Body Idioms I

Guess what they mean. Choose the best answer.

1. Mary has **a sweet tooth**.
a) One of Mary's tooth has a cavity
b) Mary likes cakes and sweets
c) Mary is a really cute girl

2. Bob is **pulling your leg**.
a) Bob wants you to believe in his lie.
b) Bob wants to catch your attention.
c) Bob is a chiropractor

3. A new car would **cost me an arm and a leg**.
a) I cannot afford a new car. They are too expensive.
b) I cannot drive new cars.
c) I think new cars are really beautiful.

4. She's well-trained and has the figures about the performance of her business **at her fingertips**.
a) She has attended lots of business classes and is a good businesswoman.
b) She knows all the figures very well and can refer to them quickly
c) She is a good performer.

5. They asked me for fresh ideas, but I had none. I **racked my brain**, but couldn't come up with anything.
a) I made a mental list of different solutions.
b) I stopped thinking
c) I tried hard to think and find something to say.

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6. If you approach a company, thinking that the only thing you will accept is a full-time, permanent job, you might **be shooting yourself in the foot**.

a) It is really easy to find a permanent job nowadays.
b) Finding a permanent job is similar to going hunting
c) It would be foolish to expect a permanent job nowadays.

7.I don't have a set schedule, so we'll have to **play it by ear**.

a) We'll have to improvise what to do.
b) We'll have to listen to the chairman of the meeting.
c) We'll have to take more time than expected.

8. I think his remark was supposed to be **tongue-in-cheek**.

a) His remark was meant to hurt you.
b) His remark mustn't be taken too seriously.
c) His remark must remain a secret.

9. That will teach him to go **poking his nose** into other people's business!

a) He shouldn't have shown too much interest in a situation that didn't involve him.
b) He should have taken more interest in a situation that didn't involve him.
c) He made a mistake trying to understand what people were thinking about him.

10. I shared my feelings with no one because I had always believed in **keeping a stiff upper lip**.

a) I had always believed in hiding my emotions
b) I had always believed in keeping a secret
c) I had always believed in being serious

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