ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Phrasal Verbs and Idioms MCQ Exercise 3

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Explanations

1. He is a most annoying person; he spends his time trying to find fault with everyone.
✓ **A) criticize**
To **find fault with** someone means to **criticize** them, often about small things. Example: **She always finds fault with my cooking.**

2. During the fire in the hospital, I had to take charge of the patients in the intensive care ward.
✓ **B) be responsible for**
To **take charge of** something means to **be responsible for** it and control it. Not **care for**, which only means looking after someone; taking charge also means making the decisions.

3. I know that I have been rather difficult lately but I've had a problem on my mind.
✓ **D) worry about**
If you **have something on your mind**, you keep thinking about it, so you **worry about** it. That is why the speaker has been difficult lately.

4. Trust me! You can take my word for it.
✓ **E) believe**
Take my word for it means **believe** what I say without asking for proof. The clue is **Trust me!**

5. If you get it off your chest, you'll feel better.
✓ **A) talk about it**
To **get something off your chest** means to **talk about** a problem or worry that has been troubling you. After you say it, you feel better.

6. The newspapers often try to bring crimes into the open.
✓ **B) reveal**
To **bring something into the open** means to **reveal** it, so that everyone knows about it. Newspapers often make hidden crimes public.

7. It's about time we laid this feud to rest.
✓ **E) ended**
To **lay something to rest** means to **end** it for good, here a long argument (a feud). Not **killed**: the idiom is not about death here.

8. When evaluating the new workers we should take into account their previous experience.
✓ **A) consider**
To **take something into account** means to **consider** it when you make a decision. Here the workers' experience should be part of the evaluation.

9. It's a good idea to set aside some money for a rainy day.
✓ **C) save for**
To **set aside** money means to **save** it for a special purpose. **For a rainy day** means for a future time when you might need it.

10. Stop trying to get out of doing the dishes; it's your turn.
✓ **D) escape**
To **get out of** doing something means to **escape** or avoid a duty you don't want to do. The clue is **it's your turn**.

11. I'm not sure what I want to eat. I'll leave the ordering up to you.
✓ **A) give the choice**
To **leave something up to someone** means to **give them the choice** or decision. The speaker doesn't know what to eat, so the other person decides.

12. I've put my heart and soul into this book.
✓ **C) all my effort**
To put your **heart and soul** into something means to give it **all your effort** and enthusiasm. Not just **energy**: the idiom means everything you have.

13. Of course he looks like me! He's my flesh and blood.
✓ **E) blood relative**
My flesh and blood means a member of my family, a **blood relative**. Not **child**: the idiom can be used for any close relative.

14. I felt as though I was sitting on pins and needles all night, while I waited for the phone call.
✓ **A) nervous**
To be **on pins and needles** means to be very **nervous** or anxious while waiting for something. Here the speaker was waiting all night for a phone call.

15. That's the last straw! I quit!
✓ **D) end**
The last straw is the final problem in a series that makes you unable to accept any more, so it is the **end**. That is why the speaker quits.

16. He's full of hot air! He is so impressed with himself.
✓ **A) always exaggerating**
If someone is **full of hot air**, they talk a lot and **exaggerate**, but their words are empty. The clue is **He is so impressed with himself**.

17. That was a close call. The car almost hit me.
✔ **C) narrow escape**
A **close call** is a **narrow escape**: something bad almost happened. Not **telephone**: here **call** is not about phoning.

18. I'm having second thoughts about getting married.
✔ **C) change of mind**
If you have **second thoughts**, you start to doubt a decision and may **change your mind**. Example: **I had second thoughts about buying the car.**

19. Tom is an old hand at working with poultry.
✔ **E) experienced**
An **old hand** is a person who is very **experienced** at something. Not **elder**: the idiom is about skill, not age.

20. The directions for the use of this equipment are clear-cut.
✔ **A) easily understood**
Clear-cut means very clear and **easily understood**, with no doubt. Example: **The rules are clear-cut.**

21. My new roommate is an easy-going person.
✔ **B) relaxed**
An **easy-going** person is **relaxed** and calm and does not get worried or angry easily. Not **friendly**: an easy-going person is often friendly too, but the word means calm, not kind.

22. She is an extremely narrow-minded person.
✔ **D) closed to new ideas**
A **narrow-minded** person is **closed to new ideas** and does not accept other opinions. The opposite is **open-minded**.

23. I've talked to you about your behaviour time and again but you have made no effort to change.
✔ **C) repeatedly**
Time and again means **repeatedly**, many times. The speaker has talked about the problem again and again.

24. I meet with Jane now and again.
✔ **A) occasionally**
Now and again means **occasionally**, sometimes but not often. Not **often** or **frequently**: those mean many times.

25. I'll agree to this plan for now but I think we should revise some of the matters.
✔ **D) temporarily**
For now means **temporarily**, for the present time but maybe not later. The speaker agrees now but wants to change some parts later.

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