ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Phrasal Verbs MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 06

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Explanations

1. I'll _____ in my car on the way to work.
✓ **D) pick you up**
Pick someone up means to collect someone, usually in a car. **I'll pick you up at eight.** Not **bring you up**, which means to raise a child.

2. They _____ us just because we're poor.
✓ **C) look down on**
Look down on someone means to think you are better than them. The preposition is always **on**, never **at** or **for**.

3. We look _____ to receiving a prompt reply to our letter.
✓ **D) forward**
Look forward to means to wait for something with pleasure. It is common at the end of formal letters. **To** is a preposition here, so it is followed by the **-ing** form: **look forward to receiving**.

4. My wife _____ a squirrel on her way to work this morning.
✓ **A) ran over**
Run over means to hit someone or something with a vehicle and drive over them. Not **ran out of**, which means to have no more of something left: **We ran out of milk.**

5. I can hardly hear that radio. Could you _____ (increase / raise) the volume please?
✓ **D) turn up**
Turn up means to increase the volume, heat or power of a machine. **Turn down** is the opposite: it makes the sound quieter. Not **switch on**, because the radio is already on.

6. I'd ask you to marry me, but I'm sure you'd turn me _____.
✓ **B) down**
Turn someone down means to say no to their offer or request. **She turned down the job.**

7. I'm pretty tired so if you don't mind, I'll _____ for the night.
✓ **D) turn in**
Turn in is an informal way to say **go to bed**. The clue is **tired** and **for the night**.

8. Before you go to bed, don't forget to _____ all the lights.
✓ **C) turn out**
Turn out the lights means to switch them off. Not **turn in**, which means to go to bed.

9. Before we start the lesson, I'd like to _____ what we did yesterday.
✓ **B) run through**
Run through something means to repeat or check it quickly. **Let's run through the plan again.** Not **run into**, which means to meet someone by chance.

10. We shall have to _____ if we want to go to Florida this summer.
✓ **A) save up**
Save up means to keep money over time so that you can buy something later. It needs no object here. **Put aside** and **put away** need an object (**put money aside**), so they don't fit the sentence.

11. I went to the train station to see my uncle _____ to Dublin.
✓ **A) off**
See someone off means to go to a station or airport to say goodbye to someone who is leaving. **We saw her off at the airport.**

12. The children were playing the new teacher _____.
✓ **D) up**
Play someone up (British English) means to behave badly and cause trouble for them. Children often do this with a new teacher. Not **play along**, which means to pretend to agree.

13. James is threatening to resign, but I don't think he will _____ it really.
✓ **D) go through with**
Go through with something means to finally do something difficult that you have planned or threatened. The clue is **threatening to resign**. Not **go along with**, which means to agree with someone's idea.

14. What a lovely tie! And it _____ (matches) your jacket too!
✓ **B) goes with**
Go with means to match or look good together. **That tie goes with your shirt.** Not **goes off**, which is used for food going bad or alarms ringing.

15. I had to put _____ having the party because I was ill.
✓ **C) off**
Put off means to postpone, or move something to a later time. It is followed by the **-ing** form: **put off having the party**. Not **put up**, which means to give someone a place to stay.

16. We'll have to sell the piano, darling. It _____ (occupies) too much room.
✓ **B) takes up**
Take up space or time means to use or fill it. **This sofa takes up half the room.** Not **fills in**, which means to complete a form.

17. I was _____ with Alvin for arguing with the waiter about our bill.
✓ **A) put out**
Be put out means to be annoyed or upset. **She was put out by his rude comment.** Not **put off**, which means to make someone dislike something or lose interest in it.

18. Most schools in England _____ at the end of July.
✔ **A) break up**
In British English, schools **break up** when the term ends and the holidays begin. Not **break down**, which is used for machines that stop working.

19. It's a great shame that you _____ with each other as you used to be such good friends.
✔ **B) fell out**
Fall out with someone means to argue and stop being friends. The clue is **used to be such good friends**. Not **turned out**, which means to have a particular result.

20. Our plan to increase productivity fell _____.
✔ **B) through**
Fall through means a plan fails or does not happen. **The deal fell through at the last minute.** Not **fall back**, which means to move backwards.

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