ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. He passed his exam with excellent marks, didn't he?
✔ **C) Yes, he did.**
The question tag **didn't he?** goes with the past simple verb **passed**, so the short answer uses **did**: **Yes, he did.**

2. Who is fond of swimming?
✔ **C) I am.**
The question is in the present (**is**), so the answer is also in the present: **I am.** The other options use the past (**was/were**).

3. Do you like coffee with or without sugar?
✔ **B) I like coffee with sugar.**
The question asks **you** to choose **with** or **without** sugar. **I like coffee with sugar** answers this about yourself.

4. What's the table like?
✔ **B) It is square.**
What's it like? asks you to describe something, so we answer with a description: **It is square.** Not **I like it**, because this question is not about liking.

5. "I shan't go to the country with you."
✔ **D) Neither shall I**
To agree with a negative sentence, we use **Neither** + the same helping verb + subject. **shan't** (shall not) gives **Neither shall I.** Not **So shall I**, because **So** agrees with positive sentences.

6. Excuse me, sir.
✔ **E) Yes, what can I do for you?**
Excuse me is used to get someone's attention. A polite reply is **Yes, what can I do for you?**

7. Could you pass me a scone, please?
✔ **A) Sure, here you are.**
When someone asks you to pass something, you give it and say **Sure, here you are.**

8. Coffee, sir?
✔ **B) Yes, please.**
To accept something you are offered, say **Yes, please. You are welcome** and **Don't mention it** are replies to **thank you**.

9. Who has lost my favourite book?
✔ **E) Michael has.**
The question uses **has lost** (present perfect), so the short answer uses **has**: **Michael has.**

10. I can never tell them the truth.
✔ **E) Neither can I**
never makes the sentence negative, so we agree with **Neither** + **can** + I: **Neither can I.** Not **So can I** or **Me too**, because they agree with positive sentences.

11. Which writers do you read?
✔ **B) I read Jack London.**
The question uses the present simple **do you read** for a habit, so the answer is also in the present simple: **I read Jack London.** Not **I am reading**, which means right now.

12. How long has she been with you?
✔ **A) About 2 weeks.**
How long asks about a period of time, so the answer is a length of time: **About 2 weeks.**

13. You go in for sports, don't you?
✔ **B) Yes, I do.**
The tag **don't you?** goes with the present simple verb **go in for**, so the short answer uses **do**: **Yes, I do.** Not **Yes, I am**, because there is no **be** in the question.

14. "He won't learn English, and you?"
✔ **C) Neither shall I**
won't is negative and about the future, so we agree with **Neither** + a future helping verb: **Neither shall I** (also **Neither will I**). Not **Neither did I**, because **did** is past.

15. "Louise can dance beautifully, and her sister?"
✔ **A) So can her sister**
The sentence is positive with **can**, so we agree with **So** + **can** + subject: **So can her sister.**

16. Nick is not so stupid as you think.
✔ **C) Neither is Ann.**
The sentence is negative with **is not**, so we agree with **Neither** + **is** + subject: **Neither is Ann.** Not **So is Ann**, because **So** follows positive sentences.

17. "Do you have any free time today?"
✔ **C) Yes, I do.**
Do you have...? is answered with **do**: **Yes, I do.**

18. - Why don't you teach Bob to play the piano?

- _____? He can already play it well.
✔ **B) Why**
The speaker asks for a reason because Bob can already play: **Why?** Not **Why not?**, which would show agreement with the idea.

19. Will you please pass me the salt?
✔ **E) Here it is.**
Will you please pass...? is a polite request, not a question about ability. We reply by giving the thing: **Here it is.** Not **I can**, which sounds as if you won't actually do it.

20. - Can I borrow your map of London?

- Certainly. _____
✓ C) Here you are.
After saying **Certainly**, you give the map and say **Here you are. Don't mention it** and **You are welcome** are replies to **thank you**.

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