TEST OF IDIOMS

Replace the *underlined* idiom with the phrase that has the same meaning.

1. He's ***up to his ears in*** work and cannot possibly see you now.
   a. associated with
   b. not involved with
   c. very interested in
   d. concerned with
   e. fully occupied with
2. Their mother always describes her twin sons as ***like two peas in a pod***. A. both round in shape
   a. both saying the same thing
   b. both full of fun
   c. both looking exactly alike
   d. both like cooking peas
3. I was turning into the left lane when a car ***came out of nowhere*** and hit me. A. stopped right in front of me
   a. spun over
   b. suddenly appeared
   c. fell off a truck
   d. broke down
4. You remember I told you about that car that cost me ***an arm and a leg***?
   a. a fair amount of money
   b. a huge amount of money
   c. a small amount of money
   d. a short amount of money
   e. a good amount of money
5. Choose the **correct meaning for the idiom below. Let the cat out of the bag**
   a. to accidentally reveal a secret
   b. to lose something very valuable
   c. to allow a cat run out of the bag
   d. to accidentally lose an animal from a box
   e. to help someone escape from a difficult situation
6. Choose the **correct meaning for the idiom below .**
   What does it mean if you say something **'tongue in cheek'**?
   a. You are lying.
   b. You have a very big month
   c. You're very hungry
   d. You are joking, even though you might appear to be serious.
   e. What you are saying is a secret, and you don't expect the other person to tell
7. Choose the **correct meaning for the idiom below**.
   Bite the hand that feeds you
   a. to feel hungry
   b. to hurt your hand
   c. to make someone hurt
   d. to suddenly find yourself in a dangerous situation
   e. to force yourself to do something unpleasant or difficult

8. Choose the **correct meaning for the idiom below**. **Bite the bullet.**

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a. to feel very hungry
b. to make someone angry
c. To swallow very hot thing
d. to suddenly find yourself in a dangerous situation
e. to force yourself to do something unpleasant or difficult

Find out the appropriate meaning to the underlined parts (idioms) of the sentences. /3*2=6/

9. Michael is the only senior student in our selected group for the student math competition. He's **a head and shoulders above** the other students.
   A. Higher rank than others B. On top of others
   C. The best among others D. Much taller than others
   E. Much better than others
10. Bill is studying engineering in our department. He can do sculpting, carving, a bit of pottery – he's **a jack of all trades**.
   A. Having many skills and abilities B. Doing different jobs at the same time
   C. Being successful in business D. Making a lot of money
   E. Having artistic abilities
11. John would like to have a car like mine. He had **set his heart on** my car, but he was unhappy that I sold it.
   A. Fond of something B. Fall in love something
   C. Really want something D. Really love technology
   E. Really like vehicles
12. Since the students won the competition they have **been in seventh heaven.** Their long-time wish was fulfilled.
   A. To be included in a higher rank B. To get a big prize
   C. To be extremely smart D. To get good reputation
   E. To be extremely happy
13. My brother wasn't being that serious. He was just **pulling your leg**. He just wanted you to be relaxed.
   A. To laugh at B. To tell a lie
   C. To tell the truth D. To play a joke
   E. To tell stupid stories
14. Andrew is quite old, but he's still **as sharp as a tack** in his work and life. He finds an easy solutions to difficult problems.
   A. To be very skillful B. To be very sharp eyed
   C. To be very intelligent D. To be very curious
   E. To be very straightforward
15. If something is **a hot potato**,
   A. it is delicious and everybody wants to eat it
   B. it is difficult,unpleasant or risky and nobody wants to deal with it
   C. it is an unfair competition where one side has an advantage
16. When you **see eye to eye with someone**
   A. you look extremely similar to someone
   B. you agree with someone completely
   C. you are glad to see this person
17. If you are **over the moon**,

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A. you become serious about something
B. you are very pleased about something
C. you are very angry with someone

18. If you **feel under the water**,
A. you feel sad B. you feel frustrated C. you feel ill

19. If you **hit the sack**,
A. you win the lottery
B. you give up a sport because you feel you are not good enough
C. you go to bed because you are very tired

20. If you say that something is **a piece of cake,**
A. it is very sweet
B. it is very good but very few people know it
C. it is very easy to do

21. If you take something with **a pinch of salt**,
A. you like your food to be salty
B. you don't completely believe something because you think it's probably not true
C. you think something might bring you bad luck

22. If I say "**I'm going to hit the books**".
A. am I going to take a short break from studying?
B. am I going to throw my books away?
C. am I going to study?

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