

Quiz Date: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020

Directions (1-8): Given below are a set of phrasal verbs and their meanings. Choose the option that best describes the meaning of the phrasal verb given in bold in the statements below.

Q1. Strangers **come up to** him in the street and say how much they enjoy his books.

- (a) approach
- (b) appeal
- (c) invite
- (d) propose
- (e) drive

Q2. They tried to save their marriage by going to therapy but at the end, it **fell apart** anyway.

- (a) escaped
- (b) ruffled
- (c) bothered
- (d) returned
- (e) disintegrated

Q3. I long to live so that I can **get around** what is no less than a new world to me.

- (a) walk
- (b) explore
- (c) research
- (d) design
- (e) analyze

Q4. He has a lot of contacts because he **gives out** his business card to everyone he meets.

- (a) surveys
- (b) conceals
- (c) distributes
- (d) specifies
- (e) reports

Q5. The three of us **chipped in** and bought the boat for Dad.

- (a) disbursed
- (b) intervened
- (c) negotiated
- (d) affirmed
- (e) thwarted

Q6. I promised I wouldn't **let on** her about new job.

- (a) Explain
- (b) Suppress
- (c) Adjoin

- (d) Humiliate
- (e) Reveal

Q7. The issue really **boils down to** whether customers will be willing to pay more for the same product or not.

- (a) Protects
- (b) Develops
- (c) Elaborates
- (d) Summarizes
- (e) Extracts

Q8. For 2019, My resolution is to find a better work/life balance. I love my job but I really felt **burnt out** by the end of the year.

- (a) Tired
- (b) Jumpy
- (c) Influential
- (d) Active
- (e) Anxious



Directions (9-10): In each of the following questions, a sentence is given with a blank. There are four idioms given below each sentence, one out of which can be used in the blank to form a meaningful sentence. Choose the most appropriate idiom among the five options that makes the sentence contextually meaningful. If none of the given idioms could fit in the blank, mark your answer as “none of these, (e)”

Q9.

We have folks in our \_\_\_\_\_ who have pushed the limits of both the imagination and physical endurance.

- (a) Beat around the bush
- (b) Neck of the woods
- (c) Call it a day
- (d) Hit the sack
- (e) None of these.

Q10.

Going completely \_\_\_\_\_ on Star Wars is something that diehard fans probably wouldn't be able to do.

- (a) Break a leg
- (b) Get out of hand
- (c) Easy does it
- (d) Cold turkey
- (e) None of these.

**Directions (11-13):** In each of the following questions, a sentence is given with a blank. There are four phrasal verbs given below each sentence, one out of which can be used in the blank to form a meaningful sentence. Choose the most appropriate idiom among the five options that makes the sentence contextually meaningful.

Q11. When Fran passed away, father and son \_\_\_\_\_ and Flint is left to his own devices in the lab with Steve The Monkey.

- (a) Grew into
- (b) Grew out of
- (c) Gone without
- (d) Grew apart
- (e) None of these

Q12. He had a mercurial temperament and was never one to \_\_\_\_\_ his views, even in the face of opposition.

- (a) Hold back
- (b) Hold up
- (c) Hold onto
- (d) Hang up
- (e) None of these

Q13. She came back with a wonderful portfolio of photographs, I mean really gorgeous things, and it was just too good an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Pay back
- (b) Pass up
- (c) Put away
- (d) Point out
- (e) None of these

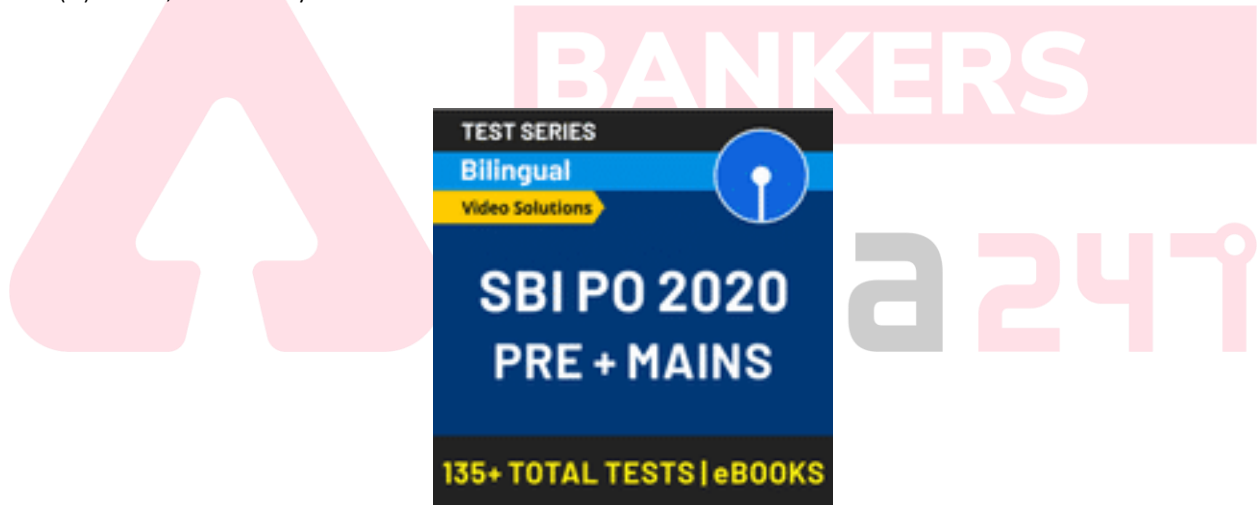
**Directions (14 – 15):** Each question below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Q14. The organization ..... to popularize Indian classical music among the youth which has lost ..... with its cultural roots.

