

II. PHRASAL VERBS & IDIOMATIC EXPRESSIONS

SET-I

1. A bird's eye view: (سرسری نظارہ) We had a bird's eye view of Lahore from the train.
2. A blessing in disguise: (چھپی نعمت) The rain was a blessing in disguise; we stayed at home for you.
3. A blue-eyed boy: (چہیتا) He will get rapid promotion as he is the boss's blue eyed boy.
4. A bolt from the blue: (آفت ناگہانی) His father's sudden death was a bolt from the blue for him.
5. A Casting Vote: (فیصلہ کن ووٹ) In this matter, the President's vote is the casting vote.
6. A child's play: (آسان کام) It is not a child's play to cross this stormy river.
7. A dog's life: (ذلت کی زندگی) A poor man's life is no more than a dog's life.
8. A fish out of water: (بے چین) Without his friends, he feels like a fish out of water.
9. A Freudian slip: (غلطی جو کردار کو ظاہر کرے) During his speech he made a Freudian slip and we came to know of his true thoughts.
10. A hat-trick: (تین مسلسل کام) A hat-trick of murders horrified the city.
11. A maiden speech: (پہلی تقریر) He impressed the audience with his maiden speech.
12. A passing fancy: (عارضی دلچسپی) She was only a passing fancy to me.
13. A rainy day: (مشکل وقت) You must save something against a rainy day.
14. A red-letter day: (خوشی کا دن) The 14th August is a red letter day for the Pakistanis.
15. A self-made man: (خودساز شخص) We should respect him as he is a self-made man.
16. A snake in the grass: (چھپا دشمن) Beware of him; he is a snake in the grass.
17. A square deal: (اچھا سودا) We offer you a square deal on furniture.
18. A tower of strength: (قوت کا مینار) He was a tower of strength to me when my father died.
19. A wild goose chase: (لا حاصل کام) Your attempt to get first division is a wild goose chase.

20. An Amazon: (طاقتور عورت) She takes an active part in athletics; she is really an amazon.
21. At cross purposes: (مختلف مقاصد) We cannot understand each other; we are at cross purposes.
22. At loggerheads: (مخالف) India and Pakistan are at loggerheads with each other over Kashmir.
23. Back date: (پچھلی تاریخ سے) The employer has backdated the increase in our pay.
24. Bad blood: (رنجش) This dispute will create bad blood between them.
25. Blue blood: (اعلیٰ خاندان کا) This gentleman has blue blood in his veins.
26. By fits and starts: (بے قاعدگی سے) He may not succeed because he works by fits and starts.
27. Foot-loose and fancy-free: (بے فکر آزاد) He is still unmarried; so he is foot-loose and fancy-free.
28. French Leave: (بغیر اجازت چھٹی) The soldier was punished for taking French leave.
29. Give-and-take: (کچھ لو کچھ دو) Life runs on the system of give-and-take.
30. Hair's breadth: (بال بال) He escaped the accident by a hair's breadth.
31. Hard-and-fast: (طے شدہ) There are no hard-and-fast rules for this matter.
32. In a fix: (اجھن میں) I am in a fix and do not know what to do.
33. In the teeth of: (کے باوجود) He succeeded in the teeth of so many difficulties.
34. In the wake of: (کے بعد) Dearthness comes in the wake of political disturbances.
35. Neck and neck: (ساتھ ساتھ) The two contestants are neck and neck with 20 points each.
36. Null and Void: (کلعدم، ختم) These old rules are now null and void.
37. Off and on: (کبھی کبھی) He comes to see me off and on.
38. On the anvil: (زیر بحث) Just wait; your proposal is on the anvil.
39. On the horns of a dilemma: (دوا جھنوں میں) I am on the horns of a dilemma and cannot decide what to do.
40. Pick up the threads: (معاملات کو سنبھالنا) After this tragedy, they are trying to pick up the threads.
41. The lion's share: (بڑا حصہ) As usual, the lion's share of the budget is for defence.

42. **The long and short:** (مختصر یہ کہ) The long and short of the story is that he was killed.
43. **The man in the street:** (عام آدمی) The man in the street is opposed to the new reforms.
44. **The writing on the wall:** (واضح علامت) The writing on the wall is that he is sure to fail.
45. **Through and through:** (پورے طور پر) I know you through and through.
46. **Through thick and thin:** (اتھے برے وقت میں) Good friends help each other through thick and thin.
47. **To account for:** (وجہ ہونا) His illness accounts for his absence.
48. **To back out:** (پچھے ہٹ جانا) Now it is too late to back out of the deal now.
49. **To be all ears:** (ہمہ تن گوش) I am all ears to what you are saying.
50. **To be at daggers drawn:** (دشمن ہونا) They were friends but now they are at daggers drawn.
51. **To be out of sorts:** (طبیعت خراب ہونا) She is never happy; she is always out of sorts.
52. **To bear out:** (تصدیق کرنا) Everyone will bear out his honesty.
53. **To beat about the bush:** (ادھر ادھر کی ہانکنا) Don't beat about the bush; come to the point.
54. **To blow one's own trumpet:** (اپنی تعریف خود کرنا) He always blows his own trumpet.
55. **To break the ice:** (جمود توڑنا) All were silent; I had to break the ice.
56. **To bring to book:** (جواب طلبی کرنا) The officer brought him to book for late coming.
57. **To bury the hatchet:** (دشمنی بھلا دینا) Let us bury the hatchet and be friends again.
58. **To call in:** (بلا بھیجنا) He is ill; please call in the doctor.
59. **To call off:** (ختم کر دینا) The workers called off the strike.
60. **To call to account:** (جواب طلبی کرنا) The officer called him to account for his negligence.
61. **To carry on:** (جاری رکھنا) We will carry on the discussion after the lunch.
62. **To carry the day:** (فتح حاصل کرنا) In this match, our team will carry the day.
63. **To come about:** (واقع ہونا) How did this accident come about?
64. **To come by:** (ہاتھ لگنا) How did you come by this beautiful watch?

