TOP 100 Idiom and phrase

1) Swelled head –
   a) Tired
   b) Timid
   c) Dreamer
   d) Pride
   Answer: d)

2) To sow the dragon’s teeth –
   a) To disturb the work
   b) To suspect something foul
   c) To take some action
   d) To act foolishly
   Answer: c)

3) Get around –
   a) Persuade
   b) Recall
   c) Exclude
   d) Avoid
   Answer: d)

4) To cudgel one’s brain –
   a) To think hard
   b) To kill by shooting in the head
   c) To manipulate
   d) To oppose
   Answer: a)

5) Broken priscian’s head –
   a) To used bad grammar
   b) To quarrel
   c) To hut with grief
   d) To put an end to
   Answer: a)

6) A rift in the lute
   a) Not open to the public
   b) Die while still working
   c) Took a turn for the better
   d) Brought about disharmony
   Answer: d)

7) Cushy job –
   a) Financially Comfortable job
   b) Hectic Job
   c) Unimportant job
   d) Impossible Job
   Answer: a)

8) Sum and Substance –
   a) Proof
   b) Summary
   c) Theory
   d) Aftermaths
   Answer: b)

9) Weigh anchor –
   a) A talent for acting
   b) Harsh spoken
   c) Difficult situation
   d) Prepare to sail again
   Answer: d)

10) Seize the nettle –
    a) Dealt Firmly
    b) Accept Gladly
    c) In complete failure
    d) Unusually confident
    Answer: a)

11) At variance with –
    a) In one time
b) In opposite

c) In any way

d) Sometimes

Answer: b)

12) A snake in the grass –

a) A coward

b) A treacherous person

c) A friendly person

d) An honest person

Answer: b)

13) Bolt from the blue –

a) A Source of quarrel

b) Narrow escape

c) A sudden Calamity

d) To take revenge

Answer: c)

14) Cry in the wilderness –

a) Rebuke

b) Confused and lost

c) Aggravate the situation

d) Unpopular opinion

Answer: d)

15) On the brink of –

a) To be alert

b) To ne near to

c) Not at all

d) Occasionally

Answer: b)

16) In deep Water –

a) To die

b) In great difficulty

c) To fall completely

d) To surrender

Answer: b)

17) In the egg –

a) In an untidy state

b) In a Dilemma

c) In an early stage

d) In bodily form

Answer: c)

18) Cut in on –

a) Acknowledge

b) Interrupt

c) Evade

d) Produce

Answer: b)

19) Draw a blank –

a) Absent minded

b) To be unsuccessful

c) Come to an end

d) To Fall a Victim

Answer: b)

20) Give up ghost –

a) To feel superior

b) To overcome one’s fear

c) To give encouragement

d) To die

Answer: d)

21) A dark house –

a) No longer use

b) Self – possessed

c) A competitor of unknown capabilities

d) An unfortunate person

Answer: c)

22) All at sea –

a) Completely confused

b) In great trouble

c) Rise and fall

d) In spite of

Answer: a)

23) Bear up with –

a) Endure
b) Deceit
c) Uncertain
d) Avoid
Answer: a)

24) Creature comforts –
a) Hint  
b) Luxuries  
c) Support  
d) Colloquial
Answer: b)

25) To clear the decks –
a) Throw the challenge  
b) Talk boastfully  
c) To remote Obstructions  
d) Control one's anger
Answer: c)

26) To cut the cradle –
a) To stop talking and start  
b) To be under one's subjugation  
c) To foment trouble  
d) To ridicule
Answer: a)

27) Pin – money –
a) A person unsuited to the position files  
b) To trouble others  
c) Bribery  
d) Allowance made to a lady for her expenses
Answer: a)

28) In the offing –
a) In danger  
b) Appear soon  
c) Side by side  
d) Worrisome
Answer: b)

29) Wolf's in sheep clothing –
a) Hypocrite  
b) Wise person  
c) Foolish  
d) Quarrelsome person
Answer: d)

30) Heads will roll –
a) Unconditionally surrendered  
b) Dismissed or forced to resign  
c) Born in a wealthy family  
d) Resorted to illegitimate practices
Answer: b)

31) A green horn –
a) An inexperience man  
b) A dangerous man  
c) Suspicious man  
d) Wise man
Answer: a)

32) To piffle once own canoe –
a) Thoughtful  
b) Manage independently  
c) To praise oneself  
d) Working vigorously
Answer: b)

33) To keep the pot –
a) To sharpen my wits  
b) To be cautious  
c) To keep Controversy alive  
d) To repent
Answer: c)

