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SNO	Idiom	Meaning	Sentence
1.	An apple of one's eye	Being very dear	Inayah is an apple of her parents' eyes.
2.	A bed of roses	Easy to handle	Life isn't a bed of roses for the poor.
3.	Above board	Without any doubt	The Holy Qur'an is above board for the Muslims.
4.	A child's play	Any easy thing	It is not a child's play to get success without hard work.
5.	A fish out of water	At unease	The mother felt like a fish out of water without her child.
6.	A wild goose chased	Useless effort	It was a wild goose chased to help him for betterment.
7.	All and sundry	All young and old	All and sundry took part in the games.
8.	At a stone's throw	Very near	I live at a stone's throw from academy.
9.	At the eleventh hour	Just at the end	He cancelled his programe just at the eleventh hour.
10.	At large	Free/ independent	The judiciary isn't at large in Pakistan.
11.	At daggers drawn	Enmity	Two brothers went at daggers drawn just for money.
12.	Alladin's lamp	Hidden help	Work hard for success. There is no Alladin's lamp for it.
13.	A man of letters	A well educated man	Alma Muhammad Iqbal was a man of letters.
14.	A rainy day	Tough time	A wise man saves something for a rainy day.
15.	A bone of contention	Reason of fight	Property became a bone of contention among brothers.
16.	A maiden speech	First ever address	He was nervous during his maiden speech.
17.	A burning question	Important issue	Corruption is a burning question in Pakistan.
18.	A red letter day	A day of joy	The day I got a daughter was red letter day for me.
19.	A bolt from blue	Sudden problem	His father's death was a bolt from blue for him
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22.	An oily tongue	Flatter	Some people use an oily tongue to please their bosses.
23.	A laughing stock	Subject to fun	Ali became a laughing stock for his follies.
24.	Bad blood	Enmity	Greed creates bad blood even among brothers.
25.	Bag and baggage	With everything	He left the house bag and baggage.
26.	Better half	Wife	One should respect one's better half.
27.	Bread and butter	Livelihood	Earning bread and butter has been tough these days.
28.	Break the ice	To break silence	I broke the ice during the meeting.
29.	Break the news	To tell	It was difficult to break the news of my failure.
30.	Bring to book	To call for answer	The servant was brought to book for his dishonesty.
31.	Broken reed	Unreliable	A selfish friend proved himself a broken reed.
32.	Burn the midnight oil	Work very hard	We should burn midnight oil for our goals.
33.	By and by	Gradually, slowly	By and by we are all becoming lazy.
34.	Bury the hatchet	To end disputes	We should bury the hatchet and live with love.
35.	By fits and starts	Irregularly	Those who work by fits and starts don't succeed in life.
36.	By hook or by crook	In any way legally or illegally	Some people achieve their goals by hook or by crook.
37.	By leaps and bounds	Messily	May Allah Pakistan prosper by leaps and bounds.
38.	By and large	Over all	By and large, it was a productive meeting.
39.	Carry the day	To get success	James carried the day by winning the competition.
40.	Come to light	Come to scene	His corruption came to light after his trial.
41.	Crocodile tears	False weeping	You cannot move me through crocodile tears.
42.	Curry favor	To flatter	I cannot curry favor with you in this matter.
43.	Cut a sorry figure	In a poor condition	The youth is cutting a sorry figure regarding moralities.
44.	Dark horse	Very intelligent	Some people prove dark horses by doing undoable.
45.	End in smoke	To fail	His effort ended in smoke.
46.	For good	Forever	He left the village for good.
47.	French leave	Absent without telling	French leave isn't allowed in this office.
48.	Feather the nest	To get one's own work done	He used his connections to feather his nest.
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51.	Fair play	Go lawfully	We must believe in fair play.
