ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Vocabulary Test About THE ARMY Choose The Correct Answer MCQ Exercise 10

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Explanations

1. The army _____ defeat at the hands of its enemy.
✔ **B) suffered**
We say **suffer defeat**, which means to be defeated or lose. Example: **The team suffered a heavy defeat.** The other verbs don't go with **defeat**.

2. The defeated army was obliged to _____ to its second line of defence.
✔ **D) retreat**
Retreat means an army moves back, away from the enemy, because it is losing. Example: **The troops retreated to the hills.** Not **resign**, which means to leave a job.

3. There was a sudden _____ of anger in the General's eyes as he listened to the soldier's report.
✔ **C) flash**
A **flash of anger** is a sudden, short show of anger, often seen in someone's eyes. **Flash** is used for quick feelings or lights: **a flash of inspiration**.

4. The encouraging news enabled the troops to go on with _____ hope.
✔ **C) renewed**
Renewed hope means hope that has become strong again after being weak. Not **renovated**, which is used for buildings that are repaired and improved.

5. All the information relating to the enemy officers was _____ alphabetically in large cabinets.
✔ **C) filed**
To **file** documents means to store them in order, for example **alphabetically**, in a cabinet or folder. **Gathered** means collected, but it doesn't go with **alphabetically in cabinets**.

6. General Brave was placed _____ command of the Western Army.
✔ **B) in**
The fixed phrase is **in command of**, which means being the leader in charge of something. Example: **She was put in command of the ship.**

7. The soldier _____ his gun at the enemy.
✔ **C) fired**
The usual collocation is **fire a gun at** someone, meaning to shoot with it. Not **exploded**: a bomb explodes, but we don't explode a gun at someone.

8. Private Daring felt proud when the general said, "You _____ a medal!"
✔ **A) deserve**
Deserve means you should get something because of what you did. **You deserve a medal!** is praise for brave or good behaviour. Not **earn**: we would say **You have earned a medal**, not **You earn a medal**.

9. The sound of our voices was completely _____ by the roar of the artillery.
✔ **B) drowned**
If a sound is **drowned** (or **drowned out**) by a louder noise, it can't be heard any more. Example: **The music was drowned out by the traffic. Reduced** and **decreased** don't mean the sound disappears completely.

10. Schik claimed _____ from military service as he was a foreign national.
✔ **C) exemption**
Exemption means official permission not to do something that others must do, as in **exemption from military service**. Not **exception**, which means something that does not follow a rule.

11. After two hours of hard fighting, the Northern Army won the _____.
✔ **B) battle**
A **battle** is one fight between armies, so it can last two hours. A **war** is much longer and contains many battles.

12. The depleted column was barely able to _____ the enemy attack.
✔ **D) withstand**
Withstand means to resist an attack or pressure without being defeated. Not **withhold**, which means to refuse to give something, e.g. **withhold information**.

13. The army claimed that during the invasion there was no _____ of life.
✔ **C) loss**
The fixed phrase is **loss of life**, meaning people dying. Example: **The fire caused no loss of life.** We don't say **death of life** or **killing of life**.

14. The memorial in the main square _____ the soldiers who lost their lives in the war.
✔ **B) commemorates**
Commemorate means to honour and remember an important person or event, often with a monument or ceremony. A memorial **commemorates** the dead. Not **celebrates**, which is for happy events.

15. A feeling of tiredness almost _____ the soldier on duty and he had to struggle hard to keep awake.
✔ **C) overcame**
When a strong feeling **overcomes** you, it takes control of you. Example: **He was overcome by tiredness. Conquered** and **defeated** are used for enemies, not feelings that take control of you.