ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Traffic Vocabulary Quiz: Congestion, Gridlock, Toll, Bypass

English Vocabulary Tests · 15 questions · Online test and questions PDF:
https://englishtestsonline.com/traffic-vocabulary-quiz-congestion-gridlock-toll-bypass/

1	**B**	2	**D**	3	**A**	4	**C**	5	**B**	6	**A**	7	**D**	8	**C**	9	**A**	10	**B**
11	**C**	12	**D**	13	**B**	14	**A**	15	**C**										

Explanations

1. Tourism and thousands of new homes have increased ___ on the city's roads.
✔ **B) congestion**
Congestion: too many vehicles for the roads, so everything moves slowly. It is uncountable.

2. An accident at the junction caused total ___: nothing moved for two hours.
✔ **D) gridlock**
Gridlock: traffic stops in every direction and nobody can move.

3. Expect a three-mile ___ on the A1, where a lorry has broken down.
✔ **A) tailback**
A tailback is a long line of stopped cars behind an accident or roadworks.

4. Three parents now share ___, taking turns to drive all the children. This kind of ___ saves fuel and time.
✔ **C) the school run … car-sharing**
The school run is driving children to school and back. Car-sharing: people going the same way travel in one car.

5. Drivers must pay a ___ to cross the new bridge.
✔ **B) toll**
A toll is money you pay to use a road, a bridge or a tunnel.

6. Since 2003, drivers entering central London on weekdays have paid the ___.
✔ **A) congestion charge**
The congestion charge is a daily fee to drive into the busiest part of a city.

7. Old diesel vans must pay a daily charge to enter the city's ___.
✔ **D) low-emission zone**
In a low-emission zone, old, dirty vehicles must pay or stay out.

8. Leave your car at the big car park outside town and take the bus in: use the ___.
✔ **C) park and ride**
Park and ride: you park outside town and take a bus to the centre.

9. The council painted a new ___ for bikes and a ___ for buses and taxis.
✔ **A) cycle lane … bus lane**
A cycle lane is kept for bikes; a bus lane is for buses, and often taxis.

10. Speed bumps outside the school are a form of ___.
✔ **B) traffic calming**
Traffic calming: speed bumps, narrow bits of road and big flower pots that slow drivers down.

11. The ___ takes lorries round the town, and the ___ circles the whole city.
✔ **C) bypass … ring road**
A bypass goes round one town; a ring road goes in a circle round a city.

12. Thousands of people in the ___ take the train into London every day.
✔ **D) commuter belt**
The commuter belt is the towns round a big city, where many people live and travel in to work.

13. The government ___ rural buses, so a ticket costs only £2.
✔ **B) subsidises**
Subsidise: the government pays part of the cost, so the ticket is cheaper.

14. My front wheel was bent by a huge ___ on Mill Road.
✔ **A) pothole**
A pothole is a hole in the road surface.

15. On ___ Sundays, children play football in the main street.
✔ **C) car-free**
Car-free: no cars allowed.