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Classified Phrasal Verbs MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 12

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Explanations

1. To succeed in not being punished for a crime is to _____ it.
✓ **A) get away with**
Get away with something means to do something wrong and not be punished for it: **He cheated but got away with it.** Not **make off with**, which means to steal something and run away.

2. To make someone unhappy is to _____.
✓ **C) get them down**
Get someone down means to make someone feel sad or unhappy: **This rainy weather really gets me down.** Not **get over**, which means to recover from something.

3. To make someone feel upset or angry is to _____.
✓ **B) get to them**
Get to someone means to annoy or upset them: **Don't let his comments get to you. Do someone in** means to kill them or make them very tired.

4. To make someone feel good is to _____.
✓ **A) perk them up**
Perk someone up means to make them feel happier or more lively: **A cup of coffee will perk you up.**

5. To stop feeling upset or angry about something is to _____.
✓ **C) calm down**
Calm down means to stop feeling angry, upset or excited: **Calm down and tell me what happened.** Not **clam up**, which means to stop talking.

6. To be so excited that you lose control is to get _____.
✓ **A) carried away**
Get carried away means to become so excited that you lose control of what you do: **I got carried away and spent all my money.**

7. To start behaving in a violent or strange way is to _____.
✓ **B) freak out**
Freak out means to suddenly become very upset, frightened or angry and behave strangely or wildly: **She freaked out when she saw the spider. Liven up** means to become more lively and interesting.

8. To eat food very quickly is to _____.
✓ **A) bolt it down**
Bolt something down means to eat it very quickly: **He bolted down his breakfast and ran to the bus.** Not **pig out**, which means to eat a lot of food, not to eat fast.

9. If you only eat a small amount of a meal, you _____.
✓ **C) pick at it**
Pick at food means to eat only a little of it, often because you are not hungry: **She just picked at her dinner.**

10. To eat a lot of food is to _____.
✓ **A) pig out**
Pig out is an informal phrasal verb meaning to eat a very large amount of food: **We pigged out on pizza last night.**

11. To eat less of something to improve your health is to _____ on it.
✓ **B) cut back**
Cut back on something means to eat, use or spend less of it: **I'm trying to cut back on sugar.**

12. To drink a lot of alcohol is to _____.
✓ **C) knock it back**
Knock it back is informal and means to drink alcohol quickly or in large amounts: **He can really knock it back. Knock it over** means to make something fall.

13. To heat food again that has already been cooked is to _____.
✓ **B) warm it up**
Warm something up means to heat food again that was cooked earlier: **I'll warm up the soup for lunch.**

14. To get an illness from someone is to _____.
✓ **A) pick it up**
Pick up an illness means to catch it from someone or somewhere: **I picked up a cold at school.**

15. To try hard to get rid of an illness is to _____.
✓ **C) fight it off**
Fight off an illness means to try hard to get rid of it or stop it: **Vitamin C helps your body fight off colds.**

16. If a part of your body gets bigger and rounder because of injury or illness, it _____.
✓ **C) swells up**
Swell up means that a part of your body becomes bigger than usual because of an injury or illness: **My ankle swelled up after I fell.**

17. Another expression for vomiting is to _____.
✓ **A) throw up**
Throw up is an informal way to say vomit: **The bad fish made him throw up.** Not **pass out**, which means to become unconscious.

18. To be able to eat or drink without vomiting is to _____.
✓ **A) keep it down**
Keep something down means to eat or drink it without vomiting: **He was so ill he couldn't keep any food down. Get over it** means to recover.

19. To become unconscious is to _____.
✓ **B) black out**
Black out means to suddenly become unconscious for a short time: **He blacked out from the heat. Knock over** means to make something fall.

20. If you speak for a long time, you _____.
✓ **B) go on**
Go on can mean to talk for a long time, often in a boring way: **He went on about his holiday for hours.** Not **get on**, which means to have a good relationship or to make progress.

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