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| <b>1. Off day</b>                        | a day on which you do not have to work            | She is planning to the zoo on her off day.  |
| <b>2. Off-color</b>                      | slightly ill                                      | I have been feeling bit off-color lately.   |
| <b>3. Off-hand</b>                       | immediately, extempore                            | They decided off-hand to take a trip.   |
| <b>4. Off the top of one's head</b>      | from the knowledge you have in your memory        | I cannot tell you Alina's mobile number off the top of my head but I can look up it for you.              |
| <b>5. On / At / Upon the point of</b>    | about to do something                             | The doctor came when he was on the point of death.  |
| <b>6. On account of</b>                  | because of  | He could not take the examination on account of illness.  |
| <b>7. On all hands</b>                   | by everyone, universally                          | It was decided on all hands to take a trip.   |
| <b>8. On behalf of</b>                   | for someone                                       | I will sign the agreement on behalf of my brother.  |
| <b>9. On occasion</b>                    | from time to time                                 | He comes to see me on occasion.   |
| <b>10. On the air</b>                    | broadcasting or being broadcast                   | The interview will be on the air tomorrow.  |
| <b>11. On the eve of</b>                 | on the occasion                                   | He was very happy on the eve of his birthday.   |
| <b>12. On the horns of a dilemma</b>     | to choose one of the two undesirable courses      | He could save only one of two drowning sons. So, he was on the horns of dilemma whom he should let drown. |
| <b>13. On the score of</b>               | because of  | He fell ill on the score of bad food.   |
| <b>14. On the spur of the moment</b>     | suddenly, without planning                        | Hamlet killed Polonius on the spur of the moment.   |
| <b>15. On the whole</b>                  | taking everything into consideration              | On the whole, the novel is pretty good.   |
| <b>16. Once for all/Once and for all</b> | completely and finally                            | Let us settle this problem once and for all.  |
| <b>17. Ones element</b>                  | to feel very happy and comfortable in a situation | He in his element when he talks to a large group of people.   |

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| <b>18. One's mark</b>                 | to fail to get one's aim | You will miss your mark if you do not do your work honestly. |
| <b>19. Open Pandora's box</b>         | cause great difficulties | Dearness has opened a whole Pandora's box of problems.       |
| <b>20. Out of date/out of fashion</b> | of old style             | She does not like out of date                                |

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| <b>21. Out of sight</b>  | outside the area that you can see                               | She kept waving her hand until the car was out of sight.                |
| <b>22. Out of sorts</b>  | to be sick  | He could not attend the class as he was out of sorts.                   |
| <b>23. Out of the question</b>                                     | not possible, not allowed                                       | It is out of question for Joe to abuse anyone.                          |
| <b>24. Out of the woods</b>  | out of danger   | Though we are going ahead well, we are not out of the woods yet.        |
| <b>25. Outs and out</b>  | complete  | He is out and out a gentleman.  |
| <b>26. Over and above</b>  | in addition to something, besides                               | The city is facing many other problems over and above bad roads.        |
| <b>27. Over and over again</b>                                     | repeatedly  | The only way to learn the poem is to say yourself over and over again.  |
| <b>28. Over head and ears</b>                                      | to be completely in debt/love                                   | He is over head and ears in love with Elena.                            |
| <b>29. Pass as somebody or something</b>                           | Pass for some body or something                                 | He speaks English so well, he could easily pass for an English man.     |
| <b>30. Pass muster</b>   | to reach an acceptable standard                                 | His performance in the test could not pass muster.                      |
| <b>31. Pay back in the same coin / pay someone in his own coin</b> | to treat someone as badly as they have treated you              | He slapped me but I also paid him in coin by giving him a blow.         |
| <b>32. Pay/give lip-service to</b>                                 | to pretend to agree with someone's idea without really doing so | She has stopped even to pay the lip-service to the rules of the office. |
| <b>33. Plain sailing</b>   | easy, effortless  | To become a doctor is not plain sailing for anyone.                     |

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| <b>34. Play a double game</b>    | to act fraudulently, to deceive                  | By supporting my enemy and sympathizing with me, he is playing a double game. |
| <b>35. Play ducks and drakes</b> | spend in careless wasteful way                   | He played ducks and drakes with the money of his father.                      |
| <b>36. Play second fiddle to</b> | be in a lower rank or position than someone else | She plays second fiddle to her boss in this office.                           |
| <b>37. Play truant</b>           | to run away from school without permission       | He often plays truant from school.  |
| <b>38. Play with fire</b>        | do something dangerous                           | We are ready to play with fire for you.                                       |
| <b>39. Pocket an insult</b>      | bear insult without open resentment              | He had to pocket an insult when he failed in the examination.                 |

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| <b>40. Poison one's ears/ mind against someone</b> | to report against someone  | His step mother poisoned his father's mind/ears against him.                       |
| <b>41. Poke one's nose into</b>                    | to interfere in the problems of others   | She usually pokes her nose into the problems of others.                            |
| <b>42. Pray through the nose for sth</b>           | to pay excessively   | I found an elegant dress, but I had to pay through the nose for it.                |
| <b>43. Provided that</b>                           | to say that something will only be possible if something else happens or is done | You will pass the examination provided that you worked hard.                       |
| <b>44. Pull someone's leg</b>                      | to try as a joke to make somebody believe something which is not true            | You do not really have a black mark on your nose, he is only pulling your leg.     |
| <b>45. Put the cart before the horse</b>           | to do things in the wrong order  | He studies at night and sleeps all day long. He has put the cart before the horse. |
| <b>46. Rack your brains</b>                        | to try hard to think of something  | I racked my brains trying to remember his name.                                    |
| <b>47. Rank and file</b>                           | ordinary workers   | The rank and file of the party are losing their trust in the leadership now.       |

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| <b>48. Read between the lines</b> | to guess something that is not expressed directly | Reading between the lines, I think Elena wants to borrow money. |
| <b>49. Red tape</b>               | unnecessary official procedure                    | He could not get his passport in time because of red tape.      |
| <b>50. Red-letter day</b>         | a memorable day                                   | 14th August is a red-letter day to Pakistanis.                  |

