Character and personality

Task 1. ADJECTIVES
Match the sentences in the left-hand column with those in the right-hand column. Use the adjectives in bold to help you.

1. I wish John wouldn't be so **critical** all the time.	A. I know! He spoke non-stop for two hours on the telephone last night!
2. Mary is so **witty**.	B. She made some really nasty remarks about the new secretary.
3. Chris is such a **garrulous** person.	C. He hates it when I go out with my friends.
4. Sometimes Rick can be really **impulsive**.	D. You can never make her change her mind.
5. Laurence is the most **conceited** person I know.	E. You always believe that only bad things will happen.
6. Mr Kelly is very **absent-minded**.	F. He loves going to parties.
7. Jan is so **obstinate.**	G. After all, nobody's perfect.
8. Mr. Roberts is extremely **reserved**.	H. It's very easy to upset her.
9. You're not very **punctual**, are you?	I. You're almost never on time.
10. Has anyone ever told you how **bossy** you are?	J. She always makes good decisions and does the right thing.
11. You're so **pessimistic**!	K. That's true. She made a very clever and funny speech at her party.
12. Jenny is **optimistic** about the future.	L. Her strong and unreasonable ideas have really upset some people.
13. Brian is usually quite **reliable**.	M. She's always willing to listen to other people's ideas.
14. Claire is very **sensitive**.	N. He often rushes to do things without thinking of the consequences.
15. June is the most **sensible** student in the class.	O. Yesterday he went to the library in his slippers!
16. My boyfriend is so **possessive**.	P. He thinks too much of himself.
17. My mother is quite **open-minded**.	Q. I trust him completely.
18. Jean should try not to be so **bigoted**.	R. She feels that everything will work out for the best.
19. At times, Fiona can be really **bitchy**.	S. You're always telling people what to do.
20. Mark is extremely **sociable**.	

Task 2. IDIOMS, COLLOQUIALISMS AND OTHER EXPRESSIONS
Look at the following list of words and expressions, and decide whether they are positive (+) or negative (-). Use your dictionary to check the meanings.

1. a fuddy-duddy + / -
2. a pain in the neck + / -
3. a gossip + / -
4. a troublemaker + / -
5. a slob + / -
6. a layabout + / -
7. a wet blanket + / -
8. a couch potato + / -
9. a brick + / -
10. a golden boy + / -
11. a high-flyer + / -
12. a windbag + / -
13. a busybody + / -
14. the salt of the earth + / -
15. a slave driver + / -
16. an early bird + / -
17. a sponger + / -
18. a bimbo + / -
19. a jerk + / -
20. a moron + / -
21. a stick-in-the-mud + / -
22. the life and soul of the party + / -

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Physical appearance

Task 2.

There are lots of English idiomatic and colloquial expressions which use parts of the body. Complete the expressions in bold below with a word from the box. Some of the words can be used more than once.

fingers • nose • toe • muscle • chest • neck • elbow ear • chin • foot • eye • hand • back • thumb • shoulder

1. He gave me a _____ with the washing-up.
2. They had been going out together for some time, and then she suddenly gave him the _____ .
3. Don't worry. I wasn't being serious. I was only pulling your _____ .
4. I hoped she would give me a friendly welcome, but in fact she gave me the cold _____ .
5. Poor old Peter is dominated by his wife! She's got him under her _____ .
6. Can you keep an _____ out for the traffic warden while I go into the bank?
7. He's always annoying me! He's such a pain in the _____ .
8. He really put his _____ in it when he said his boss's wife was too fat: she was standing right behind him!
9. She thinks she's better than other people and always looks down her _____ at them.
10. Make sure you follow what is happening. Keep your _____ to the ground.
11. Good luck in the exam. I'll be keeping my _____ crossed for you.
12. I know things are going badly, but keep your _____ up and try to remain cheerful.
13. We get on well, even though we don't always see _____ to _____.
14. You must obey the rules. You have to _____ the line.
15. If something is worrying you, talk to me about it. You'll feel much better if you get it off your _____.
16. He makes me so angry. He always manages to get my _____ up.
17. He interferes all the time. He's always trying to _____ in on our projects and get all the credit for them.
18. Mind your own business! Stop sticking your _____ in!

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