52.	Feather in the cap	To get honor	His top position was a feather in his cap.
53.	Get into hot water	Get in trouble	The servant got himself into hot water though dishonesty.
54.	Get rid of	Get away	He got rid of a dangerous disease.
55.	Get wind of	Come to know	The teacher got wind of the students who bunked the class.
56.	Give and take	Mutual cooperation	Life is another name of give and take.
57.	Give vent to	To show concern	He gave vent to his anger by shouting.
58.	Gift of the gab	Ability to speak	James is blessed with the gift of the gab.
59.	Heart and soul	Central point	Peace is the heart and soul of Islam.
60.	In a fix	In confusion	Parents found themselves in fix because of their children now-a-days.
61.	In black and white	In written form	I want to have this agreement in white and black.
62.	In cold blood	Without mercy	The killer killed the man in cold blood.
63.	In full swing	At peak	Study is in full swing during test session.
64.	Kith and kin	Relatives and friends	He invited kith and kin to his wedding.
65.	Lame excuses	Baseless reasons	Don't make lame excuses for your failure.
66.	Leave in lurch	Leave in difficulty	A sincere friend doesn't leave his friend in the lurch.
67.	Lion's share	A huge part	He donated lion's share of his income for charity.
68.	Look down upon	To hate someone	Don't look down upon the poor.
69.	Make both ends meet	Live with difficulty	The poor are making both the ends meet now a days.
70.	Make good	To compensate	I will make good of my mistakes.
71.	Move heaven and earth	To do a great effort	He moved heaven and earth to get his goals.
72.	Now and then	Sometimes	He comes to meet me now and then.
73.	Nip in the bud	To end at the start	Nip the evil in the bud.
74.	Off and on	Seldom, sometimes	He visits me off and on.
75.	Off hand	Without preparation	He went to take paper off hand and failed resultantly

76.	On the eve of	On occasion	I gift my wife a pair of gold earrings on the eve of eid.
77.	Out and out	Completely	Quid was out and out a leader.
78.	Part and parcel	Basic point, summary	Love for mankind is the part and parcel of all the religions of the world.
79.	Pass away	Die	He passed away of cardiac arrest.
80.	Pay through nose	To face the result	You will have to pay though nose for your dishonesty.
81.	Play with fire	Take risk	American played with fire in the Afghan war.
82.	Pros and corn	Every angle	I will look into the pros and corns of the matter.
83.	Put out	Switch off	Please put out the lamp.
84.	Put off	To delay, to cancel	The meeting was put off due to rain.
85.	Red-handed	On the spot	The thief was caught red-handed.
86.	Red tape	Unnecessary delay	The officer in charge didn't tolerate red tape in the official matters.
87.	Show the white feather	To become coward	The Pakistan army didn't show white feather in the wars.
88.	Spick and span	Neat and clean	A teacher should always put spick and span dress.
89.	Sum and substance	Summary	Tell me the sum and substance of the story.
90.	Set up	To start	He has set up his own business of cloths.
91.	Stand by	To be ready for help	We must stand by our friends in their odds.
92.	Take a fancy to	To start liking	I am taking a fancy to write novels these days.
93.	Take to task	To deal with strictness	The corrupt must be taken to task for their corruption.
94.	Through thick and thin	In all circumstances	A true friend stands by us through thick and thin.
95.	To back up	To appreciate, encourage	We must back up the small efforts of the kids.
96.	To be under cloud	In trouble	He is under the cloud these days due to failure of his business.
97.	Tooth and nail	With full effort	He worked tooth and nail and achieved his goals.
98.	Turn a new leaf	New start	Life takes a new leaf during spring in ENGLAND.
99.	Turn the tables	To turn over a situation	Katharine turned the tables by helping him.
100.	To be taken aback	To become amazed	I was taken aback by his cleverness.

