ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **(Please note: Questions 1-15 are part of a cloze test. They are interrelated, meaning that the information provided in each question is connected to the others.)**

Picture This

Getting friends and family to pose for photos is hard enough, but how would you cope with a rabbit, an owl or a butterfly that simply _____ to keep still?
✔ **C) refuses**
Refuse is followed by **to** + verb and means 'say or show that you will not do something': **The rabbit refuses to keep still.** Not **disobeys**, which takes an object (**disobey an order**) and is not followed by **to**. **Avoids** takes **-ing**, and **dislikes** does not fit with **to keep**.

2. Simon King, a wildlife filmmaker and photographer, says you don't need any formal _____ to get started.
✔ **A) training**
Formal training is teaching of a practical skill on a course, which is what you might expect for photography. Simon says you can start without it. **Education** means general schooling, so it does not fit a practical hobby as well. **Exercise** and **lecture** do not collocate with **formal** here.

3. The whole _____ is that photographing wildlife should be fun.
✔ **B) idea**
The whole idea is that... is a fixed phrase meaning 'the main purpose or point is...'. **Thought**, **dream** and **plan** are not used in this expression.

4. Simon offers the following _____:
✔ **D) tips**
Tips are short pieces of practical advice. The numbered pieces of advice that follow ('Specialize from the start', 'Pick something...') are tips. Not **warnings**, because most of them tell you what to do, not what danger to avoid.

5. Specialize from the start. You're more likely to get good _____ sooner if you _____ on one type of wildlife - insects for instance - _____ than just going off to the woods or park with your camera and snapping whatever you see.
✔ **C) results**
Get good results is a common collocation meaning 'achieve a successful outcome', here good photos. **Progress** is used with **make** (**make progress**), not **get good progress**. **Luck** and **events** do not fit the meaning.

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✔ **B) concentrate**
Concentrate on something means 'give all your attention to it': **concentrate on one type of wildlife**. **Depend on** means 'need' or 'rely on', and **limit** takes **to** (**limit yourself to**), not **on**.

7. Specialize from the start. You're more likely to get good _____ sooner if you _____ on one type of wildlife - insects for instance - _____ than just going off to the woods or park with your camera and snapping whatever you see.
✔ **D) rather**
Rather than means 'instead of' and compares two choices: focus on insects **rather than** snap everything you see. **More**, **better** and **other** cannot be used before **than** here to mean 'instead of'.

8. _____ something that isn't hard to photograph.
✔ **B) Pick**
Pick means 'choose': **Pick something that isn't hard to photograph.** The next sentence ('Choosing an animal...') confirms the meaning. Not **decide**, which needs **on** (**decide on something**). **Prefer** does not work as advice here.

9. Choosing an animal that's hard to _____, or will run away if it sees you, _____ unnecessary problems.
✔ **A) spot**
Spot means 'see or find something that is difficult to see': **an animal that's hard to spot** is one that hides well. **Look** and **glance** need **at** (**hard to look at**), and **meet** does not fit the meaning.

10. Choosing an animal that's hard to _____, or will run away if it sees you, _____ unnecessary problems. How about flowers or a group of birds?
✔ **A) creates**
Create problems means 'cause problems'. The subject is **Choosing an animal...**, which is singular, so the verb is **creates**. **Start**, **put** and **lead** do not collocate with **problems** in this way. **Lead** would need **to** (**leads to problems**).

11. _____ second-hand camera shops and local papers for quality _____.
✔ **D) Search**
Search X for Y means 'look carefully through X to find Y': **Search second-hand shops and local papers for quality equipment**. You read the adverts in local papers, so **visit** does not work with **papers**. **Look** would need **in** or **through**, and **find** does not go with **for**.

12. _____ second-hand camera shops and local papers for quality _____.
✔ B) equipment
Equipment is the uncountable word for all the things you need for an activity, such as cameras and lenses: **photographic equipment**. **Instruments** and **tools** are used for music, science or building work. **Material** means cloth or substances.

13. You don't need to _____ a fortune - Simon started with just a second-hand camera that cost around £30. But you will need a single-lens reflex camera.
✔ C) spend
Spend a fortune means 'spend a lot of money'. The sentence then says Simon's first camera cost only about £30. Not **cost**, because a person does not cost a fortune, a thing does (**It cost a fortune**).

14. Remember it's the _____ photograph that counts, not just the subject.
✔ C) whole
The whole photograph means 'the complete picture, every part of it', as opposed to just the subject. **All** cannot follow **the** like this, and **full** and **big** do not give this meaning.

15. _____ you're composing a picture and try to be as artistic as possible.
✔ D) Imagine
Imagine (that) + clause means 'picture a situation in your mind': **Imagine you're composing a picture**, as if you were painting it. **Think** would need a different structure (**Think of it as…**). **Guess** and **invent** do not fit the meaning.

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