ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Affect or Effect Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. Loud music can ___ your hearing.
✔ **C) affect**
After can we need a verb, and the verb that means influence or change is affect.

2. The new law will have a big ___ on schools.
✔ **D) effect**
After a big we need a noun: a big effect.

3. My grandfather was deeply ___ by the film.
✔ **B) affected**
Be affected by something is the passive of the verb affect.

4. What are the side ___ of this medicine?
✔ **C) effects**
Side effects is a fixed noun phrase, and here it is plural.

5. The storm didn't ___ our flight. We left on time.
✔ **A) affect**
After didn't we need a verb, and the verb that means influence or change is affect.

6. The new rules take ___ on 1 January.
✔ **D) effect**
Take effect means start to work. Effect is a noun here.

7. The cold weather ___ the orange harvest last year.
✔ **B) affected**
We need the past simple of the verb affect: affected (last year tells us it is the past).

8. The new head teacher ___ real change in the school. (She made it happen.)
✔ **B) effected**
To effect change (formal) means to make change happen. Here the clue is She made it happen.

9. This is a very ___ way to learn new words. It really works.
✔ **C) effective**
The adjective that means it works well is effective.

10. Which sentence is correct?
✔ **A) The rain affected our plans.**
The verb affect takes no on: The rain affected our plans. (Or: The rain had an effect on our plans.)

11. The film is famous for its amazing special ___.
✔ **C) effects**
Special effects is a fixed noun phrase for the tricks in films.

12. How will the strike ___ the trains tomorrow?
✔ **D) affect**
After will we need a verb, and the verb that means influence or change is affect.

13. The speed limit comes into ___ next month.
✔ **B) effect**
Come into effect means start (for a law or a rule). Effect is a noun.

14. Which sentence is correct?
✔ **A) The noise had no effect on him.**
Had no effect on: effect is a noun after no.

15. Thousands of homes were ___ by the floods.
✔ **A) affected**
Be affected by something: the passive of the verb affect.

16. The ban on mobile phones in class is still in ___.
✔ **D) effect**
In effect means active or in force. After in we need the noun effect.

17. After the accident, the hospital gave his family his personal ___: his watch, his wallet and his keys.
✔ **C) effects**
Personal effects is a fixed noun phrase for the things a person owns, so we need the plural noun effects.

18. He ___ an air of calm, but inside he was terrified. (He only pretended to be calm.)
✔ **D) affected**
To affect a feeling or a manner (formal) means to pretend to have it. Effected means made happen, which doesn't fit here.

19. The new timetable worked ___: every lesson started on time.
✔ **C) effectively**
After the verb worked we need an adverb, and the adverb that means in a way that works well is effectively.

20. Closing the main bridge had a knock-on ___ on traffic all over town.
✔ **B) effect**
A knock-on effect is a result that leads to more results. After the adjective knock-on we need the noun effect.