ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Quantifiers Fine Points Quiz: Some, Any, Numerous, Various

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Explanations

1. What does some mean in “The library has some 20,000 books”?
✔ **B) about**
Some + number (formal) means about or approximately.

2. What does some mean in “Some man was asking for you this morning”?
✔ **C) a man I don’t know**
Some + singular noun can mean a certain person that the speaker does not know.

3. “You can call me ___ time. I’m always at home.”
✔ **D) any**
Any here means it doesn’t matter which: call me whenever you like.

4. Choose the correct sentence.
✔ **B) No student passed the test.**
When any + noun is the subject, don’t use a negative verb. Use no: No student passed.

5. Find the mistake: “I haven’t got any car, so I take the bus.”
✔ **B) any car**
In negatives, use a with one countable thing: I haven’t got a car.

6. The project was cancelled for ___ reasons that nobody explained clearly.
✔ **D) various**
Various means several different: for various reasons.

7. Choose the correct sentence.
✔ **A) Numerous students complained.**
Numerous goes straight before the noun, with no of. A great deal of is only for uncountable nouns.

8. The new law has attracted ___ attention.
✔ **C) a great deal of**
A great deal of is used with uncountable nouns like attention.

9. ___ people have left the company this year.
✔ **A) A number of**
A number of + plural noun means several and takes a plural verb: A number of people have left.

10. The number of students on the course ___ risen this year.
✔ **C) has**
The number of means the total, so it takes a singular verb: The number … has risen.

11. Which sentence means that some guests stayed and some left?
✔ **B) Not all the guests stayed.**
Not all means some did and some didn’t.

12. “She lent me her car and then asked me to pay for the petrol! Some ___ she is!”
✔ **B) friend**
Stressed some + singular noun can be ironic: Some friend she is! (= a bad friend)

13. Which sentence uses some to show contrast?
✔ **A) SOME people enjoy the cold, but most don’t.**
Stressed SOME contrasts with others or most: some people do, but most don’t.

14. This question is so easy that ___ child could answer it.
✔ **C) any**
Any here means every, even the youngest: any child could answer it.

15. Which sentence is ambiguous, so careful writers avoid it?
✔ **D) All the passengers weren’t hurt.**
All … not can mean none or not all. Use not all or none to be clear.

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