ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Synonymous Sentences Paraphrasing/Restatement MCQ Test With Answers – Mini Comprehension Exercise 7

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Explanations

1. Choose the "restatement" that is closest in meaning to the original sentence. More than one choice may be factually correct, but you should choose the one that is the closest "restatement" of the first sentence.

The judge is worried because different witnesses have given a different sequence of events.
✓ C) The judge is concerned that there is no agreement among the witnesses as to the order in which the events occurred.
The original says the witnesses give **different sequences** of events, so they disagree about the **order** in which things happened, and the judge is **worried** (= **concerned**). Only this option keeps both ideas. Not the option about **discrepancies between the witnesses' account**: it talks about the account in general, not specifically the order of events, and it puts the judge's feeling in the past.

2. ***Basically, the witnesses all gave a uniform account of the incident but, as might be expected, there were some small discrepancies in the details.***
✓ D) Not surprisingly, the witnesses gave slightly varied accounts of the incident but there was complete agreement on the main facts.
Basically … a uniform account means the witnesses agreed on the main facts. **As might be expected** becomes **Not surprisingly**, and **small discrepancies in the details** becomes **slightly varied accounts**. Not the option with **very crucial details**: the original says the differences were small, not crucial.

3. ***You should get some professional advice if you're thinking about changing the system radically.***
✓ D) If you're considering major alterations in procedures, I suggest you consult an expert.
The original is conditional advice: **if you're thinking about** radical change, **get professional advice**. This matches **If you're considering major alterations … I suggest you consult an expert**. The other options tell you not to make changes at all, which the original never says.

4. ***At first she was rather reluctant to give up her job but now finds it very rewarding to be bringing up her children.***
✓ B) Initially she wasn't at all keen to stop working, but she now finds that looking after her children affords her much satisfaction.
At first … reluctant = **Initially … wasn't at all keen**, and **finds it very rewarding** = **affords her much satisfaction**. The other options add ideas the original doesn't contain, such as duty, feeling less fulfilled, or wanting to go back to work.

5. ***A good book review lets you know whether it's the sort of book you want to read or not.***
✓ E) You can understand from a good book review whether or not it's the kind of book you enjoy.
The original links a **good** review to your own taste: it shows whether the book is **the sort of book you want to read**. This option keeps both **good review** and the personal choice (**the kind of book you enjoy**). Not **which books are worth reading**: that is a general judgement of quality, not your personal preference.

6. ***The manager is unwilling to say anything as he has not yet had a chance to consult his legal adviser.***
✓ C) Until he is instructed in the legal aspects of the matter the manager is keeping quiet.
The manager says nothing because he **has not yet** talked to his legal adviser. **Until he is instructed in the legal aspects … keeping quiet** keeps both the silence and the 'not yet' idea. The options saying the lawyer has already advised him are wrong, because the consultation hasn't happened yet.

7. ***Owing to the poor visibility it took us ten hours, instead of the usual eight, to get to İstanbul.***
✓ D) The fog meant that we reached İstanbul two hours later than would be normal.
Ten hours instead of the usual eight means the trip took **two hours** longer, and **poor visibility** is explained as **fog**. Only this option keeps both points. Not **We waited two hours for the fog to lift**: the original doesn't say they stopped, only that the journey was slower.

8. ***Much to my surprise, I found his lecture on the civilization of Mesopotamia extremely interesting.***
✓ A) I was fascinated by what he had to say in his lecture on the civilization of Mesopotamia though I hadn't expected to be.
Much to my surprise = **though I hadn't expected to be**, and **extremely interesting** = **fascinated**. Not **the most fascinating of all**: the original doesn't compare this lecture with any others.

9. ***It is only natural that stealing should be more prevalent as everything now costs so much.***
✓ B) In view of the high cost of living, it is not surprising that theft should be on the increase.
It is only natural = **it is not surprising**, **stealing … more prevalent** = **theft … on the increase**, and **everything costs so much** = **the high cost of living**. Not **If prices go up, so will … theft**: that is a general prediction, not a comment on the present situation.

10. ***The project turned out to be so costly that we decided not to go on with it.***
✓ B) We gave up the project since it was starting to cost so much.
Turned out to be so costly = it was costing too much, and **decided not to go on with it** = **gave up the project**. Not **The decision to cancel the project actually proved costly**: in the original it is the project that is costly, not the decision to cancel it.

11. ***Citrus trees thrive on a wide range of soils, but well-drained and slightly acid types are most suitable.***
✓ B) Though citrus trees prefer a well-drained and slightly acid soil, they do well in many other types, too.
Thrive on a wide range of soils means citrus trees grow well in many soils, while **most suitable** shows they prefer well-drained, slightly acid soil. Only this option keeps both parts. The options that call the trees **particular** or say they **do not do well in other soils** contradict **a wide range**.

12. ***He advised me not to write until I'd got over my anger and this was good advice.***
✓ C) He very wisely suggested that I didn't write while I was still feeling so annoyed.
Advised me not to write until I'd got over my anger = **suggested that I didn't write while I was still … annoyed**, and **this was good advice** = **very wisely**. Not **I should have listened to his advice**: that suggests I ignored it, which the original doesn't say.

13. ***His gift for assessing the risks involved in granting any specific loan makes him invaluable to the bank.***
✓ C) The bank relies heavily on him because of his ability to judge accurately the degrees of risk entailed in any given loan.
Here **gift** means a natural talent (ability), not a present. **Invaluable to the bank** = the bank **relies heavily on him**, and **assessing the risks** = **judge accurately the degrees of risk**. Not the option about the bank giving him a gift: it misreads the word **gift**.

14. ***In view of the evidence, it seemed quite clear that it was John alone who had committed the crime.***
✓ B) From the evidence it was fairly obvious that John didn't have any partners-in-crime.
John alone means John committed the crime without help, so he had **no partners-in-crime**. **In view of the evidence … quite clear** = **From the evidence it was fairly obvious**. Not the options about **loneliness**: **alone** here means 'without anyone else', not 'feeling lonely'.

15. ***His career got off to a brilliant start, but since then his record hardly seems deserving of mild praise, let alone glory.***
✓ D) He was amazingly successful at the start of his career but since then he has done nothing to merit even a moderate amount of approval and certainly not renown.
Got off to a brilliant start = **amazingly successful at the start**. **Hardly deserving of mild praise, let alone glory** = he hasn't done anything to merit **even a moderate amount of approval**, and **certainly not renown**. **Let alone** means 'and even less'. Not the option about the special praise or glory he seems to expect: the original says nothing about what he expects.

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