ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

General Vocabulary MCQ Exercise 5

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Explanations

1. **Choose the words with the same meaning as the word that is underlined.**

The headmaster addressed the students in a stern manner.
✓ **C) talked to**
To **address** people means to speak to them formally, often as a group: **The headmaster addressed the students.** So it means **talked to**. Not **phoned**, because he spoke to them face to face.

2. She eventually got round to telling us the story she had kept secret so long.
✓ **A) in the end**
Eventually means **in the end**, after a long time or a delay. The clue is that she had kept the story secret for a long time before telling it.

3. The silence in the room was frightening.
✓ **E) quiet**
Silence is the absence of sound, so it means **quiet**. Not **sounds**, which is the opposite.

4. I don't ever want to see him again! I despise him.
✓ **B) hate**
To **despise** someone means to **hate** them very strongly. The clue is that the speaker never wants to see him again. Not **dislike**, because that is much weaker than despise.

5. The fortune teller predicted that I would be getting married in the near future.
✓ **E) foresaw**
To **predict** means to say what will happen in the future, which is the meaning of **foresaw** (saw beforehand). Not **guessed**, because a guess can be about anything, not only the future.

6. It was the job of the secretary to see to the telephone.
✓ **C) duty**
Here **job** means a task that someone is responsible for, so it means **duty**: **It was her duty to answer the phone.**

7. I'm positive that I saw him walking downtown yesterday.
✓ **A) sure**
Positive about something means completely certain, so it means **sure**: **I'm positive I saw him.** Not **happy**, which is a different meaning of positive feelings.

8. The new product is of superior quality.
✓ **D) better**
Superior means higher in quality than something else, so it means **better**. Not **good**, because superior is a comparison, like **better**.

9. Of the two girls who have applied for the position of secretary, the latter seems better.
✓ **B) second**
The latter means the second of two people or things just mentioned; **the former** means the first. With two girls, **the latter** is the **second** one. Not **later** or **latest**, which are about time.

10. The child made an effort to get there on time.
✓ **C) tried**
To **make an effort** means to **try** hard to do something: **He made an effort to arrive on time.** Not **hoped**, because hoping is only wishing, not doing anything.

11. I accepted the offer without any hesitation.
✓ **B) agreed to**
To **accept** an offer means to say yes to it, so it means **agreed to**. **Disregarded** is almost the opposite: ignored.

12. They proposed the new contract to the builder but he didn't accept it.
✓ **A) offered**
To **propose** something means to put it forward for someone to accept or refuse, so it means **offered**. The clue is **he didn't accept it**. Not **signed**, because then it would already be agreed.

13. We had made arrangements to meet with the new proprietors outside the building.
✓ **D) plans**
Arrangements are **plans** or preparations for something in the future: **We made arrangements to meet at six.** Note that both words are plural.

14. The new project was expanded to include the whole town instead of only certain areas.
✓ **B) enlarged**
To **expand** means to make something bigger, so it means **enlarged**. The clue is **to include the whole town instead of only certain areas**. Not **broad**, which is an adjective, not a verb.

15. It is obvious that he will not be able to continue working at this pace without getting sick.
✔ **E) clear**
Obvious means easy to see or understand, so it means **clear**: **It is clear that he is tired.** Not **known**, because something can be known without being obvious.

16. Oxygen is essential for human life.
✔ **D) vital**
Essential means absolutely necessary, so it means **vital**: **Water is vital for plants. Unnecessary** is the opposite.

17. People avoided him because of his illness.
✔ **D) stayed away from**
To **avoid** someone means to keep away from them, so it means **stayed away from**. Not **took to**, which means started to like.

18. He was often considered to be the best worker in the office.
✔ **B) seen**
Be considered (to be) means to be thought of or regarded in a certain way, so it means **seen**: **He was seen as the best worker.** Not **decided**, which is about making a choice.

19. She is a most peculiar girl.
✔ **B) strange**
Peculiar means unusual or odd, so it means **strange**: **a peculiar smell**. It does not describe how happy, sad or clever someone is.

20. I was first blindfolded and then guided to the hideout.
✔ **C) led**
To **guide** someone means to show them the way by going with them, so it means **led**. Not **followed**, which is the opposite: going behind someone.

21. As the young boy matured, his features became increasingly handsome.
✔ **E) grew**
To **mature** means to become older and more adult, so it means **grew** (up). Not **advanced**, which means moved forward or made progress.

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