

150 CÂU TRẮC NGHIỆM VỀ THÀNH NGỮ

1. The political candidate knew the issue was a hot, so he deferred to his chief of staff, who directed questions to the committee chairperson.

- A. tomato B. potato C. pot D. dog

A HOT POTATO: something that is difficult or dangerous to deal with (vấn đề nan giải)

2. Don't let my mother watch any of those sappy movies—she cries at the drop of a

- A. hat B. bag C. cat D. rag

AT THE DROP OF A HAT: immediately, instantly (Ngay lập tức)

3. When your programme first started I thought it was the best thing since sliced

- A. cake B. break C. bread D. bead

BEST THING SINCE SLICED BREAD: a good invention or innovation, a good idea or plan

4. Denise has been burning the midnight trying to finish this report, so she must be exhausted.

- A. lamp B. candle C. oil D. gas

BURN THE MIDNIGHT OIL: to stay up working, especially studying late at night (thức khuya làm việc, học bài)

5. I was excited to start taking night classes after work, but now, without enough time to devote either to school or to my job, I feel like I'm falling between stools.

- A. one B. two C. three D. four

BETWEEN TWO STOOLS: when someone finds it difficult to choose between two alternatives (tiến thoái lưỡng nan)

6. You'd better leave now if you want to arrive early for the exam. **Break a leg!**

- A. good luck B. Good night C. Good bye D. Good job

BREAK A LEG : good luck! (thường dùng để chúc may mắn)

7. You'd better the books if you want to pass your exam on Friday.

- A. hit B. beat C. stab D. bite

HIT THE BOOKS : to study (học)

8. I think he'll pay you back your money – **when fly.**

- A. birds B. cats C. cocks D. pigs

WHEN PIGS FLY : something will never happen (điều vô tưởng, không thể xảy ra)

9. I don't mind driving this time—she's scratched my plenty of times.

A. head B. back C. stomach D. heart

SCRATCH SOMEONE'S BACK: help someone out with the assumption that they will return the favor in the future (giúp đỡ người khác với hy vọng họ sẽ giúp lại mình)

10. Duncan Smith hit the nail on thewhen he said that the Prime Minister promised so much and yet changed so little.

A. head B. back C. leg D. foot

HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD : do or say something exactly right (nói chính xác, làm chính xác)

11. At school, people always used to take theout of him for having red hair.

A. cat B. dog C. mickey D. rat

Take the mickey out of sb = make fun of sb

12. They their car at our disposal for our entire stay.

A. had B. took C. put D. got

PUT SOMEONE/SOMETHING AT SOMEONE'S DISPOSAL: to make someone or something available to someone (có sẵn theo ý muốn của ai)

13. I'm sorry, I can't. I have a headache.

A. splitting B. biting C. sleeping D. chipping

SPLITTING HEADACHE: a severe headache (đau đầu như búa bổ) (khi ra thì sẽ hỏi từ “Splitting”)

14. This food isthe house, you don't have to pay for it.

A. at B. on C. in D. at

ON THE HOUSE: không phải trả tiền

15. My parents are going to **hit the roof** if they find out we had a party here.

A. become angry B. become sad C. become worried D. become nervous

HIT THE ROOF = GO THROUGH THE ROOF = HIT THE CEILING: to suddenly become angry (giận dữ)

16. When I hear stories of cruelty to animals, it makes my..... boil.

A. stomach B. oil C. blood D. head

MAKE SOMEONE'S BLOOD BOIL: làm ai sôi máu, giận dữ

17. She is a rising star as a standup comedian, always able to bring down the during each performance.

A. house B. rain C. roof D. kennel

BRING DOWN THE HOUSE: làm cho cả khán phòng vỗ tay nhiệt liệt

18. We paid through the..... to get the car fixed.

A. head B. nose C. lips D. mouth

PAY THROUGH THE NOSE: to pay too much for something (trả giá quá đắt)

