

1. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 1

Theme: *Up to his ears*

- Q1 He's up to his ears in work and cannot possibly see you now.
(a) fully occupied with (b) very interested in (c) not involved with (d) concerned with
- Q2 If you give me a hand, then I shall be able to finish more quickly.
(a) take my hand (b) help me (c) take my fingers (d) pick me up
- Q3 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
- Q4 The manager dismissed the new proposal out of hand and said that it was not at all practical.
(a) quickly (b) utterly (c) directly (d) simply
- Q5 As she is new to the job I would ask you to keep an eye on her for the time being.
(a) look at (b) consider (c) check (d) observe
- Q6 The opposition in parliament accused the government of playing games and refusing to accept the seriousness of the situation.
(a) being light hearted (b) being heavy hearted (c) being down hearted (d) being faint hearted
- Q7 He accused her of talking through her hat and refused to accept a word of what she said.
(a) talking sense (b) talking straight (c) talking nonsense (d) talking tough
- Q8 The police advised them to go down to the cellar in order to be out of harm's way.
(a) away from the noise (b) inside the area (c) into safety (d) away from danger
- Q9 I'd give my right arm if I could get tickets for that concert.
(a) do absolutely anything (b) do something dangerous
(c) do something stupid (d) do what you want
- Q10 You can always rely on Fred to put his foot in it and come out with a remark like that.
(a) tread on somebody (b) fall over
(c) say something embarrassing (d) put on the wrong shoe

2. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 2

Theme: *Send the right message*

- Q1 This sort of behaviour sends the wrong message to young people.
(a) delivers the incorrect letter (b) fails to communicate
(c) does not talk properly (d) does not set a good example
- Q2 The government are unveiling plans today for a new tax system.
(a) are covering up (b) are revealing (c) are opening (d) are exposing
- Q3 I hear what you are saying but I don't agree with you.
(a) I understand what you mean (b) I believe your words
(c) I am able to catch your words (d) I think you are right
- Q4 You must admire the way she sticks to her guns.
(a) she holds on to her pistol (b) she maintains her opinion
(c) she doesn't let her weapons go (d) she refuses to shoot
- Q5 I'm sorry I can't follow that, run that past me again.
(a) explain that once more (b) hurry up
(c) try and catch me up (d) come across
- Q6 Keep your spirits up, it may not be as bad as you think.
(a) Don't get depressed (b) Carry on drinking
(c) Don't let the levels drop (d) Maintain the heights
- Q7 I'm afraid he shot himself in the foot when he took that action.
(a) he hurt himself (b) he injured himself
(c) he made a bad mistake for himself (d) he damaged his body
- Q8 Some people love scoring points when they are in an argument.
(a) winning the game (b) taking advantage
(c) taking the initiative (d) taking the trouble
- Q9 There is absolutely no mileage in pursuing that sort of discussion.
(a) no future (b) no interest (c) no distance (d) no time
- Q10 He prefers to buy some more time by not deciding yet.
(a) to pay a little longer (b) to get a better price
(c) to pay a little later (d) to delay a little longer

3. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 3

Theme: *A piece of cake*

- Q1 You shouldn't worry about the exam because you have prepared well and you'll probably find it a piece of cake.
(a) easy to digest (b) easy to read (c) easy to start (d) very easy
- Q2 The trouble with you is that you are a bit selfish and your sole philosophy is to have your cake and eat it.
(a) expect too much of life (b) lead a life of pleasure
(c) spend your life eating (d) eat too much
- Q3 When he heard that the necklace had been stolen, he dropped it like a hot potato.
(a) he let it fall from his hands (b) he suddenly lost interest in it
(c) he gave it to somebody else (d) he hid it in the fridge
- Q4 He sits and watches TV all day and has turned into a veritable couch potato.
(a) a good sleeper (b) an enthusiast (c) a very lazy person (d) a deep thinker
- Q5 Thanks to you we're really in the soup now and I don't honestly know why I ever listen to you.
(a) in an interesting situation (b) in deep trouble
(c) in an unusual situation (d) in rough water
- Q6 As he had been away from home for some years, they decided on his return to cook the fatted calf.
(a) have a big celebration (b) go out for a meal
(c) employ a top chef (d) eat as much as they liked
- Q7 There's something very fishy about that story he told us because I can't quite get to the bottom of it.
(a) to do with the sea (b) connected with fish (c) suspicious (d) strong smelling
- Q8 Their mother always describes her twin sons as like two peas in a pod.
(a) both round in shape (b) both full of fun
(c) both saying the same thing (d) both looking exactly alike
- Q9 After what he said and after what has happened he certainly seems to have got egg on his face.
(a) have made a fool of himself (b) have lost a lot of money
(c) have said the wrong thing (d) have made the wrong decision
- Q10 He always took advice from his parents about being careful and never put all his eggs in one basket.
(a) carried too much in one hand (b) relied too much on one plan
(c) decided to do anything dangerous (d) planned anything exciting

4. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 4

Theme: *Picking you up*

- Q1 Nobody knows what's going on?
(a) meaning (b) continuing (c) happening (d) taking
- Q2 Don't worry we'll see you're all right.
(a) look at you (b) look on you (c) look for you (d) look after you
- Q3 What you need is something that will pick you up.
(a) make you feel better (b) make you stand better
(c) make you hold on better (d) make you stay on better
- Q4 I simply can't stand sugar in my tea or coffee.
(a) can't eat (b) can't drink (c) can't tolerate (d) can't allow
- Q5 I have a feeling that she's taking you for a ride.
(a) taking you in a car (b) pulling you along (c) trying to trick you (d) trying to push you
- Q6 He's always got his nose in a book.
(a) hiding (b) reading (c) studying (d) looking
- Q7 I think you're asking too much of them as they are just children.
(a) trying too much (b) saying too much (c) calling too much (d) expecting too much
- Q8 If you want my opinion, I think this needs looking into.
(a) examining (b) finding (c) searching (d) discovering
- Q9 One fine day I expect everything will be clear to you.
(a) On a summer's day (b) When the sun shines (c) In the end (d) Very soon
- Q10 I think the time has come when you should put your toe in the water at least.
(a) go for a swim (b) give it a try (c) feel the cold (d) give it a chance

5. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 5

Theme: *As happy as the day is long*

- Q1 I'm sure that he could make a better job of being prime minister any day of the week.
(a) whatever the details (b) whatever the time
(c) whatever the circumstances (d) whatever the week
- Q2 Don't worry we pride ourselves on being helpful to all our customers and getting that booked for you is all an a day's work for us.
(a) perfectly easy (b) perfectly simple (c) perfectly done (d) perfectly normal
- Q3 Yes, we went away on holiday last week but it rained day in day out.
(a) every single day (b) every other day (c) every second day (d) every two days
- Q4 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
- Q5 You know what they said about radio that it had had its day but it's still going strong.
(a) stopped being clever (b) stopped being popular
(c) stopped being heard (d) stopped being good
- Q6 That last comment of yours won the day because nobody could possibly argue with you after that.
(a) assured us victory (b) assured us the answer
(c) assured us progress (d) assured us agreement
- Q7 We left the children playing in the park and they were as happy as the day is long.
(a) reasonably happy (b) quite happy (c) very happy (d) always happy
- Q8 They got engaged about two years ago and at long last they have named the day.
(a) said when they are getting married (b) said where they are getting married
(c) said why they are getting married (d) said if they are getting married.
- Q9 I've been doing these exercises for two hours now and I think at long last I'm starting to see daylight.
(a) see the answer to the problem (b) see the reason for the work
(c) see the end of the task (d) see the problems in the answers
- Q10 I knew once the car didn't start, saw it had a flat tyre and also that it had started to rain, that this was going to be one of those days.
(a) a day when nothing goes right (b) a day when something goes wrong
(c) a day when little goes right (d) a day when little goes wrong

6. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 6

Theme: *Privacy (1)*

- Q1 If I were you, I'd tell her to go jump in the river.
(a) learn to swim (b) get wet (c) go away (d) go fishing
- Q2 I can't understand why he doesn't take the hint.
(a) understand the point (b) understand the speech
(c) understand the words (d) understand the talk
- Q3 I should be grateful if you would let me keep myself to myself.
(a) be quiet (b) be private (c) be lonely (d) be special
- Q4 I wish they would stop poking their noses into our affairs.
(a) sniffing around (b) discovering (c) interfering in (d) putting into
- Q5 I get the impression that they think we've outstayed our welcome here.
(a) remained longer (b) tried too long (c) waited too long (d) stayed too long
- Q6 We asked him if he wanted to join us on the outing but he refused - I think he's a bit of a lone wolf.
(a) he prefers to be alone (b) he prefers small crowds
(c) he prefers certain people (d) he prefers walking slowly
- Q7 She looked straight through him as soon as he entered the room.
(a) she turned round (b) she looked carefully at him
(c) she took no notice of him (d) she didn't speak to him
- Q8 Since the news broke about the disaster, he's been keeping a very low profile.
(a) trying to look small (b) trying to look casual
(c) trying to be careful (d) trying not to be seen
- Q9 After the political scandal in the government no-one in the cabinet is prepared to put their head above the parapet.
(a) show their head (b) raise their head (c) speak in public (d) speak in the air
- Q10 If you really want to come out of this without too much damage, my advice is to play dumb.
(a) speak stupidly (b) say nothing (c) say silly things (d) play the fool

7. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 7

Theme: *Hold on*

- Q1 The audience held their breath as the magician started to saw a woman half.
(a) watched anxiously (b) stopped breathing (c) couldn't breathe (d) couldn't watch
- Q2 The police officer called out to the driver to hold on until he arrived.
(a) continue (b) listen (c) wait (d) attend
- Q3 In the end she lost her temper and told her daughter to hold her tongue.
(a) stand still (b) speak up (c) start speaking (d) be quiet
- Q4 There's no need to change any of the regulations this year as the old ones will still hold good this year, too.
(a) be finished (b) be all right (c) be necessary (d) be careful
- Q5 I don't know what it is exactly but she seems to have some kind of hold over him.
(a) control over (b) look over (c) trust over (d) belief over
- Q6 He holds it against her that she never let him move house and start a new job.
(a) trusts (b) persuades (c) knows (d) blames
- Q7 I think your best plan is to hold off making a decision until you know if you have passed the examination.
(a) delay (b) consider (c) stay (d) think
- Q8 It was a very difficult race but the jockey held his own right until the end.
(a) overtook the others (b) did as well as the others
(c) did better than the others (d) tried to beat the others
- Q9 Once he starts to talk about his favourite subject, he will hold forth until he is stopped.
(a) speak loudly (b) speak quickly (c) speak endlessly (d) speak slowly
- Q10 The trouble is that whenever he's with strangers he always holds in his feelings.
(a) shows (b) restricts (c) tells (d) allows

8. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 8

Theme: *Money to burn*

- Q1 Money is the root of all evil, so what's the point of earning a lot?
(a) bad for your health (b) the cause of greed
(c) the reason for health (d) the cause of wickedness
- Q2 In my opinion money talks and the little people are totally ignored.
(a) rich people speak a lot (b) rich people have influence
(c) rich people have too much money (d) rich people are not silent
- Q3 She's a really happy woman now because for once she's in the money.
(a) spending a lot of money (b) spending money quickly
(c) got money to spend (d) got a little money
- Q4 For my money I would sooner go on a cruise than sit all day on the beach.
(a) In my circumstances (b) In my opinion (c) In my situation (d) In my time
- Q5 He has very little to do but he gets well paid and agrees it's money for jam.
(a) difficult money (b) hard money (c) good money (d) easy money
- Q6 I think she should stop talking about it and put her money where her mouth is.
(a) give money for talking too much (b) take money out of her mouth and be quiet
(c) give money for something she says she believes in (d) give money for talking a lot about nothing
- Q7 If you want to find some help with your project ask him because he's got money to burn.
(a) he spends money slowly (b) he spends money foolishly
(c) he spends money wisely (d) he hardly spends money
- Q8 As soon as he had won the lottery, he went crazy and started spending money like water.
(a) spending money freely (b) spending money at sea
(c) spending money on swimming (d) spending money consistently
- Q9 When you consider all the advantages you've gained I think you'll admit you had a good run for your money.
(a) a lot of trouble with your money (b) to chase after your money
(c) a lot of time with your money (d) a lot of benefit from your money
- Q10 She's made it clear that we don't need to worry because money is no object.
(a) money is not important (b) money is not definite
(c) money is not clear (d) money is not available

9. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 9

Theme: *Go ahead*

- Q1 I'm sorry that looks awful - those two colours don't go together.
(a) smash (b) crash (c) clash (d) hash
- Q2 After what you've gone through, I'm sure you need a holiday.
(a) felt (b) sensed (c) acted (d) experienced
- Q3 We won't go into that now but I don't think we can avoid the subject much longer.
(a) discuss (b) enter (c) introduce (d) interrupt
- Q4 He's gone right down in my estimation now that I've heard what he has done to his family.
(a) I think often of him (b) I think a lot of him
(c) I don't think at all of him (d) I don't think much of him
- Q5 My advice to you is to make your mind up before it's too late and simply go for it.
(a) take the opportunity soon (b) take the opportunity fairly
(c) take the opportunity now (d) take the opportunity slowly
- Q6 I'm afraid you've left that food too long out of the fridge and now it's gone off.
(a) become flat (b) become rotten (c) become rich (d) become stale
- Q7 There were so many members of the political party who had gone against the leader that he resigned.
(a) insisted (b) invited (c) apposed (d) opposed
- Q8 Don't wait for me because I can't come yet so you go ahead and I'll join you later.
(a) go before me (b) go in front of me (c) go forwards me (d) go by me
- Q9 If petrol prices go up any more, I shall have to use a bicycle.
(a) ascend (b) raise (c) increase (d) develop
- Q10 I'm sorry I interrupted you, please go on from where I so rudely stopped you.
(a) continue (b) stop (c) speak (d) finish

10. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 10

Theme: *Under my Skin*

- Q1 It was late at night, the wind was howling and when she heard the knock on the door, she almost jumped out of her skin.
(a) was pleased (b) was terrified (c) was asleep (d) was delighted
- Q2 As they only had a few minutes to get to the station, they ran all the way and finally caught the train by the skin of their teeth.
(a) just in time (b) just for time (c) just on time (d) just by time
- Q3 There's something about him I just can't stand and he really gets under my skin.
(a) pushes me (b) presses me (c) treats me (d) annoys me
- Q4 I wouldn't do that but you do whatever you like, as it's no skin off my nose.
(a) it's no good to me (b) it's not important to me
(c) it's not clear to me (d) it's not bad for me
- Q5 It doesn't matter what you say to her I promise you, she's got a very thick skin.
(a) she's not affected by criticism (b) she's not interested in criticism
(c) she's not devoted to criticism (d) she's not governed by criticism
- Q6 He looked at her and in the words of Frank Sinatra said: 'I've got you under my skin'.
(a) I'm very pleased with you (b) I'm very proud of you
(c) I'm very attracted to you (d) I'm very surprised by you
- Q7 It was simply a case of running away or being killed and we decided to run to save our skins.
(a) to stay away (b) to stay dry (c) to stay clear (d) to stay alive
- Q8 Be very careful what you say to Georgina about her new hairstyle; remember she has a very thin skin.
(a) she is very sensible (b) she is very sensitive
(c) she is very feeling (d) she is very sensing
- Q9 I think the horse had been neglected for months and not been given enough to eat because it was just skin and bones.
(a) very thin (b) very old (c) very tired (d) very hungry
- Q10 They say there's a very rare book in that pile of old books for sale so keep your eyes skinned.
(a) look slowly (b) look easily (c) look quickly (d) look carefully

11. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 11

Theme: *Home Sweet Home*

- Q1 You must have lost your marbles if you're seriously considering buying that house.
(a) be serious (b) be crazy (c) be adventurous (d) be happy
- Q2 If you don't mind me saying so I think you're a bit over the top, aren't you?
(a) you're exaggerating a bit (b) you're joking a little
(c) you're laughing a bit (d) you're describing a little
- Q3 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
- Q4 I'd appreciate that. Go on, I'm all ears.
(a) I can hear what you're saying (b) I am listening very carefully
(c) I am listening to you (d) I can't hear a word
- Q5 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
- Q6 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
- Q7 Then of course there is that huge crack in one of the outer walls, that'll cost you an arm and a leg to repair.
(a) a little money (b) a sum of money (c) some money (d) a lot of money
- Q8 You have a point but then I can deal with that in the fullness of time.
(a) in a little while (b) eventually (c) quite soon (d) sometimes
- Q9 Finally there's one thing you can't just sweep under the carpet and that is the missing roof!
(a) forget (b) remember (c) ignore (d) interpret
- Q10 I can see there are no flies on you but you must admit it is very cheap.
(a) you're not clear (b) you're not easy (c) you're not clever (d) you're not stupid

12. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 12

Theme: *No good*

- Q1 They're not getting away with it! They must pay for what they have done.
(a) They won't come back (b) They won't succeed
(c) They won't do it again (d) They won't go again
- Q2 I'm not putting up with that! She must do as I say.
(a) I disagree (b) I confirm (c) I object (d) I resist
- Q3 I made it absolutely clear that he could on no account expect a pay rise this year.
(a) in this way (b) in some way (c) in that way (d) in no way
- Q4 They asked me whether I would accept a discount instead of a new machine. No chance, I said.
(a) Unlikely (b) Improbable (c) Impossible (d) Untrue
- Q5 We invited her to come to our party in the hope of putting things right but she wouldn't wear it.
(a) rejected (b) refused (c) repeated (d) reclined
- Q6 I honestly don't know how you do it because personally I couldn't cope.
(a) would be unable to manage (b) would be unable to stay
(c) would be unable to hold (d) would be unable to handle
- Q7 This happens every time I start the engine up. I tell you I can't be doing with it.
(a) I find it difficult (b) I find it irritating
(c) I find it stupid (d) I find it hard
- Q8 This is now the third time I've had to phone up and complain and I've reached the stage where I can see no end to it.
(a) I don't know where I'm going (b) I don't know what I'm doing
(c) I don't know why it's happening (d) I don't know when it will finish
- Q9 It's no good shouting at me like that - I'm doing the best I can.
(a) It's a waste of time (b) It's a waste of space
(c) It's a waste of money (d) It's a waste of doing
- Q10 You'll get yourself in no end of trouble if you persist in refusing to pay those taxes.
(a) a certain amount (b) a big amount (c) a huge amount (d) a special amount

13. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 13

Theme: *On the Water*

- Q1 As usual he left it to the last moment and as a consequence he missed the boat.
(a) didn't take advantage of the situation (b) didn't take advantage of the opportunity
(c) didn't take advantage of the fare (d) didn't take advantage of the date
- Q2 I'm sorry to tell you that you've burnt your boats now and so you won't be able to go back.
(a) your current situation cannot be reversed (b) your current situation cannot be repeated
(c) your current situation cannot be retaken (d) your current situation cannot be restyled
- Q3 I told her I understood exactly what she was feeling as we were both after all in the same boat.
(a) in a similar case (b) in a similar find
(c) in a similar take (d) in a similar situation
- Q4 No matter how smoothly things are running, you can always rely on Charlie to rock the boat.
(a) spoil something (b) spoil anything (c) spoil everything (d) spoil nothing
- Q5 We were all a bit worried about the new manager because we heard that she liked to run a tight ship.
(a) be well organized (b) be well disposed (c) be well received (d) be well placed
- Q6 Although they were a couple well into their 80's everything in their house was always shipshape.
(a) very old (b) very neat (c) very fresh (d) very clean
- Q7 Everybody imagined that there was a big romance between the two of them but it turned out they were merely ships that pass in the night.
(a) strangers meeting quietly (b) strangers meeting softly
(c) strangers meeting once (d) strangers meeting nightly
- Q8 Sadly it never happened but she was absolutely sure her ship would come in one day and she could buy that house in the country.
(a) she would be famous (b) she would be free (c) she would be happy (d) she would be rich
- Q9 In view of his change in fortune he decided to push the boat out and hold a big party.
(a) spend a lot of money (b) spend a lot of time
(c) spend a lot of effort (d) spend a lot of energy
- Q10 Once you've read the instruction book, you'll probably find it's plain sailing.
(a) accurate (b) active (c) straightforward (d) intelligent

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ANSWERS

1. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 1

Theme: *Up to his ears*

A1 He's fully occupied with work and cannot possibly see you now.

Correct answer: (a) fully occupied with

A2 If you help me, then I shall be able to finish more quickly.

Correct answer: (b) help me

A3 I prefer to talk to people in person rather than to talk on the phone.

Correct answer: (a) in person

A4 The manager dismissed the new proposal utterly and said that it was not at all practical.

Correct answer: (b) utterly

A5 As she is new to the job I would ask you to observe on her for the time being.

Correct answer: (d) observe

A6 The opposition in parliament accused the government of being light hearted and refusing to accept the seriousness of the situation.

Correct answer: (a) being light hearted

A7 He accused her of talking nonsense and refused to accept a word of what she said.

Correct answer: (c) talking nonsense

A8 The police advised them to go down to the cellar in order to be away from danger.

Correct answer: (d) away from danger

A9 I'd do absolutely anything if I could get tickets for that concert.

Correct answer: (a) do absolutely anything

A10 You can always rely on Fred to say something embarrassing and come out with a remark like that.

Correct answer: (c) say something embarrassing

2. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 2

Theme: *Send the right message*

A1 This sort of behaviour does not set a good example to young people.

Correct answer: (d) does not set a good example

A2 The government are revealing plans today for a new tax system.

Correct answer: (b) are revealing

A3 I understand what you mean but I don't agree with you.

