ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Prepositions after adjectives (Intermediate / Upper-Intermediate) Test 3

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Explanations

1. I'm very concerned _____ my mother's health.
✔ **D) for**
We use **concerned for** when we worry about someone's health, safety or well-being: **I'm concerned for his safety.** Not **of**: we never say **concerned of**.

2. I was startled _____ the loud knock on the door.
✔ **A) at**
Startled means suddenly surprised or a little frightened. It is followed by **at** or **by** + the thing that caused it: **startled at the noise**. **Startled from** is not used.

3. Our plans may change subject _____ the weather.
✔ **C) to**
Subject to means 'depending on' or 'may be affected by': **Prices are subject to change.** Here the plans depend on the weather.

4. Her ability makes her successful _____ everything she does.
✔ **B) in**
We say **successful in** + an activity or area: **successful in business**, **successful in everything she does**. Not **on**, which is not used with **successful**.

5. He thinks he is superior _____ us because his father is very rich.
✔ **A) to**
Superior is followed by **to**, not **than**: **He thinks he is superior to us.** The same rule applies to **inferior to**. Not **over**: we use **over** with the noun (**superiority over**), not with the adjective.

6. I was very surprised _____ the news of your marriage.
✔ **D) at**
We say **surprised at** (or **by**) something: **I was surprised at the news. Surprised from** or **surprised on** is not used.

7. Terry was jealous _____ Tom's success.
✔ **A) of**
Jealous is followed by **of**: **jealous of someone** or **jealous of their success**. Not **on** or **at**.

8. They are innocent _____ the crime.
✔ **C) of**
We say **innocent of** a crime, meaning you did not do it. The opposite is **guilty of**: **He was found guilty of theft.**

9. I'm short _____ money this week. Can you lend me some?
✔ **B) of**
Short of something means not having enough of it: **I'm short of money this week.** Not **without**: **short without** is not used.

10. Please don't be so proud _____ your homework. I know your brother did it for you.
✔ **A) of**
Proud is followed by **of**: **proud of your work**, **proud of your children**. Not **about**, which is not the normal preposition after **proud**.

11. We are quite satisfied _____ the result of the survey so far.
✔ **D) with**
We say **satisfied with** something, meaning pleased with it or happy that it is good enough: **satisfied with the result**.

12. She is married _____ a rich man.
✔ **B) to**
We say **married to** someone: **She is married to a doctor.** Not **with**, which is a common mistake.

13. He soon got involved _____ serious difficulties.
✔ **A) in**
Involved in is used with a situation or activity: **involved in difficulties**, **involved in a crime**. **Involved with** is used mainly with people. Here **difficulties** is a situation, so the answer is **in**.

14. She was impatient _____ the arrival of her boyfriend.
✔ **C) for**
Impatient for something means eager for it to happen soon: **impatient for the arrival of her boyfriend**. Not **with**: we use **impatient with** for a person who annoys us.

15. The teacher is always impatient _____ slow learners.
✔ **A) with**
Impatient with someone means easily annoyed by them: **impatient with slow learners**. Compare **impatient for** something you want to happen soon.

16. I was completely ignorant _____ her intentions.
✔ **D) of**
Ignorant of something means not knowing about it: **ignorant of her intentions**. It is similar to **unaware of**.

17. What are you interested _____?
✔ **D) in**
We say **interested in** something: **What are you interested in?** Not **at** or **on**.

18. He is deeply involved _____ her and feels he must marry her because everyone expects it.
✓ **B) with**
Involved with a person means in a close, often romantic, relationship with them: **He is deeply involved with her.** Not **in**: **involved in** is used with activities or situations, as in **involved in a project**.

19. I'm so tired _____ your complaints.
✓ **C) of**
Tired of something means bored or annoyed with it because it happens too much: **tired of your complaints**. Not **from**: **tired from** means physically tired because of an activity, as in **tired from running**.

20. His courage is worthy _____ the highest praise.
✓ **A) of**
Worthy of something means deserving it: **worthy of the highest praise**, **worthy of respect**.

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