65. To cut a sorry figure: (شرمندہ ہونا) He cut a sorry figure because he could not speak there.
66. To cut the Gordian knot: (مشکل ترین کام کرنا) By doing this, you have cut the Gordian knot.
67. To do away with: (ختم کر دینا) Let us do away with enmity and be friends.
68. To do one a good turn: (احسان چکانا) Thank you for this favour; I will do you a good turn some day.
69. To drop a line: (مختصر تحریر لکھنا) When you reach home, please drop a line.
70. To drop in: (آپینا) When we were having dinner, she dropped in.
71. To end in smoke: (ختم ہو جانا) His efforts to win the game ended in smoke.
72. To face the music: (تنقید برداشت کرنا) The political leaders very often have to face the music.
73. To fall back upon: (سہارہ لینا) After her husband's death, she has no one to fall back upon.
74. To fight shy of: (شرمانا) The Junior students fight shy of the senior students.
75. To fish in troubled water: (برے وقت سے فائدہ اٹھانا) When there is some disturbance in Pakistan, India tries to fish in troubled water.
76. To get on one's nerves: (پریشانی کا باعث ہونا) Her behaviour really gets on my nerves.
77. To get over: (غالب آنا) He will be able to get over all his difficulties.
78. To get wind of: (خبر پانا) He got wind of the plot and ran away in time.
79. To give away: (تقسیم کرنا) The Principal gave away the prizes at the function.
80. To give in: (ہار ماننا) The rebels were forced to give in.
81. To give out: (اعلان کرنا) He gave out that he was going abroad.
82. To give up: (ترک کر دینا) He has given up the bad habit of smoking.
83. To give way: (بوجھ سے بیٹھ جانا) The roof gave way and five persons were killed.
84. To go to the wall: (زوال پزیر ہو جانا) Several banks have gone to the wall recently.
85. To hold someone in high esteem: (عزت کرنا) I always hold my teachers in high esteem.
86. To keep abreast of: (ساتھ ساتھ چلنا) We should keep abreast of time.
87. To keep late hours: (رات دیر تک کام کرنا) Hard-working students always keep late hours.

88. **To keep the wolf from the door:** (بھوک سے بچنا) It is difficult for the poor to keep the wolf from the door.
89. **To kick up a row:** (لڑائی شروع کرنا) He gathered the students and kicked up a row.
90. **To live from hand to mouth:** (صرف گزارہ کرنا) With this low income, you can live from hand to mouth.
91. **To look down upon:** (تفارت سے دیکھنا) We should not look down upon the poor.
92. **To look forward to:** (منتظر ہونا) We are looking forward to his arrival.
93. **To look into:** (تفتیش کرنا) The police are looking into the matter.
94. **To make amends for:** (تلافی کرنا) You should make amends for this loss.
95. **To make good:** (تلافی کرنا) She promised to make good the loss.
96. **To make out:** (سمجھنا) Try to make out what is being said.
97. **To nip in the bud:** (شروع ہی میں ختم کرنا) We should nip the evil in the bud.
98. **To play truant:** (سکول سے بھاگ جانا) He very often play truant from the school.
99. **To put off:** (ملتوی کر دینا) They put off the meeting till tomorrow.
100. **To put up with:** (برداشت کرنا) I cannot put up with this insult.
101. **To rest on one's laurels:** (کامیابی کے بعد آرام کرنا) Great men never rest on their laurels.
102. **To rise to the occasion:** (موقع کے مطابق کام کرنا) We should rise to the occasion to face the problem.
103. **To rule out:** (ختم کرنا) We cannot rule out the possibility that she was killed.
104. **To run amuck:** (بے قابو ہو جانا) The mob ran amuck and set the building on fire.
105. **To run short:** (کمی ہو جانا) Do something; we have run short of food.
106. **To see eye to eye with:** (متفق ہونا) We cannot see eye to eye with you in this matter.
107. **To see off:** (الوداع کہنا) We saw them off with a sad heart.
108. **To set apart:** (الگ کر دینا) We have set apart some money for daily use.
109. **To smell a rat:** (گڑبڑ محسوس کرنا) The thief smelt a rat and ran away.
110. **To stick to one's guns:** (اپنے موقف پر اڑے رہنا) He never changes his opinion but always stick to his guns.
111. **To swallow the bait:** (دھوکا کھا جانا) This simple fellow will swallow the bait very easily.

112. To take a fancy to: (پسند کرنا) She has taken a fancy to that costly dress.
113. To take for: (سمجھنا) Do you take me for a fool?
114. To take to heart: (دل کو گالینا) He took his wife's death to heart.
115. To tide over: (غالب آنا) This brave man will tide over all his difficulties.
116. To turn turtle: (الٹ جانا) The boat turned turtle and sank.
117. To win laurels: (کامیابی حاصل کرنا) Go on working; you are sure to win laurels.
118. Wear and tear: (ٹوٹ پھوٹ) The wear and tear of modern life has a bad effect on his health.
119. Wear off: (آہستہ آہستہ ختم ہو جانا) The pain is wearing off.
120. Weigh up: (جائزہ لینا) He weighed up his chances of success.