34) To beat the air –
a) To settle a dispute  
b) To gamble  
c) To make efforts those are useless  
d) To try to do the impossible
Answer: c)

35) Threw a spanner –
a) Reverie
b) Disinterested
  c) Sabotage
  d) Boasting
  Answer: c)

36) By fair means or foul –
  a) By any means
  b) To make sense
  c) Undecided controversial
  d) To get puzzled
  Answer: a)

37) Sword of Damocles –
  a) Life full of Quarrels
  b) Imminent danger
  c) In a state of suspense and anxiety
  d) Remain faith to the cause
  Answer: b)

38) Out of elbows –
  a) By all means
  b) Old
  c) Poor
  d) Forever
  Answer: c)

39) Pandora’s box –
  a) Arguments for and against
  b) To act Dubiously
  c) Popular
  d) A profile source of trouble
  Answer: d)

40) A nig – nog –
  a) Watchful
  b) Very old
  c) A fool
  d) Rich
  Answer: c)

41) Faint Hearted –
  a) Calm
  b) Timid
  c) Lovable
  d) Courageous
  Answer: b)

42) To lead astray –
  a) To take back what you have said
  b) To misguide
  c) To achieve two results with one effort
  d) To apologize
  Answer: b)

43) To make a pile –
  a) To keep at a distance
  b) To make a lot a money
  c) To aggravate the situation
  d) To face the risk
  Answer: b)

44) Back out of –
  a) Decimate
  b) Record
  c) Withdraw
  d) Pertain
  Answer: c)

45) Throw over –
  a) Enumerate
  b) Invent
  c) Reprimand
  d) Reject
  Answer: d)

46) Chicken hearted –
  a) Scholar
  b) A useless man
  c) Timid
  d) Shocked
  Answer: c)

47) Down and out –
  a) Mad
b) Jealousy and envy
c) Futility
d) Without money
Answer: d)

48) High and low –
a) Everywhere
b) Optimism
c) Hypocrisy
d) Experience
Answer: a)

49) A damsel in distress –
a) A helpless woman
b) An ugly women
c) A women whose husband is temporarily away from her
d) A strong lady who can cope with all difficult situation
Answer: a)

50) God’s ape –
a) As strong as god
b) A born Fool
c) A knowledge person
d) Kind hearted person
Answer: b)

51) Lions’ Mouth –
a) Strict rules
b) Harsh spoken
c) Brave
d) A dangerous Situation
Answer: d)

52) A Stiff necked person –
a) Honest and Open
b) An obstinate person
c) A source of quarrel
d) Ordinary Person
Answer: b)

53) Cross out –
a) Interrupt
b) Summon up
c) Eliminate
d) Inflate
Answer: c)

54) Make away with –
a) To compensate
b) To remove
c) To find out
d) To understand
Answer: b)

55) To put one out of counter stand –
a) To put a difficulty in the way of progress
b) To provoke quarrel
c) To make one feel ashamed
d) To deceive someone
Answer: c)

56) In vogue –
a) Danger
b) Boastful
c) Ambitious
d) Popular
Answer: d)

57) In a fix –
a) Witching
b) Making imaginary schemes
c) In puzzling state
d) Talk irrelevantly
Answer: c)

58) To hammer out –
a) To raise alarm
b) To plan
c) To take part
d) To be tired of
Answer: b)

59) A mare’s nest –
a) A rumour  
b) A false praise  
c) A difficult situation  
d) A constant source of annoyance  
Answer: a)  

60) Stand for –  
a) Represent  
b) Block  
c) Resist  
d) Discuss  
Answer: a)  

61) An iron will –  
a) A widely debated issue  
b) A fair bargain  
c) An impracticable  
d) A firm opinion  
Answer: d)  

62) Get into a soup –  
a) To make things difficult  
b) To be worrisome  
c) To be familiar of  
d) To get an advantage  
Answer: a)  

63) Haul over the coals –  
a) Talk irrelevantly  
b) Laugh heartily  
c) To scold  
d) Without hope  
Answer: c)  

64) To carry the day –  
a) To run away  
b) To die while in service  
c) To take an unimportant task  
d) To succeed  
Answer: d)  

65) Go over –  
a) Continue  
b) Review  
c) Harmonize  
d) Terminate  
Answer: b)  

66) Make a fortune –  
a) To become rich  
b) Boasting  
c) Unavoidable  
d) Reviewing Leisurely  
Answer: a)  

67) Cry Down –  
a) To depreciate  
b) Jealously  
c) Spending diligently  
d) Think Creatively  
Answer: a)  

68) Ill at ease –  
a) To be uncomfortable  
b) To be in fashion  
c) To be in a puzzling state  
d) To be in danger  
Answer: a)  

