ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Phrasal Verbs MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 21

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Explanations

1. Time’s up. You must _____ your examination papers now.
✓ **D) give in**
Give in means to hand work to a teacher or examiner, like **hand in**. The clue is **Time's up**: the exam has finished, so students give their papers to the teacher. Not **get in**, which means to enter or arrive.

2. He speaks very badly; I can’t _____ what he is saying.
✓ **A) make out**
Make out means to manage to hear or understand something that is not clear. Example: **I can't make out his handwriting.** Not **go over**, which means to check or review something.

3. He’s a terrible liar; he’s always _____ stories.
✓ **C) making up**
Make up a story means to invent it, often to deceive someone. The clue is **liar**: a liar invents stories that are not true.

4. He _____ everything I said in his notebook.
✓ **A) put down**
Put down means to write something down. The clue is **in his notebook**. Example: **Put down your name here.** Not **picked up**, which means to learn or notice something; you don't pick up words in a notebook.

5. The chairman _____ a very controversial idea which had little chance of being accepted.
✓ **D) put forward**
Put forward means to suggest an idea or plan so that others can discuss it. Example: **She put forward a proposal.** Not **came up**: you need **came up with** to mean 'thought of an idea'.

6. You’re very late, so now we’ll have to work very hard to _____ lost time.
✓ **B) make up for**
Make up for means to do something good to balance a loss. **Make up for lost time** is a fixed expression: work harder or faster because time was wasted. Not **put off**, which means to postpone.

7. Actors usually _____ their faces before they go on stage.
✓ **B) make up**
Make up your face means to put make-up (cosmetics) on it. Not **make up for**, which means to balance a loss, e.g. **make up for lost time**.

8. The meeting has been _____ until next week.
✓ **A) put off**
Put off means to postpone, that is, to move something to a later time. The clue is **until next week**. Example: **The match was put off because of rain.**

9. George _____ a difficult period shortly after his marriage broke down, but after a year or so his health and spirits picked up.
✓ **D) passed through**
Pass through (or **go through**) a difficult period means to experience a hard time. The clue is **a difficult period**, followed later by **his health and spirits picked up**. Not **went out**, which means to leave the house or to go to social events.

10. The hospital was near a main road so the patients had to _____ a lot of noise.
✓ **C) put up with**
Put up with means to accept or tolerate something unpleasant. The clue is **a lot of noise**, which the patients could not avoid. Not **get over**, which means to recover from an illness or a shock.

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