

Vocabulary Questions Idioms

1. We haven't ____ our son for three months. He is not much of a letter writer.
1) seen 2) written to 3) heard from 4) kept touch with
2. ____ the morning news, many houses on the island were destroyed.
1) According to 2) In addition to 3) In contrast to 4) In spite of
3. Jack has a lot of clothes, but most of them are out of ____.
1) age 2) fashion 3) order 4) time
4. That copying machine is ____ order. Why don't you use this one?
1) out of 2) off of 3) in 4) by
5. My son dropped ____ college and joined the army.
1) away from 2) by 3) off 4) out of
6. The police signaled the driver to ____ and stop.
1) pull over 2) put in 3) pass by 4) pick up
7. Don't speak so fast, please. I cannot keep ____ with you.
1) on 2) out 3) away 4) up
8. Since I came in half an hour later this morning, I have to stay until 5:30 to ____ for it.
1) save up 2) make up 3) keep up 4) hold up
9. I deposited 10,000 yen every month for three years and ____ enough money to go the United States.
1) saved up 2) made up 3) kept up 4) held up
10. Would you turn ____ the TV? I'm afraid the baby will wake up.
1) off 2) on 3) up 4) over
11. We will ____ the picnic, since it started raining.
1) put off 2) take off 3) turn off 4) brush off
- 12- Most of our customers ____ their meals rather than eating here.
1) take out 2) take back 3) take in 4) take off
- 13- I ____ my old friend when I was shopping downtown yesterday.
1) came around 2) ran into 3) stopped by 4) dropped in
- 14- May I ____ this suit? If it fits, I'll buy it.
1) try on 2) put on 3) pull on 4) get on
- 15- I quit my job because I could not ____ with my boss.
1) get up 2) make up 3) take up 4) put up
- 16- Sorry, but that book is _____. We'll get some copies from the publisher next Monday.
1) out of print 2) out of order 3) off shelf 4) out of stock
- 17- The new policies brought ____ many changes in our company.
1) about 2) down 3) out 4) up
- 18- The farmers broke ____ the stone wall and started the revolution.
1) down 2) in 3) off 4) out
- 19- Could you ____ this ten dollar bill so I can make a phone call?
1) break 2) tear 3) chop 4) cut

- 20- The economy was so bad that I carried red ink ____ into this fiscal year.
 1) away 2) on 3) out 4) over
- 21- Because of the bad weather, communication with the base camp was cut ____.
 1) down 2) off 3) out 4) in
- 22- This letter was so badly written that I could not ____ what it said.
 1) get out 2) figure out 3) take out 4) count out
- 23- We ____ gas, so we have to wait until a car passes by.
 1) gave out on 2) ran out of 3) walked out on 4) disposed of
- 24- I ____ my boss's work after he left.
 1) got on 2) pulled over 3) ran over 4) took over
- 25- Could you ____ the baby? She's been sleeping all afternoon.
 1) look to 2) check on 3) take care 4) look up
- 26- Could you ____ the names of the people who are not coming to the party?
 1) cut down 2) cross out 3) sign up 4) keep up
- 27- Both Kathy and Jan (look up to) their older brother Jack.
 1) quarrel with 2) are younger than 3) admire 4) see
- 28- You cannot use that copying machine, since it has been (out of order)
 since yesterday morning.
 1) broken 2) out for repairs 3) of no use 4) out of electricity
- 29- Jan and Celia went to see a movie and (ran into) an old friend of theirs in the lobby of
 the movie theater.
 1) talked to 2) saw 3) happened to meet 4) ran over
- 30- During an earthquake, it is important that you turn off the gas, stay under a table or
 something sturdy and (keep your head).
 1) hide 2) be quiet 3) stay alive 4) stay calm
- 31- I imagine that other people have told you many different things, but please
 (keep in mind) what I have said.
 1) think about 2) remind 3) remember 4) announce
- 32- The party is going to start soon. Would you please check and see how many bottles of wine
 we have (on hand)?
 1) in your hand 2) available 3) for that purpose 4) chilled
- 33- Liz is more than eight months pregnant, and she will be (on pins and needles) until the
 baby is born.
 1) waiting 2) afraid 3) anxious 4) hurting
- 34- My father, who is a millionaire, (takes a dim view of) my borrowing so much money from
 a person like Sonny.
 1) is quite involved in 2) is uninterested in
 3) has no time for 4) does not approve of
- 35- I would say that Tom is the type of person who (speaks his mind) in any meeting, even if
 no one has asked his opinion.
 1) talks too much 2) expresses opinions frankly
 3) hesitates to speak 4) speaks without thinking

