ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Phrasal Verbs MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 29

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Explanations

1. When you make a promise you must **fulfil** it.
✓ **A) carry it out**
Carry out means to do what you have said or planned, so you **carry out** a promise, a plan or an order. Not **carry on**, which means to continue doing something, and not **carry off**, which means to succeed in doing something difficult.

2. When she got thinner she had to **make** her dress **smaller**.
✓ **D) take in**
Take in a piece of clothing means to make it narrower or smaller so it fits a thinner body: **She had to take her dress in.** The opposite is **let out**.

3. He called me a liar and I told him if he didn't **apologize** I'd punch him on the nose.
✓ **D) take it back**
Take it back means to say you were wrong to say something and that you are sorry for it: **Take that back!** Here he wants the man to withdraw the word **liar**.

4. I am getting fat; I ought to **start** tennis.
✓ **A) take up**
Take up a sport or hobby means to start doing it regularly: **I've taken up swimming.** Not **set out**, which means to start a journey.

5. He was so **astonished** that for a moment he was lost for words.
✓ **B) taken aback**
Taken aback means very surprised or shocked, often so much that you can't speak for a moment. Not **worn out**, which means very tired.

6. I have so much work to do that I can't **accept** any more.
✓ **D) take on**
Take on work or responsibility means to accept it and agree to do it: **I can't take on any more projects.** Not **take up**, which means to start a hobby or to fill time or space.

7. I didn't feel like going to the dentist's so I **delayed** going there until I had a really bad toothache.
✓ **A) put off**
Put off means to delay or postpone something, often because you don't want to do it. It is followed by the **-ing** form: **put off going**. Not **put out**, which means to stop a fire or a cigarette from burning.

8. I really must buy a car so I'm going to **save** some money every month until I can afford one.
✓ **A) put by**
Put by means to save money for later: **She puts a little by every month.** Not **put off**, which means to delay.

9. His father died of lung cancer and the doctor **attributed it** to the fact that he was a heavy smoker.
✓ **D) put it down**
Put something down to something means to say that it was caused by that thing: **He put his success down to hard work.** Not **thought it over**, which means to consider something carefully.

10. He just seems to **spend** money like water these days.
✓ **B) go through**
Go through money means to spend or use a lot of it quickly: **We went through all our savings.** Not **give out**, which means to hand things out to people or to stop working.

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