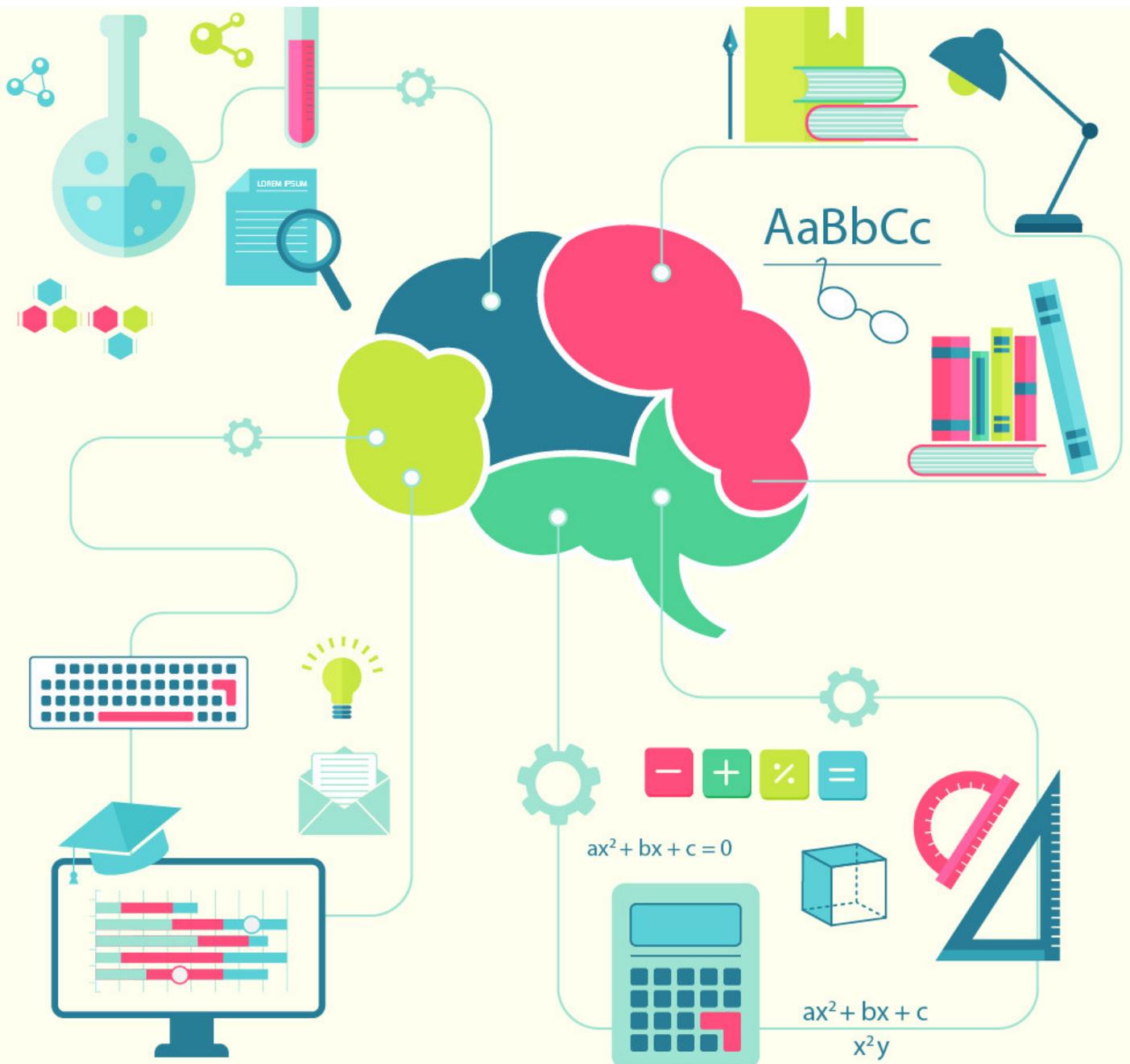


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# Idioms And Phrases For IBPS Clerk

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## Instructions:

In the following questions, four alternatives are given for the Idiom/ Phrase printed in bold in the sentence. Choose the alternative which best expresses the meaning of the Idiom/Phrase.

### Question 1:

There is no **cut and dried method** for doing this.

- a) simple
- b) honest
- c) ready made
- d) understandable
- e) New and innovative

### Question 2:

Suddenly the man **blacked out** during the parade and had to be helped to a quiet place.

- a) lost temper
- b) lost control over himself
- c) lost consciousness
- d) lost balance
- e) To fall down

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## Question 3:

**Hold your horses** for a moment while I make a phone call.

- a) Be patient
- b) Stayout
- c) Be quiet
- d) Wait
- e) To maintain silence

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## Question 4:

Sachin Tendulkar's batting skills make him **a cut above** the rest.

- a) taller than
- b) superior to
- c) senior to
- d) different from
- e) Look elegant

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## Question 5:

I am very interested to know the outcome of the debate, kindly keep me **in the loop**.

- a) out of it
- b) informed about the fees
- c) informed about the last date of joining
- d) informed regularly
- e) To keep considering someone for the position

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## Question 6:

Ram is very calculative and always **has an axe to grind**.

- a) has no result
- b) works for both sides
- c) has a private agenda
- d) fails to arouse interest
- e) use a machine



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## Question 7:

The police looked all over for him but **drew a blank**.

- a) did not find him
- b) put him in prison
- c) arrested him
- d) took him to court
- e) worn out by chase

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## Question 8:

On the issue of marriage, Sarita **put her foot down**.

- a) stood up
- b) was firm
- c) got down
- d) walked fast
- e) run away

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## Question 9:

His investments helped him **make a killing** in the stock market.

- a) lose money quickly
- b) plan a murder quickly
- c) murder someone quickly
- d) make money quickly
- e) work illegally

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## Question 10:

There is no **gainsaying** the fact that the country is in difficulties.

- a) ignoring
- b) hiding
- c) forgetting
- d) denying
- e) confirming



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## Solutions (1 to 10)

### 1) Answer (c)

'Cut and dried' means some some pre-determined or ready made method. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

### 2) Answer (c)

Black out in the given context refers to losing consciousness. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

### 3) Answer (d)

'To hold ones horses' means to wait for sometime. Hence, option D is the correct answer.

### 4) Answer (b)

'Cut above' means superior to. Hence, option B is the correct answer.

### 5) Answer (d)

To keep someone in the loop loop means to keep him updated about the happenings. Hence, option D is correct.

### 6) Answer (c)

'an axe to grind' means to have a hidden agenda. Option C, which is the closest must be the right answer.

### 7) Answer (a)

You draw a blank when you attempt to recall something and fail, or when you try to come up with a solution to a problem, but fail. Option A which the closest must be the right choice.

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## 8) Answer (b)

'put(one's) foot down' means to be inflexible in one's position or decision. Option B which is closest must be the right choice.

## 9) Answer (d)

'to make a killing' means to have a great success, especially in making money. Option D which is the closest is the right answer.

## 10) Answer (d)

Gainsaying means 'to declare to be false or deny'. Option D which is closest is the right choice.

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