ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Vocabulary Test About POP MUSIC Choose The Right Answer MCQ Exercise 171

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Explanations

1. They have _____ music at the disco.
✔ **B) live**
Live music is played by real musicians at that moment, not from a recording. Not **living**, which describes things that are alive, like people or plants.

2. Shall we dance? They are playing our favourite _____.
✔ **D) tune**
A **tune** is a melody or a song. We say **our favourite tune** for a song a couple likes. Not **music**, because we don't say **a favourite music** for one song.

3. Of course, I'll play the piano at the party but I'm a little out of _____.
✔ **A) practice**
Out of practice means less skilful than before because you haven't done something for a long time. Not **out of tune**, which describes an instrument or voice with the wrong notes, not a person's skill.

4. This is the _____ guitar on which Lennon created some of his greatest hits.
✔ **A) actual**
Actual here means 'the very one, the real one itself': **the actual guitar** Lennon used. Not **genuine**, which means 'not fake' and is normally used with **a**: **a genuine Lennon guitar**.

5. Is he really _____ to judge a brass band contest?
✔ **B) competent**
Competent to do something means having the necessary skill or knowledge to do it, often officially: **competent to judge**. Not **capable**, because it takes **of + -ing**: **capable of judging**.

6. Some LPs have very imaginative designs on their _____.
✔ **D) sleeves**
A record **sleeve** is the cardboard cover an LP is kept in. Not **envelopes**, which are for letters.

7. The pop _____ is emptier following the death of John Lennon.
✔ **D) scene**
The pop scene means the world of pop music and the people in it. **Scene** is used this way for an area of activity: **the music scene**, **the art scene**.

8. I don't think I know that song, but if you _____ the tune, I may be able to recognize it.
✔ **C) hum**
To **hum** means to sing a melody with your lips closed, without words: **hum the tune**. It fits because the speaker doesn't know the words. **Recite** is for saying a poem or text aloud, not for music.

9. The Manhattan Transfer _____ is an example of well-balanced singing by four artists.
✔ **C) quartet**
A **quartet** is a group of four musicians or singers; the clue is **four artists**. A **duet** has only two performers.

10. At the pop festival, you will be able to hear music _____ over a system of loudspeakers.
✔ **C) relayed**
To **relay** sound means to pass it on or broadcast it through equipment: **music relayed over loudspeakers**. Not **reproduced**, which means copied or recreated, not transmitted to listeners in another place.

11. The record-player needle _____ the record badly.
✔ **C) scratched**
To **scratch** means to damage a surface with a sharp point, leaving thin marks: **the needle scratched the record**. Not **scraped**, which means rubbing a surface with something hard or rough, usually over a wider area.

12. The acoustics in the concert hall were very poor, and it was necessary to _____ the voices of the performers.
✔ **A) amplify**
To **amplify** means to make sound louder, usually with electronic equipment. Not **increase**: we increase the volume, not the voices themselves.

13. Italian TV has _____ a young composer to write an opera for the TV's thirtieth anniversary.
✔ **B) commissioned**
To **commission** an artist means to officially ask and pay them to create a piece of work: **commission a composer to write an opera**. Not **ordered**: we order products, and **order someone to do something** means give a command.

14. Pop stars have to get used to people trying to get their _____.
✔ **A) autographs**
An **autograph** is the signature of a famous person, given to a fan. Not **signatures**, which is the general word for signing documents; fans ask for **autographs**.

15. Tonight is a special _____ night for our percussionist, who has injured his hand and won't be able to play again.
✔ **A) benefit**
A **benefit night** (or **benefit concert**) is a performance where the money raised goes to help a particular person or cause. Not **charity**, because we say **a charity concert**, not **a charity night** for one person.