19. Stop _____ about the bush, John! Just tell me exactly what the problem is.

A. rushing B. hiding C. beating D. moving

BEAT ABOUT THE BUSH: vòng vo tam quốc

20. I usually buy my clothes _____. It's cheaper than going to a dress-maker.

- A. off the peg B. on the house C. in public D. on the shelf

OFF THE PEG: hàng may sẵn

21. I caught the last bus by the skin of my _____.

- A. mouth B. leg C. neck D. teeth

BY THE SKIN OF ONE'S TEETH: sát sao, rất sát

22. It was a joke! I was pulling your _____.

- A. thumb B. hair C. toe D. leg

PULL SOMEONE'S LEG: chọc ai

23. I always get _____ in my stomach before visiting the dentist.

- A. worms B. butterflies C. crabs D. hedgehogs

GET BUTTERFLIES IN ONE'S STOMACH: cảm thấy bồn chồn

24. Those smart phones are selling like _____. If you want one, you'd better buy one now before they're all gone.

- A. shooting stars B. fresh bread C. hot cakes D. wild oats

SELL/GO LIKE HOT CAKES: đắt như tôm tươi

25. I haven't had an accident yet but I've had a number of _____ shaves.

- A. narrow B. near C. close D. tiny

CLOSE SHAVE = NARROW ESCAPE: thoát chết trong gang tấc

26. My father refused to eat meat that had been fired. He had _____ in his bonnet about causing cancer.

- A. bug B. a bee C. a bull D. an ant

HAVE A BEE IN ONE'S BONNET ABOUT ST: ám ảnh về điều gì

27. I dropped a when talking with my best friend, and now he doesn't want to talk to me.

- A. rock B. stone C. brick D. sand

DROP A BRICK : lỡ lời, lỡ miệng

28. What the president said is not to be printed. It's the record.

- A. on B. of C. off D. without

OFF THE RECORD: không chính thức, không được công bố

29. I can't stand Mr. Brian. He's always blowing his own _____ - telling everyone how good he is at everything.

- A. balloon B. breath C. mind D. trumpet

30. He could always find _____ with something, either in my writing or in my personality.

- A. error B. fault C. mistakes D. wrong

find fault with : chỉ trích, kiểm chuyện, bắt lỗi

31. The two groups of bullies fought tooth and _____ before the police came last night.

- A. claw B. nail C. feet D. both A and B

FIGHT TOOTH AND CLAW/NAIL: đánh nhau dữ dội, cẩu xé nhau

32. The complaints he received were like water off a duck's _____.

- A. back B. wings C. feather D. body

LIKE WATER OFF A DUCK'S BACK như nước đổ đầu vịt

33. I couldn't think of a way to present my view so that no one would take it

- A. miss **B. amiss** C. easy D. relax

TAKE IT AMISS: to understand as wrong or insulting, or misunderstand (hiểu lầm)

34. Where were you? I have been looking for you **high and low**.

- A. here and there B. everywhere C. nowhere **D. both A and B**

HIGH AND LOW = HERE AND THERE: everywhere

35. My little house is **spick and span**.

- A. neat B. clean C. well looked after **D. all are correct**

SPICK AND SPAN: ngăn nắp gọn gàng

36. Working irregular hours is all **part and parcel** of being a journalist.

- A. integral B. crucial C. essential **D. all are correct**

PART AND PARCEL: integral, crucial (thiết yếu, quan trọng)

37: The opposition will be elected into government at the next election, without a _____ of a doubt

- A. shade **B. shadow** C. benefit D. hue

a shadow of a doubt: sự nghi ngờ

Cấu trúc beyond the shadow of a doubt; không hề nghi ngờ

38. He **didn't bat an eye** when he realized he failed the exam again.

- A. didn't want to see **B. didn't show surprise** C. wasn't happy D. didn't care

Not bat an eye = to not show any shock or surprise: không tỏ ra ngạc nhiên hay sốc