Correct answer: (a) I understand what you mean

A4 You must admire the way she maintains her opinion.

Correct answer: (b) she maintains her opinion

A5 I'm sorry I can't follow that, explain that once more.

Correct answer: (a) explain that once more

A6 Don't get depressed, it may not be as bad as you think.

Correct answer: (a) Don't get depressed

A7 I'm afraid he made a bad mistake for himself when he took that action.

Correct answer: (c) he made a bad mistake for himself

A8 Some people love taking advantage when they are in an argument.

Correct answer: (b) taking advantage

A9 There is absolutely no future in pursuing that sort of discussion.

Correct answer: (a) no future

A10 He prefers to delay a little longer by not deciding yet.

Correct answer: (d) to delay a little longer

3. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 3

Theme: *A piece of cake*

A1 You shouldn't worry about the exam because you have prepared well and you'll probably find it very easy.

Correct answer: (d) very easy

A2 The trouble with you is that you are a bit selfish and your sole philosophy is to expect too much of life.

Correct answer: (a) expect too much of life

A3 When he heard that the necklace had been stolen, he suddenly lost interest in it.

Correct answer: (b) he suddenly lost interest in it

A4 He sits and watches TV all day and has turned into a very lazy person.

Correct answer: (c) a very lazy person

A5 Thanks to you we're really in deep trouble now and I don't honestly know why I ever listen to you.

Correct answer: (b) in deep trouble

A6 As he had been away from home for some years, they decided on his return to have a big celebration.

Correct answer: (a) have a big celebration

A7 There's something suspicious about that story he told us because I can't quite get to the bottom of it.

Correct answer: (c) suspicious

A8 Their mother always describes her twin sons as both looking exactly alike.

Correct answer: (d) both looking exactly alike

A9 After what he said and after what has happened he certainly seems to have made a fool of himself.

Correct answer: (a) have made a fool of himself

A10 He always took advice from his parents about being careful and never relied too much on one plan.

Correct answer: (b) relied too much on one plan

4. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 4

Theme: *Picking you up*

A1 Nobody knows what's happening?

Correct answer: (c) happening

A2 Don't worry we'll look after you.

Correct answer: (d) look after you

A3 What you need is something that will make you feel better.

Correct answer: (a) make you feel better

A4 I simply can't tolerate sugar in my tea or coffee.

Correct answer: (c) can't tolerate

A5 I have a feeling that she's trying to trick you.

Correct answer: (c) trying to trick you

A6 He's always reading.

Correct answer: (b) reading

A7 I think you're expecting too much of them as they are just children.

Correct answer: (d) expecting too much

A8 If you want my opinion, I think this needs examining.

Correct answer: (a) examining

A9 In the end I expect everything will be clear to you.

Correct answer: (c) In the end

A10 I think the time has come when you should give it a chance at least.

Correct answer: (d) give it a chance

5. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 5

Theme: *As happy as the day is long*

- A1 I'm sure that he could make a better job of being prime minister whatever the circumstances.
Correct answer: (c) whatever the circumstances
- A2 Don't worry we pride ourselves on being helpful to all our customers and getting that booked for you is perfectly normal for us.
Correct answer: (d) perfectly normal
- A3 Yes, we went away on holiday last week but it rained every single day.
Correct answer: (a) every single day
- A4 I think the time has now come when we'll simply have to stop working.
Correct answer: (c) stop working
- A5 You know what they said about radio that it had stopped being popular but it's still going strong.
Correct answer: (b) stopped being popular
- A6 That last comment of yours assured us victory because nobody could possibly argue with you after that.
Correct answer: (a) assured us victory
- A7 We left the children playing in the park and they were very happy.
Correct answer: (c) very happy
- A8 They got engaged about two years ago and at long last they have said when they are getting married.
Correct answer: (a) said when they are getting married
- A9 I've been doing these exercises for two hours now and I think at long last I'm starting to see the end of the task.
Correct answer: (c) see the end of the task
- A10 I knew once the car didn't start, saw it had a flat tyre and also that it had started to rain, that this was going to be a day when nothing goes right.
Correct answer: (a) a day when nothing goes right

6. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 6

Theme: *Privacy (1)*

A1 If I were you, I'd tell her to go away.

Correct answer: (c) go away

A2 I can't understand why he doesn't understand the point.

Correct answer: (a) understand the point

A3 I should be grateful if you would let me be private.

Correct answer: (b) be private

A4 I wish they would stop interfering in our affairs.

