ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Climactic or Climatic Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. The ___ scene of the film takes place on a burning bridge.
✔ **C) climactic**
The most exciting scene is the climax of the film, so it is the climactic scene, with a hard c.

2. Rice needs warm, wet ___ conditions to grow well.
✔ **D) climatic**
Conditions of the climate are climatic conditions.

3. After weeks of excitement, the final episode felt rather ___.
✔ **A) anticlimactic**
A let-down after a lot of excitement is an anticlimax, so the adjective is anticlimactic. Anticlimatic is not a word.

4. The story reaches its ___ when the two brothers finally meet.
✔ **A) climax**
After its we need a noun. The most exciting point of a story is its climax.

5. The world map shows six main ___ zones.
✔ **B) climatic**
Areas with different long-term weather are climatic zones.

6. Our team scored the winning goal in the ___ last minute of the match.
✔ **D) climactic**
The last minute was the high point of the match, its climax, so it was climactic.

7. Scientists study ice cores to learn about ___ changes in the distant past.
✔ **C) climatic**
Changes in the climate are climatic changes.

8. When you say it carefully, ___ has a /k/ sound before the t.
✔ **B) climactic**
Climactic is /klaɪ'mæktɪk/, with a /k/ like climax. Climatic is /klaɪ'mætɪk/.

9. The two cities are ___ similar: both have mild winters and dry summers.
✔ **A) climatically**
Before the adjective similar we need an adverb, and this one is about climate: climatically.

10. Her speech built slowly to its ___ final line.
✔ **C) climactic**
The final line was the high point of the speech, so it was climactic.

11. People who study long-term weather patterns are called ___.
✔ **B) climatologists**
Climatology is the science of climate, and the people who study it are climatologists.

12. Desert plants are adapted to ___ extremes such as great heat and very little rain.
✔ **D) climatic**
Great heat and very little rain are features of the climate, so they are climatic extremes.

13. The ___ battle between the two armies fills the last fifty pages of the book.
✔ **B) climactic**
The battle is the climax of the book, so it is the climactic battle.

14. Engineers must design the bridge for local ___ factors such as strong winds and heavy snow.
✔ **A) climatic**
Wind and snow over the years are part of the climate, so they are climatic factors.

15. The concert ___ with a huge firework display.
✔ **C) climaxed**
Here we need a past-tense verb. Climax can be a verb: the concert climaxed, or reached its high point.

16. After months of build-up, the final itself was a huge ___.
✔ **C) anticlimax**
After a huge we need a noun. A disappointing end to something exciting is an anticlimax; anticlimactic is the adjective.

17. The weather station has kept ___ records for over a hundred years.
✔ **B) climatic**
Records of temperature and rain over many years are about the climate, so they are climatic records.

18. Southern Spain has a hot, dry ___ in summer.
✔ **B) climate**
After the adjectives hot and dry we need a noun. The usual weather of a place is its climate.

19. The novel ___ in a terrible storm at sea.
✔ **A) climaxes**
Here we need a present-tense verb. The story climaxes, or reaches its high point, in the storm.

20. Which sentence is correct?
✔ **D) The climatic data showed warmer winters.**
Data about long-term weather is climatic. A goal or scene at the high point of something is climactic.