ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Phrasal Verbs MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 07

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Explanations

1. Janet and Peter broke _____ a few months ago and are living apart.
✔ **C) up**
Break up means to end a relationship. The clue is **are living apart**: Janet and Peter are no longer a couple. Not **break into**, which means to enter a building by force.

2. Several students fainted during the display but they were soon brought _____.
✔ **A) round**
Bring somebody round means to make an unconscious person conscious again. The clue is **fainted**. Not **bring up**, which means to raise a child or mention a topic.

3. We live in a friendly community and everyone _____ each other very well.
✔ **A) gets on with**
Get on with somebody means to have a friendly relationship with them. The clue is **a friendly community**. Not **get up to**, which means to do something, often something naughty.

4. How are you _____ your studies? Do you feel that you are making headway?
✔ **C) getting on with**
Get on with something means to make progress with it. The clue is **making headway**, which also means making progress. Not **getting down to**, which means starting to give something serious attention.

5. How's Pauline _____ in her new job?
✔ **C) getting on**
How are you getting on? asks how well someone is doing in a situation, such as a new job. Not **getting by**, which means having just enough money or ability to manage.

6. I _____ (visited) for a chat on my way home from work.
✔ **A) called in**
Call in means to make a short visit, usually on the way somewhere else. Example: **I called in to see Gran.** Not **got in**, which means to enter or to arrive home.

7. Do you think you could _____ the cleaner's on your way home tonight?
✔ **B) call in at**
Call in at a place means to visit it briefly, often on the way somewhere else. Use **call in at** for places and **call in on** for people. Not **call out to**, which means to shout to someone.

8. I've just heard that they're _____ (increasing/raising) my rent at the end of next month.
✔ **C) putting up**
Put up prices or rents means to increase them. The clue is the hint **increasing/raising**. Not **turning up**, which is used for volume or heat, as in **turn up the radio**.

9. They _____ (erected/built) that block of flats two years ago.
✔ **C) put up**
Put up a building means to build or erect it. The clue is the hint **erected/built**. Not **set up**, which means to start a company or organisation, not to construct a building.

10. I find her husband unbearable, and I can't imagine how she can put _____ his awful behaviour.
✔ **B) up with**
Put up with means to accept or tolerate something unpleasant. The clue is **unbearable** and **awful behaviour**. Example: **I can't put up with the noise.**

11. I _____ (ordered by post) the catalogue two weeks ago, but it still hasn't arrived.
✔ **B) sent for**
Send for means to order or ask for something to be sent to you, often by post. The clue is the hint **ordered by post**. Not **called for**, which means to collect someone or to demand something.

12. Be careful with that alarm! The slightest touch might _____!
✔ **B) set it off**
Set off an alarm, a bomb or fireworks means to make it start working or explode. Example: **The smoke set off the fire alarm.** Not **set it up**, which means to prepare or install something.

13. This strike has set us _____ months.
✔ **C) back**
Set back means to delay progress by a period of time. Example: **The strike set us back months.** Not **set off**, which means to start a journey or make something explode.

14. We _____ (began our journey) at 6.30 in the morning.
✔ **C) set off**
Set off means to begin a journey. The clue is the hint **began our journey**. Not **went off**, which means to explode, to ring (an alarm) or to go bad (food).

15. Hello! Is that the Grand Hotel? Could you _____ the manager, please?
✓ **D) put me through to**
Put someone through to means to connect them to another person on the phone. Example: **Hold on, I'll put you through to the manager.** Not **put me on to**, which means to tell someone about a useful person or thing.

16. The idea of a balanced diet is difficult to _____ to those who know little about food values.
✓ **D) put across**
Put across an idea means to explain it clearly so that people understand it. Not **come across**, which cannot take an object here and means to find by chance or to seem.

17. A: Who was on the phone?

B: I don't know. He _____ before I could ask.
✓ **B) rang off**
Ring off (British English) means to end a phone call by putting the phone down. The clue is **Who was on the phone?** Not **went off**, which means to leave, explode or go bad.

18. My father was _____ (hit/knocked down) by a bus on his way to work.
✓ **D) run down**
Run down (also **knock down**) means to hit a person with a vehicle so that they fall to the ground. The clue is the hint **hit/knocked down**. Not **broken down**, which is used for machines that stop working.

19. The battery has run _____.
✓ **A) down**
Run down is used for a battery that loses its power. Example: **Leave the lights on and the battery will run down.** Not **run over**, which means to hit someone with a vehicle.

20. Because of bad weather, the minister has decided to _____ her proposed visit to the north of the country next month.
✓ **D) call off**
Call off means to cancel a planned event. The clue is **her proposed visit**, which will not happen now. Not **call up**, which means to phone someone or to order them to join the army.

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