PHRASES AND IDIOMS

Phrases & Idioms	Meaning	Sentences
1. Achilles' heel	Weak point	Mathematics has always been my Achilles heel.
2. Maiden speech	First speech	My maiden speech fascinated all.
3. To end in smoke	To come to nothing	My effort ended in smoke.
4. To keep one's head	To keep calm	It is important to keep your head in any critical situation.
5. Dog days	Hot weather	The dog days in Saudi Arabia are unbearable.
6. Blue blood	Aristocratic birth	He, as you know, is a blue blood of France.
7. Out and out	Totally	He was out and out honest.
8. Capital punishment	Death penalty	He will get capital punishment because of his crime.
9. Black and blue	Mercilessly	They killed the boy black and blue.
10. Gala day	A day of festivity	We enjoyed the day as it was a gala day.
11. Crocodile Tears	Deceptive cry	Only heartless people can shed crocodile tears.
12. Bring to book	Rebuke	He was brought to book for stealing money.
13. Null and void	Invalid	The rule is now null and void.
14. Apple of one's eye	Extremely favourite	Alex is an apple of her mother's eye.
15. White elephant	Costly thing	The stadium is likely to become a white elephant.
16. Big bug	Important person	Shamim Khan is a big bug of our area.
17. Come to light	To become known	Fresh evidence has recently come to light.
18. Cock and bull story	A false story	His cock and bull story cannot influence us.
19. By fits and starts	Irregularly	The price of the product increases by fits and starts.
20. Black Sheep	Wicked person	He is a black sheep of his family.

VOICE CHANGE (TENSE)

Tense		Active	Passive	
Present Verb		Present form of the main	am/is/are + Past Participle of the	
Indefinite		verb	main verb	
Tense	Examples	People hate a corrupted	A corrupted person is hated by	
	_	person.	people.	
		My father always supports	I am always supported by my father.	
		me.		
		We call Mohsin a friend of	Mohsin is called a friend of humanity	
		humanity.	(by us).	
		Our friend does not	We are not disturbed by our friend in	
		disturb us in the class	the class room.	
		room.		
Present	Verb	am/is/are + Present	am/is/are + being + Past Participle	
Continuous		Participle of the main	of the main verb	
Tense		verb (verb +ing)		
	Examples	She is cooking curry.	Curry is being cooked by her.	
	_	They are playing cricket.	Cricket is being played by them.	
		He is not helping me.	I am not being helped by him.	
Present	Verb	Have/has + Past	Have/has + been + Past Participle of	
Perfect		Participle of the main	the main verb	
Tense		verb		
	Examples	He has taught his sister.	His sister has been taught by him.	
	_	They have written some	Some articles have been written by	
		articles.	them.	
		We have not completed	The task has not been completed by	
		the task.	them	
		Past form of the main	was/were + Past Participle of the	
		verb	main verb	
Tense	Examples	He prepared his lessons.	His lessons were prepared by him.	
		He taught us English.	We were taught English by him.	
		They did not complete	Any assignment was not completed	
		any assignment.	by them.	
Past	Verb	was/were + Present	was/were + being + Past Participle	
Continuous		Participle of the main	of the main verb	
Tense		verb (verb +ing)		
	Examples	My mother was telling	Some stories were being told by my	
		some stories.	mother.	
		She was not singing a	A song was not being sung by her.	
-		song.		
Past	Verb	Had + past Participle of	Had + been + Past Participle of the	
Perfect		the main verb	main verb	
Tense	T T		The glass had been broken by him.	
		He had not solved the	The problem had not been solved by	
		problem.	him.	
Future	Verb	will + present form of the	will be + past Participle of the main	

VOICE CHANGE (TENSE)

Indefinite		main verb		verb		
Tense	Examples	He will donate his		His property will be donated by him		
		property for the poor.		for the poor.		
		He will not disturb us.		We will not be disturbed by him.		
Future	Verb	will be + Present		will + be + being + Past Participle of		
Continuous		Participle of the main		the main verb		
Tense		verb (verb +ing)				
	Example	He will be singing a song		A song will be being sung by him in		
		in the stage.		the stage.		
		They will not be playing		Cricket will not be being played by		
		cricket.		them.		
Future	Verb	will have + Past		will have + been + Past Participle of		
Perfect		Participle of the main		the main verb		
Tense		verb				
	Examples	He will have discussed his		His sister will have been discussed by		
		sister.		him.		
		We will not have		The task will not have been		
		completed the task.		completed by them.		
Modal Auxiliaries						
		Active		Passive		
Verb	Modal Verb + Present form of		Modal Verb + be + Past Participle of main			
	th	the main verb		verb		
Examples	We should	ould follow the rules of the The		rules of the institution should be		
_	institution.		followed by us.			

EXERCISE

A. Change the following sentences according to directions: (First Term Exam)

- 1. Every year natural calamities visit us. (Passive)
- 2. People hate a corrupted person. (Passive)
- 3. Crops are damaged by flood. (Active)
- 4. They waste their valuable time idly. (Passive)
- 5. Books introduce us to the world of knowledge. (Passive)
- 6. They are treated badly by their family members. (Active)
- 7. We present flowers to our nearest and dearest persons. (Passive)
- 8. Flowers are used on different occasions by us. (Active)
- 9. Our life is not measured by months or years. (Active)
- 10. Computers are nowadays being used in almost every sphere of life by us. (Active)
- 11. Computer helps us a lot. (Passive)
- 12. A patriot is respected by all. (Active)
- 13. A terrorist is hated by people. (Active)
- 14. The government has taken some steps to improve their condition. (Passive)
- 15. The problem has been solved by him. (Active)

VOICE CHANGE (TENSE)

B. Change the following sentences according to directions: (Final Exam)

- 1. Ruplal made a nice little hut for himself in the jungle. (Passive)
- 2. I accepted his invitation. (Passive)
- 3. Television should telecast educative programs. (Passive)
- 4. He was recognized by his teachers as a precious child. (Active)
- 5. He did not misuse his wealth. (Passive)
- 6. The thief was caught by Muhsin. (Active)
- 7. Muhsin gave the thief some food and money. (Passive)
- 8. Health can be improved by regular physical exercise and a balanced diet. (Active)
- 9. We should not waste our time in vain. (Passive)
- 10. He loved people cordially. (Passive)
- 11. A student can visit all the renowned libraries of the world without going there. (Passive)
- 12. The province of a powerful prince was attacked by young Taimur. (Active)
- 13. Mother Teresa was respected by everyone. (Active)
- 14. The Army killed Taimur's all soldiers. (Passive)
- 15. Any answer in the exam should not be elaborated by an examinee. (Active)
- 16. The light of prosperity can be seen by a hard working person. (Active)
- 17. He sold them in the neighboring country. (Passive)
- 18. The bear smelt his ears, nose and face. (Passive)
- 19. He did not find any way. (Passive)
- 20. We should help the poor. (Passive)

Note: Students will focus on only **present tense** for 1st terminal exam.