

CHUYÊN ĐỀ THÀNH NGỮ - IDIOMS



1. The political candidate knew the issue was a hot, so he deferred to his chief of staff, who directed questions to the committee chairperson.
A. tomato B. potato C. pot D. dog
2. Don't let my mother watch any of those sappy movies—she cries at the drop of a
A. hat B. bag C. cat D. rag
3. When your programme first started I thought it was the best thing since sliced
A. cake B. break C. bread D. bead
4. Denise has been burning the midnight trying to finish this report, so she must be exhausted.
A. lamp B. candle C. oil D. gas
5. I was excited to start taking night classes after work, but now, without enough time to devote either to school or to my job, I feel like I'm falling between stools.
A. one B. two C. three D. four
6. You'd better leave now if you want to arrive early for the exam. **Break a leg!**
A. good luck B. Good night C. Good bye D. Good job
7. You'd better the books if you want to pass your exam on Friday.
A. hit B. beat C. stab D. bite
8. I think he'll pay you back your money – when fly.
A. birds B. cats C. cocks D. pigs
9. I don't mind driving this time-she's scratched my plenty of times.
A. head B. back C. stomach D. heart
10. Duncan Smith hit the nail on the when he said that the Prime Minister promised so much and yet changed so little.
A. head B. back C. leg D. foot
11. At school, people always used to take the out of him for having red hair.
A. cat B. dog C. mickey D. rat
12. They their car at our disposal for our entire stay.
A. had B. took C. put D. got

13. I'm sorry, I can't. I have a headache.
A. splitting B. biting C. sleeping D. chipping
14. This food isthe house, you don't have to pay for it.
A. at B. on C. in D. at
15. My parents are going to hit the roof if they find out we had a party here.
A. become angry B. become sad C. become worried D. become nervous
16. When I hear stories of cruelty to animals, it makes my..... boil.
A. stomach B. oil C. blood D. head
17. She is a rising star as a standup comedian, always able to bring down the during each performance.
A. house B. rain C. roof D. kennel
18. We paid through the to get the car fixed.
A. head B. nose C. lips D. mouth
19. Stop about the bush, John! Just tell me exactly what the problem is.
A. rushing B. hiding C. beating D. moving
20. I usually buy my clothes..... It's cheaper than going to a dress- maker.
A. off the peg B. on the house C. in public D. on the shelf
21. I caught the last bus by the skin of my
A. mouth B. leg C. neck D. teeth
22. It was a joke! I was pulling your
A. thumb B. hair C. toe D. leg
23. I always get ___in my stomach before visiting the dentist.
A. worms B. butterflies C. crabs D. hedgehogs
24. Those smart phones are selling like..... If you want one, you'd better buy one now before they're all gone.
B. shooting stars B. fresh bread C. hot cakes D. wild oats
25. I haven't had an accident yet but I've had a number of shaves.
A. narrow B. near C. close D. tiny
26. My father refused to eat meat that had been fired. He had in his bonnet about causing cancer
A. bug B. a bee C. a bull D. an ant

27. I dropped a when talking with my best friend, and now he doesn't want to talk to me.
 A. rock B. stone C. brick D. sand
28. What the president said is not to be printed. It's the record.
 A. on B. of C. off D. without
29. I can't stand Mr. Brian. He's always blowing his own - telling everyone how good he is at everything.
 A. balloon B. breath C. mind D. trumpet
30. He could always findwith something, either in my writing or in my personality.
 A. error B. fault C. mistakes D. wrong
31. The two groups of bullies fought tooth and before the police came last night.
 A. claw B. nail C. feet D. both A and B
32. The complaints he received were like water off a duck's
 A. back B. wings C. feather D. body
33. I couldn't think of a way to present my view so that no one would take it
 A. miss B. amiss C. easy D. relax
34. Where were you? I have been looking for you **high and low**.
 A. here and there B. everywhere C. nowhere D. both A and B
35. My little house is **spick and span**.
 A. neat B. clean C. well looked after D. all are correct
36. Working irregular hours is all **part and parcel** of being a journalist.
 A. integral B. crucial C. essential D. all are correct
37. The opposition will be elected into government at the next election, without a of a doubt
 A. shade B. shadow C. benefit D. hue
38. He **didn't hat an eye** when he realized he failed the exam again.
 A. didn't want to see B. didn't show surprise
 C. wasn't happy D. didn't care
39. They are getting married. They have just the news to their friends.
 A. told B. informed C. broken D. had
40. In the future, the robot will not **cost an and a leg**.
 A. arm B. hand C. foot D. nail

