



# WBCS 2022



**ENGLISH**

# VOCABULARY

**IDIOMS BASED ON PREVIOUS YEAR PAPERS**



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## Q.1

The failure of crops in successive years put the farmers **in a tight corner.**

- a) In a closed room
- b) In a small field
- c) In a difficult situation
- d) In a meadow

## Q.2

The effort to trace the culprit was **a wild goose chase**.

- a) Fruitful hunting
- b) Futile search
- c) Ideal seeking
- d) Genuine effort



## Q.3

The story **does not hold water**.

- a) Does not deserve appreciation
- b) Does not fulfil the requirements
- c) Cannot be believed
- d) Cannot be valued



## Q.4

Raj couldn't pay the bill, so he asked the owner to put it **on the cuff**.

- a) On credit
- b) Against his credit card
- c) In his bank account
- d) In his friend's account

## Q.5

His statement is **out and out** a lie.

- a) **Totally**
- b) **Simply**
- c) **Merely**
- d) **Slightly**



## Q.6

The luxury car that they bought turned out to be **a white elephant**.

- a) A rare article
- b) Useful mode of transport
- c) Costly or troublesome possession
- d) A proud possession

## Q.7

If you are **fair and square** in your work, you will definitely prosper.

- a) Active
- b) Honest
- c) Business like
- d) Authoritative





## Q.8

There is **no love lost between** any two neighbouring countries in the world.

- a) Stop loving
- b) Not on good terms
- c) Forming a group
- d) Have good understanding

## Q.9

The heavy downpour **played havoc** in the coastal area.

- a) Caused destruction
- b) Caused diseases
- c) Caused floods
- d) Caused hardship

## Q.10

To have a **green thumb** means.

- a) One's nails are painted green
- b) One is artistic
- c) To have a natural interest in gardening
- d) One has a green tattoo on the thumb

## Q.11

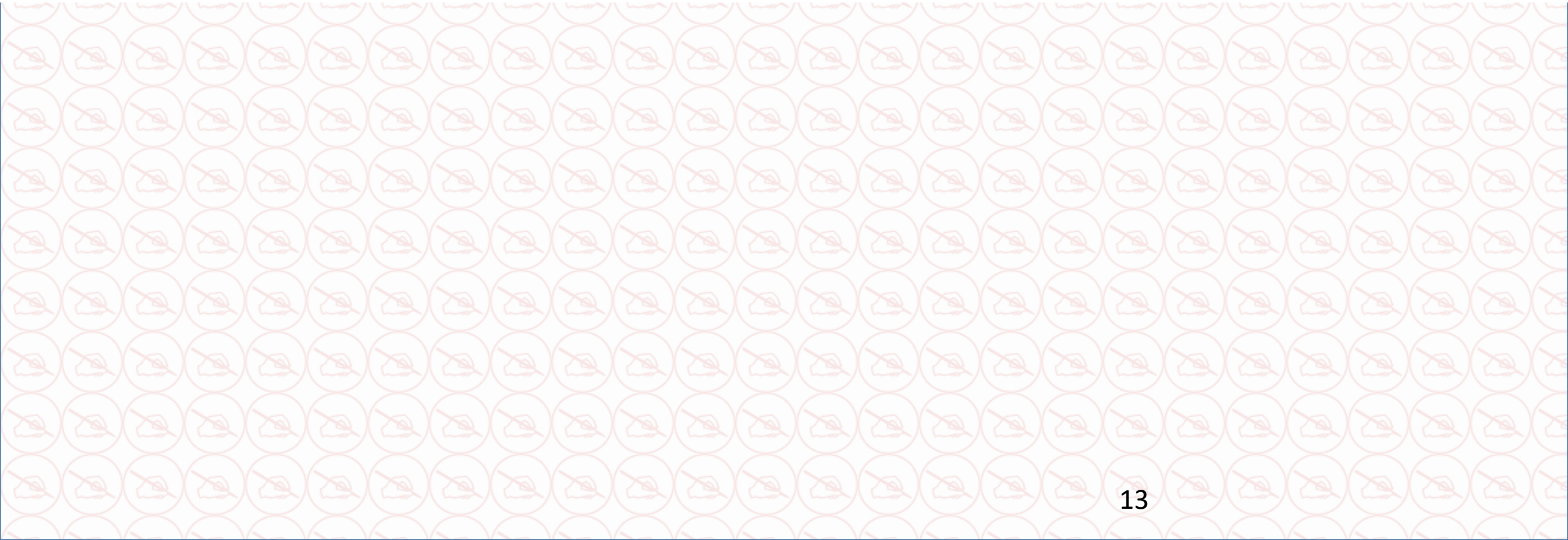
He went on **sowing wild oats**, he reaped suffering in his later life.

- a) Inviting troubles as a boy
- b) Warning others as a young man
- c) Irresponsible pleasure seeking in young age
- d) Sowing grains called oats when young

## Q.12

I don't know why she has become **stand-offish** recently.

- a) Angry
- b) Hilarious
- c) Indifferent
- d) Unmanageable



## Q.13

Why don't you put an end to **blowing your own trumpet**?

- a) Playing your own trumpet to produce music
- b) Making too much noise
- c) Praising your own abilities and achievements
- d) None of the above

## Q.14

I knew he had **an axe to grind** and turned down his offer of help.

- a) A blunt axe
- b) A sharp tongue
- c) A private interest to serve
- d) A tendency to fight

## Q.15

The saint's life was **an open book**.

