ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Cause and Effect Words Quiz: Trigger, Stem From, Give Rise To

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Explanations

1. A single post online ___ a wave of protests across the country.
✔ **A) triggered**
Trigger means one small event sets off something bigger.

2. Many of today's problems in the town ___ the closure of the steelworks in 1990.
✔ **B) stem from**
With stem from, the effect comes first: today's problems stem from an earlier cause.

3. The unclear wording of the law has ___ many disputes.
✔ **C) given rise to**
Give rise to means start a situation, often without anyone planning it.

4. Several factors ___ the team's defeat, including injuries and bad luck.
✔ **D) contributed to**
Contribute to means be one of several causes.

5. Doctors ___ his quick recovery to his fitness.
✔ **A) attribute**
Attribute A to B means say that B caused A.

6. What ___ the sudden rise in hospital visits last week?
✔ **B) accounts for**
Account for means explain something, or be the reason for it.

7. Poverty is often the ___ of poor health: fix it, and many other problems improve.
✔ **C) root cause**
The root cause is the deep cause under all the others.

8. When the main road closed, there was a ___ on traffic in all the nearby villages.
✔ **D) knock-on effect**
A knock-on effect is when one thing affects the next, which affects the next.

9. The scandal will have serious ___ for the whole government.
✔ **A) repercussions**
Repercussions are serious, unwanted effects that go on after a decision or event.

10. Heat is a ___ of the computer's work: nobody wants it, but it's always there.
✔ **B) by-product**
A by-product is something extra you get while making or doing something else.

11. The bridge was closed for repairs. ___, drivers had to take a 20-mile detour.
✔ **C) Consequently**
Consequently means because of what was just said. It starts a new sentence here.

12. Learning to drive in central London is ___ learning to swim in a storm.
✔ **D) akin to**
The phrase is akin to: very like something in nature or feeling.

13. Her paintings are ___ the great masters, and her prices are now ___ to theirs.
✔ **A) on a par with … comparable**
On a par with means at the same level; comparable to means similar enough to compare.

14. The new stadium ___ a striking resemblance to a spaceship, and its curved roof ___ the shape of the hills behind it.
✔ **B) bears … mirrors**
The phrase is bear a resemblance to; mirror takes a direct object, with no to.

15. Students' mistakes ___ three main categories, and a good teacher can ___ between them quickly.
✔ **C) fall into … distinguish**
Things fall into categories; you distinguish between things that look alike.

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