ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Nouns with Prepositions Quiz: Reason For, Increase In, Effect On

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Explanations

1. Can you explain the ___ the delay?
✓ **C) reason for**
We say the reason for something. The reason of is a common mistake.

2. There is a big ___ nurses in this part of the country.
✓ **A) demand for**
Demand for means how much people want or need something or someone.

3. With the new app, there's no ___ paper tickets.
✓ **B) need for**
We say there's no need for something: it doesn't have to be there.

4. Children should learn ___ other people's things.
✓ **C) respect for**
Respect for means you think something is important and treat it well. The verb has no preposition: respect other people.

5. The police still don't know the ___ the accident.
✓ **D) cause of**
The cause of something is the thing that made it happen.

6. Which sentence is correct?
✓ **A) There's a lack of parking in the town centre.**
The noun takes of: a lack of parking. The verb lack has no preposition: The town centre lacks parking.

7. There has been a sharp ___ crime and an ___ the number of police officers.
✓ **B) rise in … increase in**
A rise in and an increase in tell you what went up. Raise is a verb, and a rise of or an increase of is used with a number, such as 5%.

8. The doctor noticed a ___ her health after the new medicine.
✓ **D) change in**
A change in means something stays but becomes different. A change of means one thing is replaced by another, as in a change of plan.

9. Nobody has found a ___ the parking problem yet.
✓ **C) solution to**
We say a solution to a problem.

10. I still haven't had an ___ my letter.
✓ **A) answer to**
We say an answer to a letter, a question or a puzzle.

11. Practice is the key ___ a language.
✓ **D) to learning**
Key to is followed by a noun or an -ing form, because to is a preposition here: the key to learning.

12. The storm did serious ___ the cars in the car park.
✓ **B) damage to**
We say damage to something. Damage is uncountable here, so no s.

13. Students have free ___ the online library at weekends.
✓ **A) access to**
The noun takes to: access to a place or a service. The verb has no preposition: access the library.

14. The new manager had a big ___ the team, and her ideas had a strong ___ the way we work.
✓ **C) effect on … influence on**
Both nouns take on: an effect on something, an influence on someone or something.

15. After the ___ smoking in bars, people's ___ smokers slowly changed.
✓ **B) ban on … attitude towards**
We say a ban on something and an attitude towards (or to) something or someone.

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