ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Prepositions after adjectives (Intermediate / Upper-Intermediate) Test 6

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Explanations

1. I feel confident _____ the future of our country.
✓ **D) about**
We say **confident about** something when we feel sure that it will go well: **I feel confident about the exam.** Not **for**: **confident for** is not used.

2. They are incapable _____ expressing themselves _____ decent English.
✓ **B) of / in**
The adjective **incapable** is followed by **of** + -ing: **incapable of expressing**. We speak or write **in** a language: **in English**, **in decent English**.

3. These days everybody is aware _____ the dangers of smoking.
✓ **B) of**
Aware is always followed by **of**: **aware of the dangers**. Not **about**: we say **know about** or **think about**, but **aware of**.

4. My problems are very similar _____ yours.
✓ **A) to**
Similar takes **to**: **My problems are similar to yours.** Not **with**, which is a common learner mistake (compare **the same as**, **different from**).

5. I can't stop to talk to you now. I'm a bit short _____ time.
✓ **D) of**
Short of something means not having enough of it: **short of time**, **short of money**. Not **with** or **about**.

6. The police are responsible _____ maintaining law and order.
✓ **C) for**
Responsible for means having the duty to do or look after something: **responsible for maintaining law and order**. Not **of**: **responsible of** is incorrect.

7. I was very impressed _____ the lesson he taught.
✓ **C) by**
We are **impressed by** (or **with**) something we admire: **I was impressed by the lesson.** Not **at** or **about**.

8. I was delighted _____ the present you gave me.
✓ **B) with**
We are **delighted with** a thing we have received or are given: **delighted with the present**. Not **for**: **delighted for** is used with people when we are happy about their good news: **I'm delighted for you.**

9. She is quite nice but I wouldn't like to be married _____ her.
✓ **B) to**
We say **married to** a person: **She is married to a doctor.** Not **with**, a very common mistake.

10. Nancy is engaged _____ a friend of mine.
✓ **B) to**
Like **married to**, we say **engaged to** a person: **Nancy is engaged to a friend of mine.** Not **with**: **engaged with** means busy with or involved in something, not planning to marry.

11. We are virtually immune _____ certain diseases which cause death elsewhere.
✓ **B) to**
Immune to a disease means it cannot affect you: **immune to certain diseases**. Not **with** or **by**.

12. Breathing asbestos-laden air may be hazardous _____ health.
✓ **A) to**
Hazardous (dangerous) is usually followed by **to**: **hazardous to health**, **a danger to health**. Not **of** or **with**.

13. Strong winds are expected to make roads hazardous _____ drivers today.
✓ **B) for**
Hazardous for someone means dangerous for the people doing something: **roads hazardous for drivers** (like **dangerous for drivers**). Not **due** or **against**: they do not follow **hazardous**.

14. I'm interested _____ chess but I'm not very good _____ it.
✓ **A) in / at**
We are **interested in** a subject or hobby, and **good at** an activity: **interested in chess**, **good at it**. Not **on / at**: **interested on** is incorrect.