ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. He was sent to prison for _____ a bank.
✔ **C) robbing**
We **rob** a place or a person (**rob a bank**) and **steal** things (**steal money from a bank**). Not **stealing**, because you cannot steal a bank itself.

2. She bought a new _____ for the party.
✔ **C) dress**
After **a** we need a countable singular noun for one piece of clothing: **a new dress**. **Clothes** and **clothing** cannot follow **a**, and **wear** is not used as a noun in this way.

3. My favorite _____ is roast beef.
✔ **A) dish**
A **dish** is a particular type of prepared food: **My favourite dish is roast beef.** Not **plate**, which is the object you eat from.

4. Several of the explorers did not survive the terrible _____ across the desert.
✔ **B) journey**
A **journey** is travel from one place to another, often long or difficult: **a terrible journey across the desert**. Not **excursion**, which is a short trip for pleasure, and not **voyage**, which is a long journey by sea or in space.

5. What a beautiful dress! It _____ you perfectly.
✔ **E) suits**
When clothes look good on a person, they **suit** him or her: **That colour suits you.** Not **matches**, which is used when two things go well together (**Her bag matches her shoes**).

6. As the two teams were _____ at the end of the game, they had to play again to decide the winners of the competition.
✔ **B) equal**
Equal means having the same score, so neither team won and they had to play again. **Fair** and **just** mean 'right or honest', not 'the same score'.

7. The books I borrowed are overdue. I'll have to take them back to the _____.
✔ **C) library**
You borrow books from a **library** and must return them; **overdue** means late. Not **bookshop**, where you buy books.

8. Naturally I'm _____ that I didn't pass the examination but I'll do better next time.
✔ **C) disappointed**
Disappointed means sad because something you hoped for did not happen. Not **disillusioned**, which means you have lost your belief that something is good.

9. He was the only person to _____ the crash. Everyone else was killed.
✔ **E) survive**
To **survive** a crash means to stay alive after it; the clue is **Everyone else was killed**. **Alive** is an adjective, not a verb, so it cannot follow **to**.

10. I _____ him to go to the Lost Property office to see if his umbrella had been found.
✔ **B) advised**
Advise someone to do something means tell them what you think they should do: **I advised him to go.** **Advertise** means promote a product, and **announce** is not followed by **someone to do**.

11. I _____ in bed all night thinking about it.
✔ **B) lay**
Lie – lay – lain means be in a flat position, so the past is **lay**: **I lay in bed.** Not **laid**, the past of **lay** (put something down), and not **lied**, the past of **lie** (say something untrue).

12. It was on the top shelf, out of _____.
✔ **D) reach**
Out of reach means too far away or too high to touch with your hand. Not **out of touch**, which means not having up-to-date information or contact.

13. Before you take on the job, will you give me a rough _____ of how much it will cost?
✔ **B) estimate**
A **rough estimate** is an approximate calculation of a cost or amount: **Can you give me a rough estimate? Value** and **worth** do not collocate with **give me a rough … of how much**.

14. The competitors in the car rally had to follow the _____ laid down by the organizers.
✔ **D) route**
A **route** is the way planned from one place to another, and rally drivers follow a **route laid down** by the organizers. **Address** and **street** do not fit, and **direct** is not a noun.

15. When the clock _____ twelve, we raised our glasses and drank to celebrate the New Year.
✔ **D) struck**
A clock **strikes** the hour when it rings or chimes. The past tense is **struck**: **The clock struck twelve.** Not **beat** or **knocked**, which are not used for clocks showing the time.

16. He had no way of making a fire so he had to eat the fish _____.
✔ **B) raw**
Raw food is not cooked; the clue is **no way of making a fire**. **Crude** is used for oil or rough ideas, not for uncooked food.

17. It was so hot that I had to go indoors. I couldn't _____ it any longer.
✔ **D) stand**
Can't stand something means you cannot bear or accept it: **I couldn't stand the heat.** Not **support**, which is not used with this meaning in this structure.

18. The concert was so _____ that the audience went to sleep.
✔ **B) boring**
Adjectives ending in **-ing** describe the thing that causes the feeling, so the concert was **boring**. Not **bored**, because **-ed** adjectives describe how people feel (**the audience was bored**).

19. What a beautiful _____! It's a pity we have no flowers to put in it.
✔ **E) vase**
A **vase** is a container for flowers; the clue is **no flowers to put in it**. A **cup**, **mug** or **glass** is normally used for drinks.

20. Stick this _____ on the parcel that says "Fragile". Then people will see that they must handle it carefully.
✔ **C) label**
A **label** is a small piece of paper stuck on something to give information about it, such as **Fragile**. Not **sign**, which is usually a board or notice in a public place.