SET-II

1. A far cry (طویل فاصلہ): Karachi is a far cry from Peshawar.
2. A broken reed (نا قابل اعتبار آدمی): Do not tell him your secrets because he is a broken reed.
3. A gift of the gab (تقریر کی صلاحیت): He can speak very well because he has a gift of the gab.
4. A walk over (بلا مقابلہ فتح): The other team did not come and we got a walk over.
5. A fool's paradise (احمقوں کی جنت)
If you think this is possible, you are living in a fool's paradise.
6. A storm in the tea-cup (معمولی بات پر بڑا ہنگامہ)
The quarrel between two ladies is nothing but a storm in the tea-cup.
7. A house of cards (ناپائیدار چیز)
Life is no more than a house of cards.
8. A wild goose chase (نا قابل حصول چیز کا تعاقب)
Your attempt to win her love is a wild goose chase.
9. A fly in the ointment (رنگ میں بھنگ)
The function was going on well; his presence proved a fly in the ointment.
10. With a grain of salt (کسی قدر شک کے ساتھ)
Take his stories with a grain of salt because he is a liar.

11. **In the teeth of** (کے باوجود)
He succeeded in the teeth of so many troubles.
12. **In the offing** (ظاہر ہونے کے قریب)
Beware, there is a quarrel in the offing.
13. **In the wake of** (کے بعد آنا)
Disease and hunger come in the wake of war.
14. **Over head and ears** (پوری طرح غرق)
He is over head and ears in love with her.
15. **By the sweat of one's brow** (خون پسینہ ایک کر کے)
He earns his living by the sweat of his brow.
16. **Neck or nothing** (تخت یا تختہ)
Neck or nothing, we will go there.
17. **A dark horse** (چھپا رستم)
In the local elections, he will come out to be a dark horse.
18. **A red rag to the bull** (غصے کی وجہ)
My name to my enemy is a red rag to the bull.
19. **A turn-coat** (جلد جلد نظریات بدلنے والا شخص)
Do not depend upon him; he is a turn-coat.
20. **A fish out of water** (بے چین آدمی)
Without his friends, he feels like a fish out of water.
21. **In apple-pie order** (پوری ترتیب سے)
Every thing in the room was in apple-pie order.
22. **Apple of one's eyes** (بہت پیارا)
He is the apple of his parent's eyes.
24. **On the horns of a dilemma** (مشکل دو بیچ میں)
I am on the horns of a dilemma and do not know what to do.
25. **At cross purposes** (مختلف مقاصد منسوبے)
We are at cross purposes in this matter.
26. **Cheek by jowl** (ساتھ ساتھ)
He was sitting near me cheek by jowl.
27. **Plain-sailing** (آسان کام)
Passing the B.A. Examination is not a plain-sailing.
28. **Hue and cry** (شور و غوغا)
When they saw the thief, they raised hue and cry.

29. **Break-through** (اہم ترقی، کام)
Discovery of Penicillin was a break-through in the field of medicine.
30. **So to say** (بالفاظ دیگر)
An old man, so to say, is a puffed pipe.
31. **In so far as** (جہاں تک)
In so far as I know, he is a good man.
32. **Finishing-touches** (نوک، پلک، آخری مراحل)
The furniture is ready; we are to give it finishing-touches.
33. **A wet blanket** (دوسروں کو بے حوصلہ کرنے والا)
We should encourage others and not to be a wet blanket.
34. **A white elephant** (قیمتی چیز جو فائدہ نہ دے)
A car is a white elephant for a poor man.
35. **A red-letter day** (خوشی کا دن)
The 14th August is a red-letter day in the history of Pakistan.
36. **A maiden speech** (پہلی تقریر)
He impressed the audience by his maiden speech.
37. **A black sheep** (برے کردار کا آدمی)
We should be aware of a black sheep in our company.
38. **In one's good books** (کسی کی نظر میں اچھا ہونا)
He is in his officer's good books.
39. **Under a cloud** (گردش میں برے حالات میں)
All his friends left him when he was under a cloud.
40. **Head-over-heels** (جلدی سے)
Seeing me, he ran away head-over-heels.
41. **A hair's breadth** (بہت قریب سے بال بال)
We had a hair's breadth escape from the accident.
42. **After one's own heart** (اپنی پسند کے مطابق)
He married a girl after his own heart.
43. **Hand in glove with** (شیر و شکر ہونا)
The two friends are hand in glove with each other..
44. **Armed to the teeth** (پوری طرح مسلح)
Armed to the teeth, he came to fight with his enemy.
45. **A stumbling block** (رکاوٹ)
His shyness was a stumbling block in his way to progress.

