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## **EXERCISE -7**

## Complete the sentences with the correct idiom.

| 1.  | The grandchildren were amused that their grandparents         |
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|     | holding hands in public.                                      |
| 2.  | The manager told Alex to stop and come to the point.          |
| 3.  | It is to hear that someone has lost his car when yours        |
|     | has just been stolen.   |
| 4.  | The thieves for a few days before escaping to another         |
|     | country with the money.                                       |
| 5.  | Both political parties were no good and the people would just |
|     | have to decide to vote for                                    |
| 6.  | Many people just the ideals of love and the brotherhood       |
|     | of man and in fact lead totally selfish lives.                |
| 7.  | The patriarch found it hard to with the young people          |
|     | cracking jokes around him.                                    |
| 8.  | Although the herbal medicine works slowly, the patient        |
|     | will get better.  |
| 9.  | Julian and his sister had when they found out that their      |
|     | father had been made a bankrupt.                              |
| 10. | Alice was confident that she would pass the test with flying  |
|     | colors as she had the subject                                 |

## **ANSWERS:**

- 1. The grandchildren were amused that their grandparents **fought shy of** holding hands in public.
- 2. The manager told Alex to stop **beating about the bush** and come to the point.
- 3. It is **cold comfort** to hear that someone has lost his car when yours has just been stolen.
- 4. The thieves **lay low** for a few days before escaping to another country with the money.
- 5. Both political parties were no good and the people would just have to decide to vote for **the lesser of two evils**.
- 6. Many people just **pay lip service to** the ideals of love and the brotherhood of man and in fact lead totally selfish lives.
- 7. The patriarch found it hard to **keep a straight face** with the young people cracking jokes around him.
- 8. Although the herbal medicine works slowly, **in the long run** the patient will get better.
- 9. Julian and his sister had a **rude awakening** when they found out that their father had been made a bankrupt.
- 10. Alice was confident that she would pass the test with flying colors as she had the subject at her fingertips.