41. I could see the finish line and thought I was **home and dry**.
 A. hopeless B. hopeful C. unsuccessful D. successful
42. Don't let all this praise go to your
 A. mind B. brain C. head D. mouth
43. He was arrested on the on the way to the airport.
 A. spot B. sport C. slot D. top
44. It never rains but it.....
 A. clouds B. pours C. storms D. dries
45. She always turned her term paper in at the eleventh
 A. minute B. second C. hour D. time
46. Boss: So, Rita, you left work early yesterday?
 Worker: Yeah, and did I ever **get in hot water** for that!
 A. be in trouble. B. take a warm bath.
 C. get so tired D. be sorry
47. A: What did you think of Chuck? - B: Oh, we **hit it off right away**.
 A. argued as soon as they met. B. quickly became friends.
 C. didn't like each other. D. stopped talking soon.
48. We don't go there often - just off on.
 A. or B. and C. but D. then
49. I'm worried she may be **getting cold** about our trip to Patagonia.
 A. blood B. head C. heart D. feet
50. We **good time** and were at the hotel by lunchtime.
 A. have B. made C. spent D. took
51. If everyone **chips**, we'll be able to buy her a really nice present.
 A. on B. at C. in D. out
52. It's adate. I have never gone out with him before.
 A. hot B. blind C. secret D. first
53. I don't have anything in common with my brother. We're like chalk and.....
 A. cheese B. butter C. milk D. bread
54. If you need me, just call me. I can come at the drop of a
 A. hat B. bag C. cat D. rag

55. They simply didn't know what they were doing and they were led by the by a manipulative government.
- A. head B. hand C. leg D. nose
56. The old man has been his head for at least a year.
- A. on B. off C. in D. at
57. I've got to **run an errand**. I'll be back in a minute.
- A. manage the company B. do the household chores
B. work on a night shift D. do the homework
58. They ignore people who the traffic lights.
- A. pass B. jump C. get D. play
59. No one will off the handle for no reason.
- A. fly B. turn C. put D. cut
60. Only allowing half an hour to get from the station to the airport is cutting it, isn't it?
- A. good B. nice C. fine D. well
61. The manager got early retirement and a 600,000\$ goldenwhen the company was restructured.
- A. handshake B. ring C. crown D. money
62. We've known you are a good swimmer – stop **putting on an act**.
- A. making believe B. pretending C. lying D. both A and B
63. Four soldiers have faced charges since the scandal **came to light** last fall.
- A. hidden B. revealed C. believed D. relieved
64. I really put my in it when I asked her about her job. I didn't know she'd just been fired.
- A. head B. foot C. feet D. minds
65. The rest of the team complained that Sarah wasn't her weight.
- A. pushing B. pulling C. losing D. gaining
66. I have to work at two jobs to make meet.
- A. end B. ends C. ending D. ended
67. I think I must explain to her that she got hold of the wrong of the stick again.
- A. end B. ends C. ending D. ended

68. Although a deal has been agreed, it is not yet-and-dried.
 A. fried B. tried C. cut D. run
69. We had better keep on our while we're walking along the dark portions of this street.
 A. eyes B. ears C. toes D. faces
70. I don't want to see a movie now, I have mind going to the park.
 A. on B. in C. at D. of
71. It seems that Charles will give it up. I suppose he is a lost
 A. cause B. reason C. aim D. purpose
72. You're to be late if you don't hurry.
 A. bound B. about C. able D. all are correct
73. James sometimes seems quite unfriendly but heart he's a good person.
 A. at B. by C. in D. on
73. woman said that she would know the thief by if she ever saw him again.
 A. chance B. mistake C. sight D. accident
74. She takesto do everything well.
 A. paints B. pains C. rains D. chances
75. Mary broke a dining-room window and had to face the when her father got home.
 A. wall B. music C. stick D. water
76. Tommy is the sheep in his family: he is the only member who has not made a success of his life.
 A. black B. grey C. yellow D. white
77. He argued with her until he was in the face.
 A. black B. grey C. yellow D. blue
78. It was a-letter day when she finally received her graduation diploma.
 A. black B. grey C. red D. white
79. My sister became as a ghost when she saw the man at the window.
 A. black B. grey C. yellow D. white
80. She passed her exam with flying and now wants to go out and celebrate.
 A. colors B. colors C. bays D. objects
81. My sister was always the teacher's when she was in the first grade at school.
 A. pets B. cats C. dogs D. doves