21. I've _____ for a job in Mexico. I hope I get it.
✔ **A) applied**
Apply for a job means formally ask to be given it; the clue is **I hope I get it**. Not **appointed**, because it is the employer who appoints someone to a job.

22. Look, Mother! James has brought you a _____ of flowers.
✔ **C) bunch**
A **bunch of flowers** is a number of flowers held or tied together. A **bush** is a plant that grows in the ground, and a **bucket** is a container for water.

23. Although the town had changed in the ten years since he had last visited it, much of it was still _____ to him.
✔ **C) familiar**
Familiar to someone means well known to them because they have seen it before. Not **accustomed** or **used**, which are followed by **to** + the thing you are used to (**He was used to the town**), with the person as the subject.

24. When his aunt died, he _____ a lot of money from her.
✔ **B) inherited**
To **inherit** money means to receive it from someone after they die; the clue is **When his aunt died**. Not **earned**, which means got money by working.

25. This year the company made a _____ but next year we hope to make a profit.
✔ **C) loss**
Make a loss is the opposite of **make a profit**, and **loss** is the noun. Not **lose** (a verb) or **loose** (an adjective meaning 'not tight').

26. I'm afraid the lift is out of _____ so we'll have to walk up the stairs.
✔ **C) order**
Out of order means a machine is not working: **The lift is out of order.** Not **out of practice**, which describes a person who has not done something for a long time.

27. I _____ to inform you that we cannot exchange articles once they have left the shop.
✔ **A) regret**
Regret to inform you is a formal way of saying you are sorry to give bad news. Not **sorry**, which is an adjective and needs **I am**: **I'm sorry to inform you**.

28. I _____ hands with him when I was introduced to him.
✔ **D) shook**
The fixed phrase is **shake hands with someone**; the past tense is **shook**. **Greeted**, **waved** and **nodded** are not used with **hands with him**.

29. His shoes were so old that his _____ were sticking out of them.
✔ **E) toes**
Toes are the parts at the end of your feet, so they stick out of old shoes. **Fingers** and **thumbs** are on your hands.

30. Would you _____ looking after the baby for me while I'm out?
✔ **D) mind**
Would you mind + -ing is a polite way to ask someone to do something: **Would you mind looking after the baby?** Not **like**, because **Would you like** is followed by **to** + verb.

31. I _____ you to drive carefully today. The roads are icy.
✔ **B) recommend**
Recommend someone to do something means advise them to do it. Not **suggest** or **propose**, because these are not followed by **someone to do** (we say **I suggest you drive carefully**).

32. Good _____! I hope you win.
✔ **B) luck**
Good luck! is what we say to wish someone success. Not **wish**: we say **Best wishes**, not **Good wish**.

33. The trade _____ of the company is a flying horse.
✔ **C) mark**
A **trade mark** (or **trademark**) is a special name or symbol that a company uses on its products. **Brandy** is a strong drink, and **trade model** or **trade class** do not exist.

34. The hotel room was so dirty that I was _____ and complained to the manager.
✔ **B) disgusted**
Disgusted describes a person's strong feeling of dislike, here caused by the dirty room. Not **disgusting**, which describes the thing (**The room was disgusting**).

35. It's no use waiting for him any longer. We _____ as well go without him.
✓ **C) may**
May/might as well means there is no better choice, so we should do it: **We may as well go without him. Can**, **must** and **should** are not used in this fixed phrase.

36. Her husband treated her badly. I'm surprised she _____ it for so long.
✓ **E) put up with**
Put up with something means accept or bear something unpleasant without complaining. Not **put up**, which needs **with** before an object in this meaning.

37. They were such good friends. I was surprised when they _____.
✓ **C) fell out**
Fall out (with someone) means stop being friends after an argument; the clue is **They were such good friends**. Not **fell through**, which is used for plans that fail.

38. He could hardly _____ such a generous offer.
✓ **A) turn down**
Turn down means refuse an offer; **could hardly turn down** means it was too good to refuse. Not **turn up**, which means arrive or increase the volume.

39. He _____ for his office every morning at eight o'clock.
✓ **C) set out**
Set out (for a place) means start a journey: **He sets out for his office at eight.** Not **set about**, which means start doing a task (**set about cleaning**).

40. Vitamin C is _____ in lemons; therefore, lemons can help us fight colds.
✓ **B) abundant**
Abundant means present in large amounts: **Vitamin C is abundant in lemons.** The clue is that lemons can help fight colds because they contain a lot of it.

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