ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Vocabulary Test About DENTAL CARE Choose The Right Form MCQ Exercise 77

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Explanations

1. Dentists recommend brushing teeth with fluoride toothpaste to _____ them from decay.
✔ **D) protect**
We say **protect something from** danger or damage: **Fluoride protects teeth from decay.** Not **guard**, because we say **guard against**, and **guard** is used more for people and places.

2. Have you got toothache? Your face looks _____.
✔ **D) swollen**
Swollen means bigger than normal because of illness or injury: **a swollen face**, **a swollen ankle**. **Big**, **enlarged** and **expanded** don't describe this kind of puffiness.

3. I had to have two _____ when I went to the dentist last week.
✔ **B) fillings**
A **filling** is the material a dentist puts into a hole in a tooth: **I had two fillings.** Not **cavities**: a cavity is the hole itself, and you don't "have a cavity" done at the dentist's.

4. She always pays _____ visits to the dentist.
✔ **D) regular**
The fixed phrase is **pay regular visits** (= visit at fixed, repeated times). **Customary** and **habitual** don't collocate with **visits** in this way.

5. The dentist told him to open his mouth _____.
✔ **D) wide**
We say **open your mouth wide** (= as far as possible). Here **wide** is an adverb. **Broad** and **greatly** are not used with **open**.

6. He _____ when the dentist touched the bad tooth.
✔ **D) winced**
To **wince** means to make a quick face because of sudden pain: **He winced when the dentist touched the tooth. Alarmed** and **dreaded** need an object and don't describe a reaction to pain.

7. Robert is very _____ about the cost of his dental treatment.
✔ **D) worried**
We say **worried about** something that may cause problems, such as cost. Not **sorry**, because **sorry about** means you regret something or feel sympathy.

8. I'm _____ having to pay yet another visit to the dentist.
✔ **B) dreading**
Dread + -ing means to feel very anxious about something in the future: **I'm dreading going to the dentist. Afraid**, **frightened** and **terrified** need **of** before the -ing form (**afraid of having to...**).

9. The _____ in one of my teeth has come out, so I'm going to the dentist.
✔ **C) filling**
A **filling** is what the dentist puts in a hole in a tooth, and it can **come out**. **Completion** means finishing something, so it doesn't fit.

10. He made a note of the appointment with his dentist in his _____.
✔ **A) diary**
A **diary** is a small book where you write appointments and plans. A **journal** is more for writing about your experiences or thoughts, and a **directory** is a list of names and addresses.

11. She phoned her dentist to say she was unable to _____ her appointment.
✔ **C) keep**
The collocation is **keep an appointment** (= go to it as planned). The opposite is **miss** or **cancel an appointment**.

12. She put _____ going to the dentist although her teeth needed attention.
✔ **C) off**
Put off + -ing means to delay doing something, often because you don't want to do it: **She put off going to the dentist. Put away** means to put something in its place.

13. The small girl had to have four teeth _____ because they were so bad.
✔ **D) taken out**
When a dentist removes a tooth, we say the tooth is **taken out** (or **pulled out**): **She had four teeth taken out.** Not **taken away**, which means carried to another place.

14. The loss of a front tooth has left an unsightly _____ in her teeth.
✔ **A) gap**
A **gap** is an empty space between two things. A missing tooth leaves **a gap in your teeth**. Not **hole**, because a hole in a tooth is a cavity caused by decay.

15. In some countries, more and more young people now need _____ teeth.
✔ **A) false**
False teeth are artificial teeth that replace natural ones. **Untrue** means not true about facts, and **spare** means extra, kept in case you need it.