

50 Important Idioms And Phrases Asked In Exams.

1. At sixes and seven – In disorder or confusion
2. Lose head – Panic
3. Take to task – To criticize severely/ to punish
4. Sit in judgement – To pass judgement(or comment on someone) especially when you have no authority
5. Leave in the lurch – To desert someone
6. Cry over spilt milk – Cry over irreparable loss
7. Bad blood – Active enmity
8. Close shave – A narrow escape
9. Grease palms – To bribe someone
10. Carrot and stick – Reward and punishment policy
11. To cut teeth – To gain experience of something for the first time
12. Cut no ice – Had no influence
13. Close the book - Stop working on something
14. In fits and starts - Irregularly



15. Bird's eye view – An overview

16. Run in the same groove – Clash with each other

17. Keep your head – Remain calm

18. Pull strings – Use personal influence

19. Pot luck dinner – Dinner where somebody brings something to eat

20. To hit below the belt – To attack unfairly

21. All at sea - Puzzled

22. Sought after – Wanted by many people because it's of good quality or difficult to find/Pursued by



23. Build castle in the air - Daydreaming

24. On the spur of the moment – To act suddenly, without planning

25. To have something up one's sleeve – To have a secret plan

26. A red letter day – An important or joyful occasion in one's life

27. To explore every avenue – To try every opportunity

28. At one's beck and call – Ready to follow orders/ To be dominated by someone

29. By fair or foul means – In honest or dishonest way

30. Status quo – As it is/ unchanged position

31. To burn candle at both ends – To be extravagant/ Spend without any worry

32. To hit the jackpot – To make money quickly

33. To bring to light – to reveal

34. At the eleventh hour – At the last possible moment

35. Go scot-free – To escape without punishment

36. To shed crocodile tears – To pretend grief

37. To look down one's nose – To regard with contempt

38. To miss the bus – To miss an opportunity



39. A white elephant – Costly and troublesome possession, with much use to its owner

40. To call spade a spade – To be frank

41. To fight tooth and nail – To fight heroically, in very determined way

42. Birds of same feather – Persons of same character

43. Take exception – To object over something

44. High handed – Using authority in an unreasonable way, overbearing

45. Too fond of one's own voice – To like talking without wanting to listen to other people/Very selfish

46. By leaps and bounds – Rapidly

47. An open book – Straight forward and honest dealings

48. Fall short – Fail to meet expectation/ have no effect

49. Heart to heart talk – Frank talk

50. Give the game away – Give out the secret(unintentionally)