36. I'd appreciate it if you would (keep an eye on) my suitcase while I go and check to see when my flight will be boarding.
 1) watch 2) hold 3) stare at 4) inspect
- 37- Because of a typhoon, our meeting was put ____ until one o'clock on Monday of next week.
 1) away 2) in 3) off 4) out
- 38- Both of my sons, Tom and Jack, took ____ an athletic meeting sponsored by ABC Department Store.
 1) a part in 2) part in 3) a part into 4) part into
- 39- Even after you move to New York, we'd really appreciate it if you would take the time to ____ with us.
 1) keep in touch 2) keep in mind 3) drop a line 4) stop over
- 40- Since you did not turn in the previous homework assignment, you have to make it ____ if you want to pass this course.
 1) out 2) over 3) up 4) for
- 41- Your room is messy. Please ____ as much junk as possible and clean it up.
 1) get rid of 2) make clean of 3) give out 4) carry out
- 42- Have you heard when the conference to select the site of the next World Auto Race will ____?
 1) hold on 2) take on 3) take place 4) hold place
- 43- I thought that most people liked my unique proposal, so would you mind telling me why you didn't ____ it?
 1) agree on 2) agree to 3) agree about 4) oppose to
- 44- I hear that it is snowing in Colorado, so I think we will try to ____ there this weekend.
 1) go ski 2) go to ski 3) go skiing 4) do skiing
- 45- Our company's policy is that payment has to be made _____. Thus we cannot send the merchandise without receiving your payment.
 1) to advance 2) for advance 3) in advance 4) in first
- 46- A lot of dark clouds are moving in from the east. It ____ it will rain soon.
 1) looks up 2) looks upon 3) looks like 4) seems to
- 47- You can buy some aspirin at the drug store ____ the post office at the next corner.
 1) ahead of 2) next with 3) in front 4) across from
- 48- Since Tom and Betty have not come yet, could you ____ a while?
 1) wait on 2) await on 3) wait for 4) await for
- 49- It is the height of the tourist season, and ____ the guest rooms in this hotel have all been reserved for months.
 1) the most of 2) almost all of 3) almost of 4) most of all
- 50- Mary has worked very hard to find a solution for that problem, but she hasn't been able to, and she finally ____.
 1) gave away 2) gave out 3) gave up 4) gave in
- 51- All of our Christmas items will be ____ starting December 26, and some of them will be up to 60% off.
 1) for buying 2) on sale 3) for purchase 4) in discount
52. I can't (make heads or tails of) the third step of your instructions.
 1) understand 2) believe 3) agree with 4) carry out

53. My brother cannot go to see that movie because he is (under age).
 1) too young 2) too innocent 3) too poor 4) too unsophisticated
54. My sister is (ignorant of) stock investment.
 1) interested in 2) indifferent to
 3) satisfied with 4) not knowledgeable about
55. I usually check my speech by reading it (out loud).
 1) to myself 2) very carefully 3) vocally 4) to an audience
56. Mary used to (speak her mind) even at large conferences.
 1) give her frank opinion 2. talk too much
 3) talk without thinking carefully 4) hesitate to speak
57. Yesterday I (ran across) a friend I had not seen for a long time.
 1) ran over 2) saw 3) happened to meet 4) had a talk with
58. My secretary finally gave me (a piece of her mind).
 1) some useful information 2) some good advice
 3) a kiss 4) her outspoken opinion
59. Intelligent young women should (break away from) the traditional male-dominated society.
 1) destroy 2) escape from 3) disobey 4) oppose
60. Everyone wanted me to agree to the new plan, but I (stood my ground).
 1) would not speak 2) maintained my position
 3) did not move 4) changed my mind
61. Most of the immigrants' old life styles were (passing out of existence).
 1) changing 2) adopting 3) disappearing 4) decreasing
62. Everyone ____ my uncle, because he was a big success.
 1) made fun of 2) looked up to 3) struggled with 4) made use of
63. When Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are working, a babysitter ____ their children.
 1) looks up 2) looks after 3) looks over 4) looks up to
64. If you have a legal problem, you should ____ a lawyer.
 1) chat with 2) talk it over with 3) debate with 4) consult it with
65. I could not turn in my paper on time because my word processor ____.
 1) fell down 2) turned down 3) tore down 4) broke down
66. You have to have this bad tooth ____.
 1) pulled out 2) picked up 3) picked out 4) pulled away
67. All street lights come on automatically ____.
 1) at dawn 2) at dusk 3) at outbreak 4) at midnight
68. I can't see the TV. You are ____.
 1) in my way 2) on my way 3) at my way 4) on the way
69. It is easy to talk about social change, but it is not easy to ____.
 1) bring it up 2) bring it about 3) bring it on 4) bring it out
70. We had to ____ to pass the entrance exam to a college.
 1) make great effort 2) put much effort
 3) make much power 4) pull great strength
71. I do not smoke regularly now, but I have a cigarette ____.
 1) once upon a time 2) for the last time
 3) from time to time 4) time after time