39. They are getting married. They have just the news to their friends.

- A. told B. informed **C. broken** D. had

Break the news: Thông báo

40. In the future, the robot will not cost an and a leg.

- A. arm** B. hand C. foot D. nail

COST AN ARM AND A LEG: rất là đắt đỏ

41. I could see the finish line and thought I was **home and dry**.

- A. hopeless B. hopeful C. unsuccessful **D. successful**

HOME AND DRY: thành công

42. Don't let all this praise go to your

- A. mind B. brain **C. head** D. mouth

GO TO ONE'S HEAD: khiến ai kiêu ngạo

43. He was arrested on the on the way to the airport.

- A. **spot** B. sport C. slot D. top

ON THE SPOT: (1) immediately (ngay lập tức)

44. It never rains but it

- A. clouds **B. pours** C. storms D. dries

IT NEVER RAINS BUT IT POURS: good or bad things do not just happen a few at a time, but in large numbers all at once (họa vô đơn chí)

45. She always turned her term paper in at the eleventh

- A. minute B. second **C. hour** D. time

AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR: vào phút chót

46. Boss: So, Rita, you left work early yesterday?

Worker: Yeah, and did I ever get in hot water for that!

(A) be in trouble. (B) take a warm bath. (C) get so tired (D) be sorry

GET IN HOT WATER = be in trouble/ have difficulty

47. A: What did you think of Chuck? B: Oh, we hit it off right away.

(A) argued as soon as they met. (B) quickly became friends.

(C) didn't like each other. (D) stopped talking soon.

HIT IT OFF: tâm đầu ý hợp

48. We don't go there often - just off on.

A. or B. and C. but D. then

OFF AND ON/ ON AND OFF: không đều đặn, thỉnh thoảng

49. I'm worried she may be getting cold about our trip to Patagonia.

A. blood B. head C. heart D. feet

GET/HAVE COLD FEET: mất hết can đảm, chùn bước

50. We good time and were at the hotel by lunchtime.

A. have B. made C. spent D. took

MAKE GOOD TIME: đi chuyển nhanh, đi nhanh.

51. If everyone chips, we'll be able to buy her a really nice present.

A. on B. at C. in D. out

CHIP IN: GÓP TIỀN

52. It's a date. I have never gone out with him before.

A. hot B. blind C. secret D. first

A blind date = cuộc hẹn giữa hai người chưa hề quen biết

53. I don't have anything in common with my brother. We're like chalk and

A. cheese B. butter C. milk D. bread

CHALK AND CHEESE: very different from each other (rất khác nhau)

54. If you need me, just call me. I can come at the drop of a

A. hat B. bag C. cat D. rag

AT THE DROP OF A HAT: immediately, instantly (Ngay lập tức)

55. They simply didn't know what they were doing and they were led by the by a manipulative government.

A. head B. hand C. leg D. nose

LED SOMEBODY BY THE NOSE: to control someone and make them do exactly what you want them to do (nắm đầu, dắt mũi ai)

56. The old man has been his head for at least a year.

A. on B. off C. in D. at

OFF ONE'S HEAD: điên, loạn trí

57. I've got to run an errand. I'll be back in a minute.

A. manage the company B. do the household chores

B. work on a night shift D. do the homework

RUN AN ERRAND: làm việc vặt

58. They ignore people who the traffic lights.

A. pass B. jump C. get D. play

JUMP THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS: vượt đèn đỏ

59. No one will off the handle for no reason.

A. fly B. turn C. put D. cut

FLY OFF THE HANDLE: dễ nổi giận, phát cáu

60. Only allowing half an hour to get from the station to the airport is cutting it, isn't it?

A. good B. nice C. fine D. well

CUT IT FINE: đến sát giờ

61. The manager got early retirement and a 600,000\$ golden when the company was restructured.

A. handshake B. ring C. crown D. money

GOLDEN HANDSHAKE: món tiền hậu hĩnh dành cho người sắp nghỉ việc

62. We've known you are a good swimmer – stop **putting on an act**.

- A. making believe B. pretending C. lying **D. both A and B**

PUT ON AN ACT: giả bộ, làm bộ

63. Four soldiers have faced charges since the scandal **came to light** last fall.

- A. hidden **B. revealed** C. believed D. relieved

COME TO LIGHT: được biết đến, được phát hiện, được đưa ra ánh sáng.