69) Get the upper hand –  
a) To revenge  
b) To start to go  
c) To take risk  
d) To get an advantage  
Answer: d)  

70) At a Stone's throw –  
a) Very near  
b) Cause of quarrel  
c) Increase anger  
d) Easy task  
Answer: a)  

71) An uphill task –
72) Break the ice –
a) Bad intention
b) To escape
c) To break the silence
d) To fail
Answer: c)

73) Rest on one’s laurels –
a) To retire from active life
b) To remember thing clearly
c) Not to come to point
d) Defend from enemies
Answer: a)

74) Fallout –
a) To admire
b) Declared dead
c) To love someone
d) To quarrel
Answer: d)

75) With open arms –
a) Cordially
b) Often
c) Seldom
d) Frequently
Answer: a)

76) A bone of contention –
a) Strong and healthy bones
b) Tough man
c) Cause of dispute
d) Peaceful thing
Answer: c)

77) Put into action –
a) Systematically
b) To execute
c) Irregularly
d) Rapidly
Answer: b)

78) Do away with –
a) Impossible
b) Invalid
c) To abolish
d) Empty
Answer: c)

79) On all hands –
a) Rarely
b) Occasionally
c) Everywhere
d) Frequently
Answer: c)

80) Hold on –
a) To wait for a short time
b) Still breathing
c) Speak less
d) Frequently
Answer: a)

81) Out at the elbows –
a) Stubborn
b) Poor
c) To be blunt
d) Rigid
Answer: b)

82) Come off –
a) Launch oneself
b) Be separated
c) Have deposited
d) Taking leave
Answer: b)

83) Be out of order –
a) Some goods which are out of stock
b) Do something against the court's ruling
c) A device not working properly or at all
d) Things kept in an organized manner

Answer: c)

84) A sight for sore eyes –
a) An ugly sight unpleasant to the eyes.
b) When one becomes tired of watching too much TV or reading
c) A person or thing that one is extremely pleased or relieved to see
d) A beautiful sight that you can visualize even with closed eyes

Answer: c)

85) Keep at bay –
a) Keep your loved ones protected even when they are faced with problems.
b) To control something and prevent it from causing you problems.
c) Hide your precious stuff.
d) Be alert at all times.

Answer: b)

86) Let your hair down –
a) Behave uninhibitedly.
b) Accept your deeds.
c) Remove the mask.
d) Feel fresh and rejuvenated.

Answer: a)

87) Back to the drawing board –
a) A creative person will always find a solution to any problem.
b) An artist will express his feelings by drawing.
c) It is better to work on a fanciful idea bound to fail than have no ideas at all.
d) Used to indicate that an idea has been unsuccessful and that a new one must be devised.

Answer: d)

88) In cahoots with –
a) A marriage made in heaven.
b) A group of criminals.
c) With lot of determination.
d) In an alliance or partnership with.

Answer: d)

89) Back seat driver
a) A passenger who gives unwanted and/or unneeded directions to the driver.
b) A person who gives unwanted advice is sometimes right.
c) When too many people are controlling a project it is bound to fail.
d) A person who acts as a remote control taking orders from others.

Answer: a)

90) Causing annoyance or resentment –
a) Congenial
b) Galling
c) Amiable
d) Mellow

Answer: b)

91) No dice –
a) A great gamble.
b) Used to refuse a request or indicate that there is no chance of success.
c) Be confident of the outcome.
d) Make false assurances.

Answer: b)

92) Far cry from –
a) It is sad when loved ones are far away.
b) A very sad situation.
c) Very different from.
d) A person at a distance such that even shouting cannot be heard.
93) Nose around –
   a) If you poke your nose in others' affairs it is bound to get bloody.
   b) Try to find out information about someone or something.
   c) A sharp sense of smell used to its fullest.
   d) A sniff of trouble is warning enough.
   Answer: c)

94) A bad patch –
   a) A potholed road.
   b) A medical bandage.
   c) A period of difficulty.
   d) Shoddy repair work.
   Answer: c)

95) A dime a dozen –
   a) A very expensive proposition.
   b) Something which appears cheap but which will prove expensive in the long run.
   c) Something which appears attractive but has zero value.
   d) Very common and of no particular value.
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   a) If you love something dearly then you have to protect it.
   b) You shouldn't prejudge the value of something, by its outward appearance alone.
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   d) A bad book needs a good cover to make it saleable.
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100) Excuse my French –
   a) Used to apologize for swearing.
   b) Said when one cannot speak the language of the other person correctly.
   c) Used to make a flimsy excuse.
   d) Used when you give up easily.
   Answer: a)