ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. Long gone are the days when foreigners were looked upon as creatures from outer space. Turkland has emerged as a leading _____ tourism and business destination in the last decade. The country is very much in vogue nowadays.
✔ **C) international**
International means involving many countries. The clue is **foreigners**: the country attracts visitors and businesses from other countries. Not **national** or **local**, because these refer only to one country or one area.

2. Do you really _____ to go there tonight?
✔ **E) intend**
Intend to do something means to plan or mean to do it: **I intend to finish this today.** The other verbs don't take **to** + verb in this way, and their meanings don't fit.

3. You'll have to learn to control your _____ if you still want to work here with us.
✔ **B) temper**
Control your temper is a fixed phrase meaning to stop yourself from getting angry. **Temper** is your tendency to become angry. Not **mind**: we say **lose your mind** or **make up your mind**, not **control your mind** in this sense.

4. Millions of people are out of _____ in times of an economic depression. In other words, _____ quickly rises to record levels.
✔ **B) work / unemployment**
Out of work means without a job. When many people have no job, **unemployment** (the number of people without work) rises. Not **job / hard-working**: we don't say **out of job**, and **hard-working** doesn't fit the second gap.

5. Please _____ your papers in half before you hand them in.
✔ **E) fold**
Fold something in half means to bend paper or cloth so that one half lies on top of the other. Not **bend**, which is used for things like metal or your arm, not for folding paper neatly.

6. Do you _____ in any sporting activities?
✔ **C) participate**
Participate in means to take part in an activity: **Do you participate in any sports?** Not **take place**, which means 'happen' and is used for events, not people: **The match took place on Sunday.**

7. Despite all his efforts in the final stages of the race, there wasn't in fact much _____ he could do to change the inevitable.
✔ **C) left**
There isn't much left (that) he can do means there are few possible actions remaining. **Left** here means 'remaining'. The other options don't express the idea of what still remains possible.

8. He says he used to _____ much more than that in his previous job.
✔ **D) earn**
Earn means to get money for the work you do: **She earns a good salary.** The clue is **in his previous job**. Not **win**, which is for prizes or games, and not **gain**, which is for things like experience or weight.

9. It was very _____ of him to leave you there all unprotected.
✔ **E) inconsiderate**
Inconsiderate means not thinking about other people's feelings or needs. Leaving someone **all unprotected** is a negative action, so we need a negative adjective. **Noble, kind, admirable** and **polite** are all positive.

10. There's a _____ here which says, "Beware of the dog!"
✔ **A) notice**
A **notice** is a piece of paper or a sign with information or a warning on it, like **Beware of the dog!** Not **label**, which is a small piece of paper on a product giving information about it.

11. I didn't say I didn't like it. It just doesn't _____ my waist properly.
✔ **A) fit**
Fit is about size: clothes fit you if they are the right size. The clue is **my waist properly**. Not **suit**, which is about whether something looks good on you, not its size.

12. Will you kindly not _____ me again till I've finished!
✔ **A) interrupt**
Interrupt means to stop someone while they are speaking or doing something. The clue is **till I've finished**. Not **interfere**, which needs **with** or **in** and means to get involved in something that is not your business.

13. What was all that _____ about?
✔ **D) talk**
Here **talk** is a noun meaning conversation or discussion: **What was all that talk about? Speak, say, tell** and **inform** are verbs and cannot be used as a noun here.

14. I have some wonderful news to _____ you.
✔ **C) tell**
Tell is followed directly by the person: **tell you, tell me**. Not **say**, because we **say something to someone**, not **say someone**.

15. Would you _____ my keeping the door ajar?
✔ **E) mind**
Would you mind + **-ing** (or + possessive + **-ing**) is a polite way to ask permission: **Would you mind my opening the window? Ajar** means slightly open.

16. By the way, that _____ me of something I was supposed to be doing this afternoon.
✔ **A) reminds**
Remind someone of something means to make someone remember it: **That reminds me of something I have to do.** Here **that** (a thing) makes the speaker remember, so **reminds** is correct. Not **remembers**: a person remembers something, but a thing reminds you of it.

17. What do you do for recreation? Don't you have a _____?
✔ **D) hobby**
A **hobby** is an activity you do regularly for pleasure in your free time, like painting or collecting stamps. Not **leisure**, which means free time itself and is not used with **a**.

18. The whole discussion was pointless. I got so _____ with their endless quarrelling that I left the hall long before the meeting ended.
✔ **A) bored**
Adjectives ending in **-ed** describe how a person feels: **I was bored**. Adjectives ending in **-ing** describe the thing that causes the feeling: **The meeting was boring**. Here **I** is the person feeling it, so **bored** is correct.

19. Previous experience is certainly a (an) _____ when you're applying for a job.
✔ **E) advantage**
An **advantage** is something that helps you succeed: **Speaking English is an advantage in this job.** Experience helps you get a job, so it is an advantage. Not **profit**, which means money you make in business.

20. Life used to be _____ and cheerful for us, too!
✔ **C) lively**
Lively means full of energy, fun and activity: **a lively party**. Not **lifelike**, which means looking real, and not **lifeless**, which means without energy or life.

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