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Explanations

1. Miss Unlucky was very _____ because she had failed her examination.
✓ **D) upset**
Upset means unhappy or disappointed because something bad happened, like failing an exam. Not **sensitive**, which describes a person who is easily hurt in general, not a reaction to one event.

2. You should have _____ the examination last week, so bring your money to the office as soon as possible.
✓ **A) entered for**
To **enter for** an exam means to register for it, often by paying a fee. The clue is **bring your money to the office**. Not **sat for** or **taken**, because those mean doing the exam itself.

3. Congratulations _____ passing your exams. Well done!
✓ **D) on**
We say **congratulations on** something: **Congratulations on passing your exams.** Not **for**, which is a common mistake with this word.

4. During the test it is always better to make an educated _____ than to leave a blank.
✓ **D) guess**
An **educated guess** is a guess based on some knowledge. It is a fixed expression. **Make an attempt** exists, but **educated** does not go with **attempt**.

5. Mrs Worried had a good _____ of the examination result when she saw her daughter's face.
✓ **A) idea**
To **have a good idea of** something means to know or guess it quite well. Her daughter's face showed her the result. Not **news**: it is uncountable, so **a good news** is wrong.

6. This kind of question can sometimes be answered only by a process of _____.
✓ **B) elimination**
A **process of elimination** means finding the answer by removing the options that are wrong, one by one. Not **subtraction**, which is a maths word for taking away numbers.

7. The person who _____ an examination is supposed to see that nobody tries to cheat.
✓ **D) supervises**
To **supervise** an exam means to watch the students and make sure the rules are followed. British English also uses **invigilate**. **Govern** and **dominate** are about power and control, not about watching an exam.

8. Greg has just taken an exam _____ history.
✓ **C) in**
With school subjects we say an exam or test **in** a subject: **an exam in history**, **a test in maths**. Not **about** or **for**, which are not used with subjects in this way.

9. Miss Intelligent was the _____ student in her class and passed all her exams with high grades.
✓ **A) brightest**
Bright describes a person who is clever and learns quickly, so **the brightest student** is the cleverest one. **Highest** goes with **grades** or **marks**, not with a student.

10. Sign your name on the _____ line.
✓ **B) dotted**
Sign on the dotted line is a fixed expression. It means writing your signature in the space marked with dots on a form. Not **spotted**, which means covered with spots, as on fabric.

11. There must be a _____ of at least one metre between the desks in the examination room.
✓ **B) gap**
A **gap** is an empty space between two things: **a gap of one metre between the desks**. Not **room**: in this meaning it is uncountable, so **a room of one metre** is wrong.

12. This test _____ a number of multiple-choice questions.
✓ **C) consists of**
Consist of means 'be made up of': **The test consists of 50 questions.** Not **consists in**, which means 'have as its main idea' and is rare. **Compose** is used in the passive: **is composed of**.

13. Please don't talk in the _____ because there is an examination in the lecture hall.
✓ **A) corridor**
A **corridor** is a long passage inside a building with rooms on each side. A **lane** is a narrow road, and a **promenade** is a path along the sea.

14. The _____ thought of exams makes me feel ill.
✓ **C) mere**
The mere thought of something means that just thinking about it is enough to cause a feeling: **The mere thought of exams makes me feel ill. Just** is close in meaning, but it cannot go between **the** and a noun.

15. The school has _____ a system of monthly tests in place of an annual exam.
✓ A) adopted
To **adopt** a system means to start using it: **The school has adopted a new system.** Not **agreed**, which needs **to** or **on**: **agreed on a system**.

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