72. Don't ____ your parents so much. You need to learn to stand on your own two feet.

- 1) depend from
- 2) indifferent from
- 3) depend of
- 4) depend on

73. I used to ____ the parade in my town on the Fourth of July.

- 1) make a point of
- 2) take a dim view
- 3) take part in
- 4) put off

74. When I got injured, I ____ in pain.

- 1) cried out
- 2) screamed at
- 3) laughed at
- 4) spoke out

75. I'll ____ that you have a slight health problem at least until I assign jobs.

- 1) keep up
- 2) keep out
- 3) keep in mind
- 4) keep my head

76. ____, our boss is a honest and nice man, though he is not perfect.

- 1) As the whole
- 2) On the whole
- 3) As a result
- 4) Without doubts

77. The teacher told us to finish our assignment (on the double).

- 1) correctly
- 2) quaintly
- 3) quickly
- 4) quietly

78. According to the schedule, the meeting should (wind down) in about fifteen minutes.

- 1) vote
- 2) finish up
- 3) break
- 4) slow down

79. After the final report, the project will be (well and truly) finished.

- 1) almost
- 2) successfully
- 3) healthily
- 4) completely

80. Julie (has a weakness for) chocolate ice cream--in fact, for anything chocolate.

- 1) cannot eat
- 2) becomes sick eating
- 3) is powerless against
- 4) likes too much

81. If you could (see your way clear to) help me, I'd really appreciate it.

- 1) work hard to
- 2) not fail to
- 3) agree to
- 4) convince someone to

82. Derek thought he had found the solution to the problem, but it was a (wash out).

- 1) triumph
- 2) failure
- 3) old idea
- 4) partial answer

83. The employer (tore into) the employee who had lost the money.

- 1) became angry with
- 2) quickly forgave
- 3) fired
- 4) gave up on

84. Darla will finish the project (in her own good time).

- 1) very late
- 2) on her own time
- 3) when she wants
- 4) on schedule

85. The president has made his decision, so (that's that).

- 1) nothing can be done
- 2) there will be debate
- 3) he may change his mind
- 4) we will protest

86. Mary lost her job, and she (has only herself to thank).

- 1) will protest
- 2) wanted to resign
- 3) is to blame
- 4) is grateful

87. Please make ____ a list of the people you are going to invite to the party.

- 1) out
- 2) over
- 3) off
- 4) away

88. Rene is the type of person who will lean ____ backwards to help a friend.

- 1) up
- 2) down
- 3) off
- 4) over

89. It falls ____ Mary to care for her mother since her sister moved.
1) over 2) from 3) to 4) away
90. The family may not be rich, but they are certainly well ____.
1) over 2) off 3) out 4) above
91. The children in that village have ____ victim to a mysterious illness.
1) given 2) done 3) offered 4) fallen
92. Jennifer ____ down the chance to play the part of Mary in the movie.
1) turned 2) fell 3) ran 4) threw
93. Jill will go home as soon as she tidies ____ her room.
1) away 2) up 3) over 4) off
94. What Marilyn did at the party was certainly ____ bad taste.
1) of 2) about 3) in 4) under
95. Dennis will bring ____ the rest of the committee members to our point of view.
1) around 2) up 3) over 4) in
96. Jamie didn't deal with the problem--he just ____ it under the rug.
1) hid 2) ran 3) solved 4) swept
97. All of us are going to have to sweat ____ getting this project finished on time.
1) blood 2) salt 3) water 4) tears
98. I don't really care what you decide-- ____ yourself.
1) suit 2) do 3) make 4) suggest
99. This is a wonderful product--a lot of people swear ____ it.
1) by 2) off 3) on 4) out
100. There were letters on the gravestone, but they were almost worn ____.
1) out 2) off 3) through 4) over
- 101.** Due ____ construction on the highway, it took a long time to get to the meeting.
1) in 2) on 3) of 4) to