ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Vocabulary Test About PATIENTS Choose The Right Answer MCQ Exercise 97

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Explanations

1. Don't ask me anywhere. Since my operation, I am not _____ going out.
✔ **C) up to**
Be up to (doing) something means to be well or strong enough to do it: **I'm not up to going out.** Not **able to** or **willing to**, because after these we use the base verb (**able to go**), not **going**.

2. If you've got a bad cold, it's no wonder you're _____.
✔ **D) under the weather**
Under the weather means slightly ill or unwell, for example with a cold. **Out of place** means not suitable for a situation, and **out of order** means not working (for machines).

3. His doctor warned him to _____ it easy for a few months and relax.
✔ **D) take**
Take it easy means to relax and not work too hard: **The doctor told me to take it easy.** The other verbs are not used in this expression.

4. You know that smoking always brings _____ a fit of coughing.
✔ **B) on**
Bring on means to cause something to start, often an illness or attack: **Smoking brings on a fit of coughing.** Not **bring up**, which means to mention a topic or to raise a child.

5. I think I need a holiday. I have been feeling rather _____ lately.
✔ **C) off colour**
Off colour (British English) means slightly ill or not as well as usual: **I've been feeling rather off colour lately. Off guard** means not ready for something unexpected, so it does not fit here.

6. He took the pills and a week later, he was as right as _____.
✔ **B) rain**
As right as rain means completely healthy again after an illness: **A week later he was as right as rain.** The other words are not used in this fixed expression.

7. Poor old man! He has one foot in the _____.
✔ **C) grave**
Have one foot in the grave means to be very old or very ill and close to death. It is an informal, often humorous idiom.

8. Sue has looked the picture of _____ since she returned from her holiday.
✔ **A) health**
The picture of health means looking very healthy and well: **She has looked the picture of health since her holiday.** Not **well-being**, because it is not used in this fixed expression.

9. After a month in the sunshine, she was well on the _____ to recovery.
✔ **C) road**
Be (well) on the road to recovery means to be getting better after an illness. The other nouns are not used in this fixed expression.

10. The patient recovered from his operation _____.
✔ **B) by degrees**
By degrees means slowly, little by little: **He recovered by degrees.** Not **gradual**, because it is an adjective. After a verb we need the adverb **gradually**.

11. A few months after her successful operation, she felt on top of the _____.
✔ **D) world**
Feel on top of the world means to feel extremely happy and healthy. The other nouns are not used in this idiom.

12. After your treatment, doc, I felt as _____ as a fiddle.
✔ **B) fit**
As fit as a fiddle means very healthy and strong. **Doc** is an informal word for **doctor**. The other adjectives are not used in this fixed comparison.