ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Everyday Vocabulary At The Airport Test

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Explanations

1. (Please note: The following questions are part of a cloze test. They are interrelated, meaning that the information provided in each question is connected to the others.)

AT THE AIRPORT

When you travel by air, you have to get to the airport early in order to _____ about an hour before your flight.
✔ **B) check in**
To **check in** means to go to the airline desk, show your ticket and give them your luggage before a flight. Not **board**, because you board (get on) the plane later, after check-in and security.

2. If you have a lot of luggage, you can put it in a _____ and push it to the _____ where someone will _____ your ticket and weigh your luggage.
✔ **C) trolley**
A **trolley** is a small cart with wheels that you push to carry heavy bags at the airport. Example: **I put my suitcases on a trolley.**

3. If you have a lot of luggage, you can put it in a _____ and push it to the _____ where someone will _____ your ticket and weigh your luggage.
✔ **A) check-in desk**
The gap needs a noun for a place: the **check-in desk** is where staff look at your ticket and weigh your luggage. Not **check in**, because that is the verb (the action), not the place.

4. If you have a lot of luggage, you can put it in a _____ and push it to the _____ where someone will _____ your ticket and weigh your luggage.
✔ **B) check**
Here **check** means to look at something to make sure it is correct: someone will **check your ticket**. Not **check in**, because a person checks in; staff only check your ticket.

5. If you have _____, it can be expensive.
✔ **D) excess baggage**
Excess baggage is luggage that weighs more than the airline allows, so you must pay extra for it. That is why it **can be expensive**.

6. Your heavy luggage is put on a _____ and carried away.
✔ **A) conveyor belt**
A **conveyor belt** is a moving belt that carries bags from one place to another. Your heavy luggage goes on it and is **carried away** to the plane.

7. A light bag is classed as _____ and you can take it with you on to the plane.
✔ **B) hand luggage**
Hand luggage is a small, light bag that you can take with you into the plane. Not **excess baggage**, which is extra heavy luggage you pay more for.

8. A (an) _____ looks at your passport and a (an) _____ checks your hand luggage before you go into the _____ to wait till your flight is called.
✔ **D) immigration officer**
An **immigration officer** is the person who looks at your **passport** when you leave or enter a country. Not **security guard**, because the security guard checks your hand luggage (the next gap).

9. A (an) _____ looks at your passport and a (an) _____ checks your hand luggage before you go into the _____ to wait till your flight is called.
✔ **A) security guard**
A **security guard** checks your **hand luggage** to make sure there is nothing dangerous in it. Not **security check**, because the gap needs a person, not the place or process.

10. A (an) _____ looks at your passport and a (an) _____ checks your hand luggage before you go into the _____ to wait till your flight is called.
✔ **C) departure lounge**
The **departure lounge** is the big room where passengers sit and **wait till their flight is called**. Not **departure gate**, because you go to the gate later, when it is time to get on the plane.

11. If you want to, you can buy some cheap _____ goods here.
✔ **C) duty-free**
Duty-free goods are things sold at the airport without tax, so they are cheaper. Example: **She bought duty-free perfume.**

12. Then you see on the _____ or you hear a (an) _____ that you must _____ your plane.
✔ **B) departures board**
The **departures board** is the big screen that shows flight times and gates. You **see** information on it. Not **departure lounge**, because that is a room where you wait, not something you read.

13. Then you see on the _____ or you hear a (an) _____ that you must _____ your plane.
✔ **A) announcement**
An **announcement** is a message spoken through loudspeakers. The clue is **hear**: you hear an announcement about your flight.

14. Then you see on the _____ or you hear a (an) _____ that you must _____ your plane.
✓ **D) board**
To **board** a plane means to get on it. Example: **Passengers can now board the plane.** Not **depart**, because we don't say **depart your plane**.

15. You go through the _____, then there is sometimes a _____ before you actually enter the plane.
✓ **A) departure gate**
The **departure gate** is the door or exit you **go through** to get to your plane. Not **departures board**, which is the screen with flight information.

16. You go through the _____, then there is sometimes a _____ before you actually enter the plane.
✓ **C) security check**
A **security check** is a check of people and bags to make sure nothing dangerous goes on the plane. The gap needs a process (**there is a …**), not a person like a **security guard**.

17. When all the _____ are _____, and when the captain and his crew are ready in the cockpit, the plane begins to _____ to the end of the _____.
✓ **B) passengers**
Passengers are the people who travel on the plane. The clue is **all the … are**, which needs a plural noun for people.

18. When all the _____ are _____, and when the captain and his crew are ready in the cockpit, the plane begins to _____ to the end of the _____.
✓ **A) on board**
On board means on or inside a plane, ship or train. Example: **All passengers are now on board.** The other options are not correct English phrases.

19. When all the _____ are _____, and when the captain and his crew are ready in the cockpit, the plane begins to _____ to the end of the _____.
✓ **B) taxi**
When a plane **taxis**, it moves slowly on the ground before take-off or after landing. Not **run**, because we don't use **run** for planes.

20. When all the _____ are _____, and when the captain and his crew are ready in the cockpit, the plane begins to _____ to the end of the _____.
✓ **C) runway**
The **runway** is the long road where planes take off and land. The plane taxis to **the end of the runway** to start its take-off.

21. Finally, permission is received from the control tower and the plane moves faster and faster in order to _____.
✓ **B) take off**
To **take off** means to leave the ground and start flying. The clue is **moves faster and faster**: a plane does this just before it goes up into the air.

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