ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Paraphrasing MCQ Exercise 2

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Explanations

1. The story was so amusing that I couldn't stop laughing.
✓ **D) It was such an amusing story that I went on laughing.**
so amusing that has the same meaning as **such an amusing story that**, and **couldn't stop laughing** means **went on laughing**. Not the option with **couldn't help laughing**: it says the story was **told** in a funny way, which changes the meaning.

2. Usually there is a lot of rain around Izmir in spring as well as autumn.
✓ **B) It usually rains heavily around Izmir not only in spring but also in autumn.**
as well as means **not only … but also**, so it rains a lot in both seasons, and **usually** keeps the idea of a normal pattern. Not the **either … or** option: that means only one of the two seasons.

3. As it looks like rain, I shall wear my raincoat.
✓ **D) I'll go in my raincoat since it will probably rain.**
As it looks like rain gives a reason: it will **probably rain**. **since** is another word for **as** (because). The options with **if** or **whether … or not** change the reason into a condition, so they mean something different.

4. He recovered from the operation quicker than anyone expected him to.
✓ **C) No one expected him to recover from the operation as fast as he did.**
quicker than anyone expected means nobody thought he would recover **as fast as he did**. Not **Everyone expected him to recover quite quickly**: the original says his recovery was faster than people expected.

5. There are several reasons why I don’t want to spend the summer in Antalya.
✓ **C) I don't want to be in Antalya all summer for quite a few reasons.**
several reasons means about the same as **quite a few reasons**, and **spend the summer in Antalya** becomes **be in Antalya all summer**. Not the option with **not yet decided**: the speaker has already decided not to go.

6. Despite the noise the children were making, she kept on reading.
✓ **A) Even though the children were making a lot of noise, this didn't stop her reading.**
Despite the noise has the same meaning as **Even though** there was noise, and **kept on reading** means the noise **didn't stop her reading**. The options saying she wasn't upset or didn't hear the noise add information that the original sentence doesn't give.

7. Although reading is still not as widespread as it should be, the number of people who read has increased a great deal over the last few years.
✓ **B) More people have started to read over the last few years, but the amount of interest in reading is still not adequate.**
The sentence contains two ideas: more people read now (**has increased a great deal**), but reading is still **not as widespread as it should be** (**not adequate**). Only one option keeps both ideas and the contrast, using **but** in place of **Although**.

8. As I was the only one who wanted to go camping this weekend, the trip was cancelled.
✓ **D) They cancelled the camping trip because I was the only person who agreed to go.**
As gives the reason: the trip was cancelled **because** only one person wanted to go. The other options change who cancelled the trip, or why it was cancelled.

9. Ankara is one of the fastest-growing cities in this area of the country.
✓ **E) Among cities in this region of the country, Ankara has a remarkably fast growth rate.**
one of the fastest-growing cities in this area means that, **among cities in this region**, Ankara grows very fast. Not **The fastest-growing city in this country**: the original says **one of** the fastest, and only in one area.

10. The traditional wedding in this part of the country is being replaced with a more modern and simple ceremony.
✓ **A) Modern and simple ceremonies are taking the place of traditional weddings in this area.**
is being replaced with means that simpler, modern ceremonies **are taking the place of** traditional weddings. Both sentences use a continuous tense, so the change is still happening. The other options add ideas about what people decided or like.

11. They didn't report the theft to the police because the amount was so small.
✓ **B) They decided against informing the police because the amount stolen was insignificant.**
didn't report … because the amount was so small means they **decided against informing the police** because the amount was **insignificant** (very small, not important). Not the option saying the police refused: in the original, the police were never told.

12. I think working in a greenhouse is probably one of the most rewarding and relaxing hobbies.
✓ C) In my opinion, greenhouse gardening is probably among the most rewarding and relaxing hobbies.
I think = **In my opinion**, and **one of the most** = **among the most**. The paraphrase also keeps **probably**, **rewarding** and **relaxing**. Not **One of the best ways to work**: the original talks about a hobby, not a way to work.

13. My medical examination was performed in the clinic instead of the hospital.
✓ C) I went to the clinic instead of the hospital to have a medical examination.
The passive **My examination was performed in the clinic** becomes the active **I went to the clinic … to have a medical examination**. **instead of the hospital** stays the same. The other options add opinions or preferences that the original doesn't give.

14. When the car started to roll down the hill, everyone in the street moved out of the way.
✓ D) As the people realised that the car was moving on its own, they got out of its way.
When the car started to roll down the hill tells us the car was moving by itself. **moved out of the way** means the people **got out of its way**. Not the option about moving **to another neighbourhood**: the people only stepped aside.

15. The baseball game would have been much better if the weather had been better.
✓ B) I would have enjoyed the game more if the weather had been better.
This is the third conditional about the past: **would have + past participle** with **if + had been**. The weather was bad, so the game was less enjoyable. Not **The weather was so good**: the original tells us the weather was not good.

16. The new boss wants a full report of the work that has been completed over the last year.
✓ A) A full report of the work that we have completed over the last year is wanted by the new boss.
This is the passive form of the sentence: **The new boss wants a full report** becomes **A full report … is wanted by the new boss**. The tenses stay the same. Not **He wanted to see the reports we had made**: that changes the tense and the meaning.

17. He was upset that he lost his job, but the thought of telling his family made him feel even worse.
✓ A) He was more upset with the prospect of telling his family that he had lost his job than with the actual loss of the job.
made him feel even worse means telling his family upset him **more** than losing the job. The paraphrase compares the **prospect of telling his family** with **the actual loss of the job**. The other options change who was upset, or what happened.

18. As the old man had been living alone for many years now, he was very capable of taking care of himself.
✓ B) He had learned to take care of himself because he had been living alone for such a long time.
As gives the reason: he had lived alone for a long time, so he **had learned to take care of himself**. **very capable of** means very able to do something. Not the option saying he needed someone to take care of him: that is the opposite meaning.

19. After considering the amount of time necessary to complete the new building project, the city decided to reduce the extent of the project.
✓ D) As their time was limited, the city decided to decrease the number of buildings they had originally planned to build.
The city thought about how long the project would take, then **reduced the extent** (made it smaller). That matches **decrease the number of buildings** because **their time was limited**. Not **made the project bigger**: that is the opposite.

20. It is unlikely that I will be the first to congratulate them on their decision.
✓ C) I probably will not be the first person to congratulate them.
It is unlikely that I will means **I probably will not**, and the idea of being **the first** must stay. Not **I will probably not congratulate them**: that leaves out **the first**, so it means the speaker may not congratulate them at all.

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