ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

# Prescribe or Proscribe Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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## Explanations

**1.** The doctor ___ some cream for my sunburn.
✔ **D) prescribed**
Doctors prescribe medicine and treatment. Proscribe means forbid, and perscribe is a misspelling.

**2.** Phones are not allowed: the exam rules strictly ___ them.
✔ **A) proscribe**
To proscribe something is to forbid it officially. The first part of the sentence says phones are banned.

**3.** You can only get this medicine if your doctor writes you the right ___.
✔ **B) prescription**
A prescription is the note a doctor writes for your medicine.

**4.** Players must wear the ___ shin pads, which the rules describe in detail.
✔ **B) prescribed**
Prescribed means set down by the rules. The players must wear them, so they are not banned.

**5.** The new law ___ building houses on land that floods, so the plans were rejected.
✔ **C) proscribes**
The law bans the building, so it proscribes it.

**6.** The optician ___ stronger glasses after my eye test.
✔ **C) prescribed**
An optician prescribes glasses, saying which lenses you need.

**7.** Fill in the form in the ___ way, or it will be sent back.
✔ **B) prescribed**
The prescribed way is the way the rules set down.

**8.** Some old grammar books ___ splitting infinitives, but most modern guides accept it.
✔ **D) proscribed**
The books forbade it, so they proscribed it. Most modern guides now accept it.

**9.** Grammar that tells people how they should speak and write is called ___ grammar.
✔ **C) prescriptive**
Prescriptive means setting down rules. Its opposite is descriptive.

**10.** The group was ___ by the government, which made it illegal to join.
✔ **C) proscribed**
Proscribed means officially banned. A proscribed organisation is one that the law bans.

**11.** The vet ___ antibiotics for the cat's infected paw.
✔ **A) prescribed**
A vet, like a doctor, prescribes medicine.

**12.** The recipe ___ exactly two eggs, no more and no less.
✔ **B) prescribes**
The recipe sets down what you must use, so it prescribes two eggs.

**13.** In ancient Rome, public lists of people declared outlaws were called ___.
✔ **A) proscriptions**
A proscription named people who had lost the protection of the law. This is where the meaning ban comes from.

**14.** The library rules ___ eating near the computers, so please leave your snacks outside.
✔ **A) proscribe**
The rules forbid eating there, so they proscribe it.

**15.** The teacher's instructions were very ___: she told us exactly how to lay out every page.
✔ **D) prescriptive**
Prescriptive instructions set down exactly what you must do.

**16.** Take the tablets as ___, twice a day with food.
✔ **D) prescribed**
As prescribed means in the way the doctor said. Proscribed would mean banned.

**17.** You can only buy these eye drops on ___ in the UK.
✔ **B) prescription**
On prescription means only with a note from a doctor. Perscription is a misspelling.

**18.** Athletes are tested for ___ substances, which the rules of the sport ban.
✔ **D) proscribed**
Proscribed substances are ones that are officially banned.

**19.** For the exam, students must read three ___ texts chosen by the exam board.
✔ **D) prescribed**
Prescribed texts are the books set for an exam. The exam board sets them; it does not ban them.

**20.** Which spelling is correct?
✔ **B) prescription**
The word starts with pre, like prepare: pre-scrip-tion.