ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Phrasal Verbs MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 05

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Explanations

1. Do you ever pick _____ hitch-hikers?
✔ **D) up**
Pick up someone means to stop your car and let them get in, for example **pick up a hitch-hiker** or **pick up the kids from school**.

2. A: He still sucks his thumb, darling.
B: Yes, I know. It's strange. I thought he'd have _____ it by now.
✔ **C) grown out of**
Grow out of something means to stop doing it because you are older, e.g. **grow out of sucking your thumb**. After **he'd have** we need a past participle, and only **grown** is one.

3. He ran for the bus but it pulled _____ from the stop just as he got there.
✔ **D) away**
When a vehicle **pulls away**, it starts moving and leaves the place where it stopped. Not **pull up**, which means the opposite: to stop.

4. I try to keep _____ the latest fashions by going to lots of shows in London.
✔ **A) up with**
Keep up with means to stay informed about something that changes, e.g. **keep up with the latest fashions**. Not **up to**, which is not used with this meaning.

5. Manchester United's chances of going to the final of the F.A. Cup were ended when they were knocked _____ by Liverpool in the semi-final.
✔ **C) out**
In a competition, if a team is **knocked out**, it loses and cannot continue. The clue is that their chances of reaching the final **were ended**.

6. Sales were down so they had to _____ some of their staff.
✔ **C) lay off**
Lay off staff means to stop employing them, usually because there is not enough work or money. The clue is **sales were down**.

7. It took the soldier a long time to _____ the death of his comrade.
✔ **B) get over**
Get over something means to recover from something sad or bad, like an illness or someone's death. Not **get through**, which means to survive a difficult period, not to recover from it.

8. The fact is, doctor, I just can't _____ this dreadful cough.
✔ **B) get rid of**
Get rid of something means to make something unwanted go away, e.g. **get rid of a cough**. The other options do not have this meaning.

9. It's an excellent story, and in the end it turns _____ that everyone had a part in the murder.
✔ **A) out**
It turns out that… means you discover a fact in the end, often a surprising one. Example: **It turned out that he was her brother.**

10. The car _____ after the crash but fortunately no one was killed.
✔ **C) turned over**
When a car **turns over**, it rolls onto its side or roof, which often happens in a crash. Not **turned back**, which means went back the way it came.

11. In court, she was so upset that she broke _____.
✔ **D) down**
Break down means to lose control of your feelings and start crying. The clue is **she was so upset**. Not **break up**, which means to end a relationship.

12. I think I'll have to sell my car. It keeps _____.
✔ **C) breaking down**
When a machine or car **breaks down**, it stops working. **Keeps breaking down** means it happens again and again, so the speaker wants to sell the car.

13. I think she's coming _____! Thank God for that! I thought she was dead!
✔ **D) round**
Come round means to become conscious again after fainting or being unconscious. The clue is **I thought she was dead!**

14. It took him a long time to come _____ our way of thinking.
✔ **B) round to**
Come round to an idea or opinion means to change your mind and accept it, usually after some time. Example: **She finally came round to my point of view.**

15. Birthdays seem to _____ much quicker nowadays than when I was a child.
✔ **D) come round**
When a regular event **comes round**, it happens again, e.g. **Christmas comes round so quickly**. Not **come up**, which is used for one event that is near, not for something that happens again and again.

16. Sorry I'm late but I was _____ by traffic.
✔ **A) held up**
Be held up means to be delayed, e.g. **held up by traffic**. That is why the speaker is late.

17. A: I thought you said you weren't going to let Sally go to that pop concert in Brighton.

B: Yes, but you know Sally - she always finds a way to get _____ me in the end.
✔ **D) round**
Get round someone means to persuade them to let you do what you want, often by being charming. The clue is that Sally gets permission **in the end**.

18. He was going to reply to her letter, but for various reasons he never got _____ it.
✔ **B) round to**
Get round to (doing) something means to finally find time to do something you planned. **He never got round to it** means he never did it. Not **get up to**, which means to do something naughty.

19. It was a very difficult problem - one which no one could see a way of _____.
✔ **D) getting round**
Get round a problem means to find a way to avoid it or deal with it. Example: **We found a way of getting round the rules.** Not **getting through**, which is used for a difficult time or task, not for avoiding a problem.

20. You look very unhappy, Doris. What's the matter? Is something getting you _____?
✔ **B) down**
Get someone down means to make someone feel sad or depressed. The clue is **You look very unhappy**.

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