ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Dialogue Completion MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 7

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Explanations

1. - Where else have you been since you came to England?

- _____

- You have seen a lot. When did you go there?

- _____
✓ **C) Oh, I've been to Stratford and Oxford and Canterbury. / I went there last week.**
Where else have you been...? asks about places visited, so the answer uses the present perfect: **I've been to Stratford and Oxford and Canterbury**. **When did you go there?** asks for a past time, so the answer is in the past simple: **I went there last week**.

2. - I say, Ann, let's go and see Kate. She is ill.

- _____

- When will you be free?

- _____
✓ **B) I can't. I'm busy now. / In 2 hours.**
The next question, **When will you be free?**, shows that Ann can't go now: **I can't. I'm busy now.** The answer to **When?** is a time: **In 2 hours**.

3. A: Can I borrow your pen for a moment?

B: _____

A: _____
✓ **C) Sure. Here you are. / Thanks.**
When we give something to someone, we say **Here you are**. The other person answers **Thanks**.

4. - Hello! _____

- Not bad, thank you.
✓ **C) How are you?**
Not bad, thank you is the answer to **How are you?**. Not **How do you do?**, because people answer that with **How do you do?** when they meet for the first time.

5. - _____

- No, I'm waiting for Tom.

- _____

- I'm not in a hurry. I'll wait till he's ready.
✓ **C) Aren't you coming with us? / But he won't be ready for some time.**
No, I'm waiting for Tom answers a yes/no question: **Aren't you coming with us?** The last line, **I'll wait till he's ready**, answers **But he won't be ready for some time**.

6. - What are you doing at the weekend?

- _____

- Would you like to go to a football match with me?

- _____
✓ **B) At the weekend? I haven't thought of it yet. / Oh, I'd love to.**
I haven't thought of it yet shows the speaker has no plans, so the friend invites him. **Oh, I'd love to** accepts the invitation politely. Not **I went to the country**, because the question is about this weekend, not the past.

7. - Look over there! What can it be? It's scared me out of my wits.

- _____
✓ **A) Oh, that's OK. Calm down. It's only a cat.**
The speaker is frightened (**scared me out of my wits** = frightened me very much). The answer calms him down: **Calm down. It's only a cat.**

8. A: What are you doing, Bob?

B: _____

A: What are you writing to her about?

B: Don't ask so many questions. _____
✓ **A) I'm writing a letter to Helen. / Curiosity killed the cat.**
What are you writing to her about? shows that Bob is writing a letter to a woman: **I'm writing a letter to Helen. Curiosity killed the cat** is a saying that means 'don't ask so many questions'.

9. A: Are you ready to go?

B: _____

A: When will you be ready?

B: _____

A: Hurry up, I'm waiting for you.
✔ A) Not yet. / In five minutes.
When will you be ready? shows B is not ready, so B says **Not yet**. Then B gives a time: **In five minutes**.

10. A: Are you free tonight?

B: Why? _____

A: Yes, I've got tickets for "King Lear".

B: It's the first night, isn't it? How did you manage to get seats?

A: Don't ask me questions, just say whether you're coming or not.

B: _____ How can I miss a chance like that?
✔ A) Are you going to invite me anywhere? / Oh!
A answers **Yes, I've got tickets**, so B asked a yes/no question about an invitation: **Are you going to invite me anywhere?** At the end B is surprised and happy: **Oh! How can I miss a chance like that?** Not **No, I'm not**, because B clearly wants to go.

11. A: _____

B: "Friends", I think.
✔ D) What's on tonight?
"Friends" in quotation marks is the name of a programme or film. We ask about TV or cinema programmes with **What's on tonight?**

12. - Can you spare me a few minutes?

- _____ I'm very busy just at present. Can you come a little later?

- _____ When shall I come?

- _____
✔ B) I'm sorry. / Certainly. / In an hour or so.
The speaker is busy, so he politely refuses: **I'm sorry.** The other person agrees: **Certainly. When shall I come?** needs a future time: **In an hour or so**. Not **Yes, certainly**, because the speaker then says he is very busy.

13. - What's wrong with you? You look so pale!

- I feel terrible. _____

- Have you consulted a doctor?

- _____ I think I'd better call him. I've got a high temperature.
✔ B) I've got a cold. / Not yet, but I'm going to.
The speaker says **I think I'd better call him**, so he hasn't seen a doctor yet: **Not yet, but I'm going to.** Not **Yes, I have**, because then he wouldn't need to call the doctor.

14. - The weather is so awful today. It's been raining all day long.

- _____ We'll have to put off our excursion.

- _____ We would have a splendid time if _____
✔ E) Yes, it's raining cats and dogs. / It's a pity! / the weather were fine.
The last sentence is an unreal situation now, so it is a second conditional: **would have** + **if** + past form. The most correct form is **if the weather were fine**. **Raining cats and dogs** means raining very heavily, and **It's a pity!** shows regret. Not **will be**, because we never use **will** in the **if**-part of a conditional.

15. - I'm flying to New York tomorrow.

- _____
✔ A) Have a good journey!
We wish a person going on a trip **Have a good journey!** Not **You're welcome!**, which is the reply to **Thank you**.

16. A: Do you know the men standing over there?

B: Yes, of course.

A: What are they?

B: _____
✔ A) They are famous sportsmen.
What are they? asks about their job, so the answer is **They are famous sportsmen**. Not **They are Pete and Mike**, which answers **Who are they?**

17. - _____

- Yes, I'm packing because I'm going to catch a plane to New York in three hours' time.

- Lucky girl! How long are you staying in New York?

- _____
✔ D) Are you doing anything at the moment, Sally? / For a fortnight.
Yes, I'm packing answers a present continuous question about now: **Are you doing anything at the moment? How long...?** needs a period of time: **For a fortnight** (two weeks).