ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Coarse or Course Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. The sand on this beach is rough and ___.
✔ **B) coarse**
Coarse means rough, with large grains. After rough and, we need another adjective.

2. “Are you coming to the party?” “Of ___ I am!”
✔ **A) course**
The phrase is always of course. Coarse means rough or rude.

3. My brother is doing an evening ___ in Spanish.
✔ **C) course**
A set of lessons is a course.

4. The wind blew the little boat off ___.
✔ **C) course**
Off course means away from the right route or direction.

5. This brush has ___ bristles for scrubbing pans.
✔ **D) coarse**
The bristles are rough and stiff, so they are coarse.

6. For the first ___, we had tomato soup.
✔ **B) course**
One part of a meal is a course: the first course, the main course.

7. Delays are par for the ___ when it snows.
✔ **C) course**
Par for the course means normal or expected. It comes from golf, so it is course.

8. The cook ___ chopped the carrots for the stew.
✔ **A) coarsely**
We need an adverb before chopped. Coarsely means in large, rough pieces.

9. Tears ___ down her face as she waved goodbye.
✔ **D) coursed**
As a verb, course means flow fast. Coarse is only an adjective, so coarsed is not a word.

10. Wool from these sheep is ___ than wool from that breed.
✔ **C) coarser**
The comparative of coarse is coarser (rougher). A courser is an old word for a fast horse.

11. We played mini golf at the new ___ by the beach.
✔ **D) course**
An area for a sport such as golf is a course.

12. The comedian’s ___ jokes were not suitable for children.
✔ **B) coarse**
Coarse can also mean rude and not polite, as in coarse jokes or coarse language.

13. In the ___ of the year, the class planted twenty trees.
✔ **A) course**
In the course of means during. It is the noun course.

14. The doctors talked about the best ___ of action.
✔ **B) course**
A course of action is a plan for what to do.

15. Use ___ sandpaper first, then a finer one.
✔ **A) coarse**
Coarse sandpaper is the rough kind. It is the adjective coarse, not the noun course.

16. Thank you for applying. You will hear from us in due ___.
✔ **D) course**
In due course means at the right time, later. It uses the noun course.

17. There’s no medicine for this cold. It will just have to run its ___.
✔ **D) course**
Run its course means go on until it ends naturally. It is the noun course.

18. For her birthday, we went out for a delicious three-___ meal.
✔ **A) course**
A three-course meal has three parts. Before a noun, the number and course join with a hyphen and course stays singular.

19. This is the ___ salt in the shop, so it’s good for the barbecue.
✔ **B) coarsest**
The superlative of coarse is coarsest. We compare it with all the salt in the shop, so we need the superlative.

20. Students must hand in their ___ by Friday, before the exams begin.
✔ **A) coursework**
Coursework is the work you do during a course. It is spelt with course and has no plural -s.