ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. A: _____

B: At home.
✓ **C) Where do you have your meals?**
At home is a place, so the question needs **Where**. **Where do you have your meals?**

2. A: _____

B: I'll try.
✓ **A) Will you tell me the way to the theatre?**
I'll try answers a request. **Will you tell me the way to the theatre?** asks someone to do something, so **I'll try** fits.

3. The British Museum Library is famous all over the world. The library contains millions of books. People come to this famous library to get any information they need. There are scientists, economists, artists among its readers.
✓ **D) Why do people come to this library?**
The text says people come to the library **to get any information they need**. That gives a reason, so it answers **Why do people come to this library?** The text says nothing about the library's age or who worked there.

4. A: _____

B: He was born in England.
✓ **C) Where was Dickens born?**
In England is a place, so the question starts with **Where**: **Where was Dickens born?** Not **Was Dickens born in England?**, because the answer to that would be **Yes, he was.**

5. Philip of Macedon wanted to occupy all Greece.
✓ **C) What did Philip of Macedon want to do?**
The sentence tells us what Philip wanted to do: **occupy all Greece**. So it answers **What did Philip of Macedon want to do?** A yes/no question like **Did he want…?** would be answered with **Yes, he did.**

6. The Laconians were known for their bravery and short speeches.
✓ **C) What were the Laconians known for?**
The sentence tells us two things the Laconians were famous for, **bravery and short speeches**. So it answers **What were the Laconians known for?** The sentence gives no reason, so it does not answer **Why…?**

7. "Yes, I think so."
✓ **C) Will your parents be there too?**
Yes, I think so answers a yes/no question. Only **Will your parents be there too?** is a yes/no question. The other options start with question words like **Why**, **Where** or **Whose**.

8. Today everyone wants peace, but not everyone yet realizes that peace cannot be assured by armed forces or by imposing one's own way of life on others.
✓ **A) Can armed forces assure peace?**
The text says peace **cannot be assured by armed forces**. This directly answers **Can armed forces assure peace?** (No). The text doesn't say what we must do, and it doesn't mention any **he**.

9. Mary: Hurry up! It's already ten o'clock and our train leaves at 10:20.

Ann: _____

Mary: No, not yet. I'm going to book one.
✓ **B) Have you got your ticket?**
Mary answers **No, not yet. I'm going to book one.** **One** means a ticket, so Ann asked **Have you got your ticket?** Not **Have you packed your things?**, because you can't book things.

10. Our telephone is out of order.
✓ **C) What's wrong with it?**
Out of order means broken. **Our telephone is out of order** tells us what is wrong with the phone, so it matches **What's wrong with it?** The sentence says nothing about when it was bought.

11. Mark began to work in the aircraft industry.
✓ **C) What did Mark begin to do?**
The sentence tells us what Mark began to do: **to work in the aircraft industry**. So it answers **What did Mark begin to do?** It gives no dates or ages.

12. Mother punished Michael because he had been bad.
✓ **D) Why did Mother punish Michael?**
Because he had been bad gives a reason, and reasons answer **Why** questions: **Why did Mother punish Michael?**

13. In the corner Michael tried to remember the thing he had done.
✓ **E) What did Michael do in the corner?**
The sentence is in the past and says what Michael did in the corner (**tried to remember**). So it answers **What did Michael do in the corner?** Not the options with **does**, because they are in the present.

14. June 26 was established as South African Freedom Day in 1950 when the African National Congress and other mass organizations in South Africa staged a huge protest against the totalitarian regime.
✓ A) Why was June 26 established as South African Freedom Day?
The sentence explains that the day was established **when** the ANC and other groups staged a huge protest. This gives the reason, so it answers **Why was June 26 established as South African Freedom Day?** The text does not say how the day is marked.

15. This year, I got fewer presents than I did the previous year.
✓ D) When did you receive more presents, this year or the previous one?
The sentence compares two years. This year there were **fewer** presents, so the previous year there were more. It answers **When did you receive more presents, this year or the previous one?** Not **Why did you get less presents…?**, because the sentence gives no reason, and that option has mistakes: it should say **fewer presents** and **than usual**.

16. "Yes, I think so!"
✓ E) Is your friend going to the party?
Yes, I think so answers a yes/no question. **Is your friend going to the party?** is the only yes/no question. Not **Is the dress yours or your sister's?**, because that question asks you to choose (**mine** or **my sister's**), so you can't answer it with **yes**.

17. I'll have to get up early tomorrow.
✓ E) Will you have to get up early or late tomorrow?
The question **Will you have to get up early or late tomorrow?** asks the listener to choose between two alternatives. The statement **I'll have to get up early tomorrow** clearly indicates that the answer is **early**. The other questions ask about information that the statement does not provide, such as the place, reason or subsequent activities.

18. Marie Curie was the leading woman scientist of her time and the first woman to receive the Nobel Prize.
✓ E) What kind of woman was Marie Curie?
The sentence describes Marie Curie: **the leading woman scientist of her time**. So it answers **What kind of woman was Marie Curie?** The options with **he** are wrong because Marie Curie was a woman.

19. He will be 17 next month.
✓ C) How old is he?
The sentence tells us about his age, so it answers **How old is he?** Not **How old are you?**, because the sentence is about **he**, not **you**.

20. I went to the library to take some books for my brother.
✓ D) Why did you go to the library?
To take some books for my brother gives the reason for going. Reasons answer **Why** questions: **Why did you go to the library?**

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