ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Phrasal Verbs MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 12

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Explanations

1. She put _____ an interesting proposal.
✓ **C) forward**
Put forward means to suggest an idea or plan so that people can discuss it. Example: **She put forward a new plan.**

2. I want to put _____ the position you advertised.
✓ **D) in for**
Put in for means to apply formally for a job, position or promotion. Example: **He put in for a transfer.** Not **put up**, because that means to build something or to give someone a place to stay.

3. It's very kind of you to put me _____ for the night, James.
✓ **D) up**
Put someone up means to let someone stay in your home, usually for a short time. The clue is **for the night**. Not **put down**, which means to criticise someone or to place something on a surface.

4. I'm feeling _____ and could do with a holiday.
✓ **B) run down**
Run down (adjective) means tired and slightly unwell, often because you have been working too hard. The clue is **could do with a holiday**.

5. We should finish today, but as time is running _____ we may have to continue tomorrow.
✓ **A) out**
Run out means to come to an end, so there is none left. **Time is running out** means there is not much time left. Not **run down**, which is used for batteries or for feeling tired.

6. You'll have to get a new television licence. This one isn't valid. It _____ two weeks ago.
✓ **B) ran out**
When a document **runs out**, it stops being valid. Another word for this is **expires**. The clue is **isn't valid**. Not **ran off**, which means escaped or printed copies.

7. I'm making you responsible for this project. Please see _____ it that it is finished.
✓ **A) to**
See to it that means to make sure that something happens. Example: **Please see to it that the doors are locked.**

8. We decided to _____ early to avoid the rush-hour traffic.
✓ **D) set out**
Set out means to start a journey. The clue is **to avoid the rush-hour traffic**. Not **set back**, which means to delay progress.

9. The government wants people to set _____ their own businesses.
✓ **C) up**
Set up a business means to start or create a company. Example: **She set up her own shop.**

10. There is a certain amount of evidence to suggest that violence on television and in films _____ (causes) violence among young people.
✓ **C) brings about**
Bring about means to cause something to happen, as the hint **(causes)** shows. Not **makes for**, which means to help produce a result, as in **Good weather makes for a pleasant trip.**

11. Seeing the couple walking hand in hand _____ memories of his own first love.
✓ **B) brought back**
Bring back memories means to make someone remember something from the past. Not **brought up**, which means mentioned a subject or raised a child.

12. It was walking home in the rain that must have _____ your cold.
✓ **B) brought on**
Bring on means to cause an illness or a bad condition to start. Example: **Stress can bring on headaches.** Not **brought out**, which means produced or made a quality more noticeable.

13. She set _____ in business on her own and was very successful.
✓ **C) up**
Set up in business means to start your own business. The clue is **in business on her own**. Not **set off**, which means to start a journey.

14. The Government is planning to _____ (establish) a new department to be responsible for what people do in their leisure time. It is to be called the Ministry of Leisure.
✓ **C) set up**
Set up means to establish or create an organisation, as the hint **(establish)** shows. Not **put up**, which means to build something or to give someone a place to stay.

15. We shall bring _____ the question of the new swimming-pool at the next committee meeting.
✓ **B) up**
Bring up means to mention a subject so that people can discuss it. The clue is **the question … at the next committee meeting**. Not **bring round**, which means to persuade someone or to make someone conscious again.

16. The government has _____ an inquiry to investigate bribery in local elections.
✔ **C) set up**
Set up an inquiry means to establish it officially so that it can investigate something. Not **set out**, which means to start a journey or to explain something clearly in writing. Not **set about**, which means to start doing a task.

17. A: Would it be all right if I _____ you on Friday, Mr Brown?

B: Yes, of course, Mrs Price. You can pay me any time.
✔ **B) settle up with**
Settle up with someone means to pay them the money you owe. The clue is B's reply: **You can pay me any time.** Not **get along with**, which means to have a friendly relationship.

18. Don't take any notice of him, Janet. He's only trying to show _____.
✔ **D) off**
Show off means to try to impress people by showing them how clever, rich or skilful you are. Example: **He's always showing off his new car.**

19. Catherine promised to _____ at Josie's luncheon in time for dessert.
✔ **A) show up**
Show up means to arrive somewhere, often late or unexpectedly. The clue is **in time for dessert**. Not **show off**, which means to try to impress people.

20. A good friend will always _____ you when you're in trouble.
✔ **A) stand by**
Stand by someone means to stay loyal to them and support them, especially in difficult times. The clue is **when you're in trouble**. Not **stand for**, which means to represent something or to tolerate it.

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