Correct answer: (c) interfering in

A5 I get the impression that they think we've stayed too long here.

Correct answer: (d) stayed too long

A6 We asked him if he wanted to join us on the outing but he refused - I think he prefers to be alone.

Correct answer: (a) he prefers to be alone

A7 She she took no notice of him as soon as he entered the room.

Correct answer: (c) she took no notice of him

A8 Since the news broke about the disaster, he's been trying not to be seen.

Correct answer: (d) trying not to be seen

A9 After the political scandal in the government no-one in the cabinet is prepared to speak in public.

Correct answer: (c) speak in public

A10 If you really want to come out of this without too much damage, my advice is to say nothing.

Correct answer: (b) say nothing

7. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 7

Theme: *Hold on*

- A1 The audience watched anxiously as the magician started to saw a woman half.
Correct answer: (a) watched anxiously
- A2 The police officer called out to the driver to wait until he arrived.
Correct answer: (c) wait
- A3 In the end she lost her temper and told her daughter to be quiet.
Correct answer: (d) be quiet
- A4 There's no need to change any of the regulations this year as the old ones will still be all right this year, too.
Correct answer: (b) be all right
- A5 I don't know what it is exactly but she seems to have some kind of control over him.
Correct answer: (a) control over
- A6 He blames her that she never let him move house and start a new job.
Correct answer: (d) blames
- A7 I think your best plan is to delay making a decision until you know if you have passed the examination.
Correct answer: (a) delay
- A8 It was a very difficult race but the jockey did as well as the others right until the end.
Correct answer: (b) did as well as the others
- A9 Once he starts to talk about his favourite subject, he will speak endlessly until he is stopped.
Correct answer: (c) speak endlessly
- A10 The trouble is that whenever he's with strangers he always restricts his feelings.
Correct answer: (b) restricts

8. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 8

Theme: *Money to burn*

A1 Money is the cause of wickedness, so what's the point of earning a lot?

Correct answer: (d) the cause of wickedness

A2 In my opinion rich people have influence and the little people are totally ignored.

Correct answer: (b) rich people have influence

A3 She's a really happy woman now because for once she's got money to spend.

Correct answer: (c) got money to spend

A4 In my opinion I would sooner go on a cruise than sit all day on the beach.

Correct answer: (b) In my opinion

A5 He has very little to do but he gets well paid and agrees it's easy money.

Correct answer: (d) easy money

A6 I think she should stop talking about it and give money for something she says she believes in.

Correct answer: (c) give money for something she says she believes in

A7 If you want to find some help with your project ask him because he spends money foolishly.

Correct answer: (b) he spends money foolishly

A8 As soon as he had won the lottery, he went crazy and started spending money freely.

Correct answer: (a) spending money freely

A9 When you consider all the advantages you've gained I think you'll admit you had a lot of benefit from your money.

Correct answer: (d) a lot of benefit from your money

A10 She's made it clear that we don't need to worry because money is not important.

Correct answer: (a) money is not important

9. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 9

Theme: *Go ahead*

A1 I'm sorry that looks awful - those two colours clash.

Correct answer: (c) clash

A2 After what you've experienced, I'm sure you need a holiday.

Correct answer: (d) experienced

A3 We won't discuss that now but I don't think we can avoid the subject much longer.

Correct answer: (a) discuss

A4 I don't think much of him now that I've heard what he has done to his family.

Correct answer: (d) I don't think much of him

A5 My advice to you is to make your mind up before it's too late and simply take the opportunity now.

Correct answer: (c) take the opportunity now

A6 I'm afraid you've left that food too long out of the fridge and now it's become rotten.

Correct answer: (b) become rotten

A7 There were so many members of the political party who had opposed the leader that he resigned.

Correct answer: (d) opposed

A8 Don't wait for me because I can't come yet so you go before me and I'll join you later.

Correct answer: (a) go before me

A9 If petrol prices increase any more, I shall have to use a bicycle.

Correct answer: (c) increase

A10 I'm sorry I interrupted you, please continue from where I so rudely stopped you.

