ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Dialogue Completion MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 1

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Explanations

1. - We went to Berlin last weekend.

- _____
✓ A) How did you get there?
The friend says they went to Berlin, so a natural reply is a question about the trip, such as how they travelled: **How did you get there?**

2. A: What is the best way to get to Broadway?

B: By underground, I think.

A: Is it the shortest way?

B: _____.
✓ C) Not the shortest, but the fastest one
A asks if the underground is the shortest way. B answers that question: it is not the shortest, but it is **the fastest**. Not 'The shortest way is travelling by train', because B has just recommended the underground.

3. - Your dress is so nice.

- _____.
✓ C) I have made it myself
When someone praises your dress, you can reply with a little information about it: **I have made it myself**. The other answers talk about another person, about other things, or do not fit.

4. - I see your friends are chatting again. What do they always talk about?

- _____.
✓ A) They usually discuss their family problems
The question asks about a habit (**always**), so the answer uses the present simple with **usually**: **They usually discuss their family problems**. Not 'They are talking about...', because the present continuous describes now, not a habit.

5. - Why, Ann! Are you reading without light? Turn on the lamp, please.

- _____.
✓ D) Oh, yes, it's getting dark
Ann agrees to turn on the lamp because there is not enough light: **it's getting dark**. Not 'it's too light', because then she would not need the lamp.

6. - Look, Gill, the rain has stopped.

- _____

- Let's play tennis.

- _____
✓ E) So what? / Not a bad idea!
So what? here means 'And what shall we do?', so the first speaker suggests tennis. Gill then agrees: **Not a bad idea!** Not 'What for?', because it asks for a reason and does not fit the news about the rain.

7. - Why did the team not win the game?

- _____
✓ D) I think Nick didn't take part in it.
The question asks why the team lost, so the answer must give a reason about the team: **Nick didn't take part in it**. 'He was very late' does not say who 'he' is.

8. A: I couldn't watch TV yesterday.

B: Why couldn't you?

A: _____
✓ D) My sister and I were both punished by my father.
B asks why A couldn't watch TV **yesterday**, so the answer gives a past reason: they **were punished**. Not 'I must do my lesson', because it is in the present, not the past.

9. Jane: Help yourselves to the cake. What sort would you like?

Nick: Strawberry, please.

Jane: Would you like some more cake?

Mike: _____
✓ E) No, thanks, I haven't finished my first piece yet.
Mike politely says no to more cake and gives a reason: he **hasn't finished** his first piece **yet**. Not 'Yes, ice cream please', because Jane offered cake, not ice cream.

10. John: Let's play cops and robbers.

Kate: I've never played cops and robbers. How do you play it?

Robert: Everybody plays this game.

Kate: _____
✔ D) Well, will you show me what to do?
Kate doesn't know the game, so she asks for help: **Will you show me what to do?** The other options are instructions or do not fit the situation.

11. - I was told an interesting story yesterday.

- _____
✔ D) So were we.
To say 'the same happened to us' after a positive sentence with **was**, use **So + were + subject**: **So were we.** Not 'Neither…', because it is used after negative sentences.

12. - How many times have you been to South Africa?

- _____
✔ B) Once.
How many times asks for a number, so the answer is **Once**. Not 'I went last year', because it says when, not how many times.

13. - Will you cook macaroni for dinner tonight?

- _____
✔ D) Yes, of course.
The question begins with **Will you…?**, so a natural short answer is **Yes, of course.** Not 'Yes, he will', because the question is about **you**, not **he**.

14. - Who is the best reader in your class?

- _____
✔ A) Pete is. He reads better than all of us.
The question asks who the best reader is, so the answer names a person: **Pete is**. The other answers talk about books and libraries and do not answer **who**.

15. A: May I watch TV now?

B: No, you can't.

A: Why?

B: _____.
✔ D) You'll disturb the kids
B must give a reason why A can't watch TV now: the noise **will disturb the kids**. Not 'You were ill', because it is about the past, not now.

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