- (a) endeavours, touch
- (b) wishes, interest
- (c) efforts, experience
- (d) exerts, intrigue
- (e) need, relation

Q15. One of the major critics of the examination system is that it ..... to a spirit of ..... competition among the students.

- (a) result, defective
- (b) accompanies, adequate
- (c) develops, intense
- (d) takes, severe
- (e) leads, unhealthy



### Solutions

S1. Ans. (a)

Sol. The phrasal verb "**come up**" means *to move towards someone, usually because you want to talk to them*. Thus, the most appropriate meaning of the phrase among the given options is "**approach**". Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

**Propose** means put forward (a plan or suggestion) for consideration by others.

S2. Ans. (e)

Sol. The phrasal verb "**fall apart**" means **to break because of being old or badly made**. Thus, the most appropriate meaning of the phrase among the given options is "**disintegrate**". Hence option (e) is the correct choice.

**Ruffle** means disorder or disarrange (someone's hair), typically by running one's hands through it.

**Bother** means take the trouble to do something.

S3. Ans. (b)

Sol. The phrasal verb "**get around**" means **to go or travel to different places**. Thus, the most appropriate meaning of the phrase among the given options is "**explore**" which means **travel through (an unfamiliar area) in order to learn about it**. Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

**Analyze** means examine (something) methodically and in detail, typically in order to explain and interpret it.

S4. Ans. (c)

Sol. The phrasal verb "**give out**" means **to give something to several people**. Thus, the most appropriate meaning of the phrase among the given options is "**distribute**". Hence option (c) is the correct choice.

**Conceal** means prevent (something) from being known; keep secret.

**Specify** means identify clearly and definitely.

S5. Ans. (a)

Sol. The phrasal verb "**chip in something**" means **if people chip in, they each give some money to help pay for something**. Thus, the most appropriate meaning of the phrase among the given options is "**disburse**" which means **pay out (money from a fund)**. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

**Intervene** means take part in something so as to prevent or alter a result or course of events.

**Affirm** means state emphatically or publicly.

**Thwart** means prevent (someone) from accomplishing something.

S6. Ans. (e)

Sol. Let on means reveal information.

Suppress means forcibly put an end to.

Humiliate means make (someone) feel ashamed and foolish by injuring their dignity and pride.

S7. Ans. (d)

Sol. The phrase 'boils down to' means to reduce or simplify (something) to the most basic, essential, or fundamental element(s). Or to be summarized as. For example, "Your essay is far too long. Please try to cut out any superfluous text and boil it down to about 10 pages." Hence option (d) is the answer.

Protracts means prolong.

Elaborates means involving many carefully arranged parts or details; detailed and complicated in design and planning.

Extracts means remove or take out, especially by effort or force.

S8. Ans. (a)

Sol. Option (a) is the right choice. Here burnt out by the end of the year means to become exhausted from overwork.

Tired means in need of sleep or rest; weary.

Jumpy means anxious and uneasy.

Influential means having great influence on someone or something.

Anxious means feeling or showing worry, nervousness, or unease about something with an uncertain outcome.

S9. Ans. (b)

Sol. **Neck of the woods** means **The area where a person lives.**

Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S10. Ans. (d)

Sol. **cold turkey** means **Describing the actions of a person who abruptly gives up a habit or an addiction.**

S11. Ans. (d)

Sol. **Grow apart** means **(of two or more people) become gradually estranged.** Hence, option (d) is the right answer choice.

S12. Ans. (a)

Sol. **Hold back** means **hesitate to act or speak.** Hence, option (a) is the right answer choice.

S13. Ans. (b)

Sol. **Pass up** means **to let go by without accepting or taking advantage of.** Hence, option (b) is the right answer choice.

S14. Ans.(a)

Sol. The organization want to popularize Indian classic music so only **endeavors** fits correctly here which means try hard to do or achieve something. Also, "**endeavors, touch**" when used together makes correct sense.

S15. Ans.(e)

Sol. The **unhealthy** competition is the consequence of examination system thus, **leads** will be correct word. **Unhealthy** is used because sentence starts in a negative sense. Hence, 'leads, unhealthy' when used together makes correct sense.

