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Explanations

1. I don't like reading history or biographies; I prefer _____ myself.
✔ **B) fiction**
Fiction means stories about imaginary people and events, such as novels. It is the opposite of true books like history and biographies (non-fiction).

2. That book has been out of _____ for a long time.
✔ **C) print**
Out of print means a book is no longer being printed or sold by the publisher. Example: **Her first novel is out of print.**

3. You have to pay a _____ if you do not return your library books on time.
✔ **B) fine**
A **fine** is money you must pay as a punishment for breaking a rule, such as returning library books late. Not **fee**, because a fee is money paid for a service, not a punishment.

4. Most of the poet's earlier work was published under a _____.
✔ **D) pseudonym**
A **pseudonym** is a false name that a writer uses instead of their real name. Example: **Mark Twain was the pseudonym of Samuel Clemens.** Not **nickname**, which is an informal name friends use; writers publish under a pseudonym.

5. His new book received good _____ from the critics.
✔ **C) reviews**
Reviews are articles in which critics give their opinion of a book, film or play. A book **receives good reviews** when critics praise it.

6. He bought the book for half price because its _____ was torn.
✔ **C) cover**
The **cover** is the outside part of a book. A torn cover is a common reason for selling a book cheaply.

7. I have just read a lovely _____ about a man who devoted his life to monkeys.
✔ **D) story**
A **story** is a description of events, true or invented, about someone. We say **a lovely story about** someone. Not **fiction**, which is uncountable, so we cannot say **a fiction**.

8. The first _____ of a book can sometimes be very valuable.
✔ **B) edition**
An **edition** is all the copies of a book printed at one time. **First editions** of famous books are often valuable to collectors.

9. Ms Original had a little in _____ with other authors of her generation.
✔ **A) common**
Have something in common with means to share interests, ideas or qualities with someone. The other words do not form this fixed phrase.

10. That author has written a fictional _____ of his wartime experiences.
✔ **A) account**
An **account of** something is a description of events or experiences. Here **a fictional account of his wartime experiences** means a story based on what happened to him. Not **novel**, because **a fictional novel** repeats the same idea (all novels are fiction).

11. This is a good _____ of his delight in unusual words and phrases.
✔ **B) example**
A good example of something shows clearly what a person or thing is like. Here it shows his love of unusual words. Not **passage**, because we don't say **a passage of his delight**.

12. I can't read this book without my glasses. The _____ is too small.
✔ **C) print**
Print means the printed letters in a book or newspaper. **Small print** is hard to read without glasses. Not **handwriting**, because books are printed, not written by hand.

13. Ask the publishers to send you their latest _____ of English text-books.
✔ **B) catalogue**
A **catalogue** is a list of all the products a company sells, here the books a publisher offers. Not **prospectus**, which describes a school or a business plan; not **index**, which is a list at the back of a book.

14. I'm reading a book about _____ of Henry VIII.
✔ **B) the life**
A book that tells the story of a person is a book about **the life of** that person. Example: **a book about the life of Napoleon.**

15. The printing of the book has been held up by the paper _____.
✔ **D) shortage**
A **shortage** is a situation when there is not enough of something. We say **a paper shortage** or **a shortage of paper**. Not **lack**, because we say **a lack of paper**, not **the paper lack**.

16. The essayist John Henry Newman, later known as Cardinal Newman, was one of the most distinguished men of _____ of his time.
✔ B) letters
***A man of letters is an established expression referring to a writer, literary scholar, or intellectual, especially someone distinguished in literature. The plural expression men of letters refers to such people collectively. Here,** letters* is an old-fashioned word referring to literature and learning, not correspondence. The other options do not form this idiomatic expression.

17. In your criticism of this work, I think you have done less than _____ to the originality of his style.
✔ C) justice
Do justice to something means to treat it fairly or show its true value. **Do less than justice to** means not giving it the credit it deserves. Not **praise** or **approval**, because we don't **do** praise or approval **to** something.

18. Because Shakespeare mainly wrote plays, he is usually regarded as _____.
✔ B) a dramatist
A **dramatist** is a person who writes plays, so the clue **mainly wrote plays** points to this word. **A writer** and **an author** are too general; a **novelist** writes novels.

19. He knows most of Wordsworth's poems by _____.
✔ B) heart
Know something by heart means to remember it perfectly, word for word. Example: **She knows the poem by heart.** Not **memory**: we can say **from memory**, but not **by memory**.

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