64. I really put my in it when I asked her about her job. I didn't know she'd just been fired.

- A. head **B. foot** C. feet D. minds

PUT ONE'S FOOT IN IT: gây nhầm lẫn, bối rối, phạm một sai lầm gây bối rối

65. The rest of the team complained that Sarah wasn't her weight.

- A. pushing **B. pulling** C. losing D. gaining

PULL ONE'S WEIGHT: nỗ lực, làm tròn trách nhiệm

66. I have to work at two jobs to make meet.

- A. end **B. ends** C. ending D. ended

MAKE ENDS MEET: xoay sở để kiếm sống

67. I think I must explain to her that she got hold of the wrong of the stick again.

- A. end** B. ends C. ending D. ended

GET THE HOLD OF THE WRONG END OF THE STICK: hiểu nhầm ai đó

68. Although a deal has been agreed, it is not yet-and-dried.

- A. fried B. tried **C. cut** D. run

CUT AND DRIED: cuối cùng, không thể thay đổi, rõ ràng, dễ hiểu

69. We had better keep on our while we're walking along the dark portions of this street.

- A. eyes B. ears **C. toes** D. faces

STAY/KEEP ON ONE'S TOE: cảnh giác, thận trọng

70. I don't want to see a movie now, I have mind going to the park.

- A. on **B. in** C. at D. of

HAVE IN MIND: đang suy tính, cân nhắc

71. It seems that Charles will give it up. I suppose he is a lost

- A. cause B. reason C. aim D. purpose

A LOST CAUSE: hết hy vọng, không thay đổi được gì

72. You're to be late if you don't hurry.

- A. bound B. about C. able **D. all are correct**

73. James sometimes seems quite unfriendly but heart he's a good person.

- A. at** B. by C. in D. on

AT HEART: thực chất, cơ bản (basically, fundamentally)

73. woman said that she would know the thief by if she ever saw him again.

- A. chance B. mistake **C. sight** D. accident

TO KNOW BY SIGHT: nhận ra (recognize)