46. **A fool's errand** (بے سود کام): This plan came to be a fool's errand.
47. **A close shave** (بال بال بچنا): The patient had a close shave with death.
48. **In a hot soup** (مشکلات میں): He is in a hot soup now-a-days.
49. **Hand to mouth** (جو کمانا کھا جانا): The poor live from hand to mouth.
50. **A sugar daddy** (بوڑھا جو نوجوان عورتوں کو تحفے دے): This old man is a sugar daddy for young girls.
51. **Under cover of** (کے بھیس میں): He deceived me under cover of friendship.
52. **Once in a blue moon** (شاذ و نادر): He comes here once in a blue moon.
53. **Baby-boom** (آبادی میں اضافہ)
Family-planning is a fight against baby-boom.
54. **A hat-trick** (تین مسلسل کام یا کامیابیاں)
A hat-trick of murders horrified the citizens.
55. **Blue-stocking** (ادبی ذوق رکھنے والی عورت):
She is regarded as a blue-stocking.
56. **A puffed pipe** (گیا گزرا خستہ حال)
This old man is now just a puffed pipe.
57. **Against time** (بہت تیزی سے)
The examination being near, we are working against time.
58. **Time-server** (زمانے کے مطابق چلنے والا ابن الوقت)
He is a great time-server and is successful every-where.
59. **Mix-blessing** (ایسی چیز جس کا فائدہ بھی ہو نقصان بھی)
Cinema is a mix-blessing.
60. **Live-wire** (جوش اور جذبے والا آدمی)
He is a live-wire and can do everything easily.
61. **A bone of contention** (جھگڑے کی وجہ)
This house is a bone of contention between two brothers.
62. **Above board** (شبک سے بالاتر): All his dealings are above board.
63. **A bolt from the blue** (اچانک آنے والی مصیبت بلائے ناگہانی)
His father's death was a bolt from the blue for him.
64. **A fair-weather friend** (مطلبی دوست)
A fair-weather friend always leaves in adversity.
65. **A hard pill to swallow** (سخت تجربہ)
Examination proved a hard pill for me to swallow.

66. **All moonshine** (صرف دکھاوا)
He talks much of his wealth but it is all moonshine.
67. **A jack of all trades** (تھوڑا تھوڑا ہر کام جاننے والا آدمی)
He is a jack of all trades but master of none.
68. **At one's finger's end** (فر فر یاد ہونا)
All the formulas of Mathematics are at my finger's end.
69. **A round peg in a square hole** (ایسا شخص جو اپنے مناسب حال مقام پر نہ ہو)
A mechanic has been put in the job of an artist; he is a round peg in a square hole.
70. **At one's beck and call** (کے اشارے پر)
We are at the beck and call of our President.
71. **A bed of roses** (پھولوں کی سیج): Life in these days is not a bed of roses.
72. **Beneath one's dignity** (شان کے خلاف)
Such tactics are beneath your dignity.
73. **Democles' sword** (سر پر منڈلاتا خطرہ)
The third World War is Democles' sword over our heads.
74. **Herculean task** (بہت مشکل کام)
Writing a book in a month is a Herculean task.
75. **In full swing** (پورے جوہن پر)
When we reached there, the match was in full swing.
76. **On the anvil** (زیر بحث): Wait patiently; the matter is still on the anvil.
77. **Out at elbows** (غریب کی حالت)
I cannot help you because I am out at elbows now-a-days.
78. **Flesh and blood** (ایک خاندان کے افراد): He is my flesh and blood.
79. **A brain-wave** (اچانک آنے والا اچھوتا خیال)
I suddenly had a brain-wave and found the solution to the problem.
80. **The corner-stone** (جی بنیاد)
Agriculture is the corner-stone of our economy.
81. **At the end of one's tether** (صبر کی آخری حد پر)
When he was at the end of his tether, he refused to obey his master.
82. **A skeleton in the cupboard** (بدنام کردینے والا خاندانی راز)
For a long time we did not know that our neighbours had a skeleton in the cupboard-their son was in prison.

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83. **On pins and needles** (پریشانی اور انتظار میں).
While waiting for the result of the examination, we were on pins and needles.
84. **A feather in one's cap** (شہرت کا باعث کام کامیابی).
If you pass this difficult examination, it will be a feather in your cap.
85. **A drug on the market** (ایسی چیز جسے کم لوگ خریدیں).
This un-interesting book is a drug on the market.
86. **Last straw** (آخری تنکا)
He was already over-worked; this job proved a last straw for him.
87. **Royal road** (آسان راستہ): There is no royal road to success.
88. **Oily tongue** (خوشامدی زبان).
With his oily tongue, he wins over everyone to him.
89. **Square deal** (اچھا سلوک، منصفانہ سودا): You will get a square deal from us.
90. **A queer fish** (عجیب شخص): Majid is a queer fish; he does strange things.
91. **An iron hand** (تختی سے)
The rebellion was put down with an iron hand.
92. **A chapter of accidents** (مصیبتوں بھری کہانی).
This poor man's life is a chapter of accidents.
93. **A blind alley** (بندگی).
We cannot go any farther because it is a blind alley.
94. **A stalking horse** (اصل مقصد چھپانے والا کام یا چیز).
His election campaign is a stalking horse; he has something else in his mind.
95. **A kettle of fish** (انتشار کی حالت).
We do not like to interfere; this is a kettle of fish.
96. **A brown study** (دن میں خواب).
I startled (چونکانا) him from his brown study.
97. **Cold comfort** (خشک یا خالی ہمدردی).
It is cold comfort to a man in trouble to tell him that it is his fate to suffer.
98. **A laconic speech** (مختصر جامع تقریر).
His laconic speech impressed the audience.
99. **A laughing stock** (وہ چیز یا آدمی جس پر سب ہنسیں): He talked nonsense and made himself the laughing-stock of his hearers.

100. A bird's eye view (سرسری جائزہ).

We had a bird's eye view of the town from the college tower.

