ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Advanced Tense and Aspect Quiz: C1 Meanings

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Explanations

1. I ___ the doctor at four, so I'll leave work early.
✔ **A) 'm seeing**
See means meet here, an action, so it can be continuous for an arrangement.

2. I ___ what you mean, but I don't agree.
✔ **B) see**
See meaning understand is a state, so it is simple.

3. She can't come to the phone. She ___ a shower.
✔ **C) 's having**
Have meaning take (a shower) is an action, so it can be continuous.

4. In the film, a boy ___ a map and sets off to find the treasure.
✔ **D) finds**
Plots of films and books are usually told in the present simple.

5. Your eyes are red. You ___ crying, haven't you?
✔ **A) 've been**
The present perfect continuous lets us infer an activity from the evidence we see.

6. Which sentence shows that the job is finished?
✔ **B) I've painted the kitchen.**
The perfect simple focuses on the result. The perfect continuous focuses on the activity.

7. This is the first time I ___ London.
✔ **C) 've visited**
After This is the first time, use the present perfect.

8. It was the first time they ___ snow.
✔ **D) had seen**
After It was the first time (past), use the past perfect.

9. How long ___ in this flat?
✔ **A) have you been living**
For a situation from the past until now, English uses the present perfect (continuous), not the present.

10. Don't mind him. He ___ difficult because he's hungry.
✔ **B) 's being**
Be in the continuous describes behaviour now, not character.

11. In her article, Dr Lee ___ that schools should start later.
✔ **C) argues**
The present simple is used to report what a writer says, because the text still exists.

12. I haven't decided yet. At the moment I ___ about changing jobs.
✔ **D) 'm thinking**
Think meaning consider is an action, so it can be continuous.

13. We ___ there long before it started raining.
✔ **A) hadn't been**
Hadn't been … long before means soon after we arrived.

14. Someone ___ my computer. The settings have changed.
✔ **B) 's been using**
The present perfect continuous often suggests an activity from the evidence, sometimes as an accusation.

15. Which sentence has a mistake?
✔ **C) I'm having two brothers.**
Have meaning own is a state, so use the simple form: I have two brothers.

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