82. Drop me a when you get there.
A. line B. note C. letter D. both A and B
83. This is where I grew up. I know this area like the back of my
A. arms B. hand C. legs D. foot
84. I'll be **back in the twinkling of**
A. an eye B. a lighting bolt C. a smile D. a laugh
85. I'm afraid hip hop isn't my **cup of**.....
A. tea B. java C. coffee D. wine
86. Just a moment... I've got the answer on the **of my tongue**.
A. top B. tap C. tip D. back
87. Oh, I'm sorry. I shouldn't have said that. I guess I really **put my** **in my mouth**.
A. foot B. hand C. elbow D. knee
88. Sharon always sticks her into everyone else's business.
A. head B. lips C. nose D. mouth
89. In Florida, the temperature drops below freezing only once in a moon.
A. green B. purple C. blue D. middle
90. Brady's surprise party is going to be great if you don't let theout of the bag.
A. dog B. mouse C. bat D. cat
91. Someone who is inexperienced is
A. red B. blue C. black D. green
92. The sheep were huddled into a to protect them from overnight frosts.
A. cage (lồng, chuồng) B. pen (chuồng gia súc)
C. kennel (cũi chó) D. hutch (chuồng thỏ)
93. My English is progressing.....
A. ends B. leaps and bounds
C. bounds and leaps D. ends and odds
94. When you do something, you should.....
A. get through to
B. turn over a new leaf (lật một chiếc lá mới): bắt đầu thay đổi hành vi của mình
C. weigh up the pros (tích cực) and cons (tiêu cực)
D. go down well with

95. The weather is going to change soon; I feel it in my
 A. body B. legs C. skin D. bones
96. As it was very hot in summer, sales of bottles of water went.....the roof.
 A. through B. to C. above D. over
97. She is the black of her family.
 A. goat B. deer C. sheep D. sleep
98. She comes to see me once in amoon.
 A. red B. glouse C. blue D. green
99. She is walking on the.....she doesn't know how to say.
 A. air B. road C. street D. garden
100. Her husband is a rich and successful businessman, so she eats..... and dresses..... without hard work.
 A. delicious/nice B. well/beautifully C. good/beautiful D. well/beautiful
101. He takes after his father very much. It is like father like
 A. son B. children C. father D. girl
102. Enjoy your meal! Home grow, home.....
 A. make B. made C. makes D. making
103. I've never really enjoyed going to the ballet or the opera; they're not really my.....
 A. piece of cake B. sweets and candy C. biscuit D. cup of tea
104. He travels..... for 20 years and then he decided to return home.
 A. father away B. far and wide C. far from it D. farthest of all
105. Remember to appreciate what your friends do for you. You shouldn't take them.....
 A. as a rule B. as usual C. out of habit D. for granted
106. I know his name, but I can't recall it at the moment. It's on the tip of
 A. tongue B. brain C. mind D. memory
107. The sixth time he called me at night was the.....
 A. last cause B. last straw C. touch and go D. hot air
108. Now that they have read it in....., they believe me.
 A. red and blue B. blue and red C. white and black D. black and white

109. I couldn't believe that they were brothers. They were as different as.....
- A. Mars from Jupiter B. chalk from cheese
C. salt and sugar D. milk from honey
- 110: It is raining.....
- A. cats and mice B. goats and sheep
C. horses and goats D. cats and dogs
111. They tried **in vain** to save enough money to buy a house and so finally they rented one.
- A. without money B. without trial C. without success D. without work
112. You shouldn't worry about the exam because you have prepared well and you will probably find it **a piece of cake**.
- A. easy to digest B. easy to read C. easy to start D. very easy
113. My son would love to have a Buzz Lightmonth toy for his birthday. Do you have any at your store? - Sorry, madam. They are **out of stock**.
- A. bankrupt B. broken C. not available D. stacked
114. You certainly couldn't call him modest because he is always **blowing his own trumpet**.
- A. saying how fit he is B. saying how healthy he is
C. saying how clever he is D. saying how tall he is
115. I invested all my money in that failed company and now I find my whole investment has gone **down the drain**.
- A. has been overtaken (bắt kịp) B. has been confirmed
C. has been wasted D. has been confused
116. As far as Alex was concerned this was **the last straw** and he vowed he would never risk money on a horse ever again.
- A. the final decision B. the final moment
C. the final disaster D. the final occasion
117. I would advise you to do that as well and in that way you will **kill two birds with one stone**.
- A. get things done twice B. get something done two times
C. get two things done at the same time D. get two things done twice

