

Quiz Date: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**Directions (1-15):** 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. It is the first draft - one which the officials probably expected Ministers to **beef up** for easy implementation once the bill was passed.

- (a) Decay
- (b) Improve
- (c) Responsible
- (d) Worsen
- (e) Conscious

Q2. I have a tendency to **space out** at the end of a hard day.

- (a) Dirty
- (b) Narrow
- (c) Confident
- (d) Disoriented
- (e) Complex

Q3. He's always **banging on about** football.

- (a) Blabbering
- (b) Learning
- (c) Revolving
- (d) Targeting
- (e) Turning

Q4. Haven't you finished? You've been **beavering away** on that report all morning.

- (a) Ignoring
- (b) Working Hard
- (c) Neglecting
- (d) Assuming
- (e) Storing

Q5. If it's ok, I'd like to **chime in**, because I think it's a good idea.

- (a) Pretend
- (b) Withdraw
- (c) Intervene
- (d) Remove
- (e) Deposit

Q6. When I suggested it, he promptly **rattled off** a dozen reasons that it wouldn't work.

- (a) Ignored
- (b) Recite quickly
- (c) veered
- (d) Dismissed
- (e) Recognized

Q7. George said, "Come on, Tim, you'd better **own up** that you lost the car keys."

- (a) Forget
- (b) Claim
- (c) Confess



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- (d) Deprecate
- (e) Transfer



Q8. As he turned, the lights (A)/of a silent ambulance bounced (B)/across the long stretch of pasture (C)/among the highway and the mangled car (D)/No Error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q9. My theory is that (A) /we must brought new blood (B) /into the Institute through appointment(C) /of younger men to important positions (D)/No Error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q10. Because he has such a need to feel (A)/organized and in control (B), / he prefers than focus(C) /with intensity on one task (D)./No Error (E) (prefers than)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q11. The school puts (A)/ a lot of emphasis with (B)/teaching children(C)/ to read and write (D)/No error

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q12. Raman assured Kamal (A)/ that he would look at her (B)/ work while she(C)/ was on leave(D)/No Error

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

(e) E

Q13. Border Force officers intercepted (A)/seven packages addressed to the (B)/same person which were found (C)/to contain a number of weapons. (D)/ No Error (E)

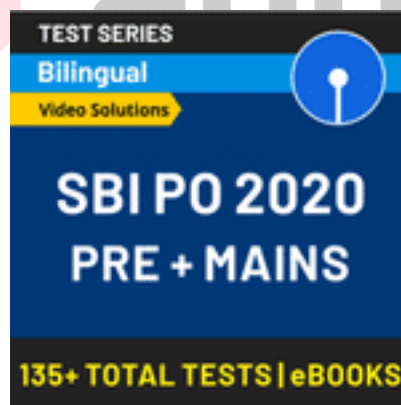
- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q14. Esper said he believes it (A)/ was a lawful order, (B)/and therefore he must either (C)/ follow it else resign. (D)/ No Error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q15. We made the decision many (A)/ years ago since rich people (B)/in smoke-filled rooms would not (C)/ pick the next president of the US. (D)/ No Error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E



### Solutions

S1. Ans. (b)

Sol. Beef up means to add strength or substance to something. Hence option (b) is the right choice. For example,

Let's beef this music up with a little more on the drums. They beefed up the offer with another thousand dollars.

Decay means cause to rot or decompose.

S2.Ans. (d)

Sol. Option (d) is the right choice. "Space out" here in the context of the sentence means getting frail, weak and disoriented.

Confident means feeling or showing confidence in oneself or one's abilities or qualities.

Complex means consisting of many different and connected parts.

S3.Ans. (a)

Sol. Banging on about is a phrasal verb which means to keep talking about something.

Blabbering means talkative excessively. Hence option (a) is the answer.

Revolving means treat as the most important element.

Targeting means select as an object of attention or attack.

S4.Ans. (b)

Sol. Beaver away means working hard. Hence option (b) is the answer.

Neglecting means fail to care for properly.

Assuming means supposing to be the case, without proof.

Storing means keep or accumulate (something) for future use.

S5Ans. (c)

Sol. Chime in means interject a remark.

Intervene means take part in something so as to prevent or alter a result or course of events. Hence option (c) is the answer.

Pretend means behave so as to make it appear that something is the case when in fact it is not.

Withdraw means remove or take away (something) from a particular place or position.

S6. Ans. (b)

Sol. Option (b) is the right choice. Rattled off is an idiom which means listed or recited quickly. For example, The treasurer rattled off the list of all those who had not paid their dues.

Veered: change direction suddenly

Recognized means identify (someone or something) from having encountered them before; know again.

S7.Ans. (c)

Sol. Own up is a phrasal verb which means to confess. This idiom uses the verb own in the sense of "acknowledge."

Claim means state or assert that something is the case, typically without providing evidence or proof.

Deprecate means to regret deeply.

S8. Ans. (d)

Sol: Since, 'br into' means entering forcibly something or somewhere. So, option (d) is correct.

S9. Ans. (e)

Sol: 'Call off' means 'to cancel something'. Here, this meaning is not given so the correct answer choice is option (e).

S10. Ans. (a)

Sol: Phrase 'chip in' means 'help'. In the given sentence, 'to win a world cup you need a few players to help with goals, not just rely on one player to get five or six.' Hence, option (a) is the most suitable selection.

S11. Ans. (b)

Sol: In the given sentence, it is stated that there are all kinds of cases in which the standard components of parenting can be unsuccessful, or fail to produce the intended results. Hence, option (b) is the most fitting answer choice.

S12. Ans. (c)

Sol: 'cut back on' means 'consume less'. The sentence means 'if you are trying to consume less coffee or caffeinated beverages, do it gradually'. Hence, option (c) is right answer choice.

S13. Ans. (d)

Sol: 'to put up' refers 'to tolerate'. Hence right answer choice is option (d).

S14. Ans. (d)

Sol: 'put together' infers 'assemble' as in 'how to assemble an atlas'. So, the right answer choice is option (d).

S15. Ans. (a)

Sol: 'take after' means 'to resemble'. Right answer choice is option (a).

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