ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. The teacher asked us to close the books and listen to her.
✔ **C) What did the teacher ask us to do?**
The sentence tells us what the teacher wanted: **to close the books and listen to her**. So it answers **What did the teacher ask us to do?** Not **Who asked us...?**, because that asks only about the teacher and leaves out 'listen to her'.

2. William Shakespeare was born in Stratford-upon-Avon in 1564.
✔ **B) When and where was W. Shakespeare born?**
The sentence gives a place (**in Stratford-upon-Avon**) and a year (**in 1564**). So it answers **When and where was he born?** 'Who was born in 1564?' asks for only part of this information.

3. When the teacher came into the classroom, we stood up.
✔ **D) What did you do when the teacher came into the classroom?**
The sentence tells us what **we** did, so the question asks **you**: **What did you do when the teacher came into the classroom?** Not 'What did he do...?', because the people who stood up are 'we', not 'he'.

4. We had our dinner in the school canteen.
✔ **E) Where did you have your dinner?**
The sentence tells us the place: **in the school canteen**. It uses the past verb **had**, so we ask **Where did you have your dinner?** Not **Where do you have...?**, because **do** is present.

5. My grandfather bought an English book for me.
✔ **E) Who did your grandfather buy an English book for?**
The important information is the person the book was for: **for me**. So we ask **Who did your grandfather buy an English book for?** 'Who bought... for him?' uses the wrong person.

6. Today is the 8th of March. We won't go to school. We are celebrating our Mother's Day. We shall do our best to make our mother happy.
✔ **B) Why won't you go to school today?**
The text says **We won't go to school** and then gives the reason: **We are celebrating Mother's Day**. So it answers **Why won't you go to school today?**

7. A lady asked him if he knew the time for the next train to Oxford.
✔ **D) What did a lady ask him?**
The sentence reports the lady's question: **if he knew the time for the next train**. So it answers **What did a lady ask him?** 'Who asked him a question?' asks only about the lady, not about her question.

8. Joe works at night. He gets very tired. He gets up in the afternoon every day.
✔ **B) Why does Joe get up so late?**
Joe **works at night** and **gets very tired**. These are the reasons he gets up in the afternoon, so the text answers **Why does Joe get up so late?** The text doesn't say where he works.

9. When they woke up in the morning, they were surprised to see that the only window in the room was closed but the large mirror was broken.
✔ **E) What surprised them when they woke up?**
The sentence says they were **surprised to see** the closed window and the broken mirror. That is what surprised them, so it answers **What surprised them when they woke up?** We don't learn who broke the mirror or when.

10. Mother usually worries when I come late.
✔ **E) When does Mother usually worry?**
The sentence tells us the time Mother worries: **when I come late**. So it answers **When does Mother usually worry?** Not 'Why does he...?', because it is about Mother, not 'he'.

11. He is going to take a train.
✔ **B) What's he going to take?**
The sentence uses **is going to** (present) and names the thing: **a train**. So it answers **What's he going to take?** Not 'What was he going to do?', because **was** is past.

12. We grew up in San Francisco.
✔ **B) Where did you grow up?**
The sentence gives a place: **in San Francisco**. The speaker says **we**, so we ask **you**: **Where did you grow up?** Not 'Did we grow up...?', because that uses the wrong person.

13. You don't know America as well as I do. They always prefer a live mouse to a dead lion. That's one of the reasons why I like America.
✔ **B) Why do you like America?**
The speaker gives **one of the reasons why I like America**: people there prefer **a live mouse to a dead lion**. So the text answers **Why do you like America?** Not 'Why don't you like America?', because the speaker does like it.

14. An important condition for the successful work of a learner of English is everyday reading.
✔ **B) What is important for successful work in learning English?**
The sentence names **an important condition** for success in learning English: **everyday reading**. So it answers **What is important for successful work in learning English?** It doesn't mention newspapers or success in life.

15. At the entrance to New York Harbor, you can see a great statue which is called the Statue of Liberty.
✓ **A) What is the first thing that people coming to America by ship see at New York Harbor?**
The sentence tells us what you can see **at the entrance to New York Harbor**: **the Statue of Liberty**. So it answers what people arriving there by ship see first. It says nothing about the statue's height or when it was built.

16. The captain ordered the cargo to be unloaded at the port.
✓ **D) What did the captain order?**
The sentence tells us the order: **the cargo to be unloaded**. So it answers **What did the captain order?** Not 'Whom did the captain order?', because no person is named.

17. If you visit London, try to go to Trafalgar Square. You can see Nelson's Column in the centre of the square. It is a monument to Admiral Nelson, who won many victories for England.
✓ **D) Why is Trafalgar Square worth visiting?**
The text says **try to go to Trafalgar Square** because there you can see **Nelson's Column**. That gives a reason to visit, so it answers **Why is Trafalgar Square worth visiting?** The text doesn't say what else is in the square.

18. We will have to wait for an hour and a half.
✓ **C) How long will you have to wait?**
The sentence gives an amount of time: **for an hour and a half**. We ask about time with **How long**, so the question is **How long will you have to wait?** The sentence gives no reason, so 'Why…?' doesn't fit.

19. The basketball players were having dinner when we came to the playground.
✓ **D) When were the basketball players having dinner?**
The part **when we came to the playground** tells us the time of the dinner. So the sentence answers **When were the basketball players having dinner?** It doesn't say where they ate or what they ate.

20. They went to town by bus to be there at 8 in the evening.
✓ **E) Did they want to be in town in the morning or in the evening?**
The sentence says they went **to be there at 8 in the evening**. So it answers the question about the time they wanted to arrive: **in the morning or in the evening?** The past verb **went** means the question also needs the past (**Did they want…**).

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