118. I suppose she was **the apple of your eye** at the time.
 A. your favourite fruit B. your favourite meal
 C. your favourite person D. your favourite book
119. "Where did you hear about that?" - "Just **word of**"
 A. eyes B. nose C. mouth D. ears
120. "What's wrong?" - "I'm a bit **the weather**."
 A. in B. under C. at D. off
121. "You've been rude to me all day, and I've had it. That's **the last**"
 A. moment B. second C. minute D. straw
122. "Let's all be very careful what we say at the meeting tomorrow. I don't want anyone **putting their** **in their mouth**."
 A. arm B. hand C. finger D. foot
123. I wanted to ask her what she thought of her ex-husband, but I figured it was better to **let sleeping**..... **lie**."
 A. cat B. dog C. fish D. cow
124. "Her husband is awful; they fight all the time but I think **it takes** **to tango**."
 A. one B. two C. three D. four
125. "I have decided that this summer I am going to learn how to scuba dive." -- "Me too! I have already paid for the course. **Great minds** **alike**!"
 A. think B. hear C. listen D. tell
126. "When my girl friend and my brother got in a fight I had to help my brother because **blood is****than water**."
 A. thinner B. thicker C. better D. more
127. "Whenever that professor says something I don't like, I have to **bite my**"
 A. tongue B. mouth C. lips D. eyes
128. "Sorry I was late for the meeting today; I got stuck in traffic." -- "That's okay; **better late than**"
 A. never B. no C. not D. none
129. "Don't tell me how to do this; show me because **actions speak louder than**"
 A. words B. speech C. work D. jobs

130. I'd like to do something to change the world but whatever I do seems like **a drop in the....."**

- A. bucket B. garbage C. rubbish D. river

131. I think the time has now come when we'll simply have to **call it a day**.

- A. stop trying B. stop thinking C. stop working D. stop going

132. All right then if you like **I'll put my cards on the table** .

- A. I'll tell you a story B. I'll tell you what to do
C. I'll tell you something D. I'll tell you my honest opinion

133. Well in the first place all the windows are broken, which is **a real pain in the neck**.

- A. a bad ache B. a serious ache
C. a serious problem D. a bad shock

134. Yes, I agree but at the same time it's **not the end of the world**.

- A. worth worrying about B. worth talking about
C. worth looking at D. worth speaking about

135. I prefer to talk to people **face to face** rather than to talk on the phone.

- A. in person B. facing them
C. looking at them D. seeing them

136. He does not really go around with many People because-he's a bit of a **lone wolf**.

- A. single person B. lonely person C. unhappy person D. simple person

137.He is **like a fish out of water** whenever he goes to the party.

- A. feels uncomfortable B. feels dry
C. feels thirsty D. feels silly

138. No one mentions him because he is regarded as **the black sheep of the family**.

- A. the one with the sense of humor B. the one with a bad reputation
C. the one who is always late D. the one who never washes

139. I wouldn't say I never see **eye to eye** with my employers but sometimes they can make extraordinary demands.

- A. totally side B. totally work C. totally agree D. totally disagree

140. It was a serious operation but he made a complete recovery and was soon **as fit as a fiddle**.

- a. in careful health B. in easy health C. in quiet health D. in good health

141. Since she won the lottery last week she has been feeling **on the top of the world**.

- A. very proud B. very happy C. very excited D. very wealthy

142. Chales is having a lot of problems with his business but at least he **is keeping his head above the water.**

- A. not downing B. keeping dry
C. managing to survive D. trying to swim

143. In the end she lost her temper and told her daughter to **hold her tongue.**

- A. stand still B. speak up C. start speaking D. be quiet

144. Jack **has egg** _____ because he couldn't remember how to spell "Batman"!

- A. on his teeth B. on his face C. on his shirt D. on his fingers

Have egg on one's face: xấu hổ

145. He seems like a **good** I'll take a chance on him.

- A. yolk B. leave C. egg D. ink

Good egg: người có nhân cách, đáng tin cậy

146. As the maestro lifted his baton the theater was so still you could hear

- A. his heartbeat B. a pin drop C. bird wings D. the drum beating

Hear a pin drop: im lặng, tĩnh lặng

147. I think I understand the nuts and of the operation.

- A. screws B. hammer C. nails D. bolts

Nuts and bolts: những chi tiết cần thiết

148. He likes being a big..... in a small pond.

- A. cat B. snail C. shark D. fish

A big fish in a small pond: thẳng chột làm vua sù mù

149. Honesty and patience are part and..... in this job.

- A. smart B. card C. parcel D. hard

Part and parcel: phần thiết yếu, quan trọng

150. While Anne was probation, she reported to the police regularly.

- A. on B. in C. at D. off

On probation: trong thời gian quản chế, tập sự (công việc)

- Better late than never -