ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Prepositions after adjectives (Intermediate / Upper-Intermediate) Test 5

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Explanations

1. Her exam results are not corresponding _____ her true abilities.
✔ **D) to**
We say **corresponding to** something when two things match or are equal. Here her results do not match her real abilities: **not corresponding to her true abilities**.

2. They are confident _____ winning the match.
✔ **A) of**
We use **confident of** (or **about**) when we feel sure that something will happen: **confident of winning**. Not **with**, which is not used after **confident**.

3. He is not dependent _____ his parents for money.
✔ **C) on**
The adjective **dependent** is followed by **on**: **dependent on someone for something**. Not **of**, which goes with the opposite word: **independent of**.

4. Your conduct was not consistent _____ your usual politeness.
✔ **A) with**
We say **consistent with** when something matches or agrees with something else. Here your behaviour did not match your usual politeness: **not consistent with your usual politeness**. Not **on** or **by**, which are not used after consistent in this meaning.

5. I'm ever so grateful _____ you for your help.
✔ **B) to**
We are **grateful to** a person **for** something: **grateful to you for your help**. Not **with** or **from**.

6. He was always attentive _____ my ideas.
✔ **B) to**
Attentive to means paying careful attention to someone or something: **attentive to my ideas**. Not **of** or **with**.

7. He is very generous _____ his money.
✔ **A) with**
We are **generous with** the things we give, such as money or time: **generous with his money**. Not **of**, which is used in **It's generous of you to help**, where the person comes after **of**.

8. The manager was quite agreeable _____ my suggestion.
✔ **D) to**
Agreeable to something means willing to accept it: **agreeable to my suggestion**. Not **with**. We agree **with** a person, but someone is **agreeable to** an idea or plan.

9. Sue became very excited _____ receiving a promotion.
✔ **A) at**
We can say **excited at** or **excited about** something that happens: **excited at receiving a promotion**. **To**, **for** and **in** are not used after **excited** in this meaning.

10. This material is inferior _____ the kind we had last year.
✔ **B) to**
Inferior (worse) and **superior** (better) are followed by **to**, not **than**: **inferior to the kind we had**. Not **of**.

11. Dr. Baker is very good _____ children.
✔ **C) with**
Good with people means able to deal with them well: **good with children**. Compare **good at** for skills: **good at maths**.

12. He is capable _____ being an excellent student.
✔ **A) of**
Capable is followed by **of** + noun or -ing form: **capable of being an excellent student**. Not **to**. We say **able to do**, but **capable of doing**.

13. I'm not accustomed _____ being interrupted.
✔ **C) to**
Accustomed to means used to something. Here **to** is a preposition, so it is followed by an -ing form: **accustomed to being interrupted**.

14. I don't see why he is so unkind _____ his brother.
✔ **D) to**
We are **kind** or **unkind to** another person when we treat them well or badly: **unkind to his brother**. Not **of**, which is used in **It was unkind of him**, about the person who does the action.

15. He was sick _____ hunger. He hadn't eaten anything for two days.
✔ **D) from**
Sick from something shows the cause of feeling ill: **sick from hunger**, because he hadn't eaten for two days. Not **sick of**, which means bored or fed up with something: **I'm sick of waiting**.

16. China is rich _____ minerals.
✔ **B) in**
Rich in means having a lot of something: **rich in minerals**. Not **of** or **from**.

17. I'm not absolutely certain _____ it.
✔ **B) of**
We are **certain of** (or **about**) something when we are sure of it: **certain of it**. Not **with** or **in**.

18. It’s nice _____ you to be concerned _____ me.
✓ **C) of / about**
It's nice of you gives an opinion about a person's action. **Concerned about** means worried about: **concerned about me**. Not **of / on**, because **concerned on** is not used.

19. I hope you don’t think it is rude _____ me to refuse.
✓ **A) of**
The pattern **It is** + adjective + **of** + person + **to**-infinitive gives an opinion of someone's behaviour: **rude of me to refuse**. Not **with** or **from**.

20. I’m not very keen _____ modern music.
✓ **D) on**
Keen on means liking something or being interested in it: **keen on modern music**. Not **in**. We say **interested in**, but **keen on**.

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