ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. I'm not very enthusiastic _____ skiing, but I don't mind spending a few days at an Uludağ resort hotel.
✔ **D) about**
We say **enthusiastic about** something: **She's enthusiastic about her new job.** It means very interested in it and excited about it.

2. Doctors believe that some people are naturally immune _____ HIV.
✔ **E) to**
The adjective **immune** takes **to**: **immune to a disease/virus**, meaning it cannot affect you. Example: **After the vaccine, you are immune to measles.**

3. I was very much pleased _____ my exam results.
✔ **E) with**
We are **pleased with** something we are happy about, such as results, work or a present: **I'm pleased with my new phone.**

4. The whole area is famous _____ its beautiful sandy beaches.
✔ **B) for**
Famous for gives the reason why a place or person is well known: **Paris is famous for the Eiffel Tower.** Not **of**, which does not follow **famous**.

5. I'm sick and tired _____ hearing the same excuses all the time.
✔ **A) of**
Sick and tired of (doing) something means very annoyed and bored by it because it happens too often. It follows the same pattern as **tired of**: **I'm tired of waiting.**

6. We are accustomed _____ sleeping in total darkness.
✔ **E) to**
Accustomed to means used to something. Here **to** is a preposition, so it is followed by a noun or an **-ing** form: **accustomed to sleeping**, not **accustomed to sleep** (in this pattern).

7. He's hungry _____ success.
✔ **C) for**
Hungry for something means wanting it very much: **hungry for success**, **hungry for power**. It is like **eager for**.

8. I'm not very keen _____ seeing her.
✔ **D) on**
Keen on (doing) something means liking it or wanting to do it: **I'm not keen on seeing her** = I don't really want to see her. Not **of**, which is used with **fond of**, not **keen**.

9. We were very apprehensive when we went into the headmistress's office, but she was very good _____ us.
✔ **A) to**
Good to someone means kind to them: **She was very good to us.** Not **good at**, which is about skill: **good at maths**.

10. I was all confused _____ what to do next.
✔ **E) about**
We are **confused about** a topic or question we don't understand: **I'm confused about what to do next.** (When something causes the confusion, we usually say **confused by**: **confused by her words**.)

11. We are certainly superior _____ the other teams.
✔ **B) to**
Superior and **inferior** take **to**, not **than**: **This team is superior to the others.** Not **from**, which is used with **different from**.

12. The carpet was rich _____ colours and was of really high quality.
✔ **C) in**
Rich in something means having a lot of it: **Oranges are rich in vitamin C.** Here the carpet has many colours.

13. We've become very attached _____ this house. We just don't want to move from here.
✔ **D) to**
Attached to someone or something means loving it and not wanting to lose it: **She is very attached to her old teddy bear.** The second sentence is the clue: they don't want to move.

14. I am hopeless _____ remembering names.
✔ **B) at**
Hopeless at (doing) something means very bad at it, like **good at** / **bad at**: **My brother was always hopeless at ball games.** We can also say **hopeless with** + a noun (**I'm hopeless with names/machinery**), but before an **-ing** form we use **at**: **hopeless at remembering names**.

15. Irrespective _____ your protestations, I shall not let it happen.
✔ **D) of**
Irrespective of is a fixed phrase meaning 'without considering' or 'regardless of': **The rule applies to everyone, irrespective of age.** Here: whatever you protest, I will not allow it.

16. To be eligible _____ this job an applicant must have his own car and have a valid driving licence.
✓ **B) for**
Eligible for something means having the right qualities or conditions to get it: **eligible for a job**, **eligible for a grant**. (With a verb we use **eligible to**: **eligible to vote**.)

17. The streets were crowded _____ people.
✓ **B) with**
Crowded with means full of people or things: **The beach was crowded with tourists.** Not **of**; we say **full of**, but **crowded with**.

18. The famous athlete was found guilty _____ doping.
✓ **D) of**
We say someone is **guilty of** a crime or wrong action: **found guilty of theft**. Not **in** or **with**.

19. He is very popular _____ the majority of the viewers.
✓ **A) with**
Popular with a group of people means they like that person or thing: **The singer is popular with teenagers.** Not **of** or **at**.

20. I am not satisfied at all _____ your answers.
✓ **A) with**
Satisfied with means pleased with or happy about something: **I'm satisfied with the results.** The phrase **at all** just makes the negative stronger.

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