ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **Choose the best answer.**

He asked her _____ she couldn't meet him on Friday.
✓ **C) how come**
How come means 'why'. It is informal and is followed by normal word order: **how come she couldn't meet him**. He wanted to know the reason.

2. Please _____ when you have time. I'd like to hear from you.
✓ **A) drop me a line**
Drop me a line means 'write me a short letter, email or message'. The clue is **I'd like to hear from you**.

3. The conclusion, _____, is that more research needs to be done in this area.
✓ **B) in brief**
In brief means 'in a few words' or 'to sum up'. It often comes before a short summary or conclusion: **The conclusion, in brief, is…**

4. He is filling out the form _____ his sister because she can't read English very well.
✓ **C) on behalf of**
On behalf of someone means 'for someone, in their place'. He fills out the form for his sister because she can't do it herself. Not **owing to**, which means 'because of' and gives a reason, not a person you help.

5. I think I should _____. I feel a little dizzy.
✓ **A) lie down**
Lie down means 'put your body flat, for example on a bed, to rest'. People often lie down when they feel **dizzy**.

6. My father _____ my mother's request for a new car.
✓ **B) yielded to**
Yield to means 'finally agree to something after first saying no'. My father gave in and agreed to my mother's request for a new car.

7. Once you _____ her friend as a suspect, the only remaining suspect is her brother!
✓ **C) rule out**
Rule out means 'decide that something or someone is not possible'. Once the friend is no longer a suspect, only the brother remains.

8. The traffic is heavy at this time _____ the baseball game that just finished.
✓ **C) owing to**
Owing to means 'because of' and is followed by a noun: **owing to the baseball game**. The game is the reason for the heavy traffic. Not **on behalf of**, which means 'for someone'.

9. My dog was chewing my shoe and would not _____.
✓ **B) let go of it**
Let go of something means 'stop holding it'. The dog had the shoe in its mouth and would not release it. **It** refers to the shoe.

10. You can look around the house, but _____ the stairs because they are being repaired.
✓ **A) keep off**
Keep off means 'don't walk on or touch something'. The stairs are being repaired, so you must stay away from them: **Keep off the grass.**

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