ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Headline Words and Notices in English Quiz: Bid, Row, Axe

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Explanations

1. Mobile phones are ___ in the exam room.
✔ **A) prohibited**
Prohibited is the formal notice word for not allowed: Mobile phones are prohibited.

2. The sign on the laboratory door says "___ personnel only".
✔ **B) Authorised**
Authorised personnel only means only staff with permission may go in. Americans spell it Authorized.

3. Painted on the road in front of the fire station: "___". It means don't stop or park here.
✔ **C) Keep clear**
Keep clear means don't park or leave anything in this space. Keep out means don't go in.

4. The bus drove past the stop without us. The sign on the front said "___", so it was going back to the garage.
✔ **D) Out of service**
A bus that is out of service is not carrying passengers for now.

5. The old bridge is closed ___. Nobody knows when it will open again.
✔ **A) until further notice**
Until further notice means until someone tells you that things have changed. Notice is singular here.

6. The sign on the farm gate said "Trespassers will be ___".
✔ **C) prosecuted**
Trespassers will be prosecuted: people who enter private land without permission may be taken to court.

7. On the London Underground: "___ the gap". On a garden gate: "Beware ___ the dog".
✔ **B) Mind … of**
Mind the gap means take care with the space by the train. Beware is followed by of.

8. Headline: "Car maker to ___ 300 jobs". It means the company will cut 300 jobs.
✔ **D) axe**
In headlines, axe means cut or end jobs, services or plans.

9. Headline: "Town in ___ to win city status". It means the town is trying to become a city.
✔ **A) bid**
A bid is an attempt to get or win something.

10. Headline: "Fans ___ ticket prices". It means the fans criticise the prices strongly.
✔ **B) slam**
In headlines, slam means criticise strongly.

11. Which headline word means "a noisy argument"?
✔ **C) row**
A row (/raʊ/, like now) is a noisy argument, for example between neighbours or politicians.

12. Headline: "PM ___ to end rail strike". It means the Prime Minister promises firmly to end the strike.
✔ **D) vows**
Vow means promise firmly.

13. Headline: "Hospital boss ___ after ___ into missing money". It means the boss resigns after an investigation.
✔ **A) quits … probe**
In headlines, quit means resign, and a probe is an investigation. Prove is a different word: show that something is true.

14. Headline: "Protesters and police ___ outside parliament". It means they fight.
✔ **B) clash**
Clash means fight, or argue in public.

15. Headline: "Plan to ___ tourism but ___ traffic in old town". It means help tourism grow but limit traffic.
✔ **C) boost … curb**
Boost means help something grow. Curb means limit or control.