Correct answer: (a) continue

10. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 10

Theme: *Under my Skin*

- A1 It was late at night, the wind was howling and when she heard the knock on the door, she was terrified.
Correct answer: (b) was terrified
- A2 As they only had a few minutes to get to the station, they ran all the way and finally caught the train just in time.
Correct answer: (a) just in time
- A3 There's something about him I just can't stand and he really annoys me.
Correct answer: (d) annoys me
- A4 I wouldn't do that but you do whatever you like, as it's not important to me.
Correct answer: (b) it's not important to me
- A5 It doesn't matter what you say to her I promise you, she's not affected by criticism.
Correct answer: (a) she's not affected by criticism
- A6 He looked at her and in the words of Frank Sinatra said: 'I'm very attracted to you'.
Correct answer: (c) I'm very attracted to you
- A7 It was simply a case of running away or being killed and we decided to run to stay alive.
Correct answer: (d) to stay alive
- A8 Be very careful what you say to Georgina about her new hairstyle; remember she is very sensitive.
Correct answer: (b) she is very sensitive
- A9 I think the horse had been neglected for months and not been given enough to eat because it was very thin.
Correct answer: (a) very thin
- A10 They say there's a very rare book in that pile of old books for sale so look carefully.
Correct answer: (d) look carefully

11. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 11

Theme: *Home Sweet Home*

A1 You must be crazy if you're seriously considering buying that house.

Correct answer: (b) be crazy

A2 If you don't mind me saying so I think you're exaggerating a bit, aren't you?

Correct answer: (a) you're exaggerating a bit

A3 All right then if you like I'll tell you my honest opinion.

Correct answer: (d) I'll tell you my honest opinion

A4 I'd appreciate that. Go on, I am listening very carefully.

Correct answer: (b) I am listening very carefully

A5 Well in the first place all the windows are broken, which is a serious problem.

Correct answer: (c) a serious problem

A6 Yes, I agree but at the same time it's not worth worrying about.

Correct answer: (a) worth worrying about

A7 Then of course there is that huge crack in one of the outer walls, that'll cost you a lot of money to repair.

Correct answer: (d) a lot of money

A8 You have a point but then I can deal with that eventually.

Correct answer: (b) eventually

A9 Finally there's one thing you can't just ignore and that is the missing roof!

Correct answer: (c) ignore

A10 I can see you're not stupid but you must admit it is very cheap.

Correct answer: (d) you're not stupid

12. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 12

Theme: *No good*

A1 They won't succeed! They must pay for what they have done.

Correct answer: (b) They won't succeed

A2 I object! She must do as I say.

Correct answer: (c) I object

A3 I made it absolutely clear that he could in no way expect a pay rise this year.

Correct answer: (d) in no way

A4 They asked me whether I would accept a discount instead of a new machine. Impossible, I said.

Correct answer: (c) Impossible

A5 We invited her to come to our party in the hope of putting things right but she refused.

Correct answer: (b) refused

A6 I honestly don't know how you do it because personally I would be unable to manage.

Correct answer: (a) would be unable to manage

A7 This happens every time I start the engine up. I tell you I find it irritating.

Correct answer: (b) I find it irritating

A8 This is now the third time I've had to phone up and complain and I've reached the stage where I don't know when it will finish.

Correct answer: (d) I don't know when it will finish

A9 It's a waste of time shouting at me like that - I'm doing the best I can.

Correct answer: (a) It's a waste of time

A10 You'll get yourself in a huge amount of trouble if you persist in refusing to pay those taxes.

Correct answer: (c) a huge amount

13. Free English Test :: Expressions, Intermediate No 13

Theme: *On the Water*

- A1 As usual he left it to the last moment and as a consequence he didn't take advantage of the opportunity.
Correct answer: (b) didn't take advantage of the opportunity
- A2 I'm sorry to tell you that your current situation cannot be reversed now and so you won't be able to go back.
Correct answer: (a) your current situation cannot be reversed
- A3 I told her I understood exactly what she was feeling as we were both after all in a similar situation.
Correct answer: (d) in a similar situation
- A4 No matter how smoothly things are running, you can always rely on Charlie to spoil everything.
Correct answer: (c) spoil everything
- A5 We were all a bit worried about the new manager because we heard that she liked to be well organized.
Correct answer: (a) be well organized
- A6 Although they were a couple well into their 80's everything in their house was always very neat.
Correct answer: (b) very neat
- A7 Everybody imagined that there was a big romance between the two of them but it turned out they were merely strangers meeting once.
Correct answer: (c) strangers meeting once
- A8 Sadly it never happened but she was absolutely sure she would be rich one day and she could buy that house in the country.
Correct answer: (d) she would be rich
- A9 In view of his change in fortune he decided to spend a lot of money and hold a big party.
Correct answer: (a) spend a lot of money
- A10 Once you've read the instruction book, you'll probably find it's straightforward.
Correct answer: (c) straightforward