ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Illustrated Everyday Expressions with Stories 2 – Lesson 21 MCQ Test

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Explanations

1. **Choose the best answer.**

All of the rain we have had this month only _____ two inches.
✓ **A) amounts to**
Amount to means 'to be equal to a total'. All the rain this month adds up to only two inches: **The bill amounts to $50.**

2. They are still _____ of a few more actors for the play.
✓ **C) in need**
In need of means 'needing something'. The play needs a few more actors: **We are in need of help.**

3. I am working hard to _____ my college loans.
✓ **B) pay back**
Pay back means 'to return money you borrowed'. After **to** we need a verb: **to pay back my loans**.

4. That house has been abandoned for thirty years _____.
✓ **B) or so**
Or so comes after a number and means 'about' or 'more or less'. **Thirty years or so** means about thirty years.

5. My brother _____, so I sent him some money.
✓ **A) is broke**
Be broke means 'to have no money'. He had no money, so I sent him some.

6. I thought that boring movie would never _____.
✓ **A) come to an end**
Come to an end means 'to finish'. The movie was boring, so it felt like it would never finish.

7. She wanted an A on the test, but she _____ by 5 points.
✓ **A) fell short**
Fall short means 'to not reach a goal'. She wanted an A but missed it by 5 points, so she **fell short**.

8. They plan to have _____ two children.
✓ **B) at most**
At most means 'not more than'. They want two children or fewer, never more than two.

9. Why does it have to be _____ the other? Why can't we get both?
✓ **C) either one or**
Either one or the other means 'only one of two things, not both'. The speaker asks why they can't have both.

10. You need to _____ the problem now before it becomes worse.
✓ **C) deal with**
Deal with means 'to take action to solve something'. **Deal with the problem now** means fix it now, before it gets worse.

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