ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Phrasal Verbs MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 23

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Explanations

1. I was very _____ by the nurse's attitude; it really annoyed me.
✓ **A) put out**
Be put out means to be annoyed or upset, and the clue is **it really annoyed me**. Example: **She was put out when nobody thanked her.** Not **put up**, which means to give someone a place to stay or to build something.

2. The secretary said she would _____ duty at seven o'clock this evening.
✓ **C) be off**
Be off duty means to finish work or not be working. Example: **The nurse is off duty at seven.** Not **be through**, because we don't say **be through duty**.

3. The old lady couldn't _____ because she had rheumatism.
✓ **A) get about**
Get about means to move or walk from place to place. Rheumatism makes the joints painful, so the old lady couldn't move around easily. Not **get on**, which means to make progress or to have a good relationship.

4. As there was a power cut in the hospital, the surgeon had to _____ the operation.
✓ **A) call off**
Call off means to cancel something that was planned. The power cut made the operation impossible, so the surgeon cancelled it. Not **call up**, which means to phone someone or to order them to join the army.

5. How many words _____ this sentence?
✓ **C) make up**
Make up means to form the parts of a whole. Example: **Ten players make up the team.** Here the question asks how many words form the sentence. Not **fill up**, which means to make something completely full.

6. More Turkish students should _____ a foreign language and follow it through until they know it well.
✓ **D) take up**
Take up means to start learning or doing a new activity. Example: **He took up the guitar last year.** Not **take on**, which means to accept work or responsibility, or to employ someone.

7. Week-old garbage usually _____ a terrible stink.
✓ **B) gives off**
Give off means to send out a smell, heat, gas or light. Example: **The fire gave off a lot of smoke.** Not **gives in**, which means to stop fighting or arguing and accept defeat.

8. This skirt is too long. I must _____ it _____.
✓ **A) take / up**
Take something up means to make a skirt, dress or pair of trousers shorter. The clue is **too long**. Example: **I need to take these trousers up.**

9. Her dress was too wide at the waist so she _____ it _____.
✓ **D) took / in**
Take something in means to make clothes narrower or tighter. The clue is **too wide at the waist**. Not **took up**, which means to make clothes shorter, not narrower.

10. She _____ the radio before answering the phone.
✓ **B) turned down**
Turn down means to make a radio, TV or heater quieter or lower. She made the radio quieter so she could hear on the phone. Not **turned back**, which means to return the way you came.

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