SET-III

1. Call a spade a spade (صاف صاف بات کرنا)
I like him because he calls a spade a spade.

2. Come off with colours (کامیابی حاصل کرنا)
In this match, our team will come off with colours.

3. Curry favour (خوشامد سے خوشنودی حاصل کرنا)
You cannot curry favour with that man.

4. Give a bit of one's mind (بھڑکنا)
I gave a bit of my mind to my lazy servant.

5. Go on a spree (سیر کو، تفریح کو جانا)
We made a programme and went on a spree.

6. Go through fire and water (مشکلات برداشت کرنا)
We went through fire and water to get Pakistan.

7. Go great lengths (بہت کوشش کرنا): I will go great lengths to help you.
8. Hold a candle to (مقابلے کے قابل نہ ہونا)
He is not fit to hold a candle to you.

9. Hold water (موثر ہونا): Your tricks will not hold water here.

10. Hit below the belt (خلاف ضابطہ ضرب لگانا)
He hit below the belt and defeated his enemy.

11. Have an axe to grind (ذاتی مقصد ہونا)
He will help you only if he has an axe to grind.

12. Keep body and soul together (جسم و جان کا رشتہ قائم رکھنا)
It is very difficult for the poor to keep body and soul together.

13. Look daggers at (غصے سے گھورتا)
The two enemies were looking daggers at each other.

14. Put out of countenance (شرمندہ کر دینا)
My remarks to his past put him out of countenance.

15. Play with fire (آگ سے کھیلنا)
By taking part in the strike, you are playing with fire.

16. Pay off old score (پرانے بدلے چکانا)
He caught his enemy and paid off old scores.

17. **Play one's trump card** (زوردار چال چلنا)
In the end, he played his trump card and succeeded.
18. **Run to seed** (تباہ ہو جانا)
If you do not follow my advice, your business will run to seed.
19. **Run rampant** (پھیل کر عام ہو جانا)
Social evils have run rampant in our country.
20. **Rest on one's laurels** (کامیابیوں پر مطمئن ہونا)
Great men never rest on their laurels.
21. **Stick to the point** (موقف سے نہ ہٹنا)
If you want to make a good speech, stick to the point.
22. **Show the white feather** (بزدلی دکھانا)
Brave soldiers never show the white feather in the battlefield.
23. **Sow wild oats** (جوانی میں عیاشی کرنا)
He sowed wild oats in youth and now he is suffering.
24. **Take a man at his words** (بات پر یقین کر لینا)
We should take him at his words because he is a reliable man.
25. **Throw water upon** (پانی پھیر دینا)
He threw water upon the wishes of his father.
26. **Throw up the sponge** (ہتھیار ڈال دینا)
Before his enemy he threw up the sponge.
27. **Lick the dust** (ذلت اٹھانا)
If you oppose me, you will have to lick the dust.
28. **To be taken up with** (مصروف ہونا)
I cannot come now as I am taken up with my work.
29. **To be in the doldrums** (افسردگی کی حالت میں ہونا)
After his failure, he was in the doldrums.
30. **Be in one's elements** (اپنے مخصوص ماحول میں ہونا)
When a player talks of games, he is in his elements.
31. **To bring down the house** (ایوان کو متاثر کر لینا)
He brought down the house with his fiery speech.
32. **Be in the soup** (مشکلات میں ہونا)
For his political activities, he is in the soup now -a-days.
33. **Take by the storm** (حیران کر دینا)
By his sudden appearance, he took the people by the storm.

34. **Be on tenterhooks** (انتظاری کیفیت میں ہونا)
One day before the result, everybody was on tenterhooks.
35. **Be at one's wit's end** (بدحواس ہونا) :
Seeing me, he was at his wit's end.
36. **Blow one's own trumpet** (اپنی تعریف کرنا)
We dislike him because he always blows his own trumpet.
37. **To die in harness** (فرائض کی ادائیگی کے دوران مرنا)
Brave soldiers always die in harness.
38. **To steer clear of** (بچ نکلنا۔ احتراز کرنا)
You should steer clear of bad company.
39. **Be in the same boat** (ایک جیسے حالات میں ہونا)
We shall die and live together because we are in the same boat.
40. **Rest on one's oars** (محنت کے بعد آرام کرنا)
After the examination, we decided to rest on our oars.
41. **Keep one's head above water** (قرض سے بچے رہنا)
His business failed and he could not keep his head above water.
42. **Go with the stream** (زمانے کے ساتھ چلنا)
Great men never go with the stream.
43. **Give a wide berth to** (دور رکھنا)
Give a wide berth to that wicked man.
44. **Pour oil on troubled water** (معاملات کو ٹھنڈا کرنا)
He poured oil on troubled water and all were calm and quiet.
45. **Tide over** (غالب آنا) : He will tide over all his difficulties.
46. **Weather the storm** (مشکلات کا مقابلہ کرنا)
Do not lose heart; weather the storm.
47. **Take into one's head** (فیصلہ کر لینا) : I took it into my head to go there.
48. **Face the music** (تقید کا سامنا کرنا)
A public leader should have the courage to face the music.
49. **Turn up one's nose at** (حقارت سے دیکھنا)
Do not turn up your nose at the poor.
50. **Pay through the nose** (نقصان اٹھانا)
If you went there, you would pay through the nose.
51. **Wear one's heart upon ones sleeves** (جذبات کا کھلم کھلا اظہار کرنا)
That simple fellow wears his heart upon his sleeves.

