolding

to be oppressed with ear – ache

to be advised in one's ear

90. He was entrusted with some secret plans, but he let it all **hang out**.

to be unsuccessful in one's pursuit

to reveal everything

to mishandle the situation

to release a horrible experience

91. The manager assured me that he would not **breathe a word** about the matter.

not to permit an unceremonious act

not to accept any bribe to reveal a secret

not to make anybody worried about anything

not to reveal the secret matter

92. She is not liked by anyone in the company because she behaves like a **nosy parker**, meddling in every one's affairs.

one who acts against the general rules

one who looks down upon others

one who is wicked by nature

one who takes interest in others

93. Though he is nice by heart and nature, but everybody is often disinclined to associate freely with him because he is **to pap everybody with hatchet**.

to try to cover up defects

to be indisposed

to do favours in an unpleasant manner

to conclude anything unsatisfactorily

94. The traffic **came to standstill** after the heavy downpour of rain.

complete halt

accident spot

diversion
Confused disorder

95. Don't **rundown** your friends in public.

fight with
follow
make a mention of
criticize

96. Most parents find it **difficult to make both ends meet** because of inflation.

to lead a lavish life
to live within one's income
earn just enough money to live on.
to lead an active life

97. She must not **lose her head** in public.

be embarrassed
lie
leave immediately
have headache

98. Satish has the habit of **getting into a row** over trivial matters.

Misguiding people
Getting involved in a fight
Giving unwanted advice
Speaking truth

99. Riya's **utopian idea** was only entertaining.

Imaginary idea
Unintelligent idea
Unworthy idea
Classic idea

100. Our team can't afford to have **a fit of the blues** before the tournament.

Over confidence
Depression
Lack of practice
Entertainment

1. Suffer for his own act
2. a huge attraction
3. talking nonsense
4. postponed
5. postpone
6. ignored me
7. offer
8. die while still working
9. stayed out
10. thoroughly
11. overtaxing his energies
12. destroyed the plan
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