74. She takes to do everything well.

- A. paints **B. pains** C. rains D. chances

TO TAKE PAINS: làm việc cẩn thận và tận tâm

75. Mary broke a dining-room window and had to face the when her father got home.

- A. wall **B. music** C. stick D. water

FACE THE MUSIC: chịu trận

76. Tommy is the sheep in his family: he is the only member who has not made a success of his life.

- A. black** B. grey C. yellow D. white

THE BLACK SHEEP: nghịch tử, phá gia tri tử

77. He argued with her until he was in the face. A. black B. grey C. yellow **D. blue**

BLUE IN THE FACE: mãi mãi, lâu đến vô vọng

78. It was a-letter day when she finally received her graduation diploma.

A. black B. grey **C. red** D. white

RED-LETTER DAY: ngày đáng nhớ vì có chuyện tốt lành, ngày vui

79. My sister became as a ghost when she saw the man at the window.

A. black B. grey C. yellow **D. white**

WHITE AS A GHOST/SHEET: trắng bệch, nhợt nhạt

80. She passed her exam with flying and now wants to go out and celebrate.

A. colors B. colours C. bays D. objects

WITH FLYING COLORS: xuất sắc

81. My sister was always the teacher's when she was in the first grade at school.

A. pets B. cats C. dogs D. doves

TEACHER'S PETS: học sinh cưng

82. Drop me awhen you get there. **A. line** B. note C. letter D. both A and B

DROP SB A LINE/NOTE: viết thư cho ai

83. This is where I grew up. I know this area like the back of my

A. arms **B. hand** C. legs D. foot

LIKE THE BACK OF ONE'S HAND: rõ như lòng bàn tay

84. I'll be back in the twinkling of ____.

A. an eye B. a lighting bolt C. a smile D. a laugh

THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE: trong nháy mắt

85. I'm afraid hip hop isn't my cup of ____.

A. tea B. java C. coffee D. wine

ONE'S CUP OF TEA: thứ mà ai đó thích

86. Just a moment... I've got the answer on the ____ of my tongue.

A. top B. tap **C. tip** D. back

ON THE TIP OF TONGUE: dùng khi muốn diễn tả ai đó không thể nhớ ra được điều gì mặc dù đã chắc chắn biết về nó

87. Oh, I'm sorry. I shouldn't have said that. I guess I really put my _____ in my mouth.

A. foot B. hand C. elbow D. knee

PUT ONE'S FOOT IN ONE'S MOUTH: nói 1 điều ngu ngốc làm xúc phạm đến người khác

88. Sharon always sticks herinto everyone else's business.

A. head B. lips **C. nose** D. mouth

STICK ONE'S NOSE INTO ONE'S BUSINESS: chúm mũi vào việc của người khác

89. In Florida, the temperature drops below freezing only once in a moon.

A. green B. purple **C. blue** D. middle

ONCE IN A BLUE MOON: năm thì mười họa, hiếm khi

90. Brady's surprise party is going to be great if you don't let theout of the bag.

A. dog B. mouse C. bat **D. cat**

LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG: TIẾT LỘ BÍ MẬT

91. Someone who is inexperienced is ____.

A. red B. blue C. black **D. green**

92. The sheep were huddled into a ____ to protect them from overnight frosts.

A. cage(lồng, chuồng) **B. pen**(chuồng gia súc) C. kennel(cũi chó) D. hutch(chuồng thỏ)

HUDDLE INTO A PEN: lại gần nhau, túm tụm lại

93. My English is progressing_____.

A. odds and ends(linh tinh) B. **leaps and bounds** C. bounds and leaps D. ends and odds

ODDS AND ENDS: linh tinh, vụn vặt

LEAPS AND BOUNDS: nhảy vọt, vượt trội

94: When you do something, you should _____.

- A. get through to
- B. turn over a new leaf
- C. weigh up the pros and cons
- D. go down well with

TURN OVER A NEW LEAF: bắt đầu thay đổi hành vi của mình

WEIGH UP THE PROS AND CONS: cân nhắc điều hay lẽ thiệt

95. The weather is going to change soon; I feel it in my _____

- A. body
- B. legs
- C. skin
- D. bones

FEEL ST IN ONE'S BONES: cảm nhận rõ rệt

96. As it was very hot in summer, sales of bottles of water went _____ the roof.

- A. through
- B. to
- C. above
- D. over

GO THROUGH THE ROOF: đắt đỏ

97. She'd had such a good birthday party. She felt on top of the _____.

- A. hill
- B. world
- C. tree
- D. earth

ON THE TOP OF THE WORLD= HAPPY= WALKING ON THE AIR

98. She is walking on the.....she doesn't know how to say.

- A. air
- B. road
- C. street
- D. garden

99. They thought that she didn't want to go to the disco because she didn't like dancing. But they were barking up the _____ tree. It was because she didn't like the flashing lights.

- A. mistake
- B. wrong
- C. untrue
- D. false

100. She was very shy when she first went to her new school, but she soon came out of her _____.

- A. snail
- B. house
- C. nest
- D. shell

COME OUT OF ONE'S SHELL: bớt nhút nhát

101. He takes after his father very much. It is like father like.....

- A. son
- B. children
- C. father
- D. girl

LIKE FATHER LIKE SON: giở nhà ai thì quai nhà ấy

102. Enjoy your meal! Home grow, home....

- A. make
- B. made
- C. makes
- D. making

HOME GROW HOME MADE: cây nhà lá vườn

103: I've never really enjoyed going to the ballet or the opera; they're not really my_____.