52. **Keep a stiff upper lip** (صبر کا مظاہرہ کرنا)
In the teeth of so many difficulties, he kept a stiff upper lip.
53. **Give a leg-up** (سہارا دینا)
When my business failed, he gave me a leg-up.
54. **Throw dust in the eyes of** (دھوکا دینا)
He threw dust in the eyes of the policeman and was able to escape.
55. **Poke one's nose** (دخل دینا) : Do not poke your nose in my affairs.
56. **Pull a long face** (غمزدہ ہو جانا) : At my remark, he pulled a long face.
57. **Turn a deaf ear to** (توجہ دینا)
He turned a deaf ear to my advice and was ruined.
58. **Laugh in one's sleeves** (چپکے چپکے ہنسا)
When the teacher punished him, all the boys laughed in their sleeves.
59. **Put the cart before the horse** (الٹ کام کرنا)
Sleeping in the day and working at night is to put the cart before the horse.
60. **Take the bull by the horns** (مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا)
Brave men always take the bull by the horns.
61. **Let the cat out of the bag** (راز افشا کرنا)
One of the thieves let the cat out of the bag and all were arrested.
62. **Feather one's nest** (ناجا تاز ذرائع سے گھر بھرنا)
Dishonest persons always try to feather their own nest.
63. **Fish in troubled water** (دوسروں کی مصیبت سے فائدہ اٹھانا)
When there is some disturbance in our country, our enemies try to fish in troubled water.
64. **Look a gift horse in the mouth** (تحفے میں نقص نکالنا)
It is bad to look a gift horse in the mouth.
65. **Cast pearls before the swine** (بے وقوف کو نصیحت کرنا)
To advise that fool is like casting pearls before the swine.
66. **Put back the clock** (ماضی کی باتیں کرنا)
We will not allow you to put back the clock.
67. **Burn the candle at both ends** (بہت خرچ کرنا)
He burnt the candle at both ends and grew poor.
68. **End in smoke** (ختم ہو جانا) : All his plans ended in smoke.
69. **Nip in the bud** (ابتدا میں ختم کر دینا) : We should nip the evil in the bud.

70. **Split hairs** (بال کی کھال اکھاڑنا) : Splitting hairs is a bad habit.
(تحریر کا خفیہ مطلب سمجھ لینا)
71. **Read between the lines** (تحریر کا خفیہ مطلب سمجھ لینا) : Reading between the lines of your letter, I think you dislike me.
72. **Eat the humble pie** (شرمندگی اٹھانا)
If you come late, you will eat the humble pie.
73. **Fight shy of** (ڈرنا، بدکنا)
First year students fight shy of senior students.
74. **Eat one's words** (الفاظ واپس لینا)
He realised his mistake and ate his words.
75. **To detract from** (کٹوتی کر لینا)
He detracted some money from my payment.
76. **Marshal the facts** (حقائق کو ترتیب دینا)
Marshal the facts and then analyse them.
77. **Get into hot water** (مشکلات میں پھنس جانا)
If you go there, you will get into hot water.
78. **Bring home to** (ذہن نشین کرانا) : I will bring this point home to him.
79. **Carry on with** (جاری رکھنا) : Please, carry on with your work.
80. **Turn to account** (فائدہ اٹھانا)
He does not know how to turn his money to account.
81. **Turn turtle** (الٹ جانا)
The unlucky bus turned turtle near Swat Valley.
82. **Come down upon** (جھڑکیاں دینا)
He came down upon his servant for his fault.
83. **Hold one's own** (شکست نہ ماننا)
In the face of difficulties, he held his own.
84. **Keep an open house** (مہمان نوازی کو تیار رہنا)
That hospitable person keeps an open house.
85. **Take French leave** (بغیر اطلاع چلے جانا)
Give up this bad habit of taking French leave.
86. **To beat about the bush** (ادھر ادھر کی بات کرنا)
Without beating about the bush, you should say what you like.
87. **Go to the wall** (تباہ ہو جانا) : This firm will soon go to the wall.
88. **Pull the strings** (دوسرے کو اشارے پر چلانا)
He is nothing; it is his father who pulls the strings.

89. **Play ducks and drakes** (بے دردی سے ضائع کرنا)
He is playing ducks and drakes with the wealth of his father.
90. **Play second fiddle** (ہاں میں ہاں ملانا)
A servant plays second fiddle to his master.
91. **Lay a blame at a man's door** (الزام دوسرے پر ڈال دینا)
He committed the crime and laid the blame at his friend's door.
92. **Stick to one's colour** (اپنی بات پر قائم رہنا)
The man of principle will stick to his colours.
93. **Stick to one's guns** (مقابلے میں اڑے رہنا)
We stick to our guns in the battlefield.
94. **To egg on** (کام پر اکسانا)
We egged him on to appear in the examination.
95. **Win laurels** (شہرت حاصل کرنا): Work hard and you will win laurels.
96. **Mince matters** (بنا بنا کر بات کرنا)
He is bold enough not to mince matters.
97. **Break the ice** (ابتدا کرنا)
When all were hesitant, I broke the ice and advanced.
98. **Beggar description** (بیان کو الفاظ نہ ہونا)
That scenery beggars description.
99. **Harp on the same string** (ایک ہی راگ الاپنا)
His movies are not interesting because he harps on the same string.
100. **Poke one's nose** (دخل دینا)
Do not poke your nose into my affairs.

SET-IV

1. **Lose one's head** (جوش میں آ جانا)
He lost his head and slapped his friend.
2. **Make head against** (کامیاب مقابلہ کرنا)
Our army made head against the enemy.
3. **Lead by the nose** (اپنے کہنے پر چلانا)
She leads her husband by the nose.
4. **Make one's heart bleed** (غمگین کر دینا)
It makes my heart bleed to think that he was killed like that.
5. **Burn one's fingers** (نقصان اٹھانا)
If you did not act upon my advice you would burn your fingers.

