ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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

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Explanations

1. I entirely agree _____ you; that road is very dangerous.
✔ **D) with**
We say **agree with** a person or their opinion: **I agree with you.** Not **agree to**, which is used for accepting a plan or suggestion.

2. Will you just run _____ the facts again?
✔ **C) over**
Run over something means to explain, repeat or check it again quickly: **Let's run over the plan once more.** Here the speaker wants to hear the facts again.

3. Heavy rain brought _____ the floods.
✔ **D) about**
Bring about means to cause something to happen: **Heavy rain brought about the floods.** Not **bring up**, which means to mention a subject or to raise a child.

4. He gets _____ 40 cigarettes a day.
✔ **A) through**
Get through something can mean to use or consume a large amount of it: **He gets through 40 cigarettes a day.** = he smokes 40 a day.

5. He agreed _____ all the proposals we made.
✔ **C) to**
We **agree to** a proposal, plan or request when we accept it: **He agreed to all the proposals we made.** We use **agree with** for people or opinions.

6. He aimed the camera _____ the bird and took a photo.
✔ **C) at**
We **aim** something **at** a target: **He aimed the camera at the bird.** Not **to**: **aim to** is followed by a verb (**I aim to finish today**).

7. People are always accusing me _____ being forgetful.
✔ **C) of**
The pattern is **accuse someone of (doing) something**: **They accused me of being forgetful.** Not **for**; that is used with **blame someone for**.

8. The charity appealed _____ the public for help.
✔ **D) to**
The pattern is **appeal to someone for something**, meaning to ask them seriously for help or support: **The charity appealed to the public for help.**

9. Could you run _____ 10 copies of this hand-out, please?
✔ **B) off**
Run off copies means to print or photocopy them: **Could you run off 10 copies?** Not **run out of**, which means to have none left.

10. He has applied _____ the bank _____ a loan.
✔ **B) to / for**
The pattern is **apply to** a person or organisation **for** something you want: **He has applied to the bank for a loan.** Not **on**: we never say **apply on** a loan.

11. They went _____ sleep for several days.
✔ **A) without**
Go without something means to manage without having it: **They went without sleep for several days.** = they didn't sleep.

12. I must apologize _____ you _____ not answering your letter at once.
✔ **D) to / for**
The pattern is **apologize to someone for (doing) something**: **I must apologize to you for not answering.** Not **from**; we never use it with **apologize**.

13. I met Mike this morning; he was asking _____ you.
✔ **C) after**
Ask after someone means to ask how they are and what they are doing: **He was asking after you.** It shows friendly interest in someone's health or life.

14. Do not argue _____ a newspaper editor; he can always have the last word.
✔ **A) with**
We **argue with** a person and **argue about** a topic: **Don't argue with an editor.** Here the object is a person, so **with** is needed.

15. He never asked me _____ anything.
✔ **D) for**
We **ask someone for** something when we want them to give it to us: **He never asked me for anything.** **Ask after** means to ask how someone is.

16. I know he is always ready to back _____ his friends.
✔ **B) up**
Back up someone means to support them, especially in a difficult situation: **He always backs up his friends.**

17. Don’t expect him to approve _____ your design at once.
✔ **A) of**
Approve of something means to think it is good or acceptable: **Do your parents approve of your plans?** Not **on** or **with**.

18. Beware _____ the dog!
✔ **D) of**
Beware of means be careful because something is dangerous: **Beware of the dog!** is a common warning sign.

19. The dictionary belongs _____ me.
✓ **B) to**
Belong to someone means it is theirs: **The dictionary belongs to me.** = it is my dictionary.

20. The two scientists arrived _____ the same conclusion quite independently.
✓ **B) at**
We say **arrive at a conclusion** (or **reach a conclusion**): **They arrived at the same conclusion.** Not **arrive to**, which is not correct English.

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