ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. J: By the way, I have two books of yours. I would like to return them.

H: Have you finished reading them?

J: _____

H: Would you care to have another book to read?
✔ **B) Yes, and enjoyed them very much, especially the one about Liberia.**
H asks if J has **finished reading** the books. J answers **Yes** and says he **enjoyed them**, which also leads to H's offer of **another book**.

2. A: Excuse me, sir.

B: Yes?

A: _____

B: This way, please.
✔ **E) Where is the smoking room?**
B answers **This way, please**, so A must have asked for directions to a place: **Where is the smoking room?**

3. A: What time is the next train to London?

B: They go every hour. The next train is at 10 o'clock.

A: _____
✔ **B) Let's go to the refreshment room and wait for the train there.**
The next train is not until 10 o'clock, so A suggests waiting somewhere: **Let's go to the refreshment room and wait for the train there.**

4. The teacher said: "Remember? It is better to give than to receive".

A small boy said: "Yes, Miss, my father says he always uses that as his motto in business".

The teacher said: "Oh, how good of him! What is his business?"

The small boy said: "_____, miss".
✔ **B) He is a boxer**
This is a joke. A **boxer** gives punches in his work, so **It is better to give than to receive** is a funny motto for him.

5. - Can you help me with this work?

- I'm afraid I can't. I'm very busy now.

- _____

- Yes, certainly. I think I'll be free in an hour.
✔ **B) Can I come a little later?**
The reply **Yes, certainly** needs a yes/no question, and **free in an hour** means later today. So the question is **Can I come a little later?** Not **Can you help me tomorrow?**, because **in an hour** is not tomorrow.

6. - We are going on an excursion tomorrow. Would you like to join us?

- _____. Shall I take any food with me?

- _____. We'll be away for 2 days.
✔ **D) I'd love to / Certainly**
I'd love to is a polite way to accept an invitation. **Certainly** answers **Shall I take any food?**, and **We'll be away for 2 days** gives the reason. Not **You needn't**: two days away means you do need food.

7. Helen: Nick, have you got anything special for tonight?

Nick: _____
✔ **C) No, not really. Why?**
Have you got ...? is answered with **got**, not **do** or **did**. **No, not really. Why?** fits: Nick has no plans and wants to know why Helen is asking.

8. Woman: Do you think she is better, doctor?

Doctor: _____

Woman: I am very glad to hear that. Thank you.
✔ **C) She'll be all right in a day or two.**
The woman says she is **glad to hear that**, so the doctor gives good news: **She'll be all right in a day or two.**

9. - Your sons are very interested in shipbuilding.

- Really?

- _____

- Not yet, but they have many books about ships.
✔ **E) Have they got books about shipbuilding?**
The answer **Not yet, but they have many books about ships** shows that the question was about books. So the question is **Have they got books about shipbuilding?**

10. - Which platform does train 2550 start from?

- _____

- Let's find out together.

- _____
✔ E) I'm also looking for it / All right.
The second person does not know either: **I'm also looking for it**. So they suggest finding out together, and the answer **All right** agrees.

11. - Shall we have a snack lunch in a pub for a change?

- _____
✔ A) That's a good idea, I haven't been to any pub lately.
Shall we …? is a suggestion. **That's a good idea** accepts it, and **I haven't been to any pub lately** gives a reason.

12. - What's the weather like?

- _____. Put on your coat.

- Is it snowing?

- No, it's not, but _____.
✔ C) It's cold / it's going to
Put on your coat tells us **It's cold**. **It's going to** means **it's going to snow**: it is not snowing now, but it will soon.

13. - Let's go to the park. It's so nice there.

- _____. Can I take my little brother with me?

- _____. We'll have a good time there.
✔ D) O.K. / Certainly
O.K. accepts the idea of going to the park. **Certainly** says yes to bringing the little brother, and **We'll have a good time** matches a yes.

14. - Meet Kate. She is my friend.

- _____ I'm glad to meet you.

- _____ Glad to meet you too.
✔ C) How do you do? / How do you do?
When people meet for the first time, both can say **How do you do?** It is a greeting, not a real question.

15. - What's the matter with Dick? He hasn't come to school today.

- _____. He has a headache.

- Let's visit him after lessons.

- _____.
✔ B) He is not well / O.K.
Dick has a headache, so **He is not well**. **O.K.** agrees to visit him. Not **She is ill**, because Dick is a boy.

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