ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Words for Starting and Ending Quiz: Launch, Phase Out, Wind Up

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Explanations

1. After the scandal, the newspaper ___ an investigation into the minister's expenses.
✔ **B) launched**
You launch a big, planned activity such as a campaign, an appeal or an investigation.

2. At thirty-five, Tom left his bank job and ___ a new career as a vet.
✔ **D) embarked on**
Embark on: you begin something long, new and a bit risky, such as a career or a degree.

3. The concert ___ at eight with a song from the school choir.
✔ **A) kicked off**
Kick off is the chatty way to say that a match, a meeting or a concert starts.

4. Which word does not fit? The government plans to ___ the old tax on bicycles.
✔ **C) demolish**
You demolish a building. A tax can be scrapped, abolished or phased out.

5. Our football club was ___ in 1921 by a group of railway workers.
✔ **B) founded**
The verb found is regular: found, founded, founded.

6. The idea for a community radio station was good, but it never got off the ___.
✔ **A) ground**
Get off the ground: a plan finally starts to work. Often negative: it never got off the ground.

7. The supermarket is ___ plastic bags over the next two years.
✔ **D) phasing out**
Phase out: you stop using something slowly, step by step.

8. The company lost money for five years, so the owners decided to ___ it.
✔ **C) wind up**
Only wind up can mean closing a company for good.

9. It's nearly six. Shall we ___ here and finish the rest tomorrow?
✔ **A) wrap up**
Wrap up is the chatty way to finish a meeting or a talk neatly.

10. As the evening ___ to a close, the guests began to look for their coats.
✔ **B) drew**
The fixed phrase is draw to a close: an event slowly reaches its end.

11. The sponsors ___ the plug on the race when the costs doubled.
✔ **C) pulled**
Pull the plug on: the people with the money suddenly stop a project.

12. Which pair fits? In 1890 the island ___ its old tax on salt, and today a new disease could ___ whole populations of frogs.
✔ **D) abolished … wipe out**
A government abolishes a law, a tax or a system for ever; something that destroys a whole group wipes it out.

13. After angry protests, the town ___ its plan for a car park on the football pitch.
✔ **B) scrapped**
Scrap: you drop a plan, a rule or a tax completely. Headlines love this short word.

14. Which pair fits? The charity wants to ___ malaria, and its first report ___ a chain of events that changed the law.
✔ **A) eradicate … set in motion**
You eradicate a disease (remove it for ever); a report can set in motion a process or a debate.

15. Which pair fits? The fire destroyed all my notes, so I had to start from ___, but by June I had ___ a good name with the publisher.
✔ **C) scratch … established**
Start from scratch means begin with nothing; you establish a reputation or a good name.

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