ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Vocabulary Test About SEWING Choose The Right Answer MCQ Exercise 20

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Explanations

1. Grandma was sitting by the fire _____ a sock.
✔ **B) knitting**
To **knit** means to make clothes from wool with two long needles, for example socks or scarves. **Embroider** means to sew pictures or patterns onto cloth, and **weave** is used for making cloth, not socks.

2. The dressmaker _____ the half-finished blouse but it was obviously too small.
✔ **C) tried on**
To **try on** clothes means to put them on to see if they fit. The clue is **too small**: she was checking the size. Not **tried out**, which is used for testing machines, ideas or methods, not clothes.

3. I like the large _____ in your skirt, Mary.
✔ **C) pleats**
Pleats are folds that are sewn or pressed into a skirt on purpose as decoration. **Creases** and **wrinkles** are unwanted lines in cloth, so you would not say you like them.

4. When short skirts became unfashionable, I had to have all my dresses _____.
✔ **B) let down**
To **let down** a dress or skirt means to make it longer by undoing the hem and using the extra material. Here the structure is **have something done**: **have my dresses let down**. **Elongated**, **prolonged** and **protracted** are not used for making clothes longer.

5. His jeans were so tight, they _____ when he sat down.
✔ **D) split**
When cloth or a seam tears open, we say it **splits**: **His trousers split when he bent down. Snapped** and **cracked** are used for hard things like sticks or glass.

6. Her skirt was too long so she had to _____.
✔ **D) turn it up**
To **turn up** (or **take up**) a skirt means to make it shorter by folding up the bottom and sewing it. Not **let it down**, which makes clothes longer. **Take it in** makes clothes narrower.

7. My _____ broke on my way to work today and my skirt nearly fell down!
✔ **D) zip**
A **zip** (American: **zipper**) is the metal or plastic fastener with two rows of teeth that closes a skirt or trousers. If it breaks, the skirt can fall down.

8. That man's coat has got such wide shoulders, they must be _____.
✔ **A) padded**
Padded shoulders have soft material sewn inside to make them look wider. **Quilted** cloth has padding sewn in a pattern all over, like a bed cover. **Starched** means made stiff with a special powder.

9. She had to _____ her dress because she had lost so much weight.
✔ **A) alter**
To **alter** clothes means to change their size or shape so that they fit better. **Change her dress** would mean putting on a different dress. Not **loosen**: she lost weight, so the dress was already too big.

10. Nowadays many skirts are permanently _____ and need no ironing.
✔ **D) pleated**
Permanently pleated skirts have folds pressed into them that stay in place, so they need no ironing. **Creased** is used for the line down the front of trousers, not for skirts.

11. You have a (an) _____ in the sleeve of your sweater.
✔ **B) hole**
A **hole** is a space in cloth where it has torn or worn through: **a hole in my sock**. **Gap** and **space** are not used for damage in clothes.

12. My mother doesn't like _____ buttons on my shirts.
✔ **D) sewing**
The usual phrase is **sew on a button** or **sew buttons on** a shirt, using a needle and thread. **Attach** takes **to** (**attach a button to a shirt**), and **connect** is not used for buttons.

13. He asked his wife to _____ the hole in his socks.
✔ **C) mend**
To **mend** clothes means to repair a hole or tear in them: **She mended the hole in his sock.** Not **amend**, which means to change a text or law slightly, and not **restore**, which means to bring old buildings or furniture back to good condition.

14. I can't fasten this skirt; it's too _____.
✔ **C) tight**
If you can't close (**fasten**) a skirt, it is too small for you: it is **too tight**. **Loose** and **wide** mean the opposite.