ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Prepositions MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 5

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Explanations

1. The girl was dressed _____ the latest fashion but my clothes were quite _____ fashion.
✔ **C) in / out of**
We say **dressed in** a style or colour, and something old-fashioned is **out of fashion**. Example: **Those jeans are out of fashion now.**

2. He is waiting _____ us _____.
✔ **D) for / outside**
The verb **wait** takes **for**: **wait for someone**. **Outside** tells us where he is waiting.

3. I looked _____ the box, but there was nothing _____.
✔ **B) into / inside**
Look into shows movement of your eyes towards the inside of something. **Inside** at the end tells us where something is, with no movement: **there was nothing inside**.

4. I have read some articles _____ this subject _____ the books you gave me.
✔ **E) on / besides**
An article **on** a subject is about that subject. **Besides** means 'in addition to': I read the articles as well as the books you gave me. Not **except**, which would mean the books were not included.

5. We protested _____ delays _____ delivery _____ the goods.
✔ **A) against / in / of**
We **protest against** something, a **delay in** something, and the **delivery of** goods. These are fixed preposition patterns.

6. I can see all the details; the lazy cat spread out _____ the fireplace, my aunt _____ one chimney-corner.
✔ **B) in front of / in**
The cat lay **in front of** the fireplace, so it was before it, not inside it. A person sits **in** a corner, so the aunt was **in one chimney-corner**.

7. My contract has been extended _____ another year.
✔ **D) for**
We use **for** with a period of time to say how long something lasts: **extended for another year**. Not **during**, which answers 'when?', not 'how long?'.

8. Think _____ the end _____ every beginning.
✔ **E) about / at**
We **think about** something we consider carefully, and **at** a moment or point: **at every beginning**. The saying means that when you start something, you should consider how it will end.

9. “It is _____ no interest _____ me whether we win or lose,” said the football player.
✔ **C) of / to**
The fixed pattern is **be of (no) interest to someone**: **It is of no interest to me.** Not **for**, because this expression always uses **to** for the person.

10. Mike failed _____ the exam, but his sister got _____.
✔ **A) in / through**
Get through an exam means to pass it, the opposite of failing. The pattern **fail in the exam** is older; today we often say simply **fail the exam**.

11. Mrs. Smith was very good _____ sewing and knitting and she was always well-dressed.
✔ **E) at**
We say **good at** an activity or skill: **She is good at sewing.** Not **good in** or **good on**.

12. He was interested _____ planes and rockets.
✔ **C) in**
The adjective **interested** is always followed by **in**: **interested in planes**.

13. Christmas is the celebration _____ the birth _____ Christ.
✔ **B) of / of**
We say the **celebration of** an event and the **birth of** a person. **Of** shows what the celebration and the birth belong to.

14. I don’t think she is afraid _____ dogs.
✔ **B) of**
The adjective **afraid** is followed by **of**: **afraid of dogs**.

15. _____ my opinion he is a very clever boy.
✔ **A) in**
The fixed phrase is **in my opinion**. Not **on my opinion** or **for my opinion**.

16. It was nice _____ you to come to see me.
✔ **B) of**
To praise what someone did, we use **nice/kind of + person + to do**: **It was nice of you to come.** Not **for you**, which is not an option here but is a common mistake.

17. She was completely blind _____ her faults.
✔ **D) to**
Be blind to something means not to notice or not to accept it: **She was blind to her faults.** Not **blind of** or **blind on**, which are wrong.

18. This news is _____ great importance _____ me.
✔ D) of / to
The pattern is **be of (great) importance to someone**: **This news is of great importance to me.** We use **of** before **importance** and **to** before the person.

19. You can't answer _____ my question again. Why haven't you learned the words _____ heart?
✔ B) _____ / by
The verb **answer** takes a direct object with no preposition: **answer my question**. **Learn by heart** means to learn something so well that you can say it from memory. Not **answer to my question**, a common mistake.

20. **-** Will Mr Black be at home _____ Saturday evening?

- Yes, he'll be at home _____ four.
✔ D) on / after
We use **on** with days, and also with parts of a named day: **on Saturday evening**. **After four** means later than four o'clock. Not **since**, because **since** needs a perfect tense (**he has been at home since four**), not **will be**.

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