ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

News Vocabulary Quiz: Spin, Leaks, Fake News and Press Freedom

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Explanations

1. Before the match, the club sent every paper a short ___ about the new stadium.
✔ **B) press release**
A press release is a short news story an organisation writes itself and sends to journalists.

2. She ___ the secret safety report to a journalist, and the papers called her a brave ___.
✔ **A) leaked … whistle-blower**
You leak secret documents to the press. Someone who tells the public about something wrong at their own workplace is a whistle-blower.

3. Most of our foreign stories arrive in the ___ from a ___ such as Reuters.
✔ **B) newsroom … news agency**
The newsroom is where reporters and editors work; a news agency sells stories and photos to papers.

4. “I’ll tell you, but strictly ___ the record. Don’t use my name.”
✔ **C) off**
Off the record means the journalist must not print the information with the source’s name.

5. Only one channel had the interview. It was an ___.
✔ **A) exclusive**
An exclusive is a story or interview that only one paper or channel has.

6. Which phrase names months of slow work to uncover a hidden story?
✔ **D) investigative journalism**
Investigative journalism means long, careful research into one story, checking records and sources.

7. The minister described the job losses as “a fresh start”. That’s pure ___.
✔ **B) spin**
Spin presents real facts in the way that makes you look best.

8. During the war, state radio played nothing but ___: lies about victories and songs about the leader.
✔ **A) propaganda**
Propaganda is one-sided or false information, usually from a government, to control what people believe.

9. They hid the accident for three years. When the truth came out, the ___ was a bigger story than the accident.
✔ **D) cover-up**
A cover-up is an attempt by people in power to hide a mistake or a crime.

10. Which sentence uses fake news correctly?
✔ **C) That story about free petrol was fake news.**
Fake news is an uncountable noun, like news: no a, no plural.

11. The paper printed a ___ on page two, saying its story about the actor was untrue.
✔ **A) retraction**
A retraction is a public statement that something printed was wrong.

12. A good presenter keeps her opinions to herself and gives both sides a fair hearing. She is ___.
✔ **C) impartial**
Impartial means fair to every side, without showing which side you support.

13. Officials read every article before it is printed. This strict ___ leaves the country with very little ___.
✔ **D) censorship … press freedom**
Censorship stops news reaching the public; press freedom means journalists can report without being stopped.

14. I wanted to finish the article, but after three free stories the site showed me a ___.
✔ **C) paywall**
A paywall blocks the rest of a site until you subscribe or pay.

15. Before the article goes online, our team will ___ every figure in it.
✔ **B) fact-check**
After will, you need the base verb: fact-check. Fact-checker is a noun: the people on the team are fact-checkers.