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Show a clean pair of heels (دم دبا کر بھاگ جانا)

Seeing me, he showed a clean pair of heels.

Let slip through one's fingers (موقع ضائع کر دینا)

He let slip this chance through his fingers and now he is sad.

Make a clean breast (تسلیم کر لینا)

Anjad made a clean breast of his fault.

Meet one half way (مفاہمت کر لینا)

On principles I am ready to meet you half way.

Mind one's own business (کام سے کام رکھنا)

Mind ones's own business; don't interfere with mine.

Nail a lie (جھوٹ غلط ثابت ہونا)

With his strong arguments, he was able to nail a lie.

Pass the buck (ذمہ داری دوسرے پر ڈال دینا)

When he could explain his behaviour, he passed the buck to me.

Pin one's faith on (عقیدہ قائم کرنا)

We must pin our faith in Islam.

Play fast and loose (بار بار رویہ بدلنا)

Do not play fast and loose with your friends.

Poke fun at (مزاق اڑانا): Don't poke fun at your elders.

Play into someone's hand (کسی کے ہاتھ میں کھیلنا)

My partner plays into my hands.

Put one's best face on (اچھا، ظاہر کرنا)

He put his best face on him and deceived others.

Keep one's powder dry (جنگ کو تیار رہنا)

Trust in God but keep your powder dry.

Move heaven and earth (خوب زور لگانا)

He moved heaven and earth to get some job.

Shout from the house - tops (عام اعلان کرنا)

He shouted from the house - tops that he would not stay there.

Be worth one's salt (اہم ہونا)

Every man that is worth his salt has his enemies.

Wash dirty linen in public (خاندانی معاملے کھلم کھلا زیر بحث لانا)

I would advise you not to wash dirty linen in public.

23. **Shed crocodile tears** (فرضی آنسو بہانا)
He killed his friend and now he is shedding crocodile tears.
24. **To make a cat's paw of** (دوسرے کو آلہ کار بنانا)
He made a cat's paw of his friend and got his aim.
25. **To stand in good stead** (مفید ثابت ہونا)
This knowledge will stand you in good stead.
26. **To beat the air** (بے سود کوشش کرنا)
By fighting against him you are beating the air.
27. **To rip open old scores** (گڑے مردے اکھاڑنا)
Forget the past and do not rip open old scores.
28. **To feel the pulse** (حالات کا جائزہ لینا)
First feel the pulse of the situation and then act accordingly.
29. **To give oneself airs** (ستخی بگھارنا)
Do not give yourself airs; it is a bad habit.
30. **To be green** (نا تجربہ کار ہونا)
Do not start such a big business; you are still green.
31. **To keep one's fingers crossed** (اچھی امیدوں کی توقع میں کچھ نہ کرنا)
Do not keep your fingers crossed; do something practical to avoid harm.
32. **To draw the long bow** (مبالغہ کرنا، جھوٹ بولنا)
Do not believe him; he always draws a long bow.
33. **To be taken aback** (حیران رہ جانا)
Hearing the news of his failure, he was taken aback.
34. **To abide by** (پابندی کرنا، پورا کرنا)
You should abide by the laws of your country.
35. **To keep abreast of** (واقف رہنا، ساتھ ساتھ چلنا)
We should keep abreast of the recent developments (موجودہ حالات).
36. **To give a good account of oneself** (خیال رکھنا)
He gave a good account of himself in the examination.
37. **To be within an ace of** (بہت قریب)
He was sitting within an ace of me.
38. **To take into account** (خیال رکھنا، ذہن میں رکھنا)
While giving a judgement the judge should take into account the circumstances of the guilty.
39. **To take advantage of** (فائدہ اٹھانا)
Shahid should take advantage of this opportunity.

40. **To make allowance** (رعایت دینا، خیال رکھنا)
He is guilty but we should make allowance for his good behaviour.
41. **To make amends for** (تلافی کرنا)
Don't worry; I will make amends for your loss (نقصان).
42. **To swallow the bait** (دھوکہ کھا جانا)
He is simple and will swallow the bait.
43. **To bear the brunt of** (مخالف قوت کا مقابلہ کرنا)
The Indians could not bear the brunt of the Pak Armed Forces.
44. **To call in question** (شک کرنا، اعتراض کرنا)
His honesty cannot be called in question.
45. **To carry the day** (فتح حاصل کرنا)
Babur carried the day in the battle of Panipat.
46. **Throw to the dogs** (بے کار سمجھ کر پھینک دینا)
Enough of your honesty; throw it to the dogs.
47. **To fall back upon** (سہارا لینا)
The widow (بیوہ) had no relative to fall back upon.
48. **To take a fancy to** (پسند کرنا) : He has taken a fancy to that girl.
49. **To get into scrape** (مشکل میں پھنس جانا)
If you do not mend your ways, you will get into scrape.
50. **To apply an underhand game** (خفیہ سازش کرنا)
I was surprised to know that my own friend was playing an underhand game with me.
51. **To hit the nail on the head** (صحیح جگہ پر زور لگانا)
He is a successful politician because he knows how and when to hit the nail on the head.
52. **To see eye to eye with** (متفق ہونا)
I cannot see eye to eye with you in this matter.
53. **To bury the hatchet** (دشمنی بھلا دینا)
They buried the hatchet and became friends again.
54. **To lend a hand** (مدد کرنا)
Lend me a hand, I will complete the work in time.
55. **To turn over a new leaf** (نئے سرے سے آغاز کرنا)
After his father's death, he turned over a new leaf of life.
56. **To leave no stone unturned** (کوئی دقیقہ فروگذاشت نہ کرنا)
I will leave no stone unturned to please my boss.

