ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Vocabulary Test About CRIME AND PUNISHMENT Choose The Right Answer MCQ Exercise 35

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Explanations

1. There is no doubt about the outcome of the trial. The man is a _____ criminal.
✔ **B) self-confessed**
Self-confessed describes someone who openly admits to being something, often something bad: **a self-confessed criminal**. Because he has admitted it, the outcome of the trial is certain. **Self-centred** means selfish, **self-conscious** means shy or embarrassed, and **self-contained** means independent or complete in itself.

2. If the terrorists are not sent to prison, there will be a public _____.
✔ **C) outcry**
A **public outcry** is a strong protest or expression of anger by many people. **Onslaught** and **attack** refer to violent or strong attacks, and **recrimination** means accusations made in return for someone else's accusations. None of these collocates with **public** in this sense.

3. It is often difficult for ex-convicts to keep to the _____ and narrow.
✔ **C) straight**
The fixed idiom is **keep to the straight and narrow**, meaning to live an honest, law-abiding life. Ex-convicts often find it hard not to return to crime. The other adjectives do not form this idiom.

4. When the detectives finally trapped him, he had to _____ to lying.
✔ **B) resort**
To **resort to** something means to use it because there is no other option: **He had to resort to lying**. Not **recourse**, because it is a noun used in the phrase **have recourse to**. **Retort** means to reply quickly and angrily, and **resource** is a noun.

5. The judge recommended more humane forms of punishment for juvenile _____.
✔ **B) delinquents**
Juvenile delinquents are young people who commit crimes, and the phrase is a fixed collocation. **Convicts** are people already in prison, **sinners** break religious rules, and **villains** are bad characters, especially in stories.

6. The murderer proved to be an apparently well-behaved _____ middle-aged woman.
✔ **A) inoffensive**
Inoffensive means harmless and unlikely to upset anyone, so it fits a woman who seemed **well-behaved** but turned out to be a murderer. **Offensive** means the opposite. **Unsuspicious** usually means not feeling suspicion, rather than not causing it.

7. He found some squatters living in his house so he asked the court for a speedy _____ order.
✔ **C) eviction**
An **eviction order** is a court order that forces people to leave a property they are living in, for example squatters or tenants. **Expulsion** is used for schools, organisations or countries. **Ejection** means physically throwing someone out, and **discharge** is used for release from hospital, the army or prison.

8. The witness _____ the statements made by the accused man.
✔ **C) corroborated**
To **corroborate** a statement means to confirm it or support it with more evidence. Not **testified**, because it needs a preposition (**testified to**), and **agreed** would need **with**. **Confessed** means admitted one's own guilt.

9. A prominent local figure was _____ as co-respondent in a divorce case.
✔ **B) cited**
In legal language, to be **cited** means to be officially named in a legal case: **cited as co-respondent in a divorce case**. **Quoted** means repeated someone's words, and **nominated** means proposed for a position or prize.

10. The whole story was a _____ of her imagination.
✔ **C) figment**
The fixed expression is **a figment of someone's imagination**, meaning something that is not real and exists only in the mind. **Fabrication** (a deliberate lie) and **fantasy** are similar in meaning, but they do not form this idiom with **of her imagination**.

11. As she was the murderer's mother, the judge _____ the normal restrictions on visits and let her see him.
✔ **B) lifted**
To **lift restrictions** means to remove them, and it is the standard collocation. **Abandoned**, **relinquished** and **surrendered** mean giving up something you own or control, so they do not collocate with **restrictions** in this sense.

12. The baby at the centre of the controversy has been made a _____ of court.
✔ **D) ward**
A **ward of court** is a child placed under the legal protection of a court. A **protégé** is a person guided by an influential mentor, and **progeny** means offspring. Neither forms the legal term.

13. After considering the evidence for a few hours, the jury came to a (an) _____ verdict.
✓ B) unanimous
A **unanimous verdict** is one that all members of the jury agree on, and the phrase is a fixed legal collocation. **Undivided** collocates with **attention** or **loyalty**, and **united** with groups or fronts. An **unambiguous** verdict would simply be a clear one.

14. It was a reasonable _____ to draw in the light of the evidence.
✓ B) conclusion
We **draw a conclusion** from evidence, and this is a fixed collocation. We **make** an assessment or an interpretation, and a jury **reaches** or **returns** a verdict.

15. Ms Stickyfinger was charged with _____ the funds of the organization.
✓ A) misappropriating
To **misappropriate funds** means to dishonestly take money that you are responsible for and use it for yourself, which is a crime. **Mislaying** and **misplacing** mean losing something by accident, and **mistaking** means confusing one thing with another.

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