101	Up to the mark	Right on the standard	Your answers must be up to the mark.
102	Up-to-date	Fresh	He has an up-to-date knowledge of everything.
103	An apple of discord	Reason of dispute	Kashmir is an apple of discord between Pakistan and India.
104	A bed of thrones	A tough thing	Life is a bed of thrones for the poor.
105	A blue stocking	A literary woman	Bano Qudsia was a blue stocking.
106	A casting vote	A decisive vote	The issue was resolved with casting vote of the director.
107	A close-fisted man	A miser	A close fisted man always longs for facilities of life.
108	A far cry	Very far	It is a far cry from Islamabad to Quetta.
109	A jail bird	Habitual	He is jail bird and has been to jail many times.
110	A narrow escape	Survive with difficulty	He had a narrow escape in the accident.
111	A rotten egg	Corrupt person	Corrupt people are rotten eggs in the society.
112	Add fire to fuel	To evoke emotions of fight	He added fuel to fire with his speech.
113	An axe to grind	Have one's benefits prior	Everyone has his own axe to grind in this matter.
114	An eye wash	A deception	Promises of the politicians are nothing but an eye wash.
115	At arm length	To keep away	We must keep dishonest people at arm's length.
116	All in all	Fully independent	He is all and all free to take his decisions.
117	A bird's eye view	Look into casually	The chairman had a bird's eye view of the office.
118	A fair weather friend	Insincere friend	Ali proved himself a fair weather by leaving me in a lurch.
119	All moonshine	Just a show off	His wealth was only all moonshine.
120	At home in	Being an expert	My teachers are all at home in their fields.
121	At a loss	Worried	She was at a loss over the loss of her purse.
122	A live wire	Very hard working	James is live wire. He works long hours.
123	A cat and dog life	Fighting every time	Some people like to live a dog and cat life.
124	A dead letter	An invalid law	This law has become a dead letter and no more effective.
125	Apple-pie-order	In a fine arrangement	Please keep everything in apple-pie-order.
126	A royal road	An easy way	There is no royal road to success.

127	A labor for love	Work without money	My effort for my students is labor for love.
128	A cock and bull story	A false story	His claim is a cock and bull story.
129	A cat's paw	Used an instrument	Politicians use the common public as a cat's paw to grind their axe.
130	A black sheep	A bad person	One black sheep contaminates the whole society.
131	At length	At last	He worked hard and got his goals at length.
132	Blue blood	Belong to a royal family	Prince Charles comes of a blue blood.
133	Break new ground	To find new opportunities	It is a high time to break new grounds now.
134	Burn the boat	Use all options	Tariq bin Ziyad burnt his boat for the honor of Islam.
135	Burn fingers	To bear loss	Sometimes business can burn your fingers.
136	Bosom friend	Childhood friend	I don't get to meet any of my bosom friends.
137	Call in question	To doubt	Sincerity of parents for their children can't be called into question.
138	Call to account	Call for accountability	The dishonest servant was called to account.
139	Carry one's point	To prove one's point	Mike carries his point every time.
140	Cast a spell	To impress a great deal	The lecture of the history teacher cast a spell on all.
141	Cast aside	Put on the side	I have to cast aside anger for the betterment of myself.
142	Cry wolf	To show danger without reason	He cried a wolf and worried every one.
143	Chicken-hearted	Coward person	James is a chicken-hearted person and is afraid of everything.
144	Double faced	Hypocrite	I can't believe a double faced person.
145	Drop in	Come to meet unplanned	Some of my friends dropped in when I was leaving for my college.
146	Eat words	To take back one's words	I eat all my words I said about you.
147	Every inch	Completely	I have looked into the matter every inch.
148	Egg on	Evoke, excite	The union leader egged the laborers on strike.
149	Eat a humble pie	To face disgrace	He had to eat a humble pie for his dishonesty.

150	Face the music	To face the consequences	You will have to face the music for your laziness.
151	Fall flat	Ineffective	My advice fell flat on him.
152	Follow suit	To follow some one	Muslims must follow the suits of the Holy Prophet PBUH for their success in all departments of life.
