ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Phrasal Verb Nouns and Adjectives Quiz: Break-in, Run-down

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Explanations

1. Police are investigating a ___ at the jeweller's on Friday night.
✔ **B) break-in**
A break-in is when someone enters a building to steal. The verb is break in, or break into a place.

2. Acting on an anonymous ___, journalists found the hidden documents.
✔ **A) tip-off**
A tip-off is a secret warning or piece of information, often to the police or the press.

3. Nurses ___ a walkout over staff shortages.
✔ **C) staged**
You stage a walkout: workers leave together in protest.

4. The new director has promised a major ___ of the company.
✔ **B) shake-up**
A shake-up is a big change to how a company or a system is run.

5. We can't start building until the council gives us the ___.
✔ **D) go-ahead**
The go-ahead is official permission to start.

6. In the ___ to the election, both parties spent millions on adverts.
✔ **A) build-up**
In the build-up to an event means in the period before it, as excitement grows.

7. Nobody was hurt, but after the crash the car was a ___.
✔ **B) write-off**
A write-off is a car that would cost more to repair than it is worth.

8. Have you seen Ravi's brother in his new suit? He looks an absolute ___!
✔ **C) knockout**
Informally, a knockout is someone or something so good-looking or impressive that it amazes you.

9. She said she had walked all the way, but the bus ticket in her coat was a dead ___.
✔ **A) giveaway**
A dead giveaway is a small sign that shows a secret.

10. In which noun is the main stress on the LAST part?
✔ **D) a telling-off**
Most phrasal nouns are stressed on the first part, but a telling-off keeps the stress on off.

11. The judge warned him that another ___ would get him sent out of the courtroom.
✔ **B) outburst**
An outburst is a sudden, loud show of anger.

12. A crowd of ___ watched the firefighters bring the cat down from the roof.
✔ **A) onlookers**
Onlookers watch something happen but don't take part.

13. The flat is ___, but the kitchen has new ___ cupboards.
✔ **D) run-down … built-in**
A run-down place needs repairs; built-in cupboards are part of the wall from the start.

14. My sister is so ___ about exams that she sleeps well the night before, but her ___ classmates never say hello to her.
✔ **C) laid-back … stuck-up**
Laid-back people are calm and relaxed; stuck-up people think they are better than others.

15. After a long ___ court case, the company finally agreed to pay.
✔ **C) drawn-out**
Something drawn-out goes on much longer than it should. Long is its usual partner.

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