- A. piece of cake
- B. sweets and candy
- C. biscuit
- D. cup of tea

104: He travels _____ for 20 years and then he decided to return home.

- A. father away
- B. far and wide
- C. far from it
- D. farthest of all

FAR AND WIDE: đó đây, khắp mọi nơi

105. Remember to appreciate what your friends do for you. You shouldn't take them_____.

- A. as a rule
- B. as usual
- C. out of habit
- D. for granted

TAKE ST FOR GRANTED: coi là hiển nhiên

106. - I think the main problem in this area is the lack of a good bus service.

- You're right. You've hit the _____ on the head.

A. nail B. wall C. lips D. hand

HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD: nói đúng trọng tâm

107. The sixth time he called me at night was the _____.

A. last cause B. last straw C. touch and go D. hot air

THE LAST STRAW: giọt nước tràn ly

108: Now that they have read it in _____, they believe me.

A. red and blue B. blue and red C. white and black D. black and white

BALCK AND WHITE: rõ ràng

109. How did you get on at your single group?

- We were all a bit embarrassed; because it was the first time we had met. But Tom broke the _____ by getting us all to say our names and what our favourite TV programs were.

A. record B. window C. land D. ice

BREAK THE ICE: Thành ngữ này thường dùng để diễn tả làm một việc gì đó để giúp mọi người thư giãn và thoải mái, đặc biệt khi mới gặp.

110. You're playing with _____ if you get involved with that gang.

A. water B. ghost C. fire D. land

PLAY WITH FIRE: đùa với lửa

111. They tried *in vain* to save enough money to buy a house and so finally they rented one.

A. without money B. without trial C. without success D. without work

IN VAIN: vô ích

112. You shouldn't worry about the exam because you have prepared well and you will probably find it *a piece of cake*.

A. easy to digest B. easy to read C. easy to start D. very easy

A PICE OF CAKE: dễ như ăn cháo

113. My son would love to have a Buzz Lightmonth toy for his birthday. Do you have any at your store? - Sorry, madam. They are *out of stock*.

A. bankrupt B. broken C. not available D. stacked

OUT OF STOCK: hết hàng, k có sẵn

114. You certainly couldn't call him modest because he is always *blowing his own trumpet*.

A. saying how fit he is B. saying how healthy he is
C. saying how clever he is D. saying how tall he is

BLOW ONE'S OWN TRUMPET: khoe khoang, khoác lác

115. I invested all my money in that failed company and now I find my whole investment has gone *down the drain*.

A. has been overtaken (bị vượt) B. has been confirmed C. has been wasted D. has been confused

DOWN THE DRAIN: công cốc, đổ ra sông ra biển

116. I had meant to enter that competition. But the date for entries has passed now. I _____ the boat.

A. missed B. took C. lost D. gave

MISS THE BOAT: lỡ mất cơ hội

117. I would advise you to do that as well and in that way you will **kill two birds with one stone**.

- A. get things done twice B. get something done two times
C. get two things done at the same time D. get two things done twice

KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE: một mũi tên trúng hai đích

118. I suppose she was **the apple of your eye** at the time.

- A. your favourite fruit B. your favourite meal C. your favourite person D. your favourite book

THE APPLE OF ONE'S EYE: bảo bối của ai

119. "Where did you hear about that?" - "Just **word of**"

- a. eyes b. nose c. mouth d. ears

WORD OF MOUTH: đồn đại, truyền miệng

120. "What's wrong?"- "I'm a bit ... **the weather**."