153	Fight shy of	Avoid	One should fight shy of lies.
154	Hang fire	To be put to delay	Don't hang fire in taking him to the hospital.
155	Hard nut to crack	A tough task	Getting admission in medical colleges is hard nut to crack.
156	Hold water	Believable, reliable	His words hold water.
157	Give oneself an air	Feel proud without reason	Never give yourself an air for the wealth you have.
158	Go hand in hand	Stay with	Parents go hand in hand for the brought up of their children.
159	Go through	Study keenly	I have gone through these notes.
160	Hand in glove	To be very close	He is hand and glove friend of mine.
161	Hue and cry	Noise	I don't like hue and cry.
162	Head over heels	Completely	Good leaders take head over heels care for their nations.
163	High time	Important time	It is a high time for the students to work hard.
164	In the air	Very common	Stories of his bravery are in the air.
165	In the long run	Ultimate, at the end	Education has its advantages in the long run.
166	In hot water	In a difficulty	May Allah save all of us from any hot water.
167	Ins and outs	Comprehensive details	The police are looking into the ins and outs of the murder.
168	Keep abreast of	To be well informed	A teacher must keep abreast about his students.
169	Keep to the point	To remain relevant	Keep yourself to the point.
170	Lead by nose	To convince easily	He can lead simple people by nose.
171	Learn by heart	To remember	Learn these idioms by heart.
172	Lend an air	To listen attentively	He didn't lend an air to what I said.
173	Lend a hand	To help someone	Please lend me a hand in this work.
174	Null and void	A dead letter	The decision of the lower court was declared null and void by the higher court.
175	Once in a blue moon	Very rarely	He comes to meet me once in a blue moon.
176	Out of order	Not working	The machine is out of order.

177	Pay a lip service	Nothing practical	He only pays a lip service to his teachers.
178	Pocket an insult	To face disgrace	He had to pocket insult for his lazy attitude.
179	Poke one's nose	Interrupt, disturb	Don't poke nose in my affairs.
180	Pay off old scores	To compensate	He paid off all old scores.
181	Read between lines	To understand hidden meanings	He can read between the lines of the text.
182	Rule out	Reject	The judge ruled out the plea of the accused.
183	See through	To judge	I saw through his ill intentions.
184	Take into account	To consider something	I will take into account all ins and outs before making a final judgment.
185	Take to heart	To feel something	Don't take my words to heart; I am just kidding.
186	Talk shop	To talk about your job	He is always a talk shop.
187	To be the back bone	Very important	Hard work is the back bone of success.
188	Turn down	Rule out	My request for a leave was turned down the boss.
189	Add insult to injury	To disgrace someone more	His words added insult to my injury.
190	All at sea	To be confused	The management was all at sea during the strike.
191	An open secret	Quite clear	The murder of the chairman was an open secret.
192	Alpha and omega	Every detail	I have told you alpha and omega of this matter.
193	A man in the street	A common man	Even a man in the street has a mobile phone.
194	A dog in the manager	Wrong person appointed	He is a dog in the manager for he is incapable for it.
195	A brain wave	A sudden idea	He had a brain wave and made a picnic plan.
196	Call a spade a spade	To talk straightforward	A hypocrite can't call a spade a spade.
197	Die in harness	Die while working hard	Quid-e-Azzam died in harness.
198	Do or die	Every possibility	This is a do or die situation for us now.
199	From hand to mouth	Live with difficulty	The poor live hand to mouth.
200	Burn the candle from both ends	To spend more than capacity	I have burnt my candle from both ends for my daughter and wife.

201	Flesh and blood	Human nature	It is in flesh and blood of human beings to be unthankful
202	Fall short	To be less	His forbearance fell short regarding careless attitude of his family.
203	Blow one's own trumpets	A self-praise	It is a bad habit to blow one's own trumpet.
204	Fabian policy	Delaying tactics	The workers didn't get their wages because of Fabian policy of the accountant.