ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. Switzerland helps developing countries to TRAIN their skilled personnel.
✔ **B) prepare**
To **train** people means to **prepare** them for a job by teaching them skills. Not **learn**: the country helps others; it does not learn itself.

2. The girl was so ATTRACTIVE that I constantly looked at her.
✔ **D) pretty**
Attractive means nice to look at, so it has the same meaning as **pretty**. **Plain** and **ugly** mean the opposite.

3. My parents WENT TO Moscow in May and they will come back in June.
✔ **D) left for**
Went to Moscow here means they started a journey to Moscow, so **left for** is right. Not **left**: you leave a place, but you **leave for** the place you are going to.

4. If your friend is seriously ill you should GO TO SEE him.
✔ **D) visit**
To **go to see** someone means to **visit** them, for example a sick friend at home or in hospital. Not **look at**: that only means to turn your eyes towards someone.

5. I would like to speak to you IMMEDIATELY.
✔ **A) right now**
Immediately means at once, without waiting, so it means **right now**. **Later** and **in 2 days** mean the opposite.

6. That wasn't pronounced CORRECTLY.
✔ **B) properly**
Correctly means in the right way, so it means **properly**: **That wasn't pronounced properly.** Not **good**: it is an adjective, and we need an adverb after **pronounced**.

7. "Will you GO ON, Ashley?" said the teacher.
✔ **D) continue**
Go on means **continue**: do more of what you were doing. **Stop** and **finish** mean the opposite.

8. What HAPPENED to you?
✔ **C) was the matter with**
What happened to you? and **What was the matter with you?** both ask about a problem someone has had.

9. I ENJOYED the trip very much.
✔ **C) liked**
To **enjoy** something means to **like** it very much. Not **was glad**: we would need **was glad about**, and it means something different.

10. She is a doctor and ALSO a student.
✔ **B) too**
Also and **too** both add one more thing. **Too** usually goes at the end: **She is a doctor and a student too.** Not **either**: we use it only in negative sentences.

11. His HOLIDAY by the sea was like a dream.
✔ **A) vacation**
Holiday (British English) and **vacation** (American English) both mean time away from work or school, often spent travelling. Not **rested**: it is a verb, but we need a noun here.

12. The housewife TASTED the soup and said it was delicious.
✔ **B) tried**
To **taste** food means to **try** a little to see if it is good. Not **tried on**: we **try on** clothes, not soup.

13. The child couldn't find his ball because he had PUT it under the bed.
✔ **E) placed**
Put means **place**. After **had** we need the past participle, so **had placed**. Not **place**: that is the wrong form.

14. The streets of Tashkent are WIDE and straight.
✔ **A) broad**
Wide and **broad** both mean a long way from one side to the other. **Narrow** means the opposite.

15. The school he goes to is NEAR his house.
✔ **C) not far from**
Near means **not far from**. Not **far**: that means the opposite.

16. There was an old man in a barge, whose nose was exceedingly LARGE.
✔ **B) huge**
Large means big, so **huge** (very big) is the closest word. **Tiny**, **minute** and **small** mean the opposite.

17. At the age of 17, he LEFT school and went to work at the factory.
✔ **E) quit**
To **leave** school here means to stop going to it for good, so it means **quit**: **he quit school**. Not **graduated**: that means finishing school successfully, and it needs **from**.

18. I'll LEND you my book if you return it to me.
✔ **C) give**
To **lend** means to **give** something to someone for a short time; they must return it. Not **take**: that is the opposite direction.

19. The festival STARTED in Berlin.
✓ **A) began**
Started means **began**. Not **went on**: that means continued.

20. I like to CLEAN my room.
✓ **D) tidy up**
To **clean** a room means to **tidy up**: make it clean and put things in their places. **Sweep** is only one part of cleaning, using a brush on the floor.

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