- a. in b. under c. at d. off

UNDER THE WEATHER: k được khỏe

121. I think the time has now come when we'll simply have to **call it a day**

- a. stop trying b. stop thinking c. stop working d. stop going

CALL IT A DAY = STOP WORKING

132. All right then if you like **I'll put my cards on the table** .

- a. I'll tell you a story b. I'll tell you what to do
c. I'll tell you something d. I'll tell you my honest opinion

PUT ONE'S CARDS ON THE TABLE: thẳng thắn

133. Well in the first place all the windows are broken, which is **a real pain in the neck**

- a. a bad ache b. a serious ache c. a serious problem d. a bad shock

A REAL PAIN IN THE NECK: sốc, nghiêm trọng

134. Yes, I agree but at the same time it's not **the end of the world**

- a. worth worrying about b. worth talking about c. worth looking at d. worth speaking about

THE END OF THE WORLD: đáng để bận tâm

135. I prefer to talk to people **face to face** rather than to talk on the phone.

- a. in person b. facing them c. looking at them d. seeing them

FACE TO FACE: trực tiếp

136. I wouldn't say I never see **eye to eye** with my employers but sometimes they can make extraordinary demands.

- a. totally side b. totally work c. totally agree d. totally disagree

SEE EYE TO EYE WITH SB= TOTALLY AGREE

137. It was a serious operation but he made a complete recovery and was soon **as fit as a fiddle**.

- a. in careful health b. in easy health c. in quiet health d. in good health

AS FIT AS A FIDDLE: khỏe như vâm

138. Since she won the lottery last week she has been feeling **on the top of the world**.

- a. very proud b. very happy c. very excited d. very wealthy

139. Chales is having a lot of problems with his business but at least he is **keeping his head above the water**.

- a. not downing b. keeping dry c. managing to survive d. trying to swim

KEEP ONE'S HEAD ABOVE THE WATER: xoay sỏ

140. Jack has egg _____ because he couldn't remember how to spell "Batman"!

- A. on his teeth B. on his face C. on his shirt D. on his fingers

HAVE EGG ON ONE'S FACE: xấu hổ

141. He seems like a good I'll take a chance on him.

- A. yolk B. leave C. egg D. ink

GOOD EGG: người có nhân cách, đáng tin cậy

142. As the maestro lifted his baton the theater was so still you could hear _____.

- A. his heartbeat B. a pin drop C. bird wings D. the drum beating

HEAR A PIN DROP: im lặng, tĩnh lặng

143. I think I understand the nuts and _____ of the operation.

- A. screws B. hammer C. nails **D. bolts**

NUTS AND BOLTS: những chi tiết cần thiết

144. He likes being a big..... in a small pond.

- A. cat B. snail C. shark **D. fish**

A BIG FISH IN A SMALL POND thắng chột làm vua sừ mù

145. Honesty and patience are part and..... in this job.

- A. smart B. card C. parcel D. hard

PART AND PARCEL: phần thiết yếu, quan trọng

146. While Anne was probation, she reported to the police regularly.

- A. on B. in C. at D. off

ON PROBATION: trong thời gian quản chế, tập sự (công việc)

147. Tom was stealing the car when the police drove by and caught him_____.

- A. alive B. right C. red-handed D. wrong

CATCH SB RED-HANDED: bắt tại trận

148. I think Jim has a _____ streak about watching horror movies, but he doesn't want to admit it.

- A. white B. yellow C. grey D. blue

HAVE A YELLOW STREAK: có tính nhất gan

149. They've just been given the _____ light to build two new supermarkets in the region.

- A. blue B. red C. white D. green

GET/GIVE THE GREEN LIGHT: bật đèn xanh

150. I sent off my application to the company, but heard nothing. Then completely **out of the** ____ they sent me a letter.

- A. blue B. red C. white D. green

OUT OF THE BLUE: hoàn toàn bất ngờ

151.They went out last night and really **painted the town** - they didn't come home until 5 a.m.

- A. blue B. red C. white D. green

PAINT THE TOWN RED: ăn mừng

152. You have to cut through a lot of **tape** to get proposals accepted in this company.

- A. blue B. red C. white D. green

RED TAPE: nạn quan liêu

