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Explanations

1. A student may want to know how many stages insects _____ before they become butterflies.
✔ **C) go through**
Go through means to experience a series of stages or events: **A caterpillar goes through several changes.** Not **put through**, because that means making someone else experience something, so it needs an object (**put someone through something**).

2. If you _____ yourself, there is nothing in which you cannot succeed.
✔ **D) believe in**
Believe in yourself means to trust your own abilities and have confidence. **Trust off** is not an English phrasal verb, and **get along with** is used for relationships with other people.

3. I think he will not be able to _____ this difficult schedule.
✔ **C) keep up with**
Keep up with means to manage to do something at the speed or level required: **keep up with a schedule / with the work**. Not **keep on**, which means to continue doing something (**keep on working**) and does not fit before a noun like **schedule**.

4. Because of the storm and the heavy rain, the flight was _____.
✔ **E) called off**
Call off means to cancel a planned event, and the storm is the reason for the cancellation: **The match was called off because of rain.** Not **carried out**, which means 'performed' or 'completed' (**carry out a plan**).

5. This encouraging explanation has given him the will to _____ with his duties with a great deal of enthusiasm.
✔ **C) carry on**
Carry on with means to continue doing something: **carry on with your work**. The explanation gave him the will to continue his duties. **Come across** means to find something by chance, and the **call** verbs (**call in, call up, call down**) have nothing to do with continuing.

6. After a long debate, the problems were _____, and the main problem turned out to be merely a misunderstanding in the end.
✔ **C) cleared up**
Clear up means to solve or explain a problem or misunderstanding: **Let's clear up this confusion.** Not **cheer up**, which means to make someone happier, so it is used for people, not problems.

7. When my parents were abroad, I _____ my little sister.
✔ **E) cared for**
Care for means to look after someone who needs help, such as a child or a sick person. Not **took after**, which means to look or behave like an older family member (**She takes after her mother**).

8. We have to _____ these mosquitoes in order to sleep without being interrupted.
✔ **E) do away with**
Do away with means to get rid of something or put an end to it: **do away with old rules / these mosquitoes**. Not **do without**, which means to manage without having something. You would not need to manage without mosquitoes, you would want to remove them.

9. The company should _____ the price so as to sell more; otherwise, the stocks will not be sold.
✔ **D) cut down**
Cut down (on) means to reduce something, here the price: lowering the price helps the company sell more. Not **bring in**, which means to earn money or introduce something new.

10. The old professor _____ last night because of a heart attack.
✔ **D) passed away**
Pass away is a polite way of saying 'die'. The heart attack is the clue. Not **turned out**, which means 'proved to be' (**It turned out to be true**).

11. You have to _____ the things which you learn several times a day in order not to forget them.
✔ **C) go over**
Go over means to review or study something again carefully: **Go over your notes before the exam.** Repeating what you learn helps you remember it. Not **put aside**, which means to save something or leave it for later.

12. Can you _____ how to use these tools?
✔ **E) figure out**
Figure out means to understand or find the answer to something by thinking: **figure out how to use a machine**. Not **get around**, which means to avoid a problem or to travel from place to place.

13. - Let's go swimming.

- Sorry, but I don't _____ it. We may go tomorrow. I want to stay at home today.
✔ **C) feel like**
Feel like means to want to do something at a particular moment: **I don't feel like it** = I don't want to. The clue is **I want to stay at home today.** Not **get through**, which means to finish something difficult or to reach someone by phone.

14. The doctor warned him to _____ smoking as soon as possible if he did not want to die of cancer.
✔ **D) give up**
Give up means to stop doing a habit: **give up smoking**. Not **get over**, which means to recover from an illness or a bad experience.

15. I missed the lesson on the short story yesterday, but the teacher told us that he would repeat the lesson, so I will be able to _____ what I missed.
✔ **B) make up for**
Make up for means to replace something that was lost or missed: the repeated lesson lets the speaker recover what they missed. Not **keep up with**, which means to stay at the same level as others, not to recover something already missed.

16. - Hello, can I speak to Mr Kurshad, please?

- He has just entered his office. I can _____ you _____, sir.
✔ **C) put / through**
Put someone through means to connect a phone caller to the person they want: **I'll put you through to the manager.** Not **hold on**, which is intransitive (**Hold on, please**) and cannot take **you** in the middle.

17. I will put this watch here for five minutes as I am going to swim. Please _____ it so it doesn't get lost.
✔ **E) keep an eye on**
Keep an eye on means to watch something so that it stays safe: **Can you keep an eye on my bag?** Not **take in**, which means to understand something or to let someone stay in your home.

18. In general, mice can't _____ cats, in the same way that cats can't with dogs.
✔ **C) get along with**
Get along with means to have a friendly relationship with someone. The repeated **with** in **cats can't with dogs** is the clue. Not **get through**, which means to finish something or survive a difficult period.

19. Player: Do I have to go on running? I am very tired.

Trainer: _____ it _____ until I say enough.
✔ **C) Keep / up**
Keep it up means to continue doing something at the same level or speed. The trainer wants the player to keep running. Not **put up**, which means to build something or to give someone a place to stay.

20. I don't really like Mr Ram. He may be very rich but it doesn't give him the right to _____ poor people.
✔ **E) look down on**
Look down on means to think you are better than someone: **He looks down on poor people.** Not **look up to**, the opposite, which means to admire and respect someone.

21. You have to _____ your assignments on Friday.
✔ **B) hand in**
Hand in means to give work to a teacher or other person in charge: **hand in homework / assignments**. Not **take down**, which means to write something down or to remove something.

22. Do you know when World War II _____?
✔ **E) broke out**
Break out means to start suddenly. It is used for wars, fires and diseases: **A fire broke out.** Not **broke down**, which is used when a machine stops working or a person loses control of their feelings.

23. Many European people _____ in the New World to begin a new life in a new place.
✔ **C) settled down**
Settle down means to start living in a place and make a permanent home there. The clue is **to begin a new life in a new place**. Not **set out**, which means to start a journey, so it would need **for** (**set out for the New World**), not **in**.

24. I have to _____ 100 dollars a month if I want to buy the TV set.
✔ **C) put aside**
Put aside means to save money for a later purpose: **I put aside some money every month. Save through** is not an English phrasal verb, and **show off** means to try to impress people.

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