57. **To make light of** (کم اہم سمجھنا)
I warned him against the danger, but he made light of my warning.
58. **To throw light upon** (روشنی ڈالنا)
His speech threw light upon the situation.
59. **To be at loggerheads** (دشمن ہونا)
The two brothers are always at loggerheads with each other.
60. **To gird up one's loins** (اہم کرنا، کمر کرنا)
Gird up your loins and accept the challenge of the circumstances.
61. **To leave in the lurch** (خطرے کے وقت چھوڑ جانا)
His selfish (خود غرض) friends left him in the lurch.
62. **To steal march over somebody** (کسی پر چپکے سے برتری حاصل کرنا)
He was weak in English, but soon he stole a march over others.
63. **To keep late hours** (دیر سے سونا)
He keeps late hours but gets up very early.
64. **To cut to the quick** (جذبات مجروح کرنا)
This thoughtless remark cut him to the quick.
65. **To plough the sand** (ریت میں ہل چلانا)
The attempt to bribe (رشوت دینا) him is to plough the sand.
66. **To give the cold shoulder** (سر دمہری سے پیش آنا)
When I asked for his help, he gave me cold shoulder.
67. **To pay back in the same coin** (ترکی بہ ترکی جواب دینا)
He abused me and I paid back in the same coin.
68. **To take one to task** (جواب طلبی کرنا)
His officer took him to task for negligence (لا پرواہی).
69. **To cut a sorry figure** (شرمندگی اٹھانا)
When he could not speak in the meeting, he had to cut a sorry figure.
70. **To cut the cake and have it** (دو متضاد کام ایک ہی وقت کرنا)
You cannot serve God and Mammon (دولت); it is to eat the cake and have it.
71. **To throw off the mask** (اصل حالت میں ظاہر ہونا)
He threw off the mask and we found he was not good man.
72. **To keep the wolf from the door** (فائدہ کسی سے بچے رہنا)
For the poor it is very difficult to keep the wolf from the door.
73. **To get in the neck** (گردن میں آن پھنسا لینے کے دینے پڑ جانا)
He had prepared a very cunning trap for his enemy but he got it in his own neck.

74. To see how the wind blows (ہوا کا رخ دیکھنا)
Don't worry about your future policy; first see how the wind blows.
75. To browbeat (ڈرانا، دھمکانا)
You cannot browbeat me into doing this thing.
76. To give the devil his due. (کسی برے آدمی کی خوبی تسلیم کرنا).
To give the devil his due, that rogue (بدمعاش) has some qualities.
77. A green room (تھیٹر کا وہ کمرہ جہاں اداکار آرام کرتے ہیں)
During the performance, the stage actors wait in the green room.
78. Loaves and fishes (مادی مناد)
Everybody looks to his loaves and fishes.
79. To pull one's leg (بے وقوف بنانا): Don't pull your friend's leg.
80. Null and void (مغض، کالعدم): Now these rules are null and void.
81. Hope against hope (مکمل ناامیدی میں امید)
Hoping against hope the doctors continued treating the patient (مریض).
82. To set aside (رد کر دینا): He set aside all my objections (اعتراضات).
83. Next to nothing (نہ ہونے کے برابر): This amount is next to nothing.
84. Bread and butter (روزی، کمائی)
Book-writing is my bread and butter.
85. Hobson's choice (ایسا انتخاب جس میں انتخاب کا موقع نہ ہو)
He was offered only one horse to choose; it was in fact Hobson's choice.
86. A blue-eyed boy (چہیتا): He is the boss's blue-eyed boy.
87. A tower of strength (قوت کا سینار)
The Quaid-e-Azam was a tower of strength for the Muslims of India.
88. Animal spirits (فطری خوشدلی): He has the animal spirits to enjoy life.
89. To bear the palm (اول قرار دیا جانا)
In athletics, he is sure to bear the plam.
90. At a loose end (فارغ ہونا، کوئی کام نہ ہونا)
If you are at a loose end, come out and join us.
91. Writing on the wall (تباہی کے واضح نشانات، نوشتہ دیوار)
It is writing on the wall that his ruin (تباہی) is certain (یقینی).
92. To kick up a row (احتجاج کر کے گڑ بڑ پیدا کرنا)
Against the rising prices, the labourers kicked up a row.

93. **To have too many irons in the fire** (ایک وقت، میں زیادہ کام سرانجام دینا)
Concentrate (توجہ دینا) on one thing, do not have too many irons in the fire.
94. **To catch someone napping** (کسی کو فرض سے کوتاہی پر پکڑ لینا)
The officer caught the watchman napping.
95. **The golden handshake** (ریٹائرمنٹ پر دی جانے والی بڑی رقم)
His golden handshake will amount to nearly one million rupees.
96. **The underdog** (شخص یا ملک جو کمزور حالت میں ہو)
We should always support the underdog.
97. **As ill-luck would have it** (بد قسمتی یہ ہوئی)
As ill-luck would have it, we could not reach there in time.
98. **An eye-opener** (آنکھ کھولنے والا، ہوشیار کرنے والا)
This incident should be an eye-opener for you.
99. **Tom, Dick, Harry** (ہر اللو بچو، ہر عام آدمی)
This is not so difficult; every Tom, Dick and Harry can do it.
100. **Where the shoe pinches** (تکلیف کا مقام)
Only the wearer knows where the shoes pinches.