ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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

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Explanations

1. Have you replied _____ her letter?
✓ **B) to**
The verb **reply** takes the preposition **to** before the thing or person you answer: **reply to a letter**, **reply to an email**.

2. I am intending to resign _____ the committee.
✓ **B) from**
We **resign from** a job, a post or an organisation, which means we leave it officially: **She resigned from the board.**

3. They knocked him down and robbed him _____ his watch.
✓ **A) of**
The pattern is **rob someone of something**: **They robbed him of his watch.** Not **from**: we say **steal something from someone**, but **rob someone of something**.

4. I sent _____ the doctor without any delay because my father had started vomiting blood.
✓ **B) for**
Send for someone means to ask them to come to you, often in an emergency: **send for the doctor**, **send for help**.

5. Water pollution, of course, is not new. We've worried _____ it for years.
✓ **B) about**
The verb **worry** takes **about**: **We've worried about it for years.** Not **of**: **worried of** is not correct English.

6. The book speaks _____ the writer's childhood.
✓ **A) of**
Speak of something means to mention it or be about it, especially for books, letters or signs: **The book speaks of the writer's childhood.**

7. At our next meeting Mr. Mill will be speaking _____ the early development of surgery.
✓ **D) on**
Speak on a subject is used for a formal talk or lecture on a particular topic: **Mr Mill will be speaking on the early development of surgery.** Not **to**: we **speak to** a person, not a topic.

8. In Roman numerals, C stands _____ one hundred.
✓ **A) for**
Stand for means to represent or be a short form of something: **C stands for one hundred**, **UN stands for United Nations**.

9. He really succeeds _____ anything he really puts his mind to.
✓ **B) in**
The verb **succeed** usually takes **in**: **succeed in something** or **succeed in doing something**: **He succeeds in anything he puts his mind to.**

10. The ice-cream tasted _____ soap.
✓ **B) of**
Taste of something means to have its flavour: **The ice-cream tasted of soap.** (We can also say **tasted like soap**.) Not **with** or **from**.

11. The old lady thanked me _____ helping her across the street.
✓ **D) for**
The pattern is **thank someone for something** or **for doing something**: **She thanked me for helping her.**

12. I'll have to think _____ this before I give you an answer.
✓ **A) about**
Think about something means to consider it carefully before deciding: **I'll have to think about this before I give you an answer.** Not **of**: **think of** is used for ideas that come to mind, not careful consideration.

13. We're thinking _____ going to Spain for our holidays but we've not decided for certain yet.
✓ **D) of**
Think of doing something means to consider a possible plan: **We're thinking of going to Spain.** The clue is **we've not decided for certain yet**: it is only an idea.

14. Whether you vote _____ or against the proposal doesn't seem to matter very much.
✓ **B) for**
We **vote for** something we support and **vote against** something we oppose. The word **against** in the sentence is the clue.

15. Worrying _____ your health can make you ill.
✓ **C) about**
Worry takes **about**: **Worrying about your health can make you ill.** Not **of**.

16. He operates _____ the patient in an operating-theatre.
✓ **B) on**
A surgeon **operates on** a patient or on a part of the body: **They operated on her knee.** Not **at** or **in**.

17. His accident prevented him _____ riding a bike for a year.
✓ **D) from**
The pattern is **prevent someone from doing something**: **His accident prevented him from riding a bike.** The same pattern is used with **stop** and **keep**.

18. Everybody admired him _____ saving the child's life.
✓ **C) for**
The pattern is **admire someone for something** or **for doing something**, which gives the reason: **They admired him for saving the child's life.**

19. Nothing can make up _____ his rudeness.
✓ **A) for**
Make up for something means to make a bad situation better or compensate for it: **Nothing can make up for his rudeness.**

20. The teacher congratulated all the students _____ passing the exam.
✓ **A) on**
The standard pattern is **congratulate someone on something** or **on doing something**: **She congratulated the students on passing the exam.**

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