ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. If you are "off the hook", you are _____.
✓ **B) out of trouble**
Off the hook means you are free from a problem, blame or duty. Example: **The police found the real thief, so Tom was off the hook.**

2. If something is "old hat", it _____.
✓ **A) isn't new**
Something that is **old hat** is not new or fresh any more. It is old-fashioned or too familiar. Example: **Those phone games are old hat now.**

3. "Of service" means to be _____.
✓ **B) useful**
To be **of service** means to be **useful** or helpful to someone. Example: **Can I be of service?** means **Can I help you?**

4. "Once in a blue moon" is _____.
✓ **C) rarely**
Once in a blue moon means very **rarely**, almost never. Example: **I only eat fast food once in a blue moon.**

5. To be "on edge" is to be _____.
✓ **B) nervous**
To be **on edge** means to be **nervous**, worried or easily upset. Example: **She was on edge before her exam.**

6. "On time" means _____.
✓ **C) not late**
On time means at the right time, **not late**. Example: **The train arrived on time.**

7. "Out like a light" means to _____.
✓ **C) go to sleep quickly**
To be **out like a light** means to fall asleep very quickly. Example: **He was so tired that he was out like a light.**

8. "Out of order" means it _____.
✓ **B) doesn't work**
A machine that is **out of order** is broken and **doesn't work**. Example: **The lift is out of order, so take the stairs.**

9. "Out of shape" means to be _____.
✓ **A) unfit**
To be **out of shape** means to be **unfit**, not in good physical condition. Example: **I'm out of shape, so I get tired when I run.**

10. To "pack off" means to _____.
✓ **C) send away**
To **pack someone off** means to **send them away**, often quickly. Example: **They packed the children off to their grandparents for the summer.**

11. A "pain in the neck" means something is _____.
✓ **B) bothersome**
A **pain in the neck** is a person or thing that is annoying or **bothersome**. Example: **Filling in these forms is a pain in the neck.**

12. To "pair off" means to _____.
✓ **C) put two things together**
To **pair off** means to put people or things together in twos, in pairs. Example: **The teacher paired off the students for the speaking task.**

13. If it is "par for the course", it is _____.
✓ **A) typical**
If something is **par for the course**, it is **typical**, or what you expect, usually something a little bad. Example: **Delays are par for the course on this road.**

14. To "part with" means to _____.
✓ **C) be separated from**
To **part with** something means to give it away or **be separated from** it, often unwillingly. Example: **She didn't want to part with her old car.**

15. To "pass over" means to _____.
✓ **B) ignore**
To **pass over** someone or something means to **ignore** them or not choose them. Example: **He was passed over for promotion.** Not **overtake**, which means to go past another car.

16. "Pint-size" is _____.
✓ **C) small**
Pint-size (or **pint-sized**) means very **small**. Example: **a pint-size puppy**.

17. To "pop up" means to _____.
✓ **B) appear suddenly**
To **pop up** means to **appear suddenly**, often when you don't expect it. Example: **An advert popped up on my screen.**

18. To "pull off" means to _____.
✓ **B) succeed**
To **pull off** something means to **succeed** in doing something difficult. Example: **Nobody thought we could win, but we pulled it off.**

19. To "put down" means to _____.
✓ **A) crush or stop**
To **put down** a protest or rebellion means to **crush or stop** it by force. Example: **The army put down the revolt.** Not **encourage or excite**, which is the opposite.

20. If it's "on the QT", it's _____.
✓ **C) secret**
On the QT (from 'quiet') means **secret**, done quietly.
Example: **He told me the news on the QT.**

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