

# IDIOMS AND CLICHÉS SYLLABUS

- I. Idioms, Slang, Clichés, and Proverbs
  - I. Transparent or opaque meaning idioms
  - II. Literal or figurative meaning clichés
- II. Cliché vs. Idiom
- III. Idioms coined by Shakespeare that may or may not be clichés – 30 exercises
- IV. Sayings that derive from the Bible – 24 exercises
- V. Clichés – 21 exercises
- VI. Choose the correct idiomatic expression from the three choices in the parenthesis – 19 exercises

Examples of exercises:

- Give the meaning of *What the dickens*. Is it an expletive?
- In a pickle means in a quandary or in a difficult position. True or false? \_\_\_\_\_
- Gung-ho is a cliché. What does it mean?
- That was certainly a \_\_\_\_\_ squeak: we were almost killed. (near, close, shrill)

