ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Problems and Solutions Vocabulary Quiz: Tackle, Deal With, Solve

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Explanations

1. The heavy snow ___ problems on the roads all morning.
✔ **A) caused**
Cause a problem means make a problem happen.

2. Many young people ___ the same problem: rents are too high.
✔ **B) face**
Face a problem means a difficult situation is in front of you and you must deal with it.

3. I'm sorry, I can't come to the meeting. Something has ___.
✔ **C) cropped up**
A problem crops up when it appears suddenly and you didn't expect it.

4. The new phone is great. The only ___ is the battery life.
✔ **D) snag**
A snag is a small problem you didn't see at first: the only snag is... It is informal.

5. The main ___ of living in the countryside is the lack of buses.
✔ **A) drawback**
A drawback is a bad point of something that is mostly good.

6. Should I tell my friend that her boyfriend lied to her? It's a real ___.
✔ **B) dilemma**
A dilemma is a hard choice between two options that are both difficult or bad.

7. Language can be a big ___ to finding work abroad.
✔ **C) obstacle**
An obstacle is something in your way that stops you going forward: an obstacle to something.

8. The engineer wanted to ___ the strange noise, and soon found ___: a loose part.
✔ **D) get to the bottom of … the root of the problem**
Get to the bottom of something means keep checking until you find the real reason. The root of the problem is that real cause.

9. Don't worry about the angry email. I'll ___ it.
✔ **A) deal with**
Deal with means do what is needed with a problem, a person or a task.

10. The new law aims to ___ knife crime in big cities.
✔ **B) tackle**
Tackle means start working hard on a big problem, with a plan. It is common in the news.

11. The police ___ the crime in a week, but the family argument took months to ___.
✔ **C) solved … resolve**
You solve a problem, a puzzle or a crime. You resolve an argument or a difficult situation.

12. After hours of talking, the team finally ___ a solution.
✔ **D) came up with**
Come up with a solution means think of an answer yourself.

13. The museum is closed on Mondays, but there's ___ it: you can book a private tour.
✔ **A) a way round**
A way round a problem is a way to avoid it when you can't remove it. In American English: a way around.

14. Turning up the music to hide the noise is just ___. You need to talk to the neighbours.
✔ **B) a quick fix**
A quick fix is a fast, easy answer that only works for a short time.

15. It was raining, and to ___, we'd forgotten the umbrella.
✔ **C) make matters worse**
To make matters worse means to make a bad situation even more difficult. There is no the before matters.

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