ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Idioms MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 07

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Explanations

1. If someone "means business", they are _____.
✔ **A) serious**
If someone **means business**, they are **serious** and determined to do what they say. Example: **The new manager means business: no more late arrivals.**

2. To "mark time" means to _____.
✔ **A) be idle**
To **mark time** means to **be idle**: you wait and do nothing useful until something happens. Example: **I'm just marking time until my new job starts.**

3. To "make up your mind" means to _____.
✔ **A) decide**
To **make up your mind** means to **decide**. Example: **I can't make up my mind which dress to buy.**

4. A "matter of course" means _____.
✔ **A) as a rule**
Something that happens **as a matter of course** is done **as a rule**, routinely and without special thought. Example: **Passports are checked as a matter of course.**

5. To "make off with" means to _____.
✔ **C) steal**
To **make off with** something means to **steal** it and run away quickly. Example: **The thief made off with her handbag.**

6. To "make believe" means to _____.
✔ **C) pretend**
To **make believe** means to **pretend**, often in a game. Example: **The children made believe they were pirates.**

7. If you are "mixed up", you are _____.
✔ **B) confused**
If you are **mixed up**, you are **confused** and can't think clearly. Not **lost**, which is about not knowing where you are.

8. If something "makes sense", it _____.
✔ **B) seems reasonable**
If something **makes sense**, it **seems reasonable** or is easy to understand. Example: **Your plan makes sense to me.**

9. To "make a difference" is to _____.
✔ **B) matter**
To **make a difference** is to **matter**, or to have an important effect. Example: **Your help really made a difference.**

10. To "nail it down" means to _____.
✔ **B) finalize it**
To **nail something down** means to **finalize** it, to settle it clearly and completely. Example: **We need to nail down the details of the contract.**

11. "In this neck of the woods" means _____.
✔ **B) around here**
In this neck of the woods is an informal way to say **around here**, in this area. Example: **Good restaurants are rare in this neck of the woods.**

12. "Never mind" means _____.
✔ **A) don't worry about it**
Never mind means **don't worry about it**; it's not important. Example: **"I forgot your book." "Never mind."**

13. "No doubt" means _____.
✔ **C) certainty**
No doubt expresses **certainty**: something is certainly true. Example: **No doubt he'll be late again.** Not **maybe**, which shows the speaker is unsure.

14. To "nose around" is to _____.
✔ **B) explore**
To **nose around** is to **explore** or look around a place, often out of curiosity. Example: **I caught him nosing around in my office.**

15. "No sweat" means _____.
✔ **A) it's easy to do, ok**
No sweat is informal and means **it's easy to do** or **no problem**. Example: **"Can you help me move this?" "No sweat!"**

16. If you are "no spring chicken", you _____.
✔ **C) aren't young**
If you are **no spring chicken**, you **aren't young** any more. Example: **My grandfather is no spring chicken, but he still runs every day.** Not **aren't energetic**, because the idiom is about age, not energy.

17. To "nip it in the bud" means to _____.
✔ **A) prevent it at the start**
To **nip something in the bud** means to **prevent it at the start**, to stop a problem before it grows. Example: **Teachers try to nip bad behaviour in the bud.**

18. To be "neck and neck" means to be _____.
✔ **C) exactly even**
To be **neck and neck** means to be **exactly even** in a race or competition. Example: **The two runners were neck and neck until the finish.**

19. If your "name is mud", you are _____.
✓ **C) in trouble**
If your **name is mud**, you are **in trouble** and people are angry with you. Example: **If I forget her birthday again, my name will be mud.**

20. "Of age" means to be _____.
✓ **C) old enough**
To be **of age** means to be **old enough** by law to do something, such as vote or marry. Example: **You can vote when you come of age.**

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