Idioms

Circle the appropriate idioms.

1 After spending thousands of dollars fixing his second hand car, Caleb realised that he had _____. He could have paid a deposit for a new one instead of spending it on the old car.

A burnt to a frazzle
B bought a lemon
C broke his word
D bowed before the storm

2 Rick was embarrassed when his girlfriend acted like a _____ in front of his friends. She kept singing loudly and acting like a lunatic in order to hide her nervousness.

A birds of a feather
B blanket ban
C basket case
D blank cheque

3 Diana _____ her _____ and refused to say anything to insult Kim although she was hurt by her best friend's remarks.

A bit ... tongue
B beat ... at her own game
C boxed ... ears
D braced ... up

4 The police went _____ to device a new plan when their previous attempt to capture the kidnapper failed.

A bottom out
B beyond a joke
C beyond the bounds of reason
D back to the drawing board

5 Don't _____! Tell the principal exactly how the fight between John and Peter started.

A beat a hasty retreat
B beat about the bush
C blink the fact
D bill and coo

6 Charlie had to work such long hours that he soon realised that working in his father's company was not exactly a _____.

A bed of roses
B boon companion
C bolt from the blue
D bone of contention

7 Alan wants to leave the house before his father comes home. His brother has broken his father's favourite racquet and Alan doesn't want to be in the house when the _____.

A birds of a feather flock together
B beaten road is the safest
C balloon goes up
D boo and hiss

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8 I went for a long walk to _____ after a stressful day in the office.

A beat the drum
B blow off some steam
C beard the lion in his own den
D beat a hasty retreat

9 Lina has been _____ her _____ in order to find an innovative way to increase the sales of her company's products. If she does not bring in the profits, she will be out of a job soon.

A believing ... ears
B biting ... tongue
C beating ... brains out
D beyond ... wildest dreams

10 Students in 1 Delima are complaining that their things go missing whenever they go for their Physical Exercise. The disciplinary teacher has promised them that he will get to the _____ and find the culprit who is stealing their things from the class.

A bottom of his heart
B bottomless pit
C bottom of the barrel
D bottom of the matter

Answer Key:

1 B	2 C	3 A	4 D	5 B
6 A	7 C	8 B	9 C	10 D

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