ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Paraphrasing MCQ Exercise 3

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Explanations

1. The city council refused to give permission to the rock group for a performance in the stadium.
✓ **C) The rock group was not able to receive permission to perform in the stadium.**
Refused to give permission means the group did not get permission, so they **were not able to receive permission** to perform in the stadium. Not the option about funding: the sentence is about permission, not money.

2. The attachment of the two young people to their professor proved to be valuable for both sides.
✓ **D) Establishing a trusting relationship between students and teachers can be worthwhile for all concerned.**
Attachment here means a close, trusting relationship, and **valuable for both sides** means it was **worthwhile for all concerned**. The other options misuse **prove** or **attach** and change the meaning.

3. The commercials on television caused many problems in families as young children cannot distinguish between what is presented and reality.
✓ **C) Television commercials have created many problems in families, because young children cannot tell what is shown from real life.**
The original gives a result (**many problems in families**) and a reason (**children cannot distinguish** ads from reality). Only this option keeps both ideas, with **cannot tell … from** for **cannot distinguish between**. Not the option about children wanting what they should not have: it adds a new idea and leaves out the families' problems.

4. The telephone conversation between the two sisters took approximately two hours.
✓ **B) The sisters talked on the phone for about two hours.**
Approximately means **about**, so 'the telephone conversation took approximately two hours' means the sisters **talked on the phone for about two hours**. The other options change the meaning: one says the line was busy, two talk about **my sister** instead of the two sisters, and one misuses **took**.

5. The rate of smartphone use in Japan is extremely high among young people.
✓ **B) The number of young people in Japan who use smartphones is high.**
The rate of smartphone use is high among young people means that **the number of young people who use smartphones is high**. Not the option with **only**: the original does not say that older people never use smartphones.

6. Tristy was so disappointed about the job she wasn't able to get that she cried for several hours.
✓ **A) Depressed about the job she was unable to get, Tristy cried for a long time.**
The **so … that** structure shows a result: she was very **disappointed**, so she **cried for several hours**. **Depressed about the job …, Tristy cried for a long time** keeps both the feeling and the result. The other options say she was not disappointed or did not cry long.

7. Steven was accused of starting the fire that burned down the two factory buildings.
✓ **A) It was felt that the fire that had burned down the two factory buildings was started by Steven.**
Was accused of means people said or believed that Steven did it, which **It was felt that the fire … was started by Steven** expresses. Not the option with **no proof**, and not the one with **denied**: both add information that is not in the original.

8. The computer indicated that there was a virus in the disk which had just been placed into it.
✓ **E) The computer noted that the disk which was placed into it had a virus.**
Indicated means showed or **noted**. The computer showed that the disk just put into it had a virus. The other options make the disk or the virus do impossible things.

9. The fees for the services of the paediatrician were extremely high.
✓ **B) The cost of seeing the child specialist was very high.**
A **paediatrician** is a doctor for children, and **fees were extremely high** means **the cost was very high**. Not the option saying the doctor **charges great fees** as a general fact: the original describes one past situation.

10. What a shame that your cake fell off the table before we had a chance to taste it!
✓ **C) It was unfortunate that we couldn’t taste the cake before it fell off the table.**
What a shame means **it was unfortunate**. The phrase **before we had a chance to taste it** tells us they never tasted the cake. The options that say they tasted it are therefore wrong.

11. The police warned everyone to lock their doors at night and not to let any strangers into their homes.
✓ A) The citizens were informed by the authorities that they should take precautions in protecting their homes and in dealing with strangers.
The police warned everyone becomes **the citizens were informed by the authorities**. Locking doors and not letting strangers in are **precautions** for the home and for dealing with strangers. Not the option with **forbidden**: the police gave a warning, not a ban, and that option reverses the advice.

12. Janice was foolish to attempt such a long trip in that broken-down car.
✓ C) If I were Janice, I would have thought twice about going on that long trip with that old car that needed repair.
Was foolish to attempt means it was not a wise idea. **If I were Janice, I would have thought twice** expresses the same criticism. The option also keeps **long trip** and paraphrases **broken-down** as **old car that needed repair**. Not the option **What a fool she is to think …**: it is in the present and talks about her thinking, not her trip.

13. She cautiously looked both ways before she crossed the street.
✓ E) Before she crossed the street, she carefully looked in both directions and then decided to cross.
Cautiously means **carefully**, and **looked both ways before she crossed** keeps the order: she looked first, then crossed. The other options reverse the order or give a different reason for looking.

14. The best treatment for flu is to rest in bed and take plenty of fluids.
✓ B) Flu is best treated with bed rest and large amounts of fluids to drink.
The original is changed into a passive with the same meaning: **Flu is best treated with bed rest and large amounts of fluids**. **Plenty of fluids** means a lot to drink. Not the option with **frequent baths**: baths are not in the original.

15. He desperately urged her to turn back and give up her attempts to prove she was a better skier than he was, as the weather was very bad and she might hurt herself.
✓ E) He tried to make her change her mind because she might be in danger due to weather conditions.
Urged her to turn back and give up means **he tried to make her change her mind**. The reason, bad weather and possible injury, becomes **she might be in danger due to weather conditions**. Not **He was afraid she would hurt herself**: it is true but leaves out the main idea, his urging her to stop.

16. After I had been away for three months, the sights, sounds and smells of home seemed very special.
✓ D) I realised the importance of our home after I had been away for three months and I missed even the sights, sounds and smells.
Seemed very special after time away means the speaker **realised the importance** of home and **missed** even its sights, sounds and smells. Not the options saying they were **forgotten** or **no longer familiar**: the original says the opposite. The option about **people** in general changes a personal experience into a general rule.

17. The near catastrophe in Istanbul was averted by the police.
✓ A) There was almost a catastrophe in Istanbul but the police were able to prevent it.
A **near catastrophe** almost happened but did not. **Averted** means **prevented**. So **there was almost a catastrophe, but the police were able to prevent it**. Not **The police were almost able to prevent the disaster**: that means the disaster did happen.

18. The new casual attitude towards interpersonal relationships among students has not caused any problems as yet.
✓ C) No problems have arisen because of the relaxed atmosphere regarding students' relationships.
Casual attitude is paraphrased as **relaxed atmosphere**, and **has not caused any problems as yet** as **no problems have arisen**. The other options add sports, the administration, or expected problems, which are not in the original.

19. It would be appropriate to dress formally for the dinner at the embassy this evening.
✓ D) The dinner at the embassy requires formal attire.
Dress formally is paraphrased as **formal attire** (formal clothes), the kind of dress the embassy dinner calls for. Not **requires that we dress tonight**: it drops the key word **formally**.

20. The water lilies and water pads on the river gave a lovely effect to the view behind my hotel.
✓ E) The view behind my hotel was very pleasant because of the effect of the water lilies and water pads floating on the river.
Gave a lovely effect to the view means the view was **very pleasant because of** the water lilies and pads on the river. Not **The view outside of the hotel was of water lilies and water pads**: it loses the idea that they made the view lovely.

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