ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

# Phrasal Verbs MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 10

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## Explanations

**1.** They surrounded the enemy and forced them to _____.
✓ **A) give in**
**Give in** means to stop fighting and accept that you have lost (to surrender). The enemy was surrounded, so they had no choice but to **give in**. **Give off** means to produce a smell, heat or light.

**2.** The unknown substance was giving _____ an unpleasant smell.
✓ **D) off**
**Give off** means to produce or send out a smell, heat, gas or light: **The fire gave off a lot of smoke.** Not **give out**, which means to distribute things or to stop working.

**3.** The policeman asked the driver to _____ to the side of the road.
✓ **B) pull in**
**Pull in** means to move a vehicle to the side of the road and stop. Not **pull out**, which means to move out into the traffic.

**4.** They say that it takes smokers longer to _____ a cold than nonsmokers.
✓ **D) get over**
**Get over** an illness means to recover from it: **It took me a week to get over the flu.**

**5.** Although I hadn't worked very hard, I still managed to _____ (pass) the exam.
✓ **C) get through**
**Get through** an exam means to pass it. The clue **(pass)** in the sentence shows the meaning.

**6.** I don't really think I'll _____ the exam this summer.
✓ **A) get through**
**Get through** an exam means to pass it successfully. Not **get away with**, which means to do something wrong without being punished.

**7.** It took us nearly half an hour to _____ the hill. It was so steep.
✓ **B) get up**
**Get up** a hill means to climb to the top of it. The clue **It was so steep** shows that the climb was difficult.

**8.** I don't like my children going to parties. You never know what young people _____ these days.
✓ **B) get up to**
**Get up to** means to do something, often something bad or naughty: **What are the kids getting up to?** The parent is worried about what young people do at parties.

**9.** - What have you been getting _____ recently?

- Oh, nothing much.
✓ **D) up to**
**What have you been getting up to?** is an informal way of asking **What have you been doing?** The answer **nothing much** matches this meaning.

**10.** I don't seem to be making any progress and it's beginning to _____ me down.
✓ **B) get**
**Get someone down** means to make someone feel sad or depressed. Making no progress can **get you down**.

**11.** If she hadn't given him _____, the police would never have found him.
✓ **A) away**
**Give someone away** means to show where someone is or who they are, often by telling others. Because she **gave him away**, the police found him. Not **give in**, which means to surrender.

**12.** The teacher asked the students to _____ (hand in) their homework at the end of the lesson.
✓ **B) give in**
In British English, **give in** homework means to hand it in to the teacher. The clue **(hand in)** shows the meaning. Not **give back**, which means to return something to its owner.

**13.** In winter this town is often cut _____ by heavy snowfalls.
✓ **A) off**
**Cut off** means to separate a place from other places so people cannot get in or out: **The village was cut off by floods.**

**14.** I think your essay would be much better if you cut _____ these two lines here.
✓ **D) out**
**Cut out** means to remove part of a text: **Cut out the last paragraph.** Not **cut off**, which is used for removing an end part of an object or stopping a supply.

**15.** A: Oh, I could really _____ a cigarette now! Have you got one, Pete?

B: Sorry Bob, I stopped smoking two weeks ago.
✓ **A) do with**
**Could do with** something means to want or need it very much: **I could do with a cup of tea.** Not **do without**, which means to manage without something.

**16.** Faced with so many complaints, the manager was forced to give _____ and change the rules.
✔ **C) in**
**Give in** means to finally agree to what other people want after resisting for a while. The many complaints made the manager **give in**. Not **give away**, which means to give something free or reveal a secret.

**17.** Oh, Charles, could you _____ (distribute) the books, please?
✔ **A) give out**
**Give out** means to distribute, to give something to each person in a group: **The teacher gave out the tests.** The clue **(distribute)** shows the meaning.

**18.** It was given _____ on the news that the airport would be closed all day because of fog.
✔ **A) out**
**Give out** can mean to announce information publicly: **It was given out on the radio that…** Not **give away**, which means to reveal a secret.

**19.** I wonder if you'd help me to _____ some anti-nuclear power leaflets this weekend, Jim?
✔ **A) give out**
**Give out** leaflets means to hand them to many people. Not **give off**, which is used for smells, heat or light.

**20.** After failing his driving test four times, he finally _____ trying to pass.
✔ **A) gave up**
**Give up** + **-ing** means to stop trying to do something: **He gave up trying to pass.** Not **gave in**, which means to surrender or agree after resisting and is not followed by **-ing**.

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