ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Phrasal Verbs MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 26

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Explanations

1. Two prisoners _____ of Midford Prison last night. They are armed and dangerous.
✔ **C) broke out**
Break out (of) means to escape from a place such as a prison. The clue is **of Midford Prison** and the warning that the men are dangerous. Not **made out**, which means to see or understand something with difficulty.

2. She _____ when she heard the bad news. It must have been a terrible shock to her.
✔ **A) passed out**
Pass out means to faint, or suddenly become unconscious. The clue is **a terrible shock**: shock can make people faint. **Worn out** means very tired and needs **was** (**She was worn out**).

3. The article _____ the problem, but it did not discuss it in detail.
✔ **D) touched on**
Touch on a subject means to mention it briefly. The clue is **but it did not discuss it in detail**. Not **brought on**, which means to cause something.

4. His cold was _____ by the unexpected change in temperature.
✔ **B) brought on**
Bring on means to cause something bad, often an illness: **Stress can bring on a headache.** Here the change in temperature caused the cold. Not **broken down**, which is used for machines or talks that stop working.

5. The offer was so good that I couldn't _____ it _____.
✔ **A) turn / down**
Turn down means to refuse an offer or request. The offer was so good that the speaker couldn't refuse it. The object can go between the two parts: **turn it down**.

6. A bus crashed on the main highway this morning and _____ traffic for hours.
✔ **A) held up**
Hold up means to delay something or make it slow: **The accident held up traffic.** The crash stopped the traffic for hours. Not **blew up**, which means to explode.

7. It would be a good idea to discuss the plan. Why don't you _____ a meeting?
✔ **B) set up**
Set up means to arrange or organise something, such as a meeting: **Let's set up a meeting for Monday.** Not **take up**, which means to start a hobby or use up time or space.

8. You should _____ an insurance policy.
✔ **D) take out**
Take out an insurance policy means to buy insurance by signing an agreement. It is a fixed phrase: **take out insurance / a loan / a mortgage**. Not **take up**, which means to start a new activity, like a hobby.

9. The troops easily _____ the rebellion.
✔ **C) put down**
Put down a rebellion means to stop it by force. It is a common phrase with **rebellion**, **revolt** and **riot**. Not **took over**, which means to take control of something, such as a company or a country.

10. The plane is about to take _____. We had better be quick.
✔ **A) off**
Take off means that a plane leaves the ground and starts flying. **Be about to** means something will happen very soon, so we must hurry. The opposite of **take off** is **land**.

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