ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Vocabulary Test About THE ARMY Choose The Correct Answer MCQ Exercise 11

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Explanations

1. Private Courageous _____ a dangerous mission, although he knew he might be killed.
✔ **D) took on**
Take on means to accept a difficult job or responsibility: **She took on extra work.** Not **agreed**, because we say **agreed to** do something, not 'agreed a mission'.

2. There is a bomb in the garden; it could _____ at any moment.
✔ **D) explode**
A bomb **explodes**: it bursts violently with a loud noise. **Bang**, **crack** and **crash** describe sounds or hits, not what a bomb does.

3. A sergeant in the army wears three _____ on his arm.
✔ **D) stripes**
Stripes are the V-shaped bands of cloth on a soldier's sleeve that show rank. A sergeant has three. **Medals** are pinned on the chest and are given for bravery, not rank.

4. The soldiers had _____ for fifteen hours without stopping and they were exhausted.
✔ **B) marched**
Soldiers **march**: they walk together in step, often for long distances. Not **hiked**, because a hike is a long walk for pleasure in the countryside.

5. Betty's fiancé, who is a soldier, was delighted when he was _____ only a few miles from her home.
✔ **D) stationed**
A soldier is **stationed** somewhere when he is sent to serve at a particular base: **He was stationed in Germany. Placed** is too general, and **camped** means stayed in tents.

6. After the campaign a special medal was _____ to all combatants.
✔ **A) awarded**
A medal is **awarded to** someone: it is officially given as a prize or honour. **Earned**, **deserved** and **gained** describe what the soldier does, so they cannot be followed by **to all combatants**.

7. Corporal Lucky was hit by a bullet but he was only _____ wounded.
✔ **D) slightly**
Slightly wounded means not badly hurt; it is the usual collocation. **Only** already means 'just', so **merely** would repeat the same idea, and **barely** means 'almost not'.

8. This general always _____ his own troops into battle.
✔ **C) led**
A general **leads** troops **into battle**: he goes in front and guides them. Not **commanded**, because we say **command troops** but not usually 'command troops into battle'.

9. The troops were lined up on the parade ground awaiting the general's _____.
✔ **B) inspection**
An **inspection** is an official look at troops to check their appearance and discipline. Not **investigation**, which means trying to find out the facts about a crime or problem.

10. Sergeant Proud can hardly _____ having to accept orders from the colonel who is much younger than himself.
✔ **A) bear**
Can hardly bear means find something almost impossible to accept: **I can't bear waiting.** Not **mind**, because **mind** is used in negatives and questions (**I don't mind**), not with **can hardly**.

11. A force of desperate men burst out of the besieged city and _____ the army that had surrounded them.
✔ **B) defeated**
You **defeat** an enemy, which means beat them in a fight. Not **won**: you win a battle or a war, but you do not 'win' an army.

12. The defending armies achieved a great _____ over the aggressors.
✔ **D) victory**
The collocation is **achieve a victory over** someone, which means win against them. Not **conquest**: a conquest is taking control of a country or land, and it does not go with **over the aggressors**.