ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Censor or Censure Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. Some countries ___ the internet, blocking websites they do not approve of.
✔ **B) censor**
To censor is to block or remove content.

2. The committee voted to ___ the member, formally criticising her for missing so many meetings.
✔ **B) censure**
Formal, official criticism of a person is censure.

3. The automatic door opens when the ___ detects movement.
✔ **C) sensor**
A sensor is a device that notices movement, light or heat.

4. Two scenes were cut by the film ___ before the cinema release.
✔ **B) censor**
The film censor is the person or office that cuts unsuitable scenes.

5. The council passed a vote of ___ against its chair.
✔ **A) censure**
The fixed phrase is a vote of censure: an official statement of strong criticism.

6. Many people believe strict ___ stops the public from learning the truth.
✔ **D) censorship**
Censorship is the noun for censoring content.

7. TV channels sometimes ___ bad language with a loud beep.
✔ **C) censor**
Covering a word with a beep is censoring it.

8. The panel issued a formal ___ of the judge's behaviour.
✔ **A) censure**
A formal censure is official criticism of what someone did.

9. The phone's light ___ makes the screen dimmer in a dark room.
✔ **D) sensor**
The part that notices how bright the room is, is a sensor.

10. In ancient Rome, each ___ was an official who kept the list of citizens and their property.
✔ **D) censor**
A Roman censor was an official who counted the citizens. The word census comes from the same root.

11. She is very ___: she criticises everyone's work.
✔ **C) censorious**
Censorious means very critical. It is built on censor but means finding fault.

12. Wartime letters were ___ so that soldiers could not say where they were.
✔ **B) censored**
Parts of the letters were removed, so they were censored.

13. The report was published ___, with nothing removed.
✔ **A) uncensored**
Uncensored means nothing was cut or blocked.

14. The player faced ___ from the league for arguing with the referee.
✔ **C) censure**
To face censure is to be formally criticised for what you did.

15. The senator was ___ by the Senate in a formal vote that condemned her conduct.
✔ **A) censured**
Being officially criticised by a group is being censured.

16. Journalists there often ___ themselves to avoid trouble with the government.
✔ **B) censor**
To censor yourself is to leave out what you really think, so that you do not get into trouble.

17. During the service, the priest swung a metal ___ full of burning incense.
✔ **D) censer**
A censer is a container in which incense is burned. It sounds like censor but has a different meaning.

18. Surprisingly, the minister escaped ___ despite the scandal.
✔ **A) censure**
To escape censure is to avoid being formally criticised for what you did.

19. The novel was so heavily ___ that whole chapters were missing.
✔ **C) censored**
Whole chapters were cut, so the book was censored. Censured would mean formally criticised.

20. Somehow the rude joke got past the ___ and was shown on TV.
✔ **A) censors**
To get past the censors means that nobody cut or blocked the content.