- a) An uncomplicated one
- b) One that held no secrets
- c) An example to all
- d) An interesting biography





## Q.16

**Reading between the lines** I realized that my friend wanted to keep something from me.

- a) Looking for meanings that are not actually expressed.
- b) Reading carelessly
- c) Reading with anxiety
- d) Glancing over the lines

## Q.17

Sometimes, it happens that we have **to give the devil his due.**

- a) To give credit to even a notorious person
- b) To give encouragement even to the friend
- c) To invite the devil
- d) To stand in the way of the devil

## Q.18

The king had been made **to eat humble pie**.

- a) To eat slowly
- b) To have an excellent dish
- c) To eat a good pie
- d) To have to apologise

## Q.19

He has a very nice manner, but you would better take what he says **with a grain of salt.**

- a) To listen to something with considerable doubt
- b) To talk sensibly
- c) To criticise
- d) To complement

## Q.20

Gopi works **by fits and starts**.

- a) Consistently
- b) Irregularly
- c) In high spirits
- d) Enthusiastically



## Q.21

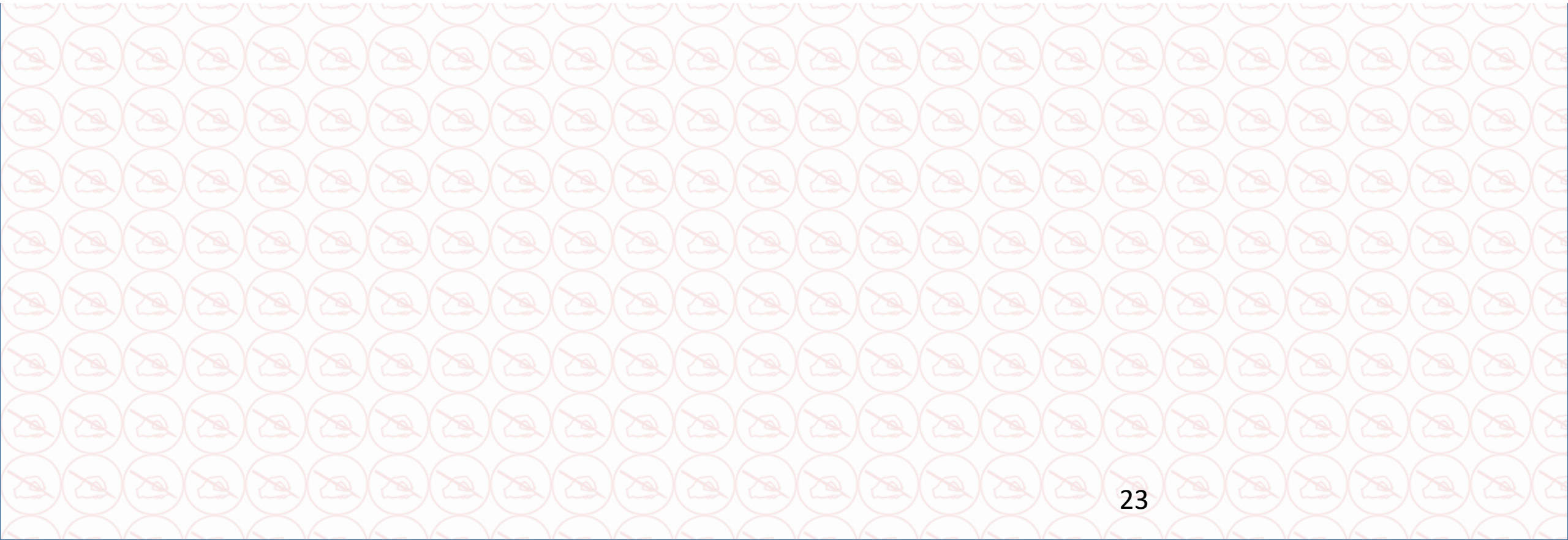
I can not **put up with** your misconduct any longer.

- a) Excuse
- b) Refuse
- c) Accept
- d) Tolerate

## Q.22

I did not mind what he was saying, he was only **talking through his hat.**

- a) Talking nonsense
- b) Talking ignorantly
- c) Talking irresponsibly
- d) Talking insultingly



## Q.23

He is so furious that he would **go through fire and water** to revenge himself on his foe.

- a) Approach everybody for help
- b) Avail himself of any opportunity
- c) Use any conceivable method
- d) Undergo any risk



## Q.24

The watchdogs were asleep when the bulls **ran riot**.

- a) Behaved cleverly
- b) Acted without restraint
- c) Wandered aimlessly
- d) Had the best of time



## Q.25

In spite of the immense pressure exerted by the militants, the government has decided not to **give in**.

- a) Accede
- b) Yield
- c) Oblige
- d) Confirm

## Q.26

The young boy and the old one sat **cheek by jowl** in the large audience.

- a) Very near
- b) Very far
- c) Tongue tied
- d) Irritated

## Q.27

We wanted to keep the gift as a surprise for mother but my sister **gave the game away.**

- a) Lost the game
- b) Gave out the secret
- c) Played badly
- d) Withdrew from the game

## Q.28

I don't think the law will interfere with us as we are just trying to **turn an honest penny.**

- a) Make a legitimate living
- b) Make a good living
- c) Have dealings in white money
- d) Become more honest

## Q.29

As the bomb exploded people ran **helter-skelter**.

- a) In great fear
- b) In disorderly haste
- c) In haste
- d) In great sorrow



## Q.30

He was progressing **by leaps and bounds** because of his hard work.

- a) Rapidly
- b) Slowly
- c) Peacefully
- d) strongly



Thank  
you

