ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Idioms MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 11

Miscellaneous English Tests · 28 questions · Online test and questions PDF: https://englishtestsonline.com/idioms-test-11/

1	C	2	B	3	A	4	B	5	C	6	B	7	C	8	A	9	A	10	A
11	C	12	A	13	C	14	C	15	B	16	C	17	C	18	C	19	B	20	C
21	A	22	B	23	C	24	B	25	A	26	C	27	A	28	A				

Explanations

1. "Under the sun" means _____.
✓ **C) on earth**
Under the sun means **on earth**, or anywhere in the world. It is used for emphasis: **We tried every method under the sun.**

2. If you are "up front", you are _____.
✓ **B) sincere**
If you are **up front** (or **upfront**), you are honest and open about something. You do not hide your real thoughts: **She was up front about the problems.**

3. "Under wraps" means _____.
✓ **A) in secret**
Under wraps means kept **secret**, so other people do not know about it yet: **The new design is being kept under wraps.**

4. If you are "uptight", you are _____.
✓ **B) worried**
Uptight means nervous, tense or **worried**, so you cannot relax: **Don't get so uptight about the exam.**

5. "Very well" can mean the same as _____.
✓ **C) giving consent**
Very well is a slightly formal way of saying **OK** or **yes**, often when you agree to something you are not keen on. It is a way of **giving consent**: **Very well, you can go.**

6. To "vote down" is to _____ something.
✓ **B) defeat**
To **vote down** a plan or proposal means to **defeat** or reject it by voting against it: **The committee voted the idea down.**

7. To "veg out" means to _____.
✓ **C) relax**
To **veg out** is an informal way of saying **relax** and do nothing active: **I just want to veg out in front of the TV.**

8. If someone talks about "vibes", they are talking about _____.
✓ **A) feelings**
Vibes (from "vibrations") are **feelings**, or the atmosphere you sense from a person or place: **I get good vibes from this house.**

9. If you "walk off with" something, you _____ it.
✓ **A) steal**
If you **walk off with** something, you **steal** it or take it without permission: **Someone walked off with my bag.**

10. "Walking on air" means you are _____.
✓ **A) happy**
Walking on air means feeling very **happy** and excited: **She's been walking on air since she got the job.**

11. To "walk all over" someone is to _____ them.
✓ **C) impose on**
To **walk all over** someone means to treat them badly and take advantage of them. You **impose on** them because they do not stand up for themselves.

12. "Watch out" means _____.
✓ **A) be careful**
Watch out! is a warning that means **be careful**: **Watch out, the floor is wet!**

13. "Water down" means to _____.
✓ **C) weaken**
To **water down** something means to **weaken** it. You can water down a drink by adding water, or water down a plan by making it less strong: **The proposal was watered down.**

14. The "way the wind blows" is _____.
✓ **C) how things are going to be**
Knowing **the way the wind blows** means understanding how a situation is developing, so you know **how things are going to be**: **Let's wait and see which way the wind blows before we decide.**

15. To "wear on" someone is to _____ them.
✓ **B) annoy**
If something **wears on** someone, it slowly **annoys** or tires them: **His constant complaining started to wear on me.**

16. To say something "word for word" means to _____.
✓ **C) say it exactly the same**
Word for word means using exactly the same words as the original, with nothing changed: **She repeated his message word for word.**

17. To "wet one's whistle" is to _____.
✓ **C) have a drink**
To **wet one's whistle** is an informal, humorous way of saying to **have a drink**: **Let's stop and wet our whistles.**

18. If you are "yellow-bellied", you are _____.
✓ **C) cowardly**
Yellow-bellied is an informal word for **cowardly**, meaning not brave at all. It is the opposite of **brave**.

19. "You bet" means _____.
✔ **B) certainly**
You bet! is an informal way of saying **certainly** or **of course**: **"Are you coming?" "You bet!"**

20. "You don't say" shows _____.
✔ **C) surprise**
You don't say! shows **surprise** at what someone has told you. It is often said humorously when you are not really surprised: **"It's raining again." "You don't say!"**

21. "You tell them" _____ someone.
✔ **A) encourages**
You tell them! is said to support someone who is speaking strongly or bravely, so it **encourages** them: **"I'm going to complain to the manager." "You tell them!"**

22. "Year in, year out" means _____.
✔ **B) constantly**
Year in, year out means every year, **constantly** and without change: **He has worked in the same office year in, year out.**

23. "You can say that again" shows _____.
✔ **C) agreement**
You can say that again! shows strong **agreement**: you think the other person is completely right. **"It's so hot today." "You can say that again!"**

24. If you are a "yes man", you always _____.
✔ **B) agree**
A **yes man** always **agrees** with his boss or with people in power. He never argues or gives his own opinion.

25. If something is "yummy", it's _____.
✔ **A) delicious**
Yummy is an informal word for food that is **delicious**, or tastes very good: **This cake is yummy!**

26. To "zonk out" is to _____.
✔ **C) fall asleep quickly**
To **zonk out** is an informal way of saying to **fall asleep quickly** because you are very tired: **I zonked out as soon as I got home.**

27. To "zip your lip" is to _____.
✔ **A) shut up**
Zip your lip is an informal way of telling someone to **shut up**, meaning stop talking or keep a secret.

28. To "zero in on" is to _____ something.
✔ **A) aim for**
To **zero in on** something means to **aim for** it or focus all your attention on it: **The police zeroed in on the suspect.**

Practise more on englishtestsonline.com
Take this test online, download its questions PDF, and find thousands of free English tests:
englishtestsonline.com · scan the code for this test
englishtestsonline.com