ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. We've discussed this issue long enough. Let's just cut _____ the chase and make a decision.
✔ **C) to**
Cut to the chase means to stop talking around a subject and get to the main point. Example: **Let's cut to the chase – how much will it cost?**

2. If you want to get your _____ in the door of an advertising agency, you should try to get an internship.
✔ **B) foot**
Get your foot in the door means to get a first, often small, opportunity in a company or field that can lead to more later. An internship is a typical way to do this.

3. This past quarter you sold over $1 million worth of insurance policies. Keep _____ the good work!
✔ **C) up**
Keep up the good work! is a fixed expression of praise. It means "continue doing this well." **Keep up** means to continue at the same high level.

4. Companies are making money hand _____ fist selling music downloads over the Internet.
✔ **A) over**
Make money hand over fist means to earn a lot of money very quickly. The expression is fixed, so only **over** is possible.

5. Right now Rachel doesn't want to take an international assignment. However, she might consider working in China down the _____.
✔ **C) road**
Down the road means at some time in the future. The clue is **Right now … However**, which contrasts the present with later. Not **down the street**, which only describes a place.

6. Emily was sure that her analysis was correct, so she stood her _____ when others criticized it.
✔ **C) ground**
Stand your ground means to keep your position or opinion and refuse to change it when others attack it. Emily was sure she was right, so she didn't give in to the criticism.

7. You're selling color photo printers for only $39? People are sure to snap those _____!
✔ **C) up**
Snap something up means to buy something quickly and eagerly, usually because it is cheap or popular. A $39 color printer is a bargain, so people will buy it fast. Example: **Shoppers snapped up the sale items in an hour.**

8. Judy gets bored doing the same thing all day. She's looking for a job where she's required to _____ many hats.
✔ **A) wear**
Wear many hats means to have several different roles or responsibilities at work. Judy is bored doing one thing, so she wants a job with many different tasks.

9. Dale decided to retire after General Mills bought _____ his small organic food company.
✔ **B) out**
Buy out a company means to buy the whole company or the owner's share of it, so the owner leaves. That is why Dale decided to retire. Not **buy up**, which means to buy all of a supply of something, such as land or stock.

10. Debra took a job as program assistant with a non-profit organization, hoping it would be a stepping _____ to a management position in the future.
✔ **B) stone**
A **stepping stone** is a job or experience that helps you move towards a bigger goal. Example: **This job is a stepping stone to a management position.**

11. You don't have to give Frank a lot of detailed direction. He knows how to take the ball and _____ with it.
✔ **A) run**
Take the ball and run with it means to take an idea or task and continue it on your own, with energy. The clue is that Frank doesn't need a lot of detailed direction.

12. We'd be interested in renting this office space from you if you can lower the price. Four thousand dollars per month is simply _____ our range.
✔ **C) out of**
Out of our range means more than we can afford or are willing to pay. The speaker wants a lower price, so $4,000 is too much. Not **within**, which would mean the price is acceptable.

13. Martin was laid off from his job six months ago, and he still hasn't found a new position. He's _____ jobs.
✔ **B) between**
Between jobs is a polite way of saying that someone is unemployed right now and looking for new work. Not **out of jobs**. The correct expressions are **out of work** or **out of a job**.

14. These days, you can register domain names on the Internet _____ a song.
✓ B) for
For a song means very cheaply, for very little money. Example: **I bought this car for a song.**

15. If you're having trouble reaching a decision, why don't you sleep _____ it and give your answer tomorrow?
✓ C) on
Sleep on it means to wait until the next day before making a decision, so you have time to think. The clue is **give your answer tomorrow**. Not **sleep over**, which means to spend the night at someone's house.

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