ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. He put _____ for a transfer, but it was refused.
✔ **B) in**
Put in for something means to make an official request for it, e.g. **She put in for a pay rise.** Here he asked for a transfer, but the request was refused.

2. My father put _____ the money to buy the house.
✔ **A) up**
Put up money means to provide the money needed for something, e.g. **Who put up the money for the new school?** His father paid for the house.

3. Taxes are going to be put _____ next year.
✔ **B) up**
Put up prices or taxes means to increase them, e.g. **They've put up the rent again.** Taxes will go higher next year.

4. My back is really painful, since I put it _____.
✔ **A) out**
Put your back out means to injure your back, often by twisting or lifting something. That is why it is painful. Not **put it down**, which means to place something on a surface.

5. I told her she couldn't come down until all her clothes were put _____.
✔ **C) away**
Put away means to put things back in the place where they are kept, e.g. **Put your toys away.** Her clothes had to be tidied into the wardrobe or drawers.

6. People often put _____ her opinions.
✔ **A) down**
Put down someone or their ideas means to criticise them and make them seem unimportant or silly. People often criticise her opinions.

7. The game was put _____ until next month.
✔ **B) off**
Put off means to postpone, or to move an event to a later time, e.g. **We put off the meeting until Friday.** The clue is **until next month**.

8. Will you help me put _____ this poster?
✔ **C) up**
Put up a poster, picture or sign means to fix it to a wall so people can see it.

9. Will the last one to leave please put _____ the candles?
✔ **A) out**
Put out a fire, cigarette or candle means to make it stop burning, e.g. **Firefighters put out the fire.**

10. Why did he try to run _____ from home?
✔ **C) away**
Run away means to leave a place or person secretly because you are unhappy there, e.g. **She ran away from home at sixteen.**

11. I always run _____ old students of mine when I go to that cafeteria.
✔ **B) across**
Run across someone means to meet them by chance, without planning it. It is similar to **run into**. Not **run after**, which means to chase someone.

12. He runs _____ every pretty girl he sees at school.
✔ **B) after**
Run after someone can mean to chase them, or to try hard to start a romantic relationship with them. Here he tries to win every pretty girl's attention.

13. Yesterday I ran _____ an old friend of mine at the supermarket.
✔ **C) into**
Run into someone means to meet them by chance, e.g. **I ran into my teacher at the bank.** Not **run down**, which means to criticise someone or to hit them with a car.

14. He ran _____ with his best friend's girlfriend.
✔ **A) off**
Run off with someone means to leave secretly with them to start a relationship. The fixed pattern is **run off with**. **Ran into with** is not possible.

15. The police ran _____ all the people who were near the scene of the horrible crime.
✔ **A) in**
Run in is an informal phrasal verb meaning to arrest someone and take them to the police station. Not **run over**, which means to hit someone with a vehicle.

16. The thief ran _____ with all the money and jewelry he found in the house.
✔ **A) away**
Run away with something means to escape and take it with you, often after stealing it. The thief escaped with the money and jewellery.

17. That man runs _____ his monthly salary in less than a week.
✔ **B) through**
Run through money means to spend all of it very quickly, e.g. **He ran through his savings in a month.** The clue is **in less than a week**.

18. I don’t know how many candidates are running _____ President.
✔ **B) for**
Run for an office means to compete in an election to get that position, e.g. **She is running for mayor.**

19. They ran _____ against several problems when they tried to build the bridge in that area.
✔ **C) up**
Run up against problems or difficulties means to suddenly have to deal with them. The fixed expression is **run up against**.

20. We ran _____ of beer when the party was half over.
✔ **B) out**
Run out of something means to use all of it so that none is left, e.g. **We've run out of milk.**

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