ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Dialogues Advanced Level Test – Quiz (Online Exercise With Answers) 1

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Explanations

1. Jimmy: I've been looking for some materials for my English research paper. It's about English authors.

Mary: _____

Jimmy: Do you think I will find what I'm looking for there?

Mary: Of course. I always use it to do my English assignments.
✓ E) Why don't you search for them on the net?
Jimmy then asks if he will find what he needs **there**. Mary says she always uses **it** for her assignments. So Mary must have suggested a place or tool, and **the net** fits both lines. Not the library option: if the library were useless, Mary wouldn't answer **Of course**.

2. Tony: Do you think Mr Brown is going to resign?

Clark: _____

Tony: Why do you think so?

Clark: He thinks it's time someone taught the manager a lesson by giving up the job.
✓ A) I'm not sure. But I think he is.
Tony's question **Why do you think so?** needs an opinion with no reason given yet, so **I'm not sure. But I think he is.** fits. The options with **because** already give a reason, which would make Tony's question unnecessary.

3. Sue: Besides the news and wildlife programmes, what else do you watch on TV?

Tom: _____

Sue: I do agree, but sometimes there are some good discussions and plays.

Tom: Maybe, but most of the ones I have watched have been very boring.
✓ C) Actually, very little. There's so much rubbish on at present.
Sue says **I do agree**, so Tom must have stated an opinion: that there is **so much rubbish** on TV. **Almost nothing. Do you?** ends with a question, and you can't **agree** with a question.

4. Lucia: Where's your mobile phone? You do have one, don't you?

Allen: _____

Lucia: Will that take long?

Allen: I don't think so; they'll phone me when it is ready.
✓ B) Yeah, but now it's being repaired.
Lucia asks **Will that take long?** and Allen says they'll phone him **when it is ready**. This only makes sense if the phone **is being repaired** (present continuous passive).

5. Sylvia: I got the exam results today.

Pat: I'm certain they were good.

Sylvia: _____

Pat: You needn't. I can see it on your face!
✓ E) Yes, they were. I can't tell you how happy I am now.
Pat replies **You needn't** [tell me]. **I can see it on your face!**, which answers **I can't tell you how happy I am**. Note that we can't contract **am** at the end of a clause: **how happy I am**, not **how happy I'm**.

6. Priscilla: Why are you late?

John: _____

Priscilla: Why not? Was she at work?

John: Yes, and she couldn't change her shift.
✓ E) I couldn't get my wife to take the children to school.
Priscilla's **Why not? Was she at work?** needs a negative sentence about a woman, so **I couldn't get my wife to take the children to school** fits. **Get someone to do something** means persuade or arrange for them to do it.

7. Jack: Is your wife coming along?

Samuel: No, she'd already arranged to have her hair dyed.

Jack: _____

Samuel: I don't know. It depends on her daily mood.
✓ E) What colour does she prefer?
The wife is having her hair **dyed**, so Jack asks about the **colour**. Samuel's answer, **It depends on her daily mood**, describes a preference that changes.

8. Tina: Did he come with you guys last night?

Pat: _____

Tina: What did he do, then?

Pat: He went to a concert instead.
✓ B) Actually, he didn't as he had seen the movie before.
Tina asks **What did he do, then?**, so he did not come with them. Only **he didn't as he had seen the movie before** says this and explains why.

9. Bart: I don't want to choose among all those stupid options.

Harry: _____

Bart: Then, why don't we create a new one?

Harry: That sounds fantastic! Let's start!
✓ D) I don't like any of them either.
Bart suggests creating **a new one**, so Harry must also dislike the existing options. **Not … either** shows agreement with a negative statement: **I don't like any of them either**.

10. Tony: How long have you been working there?

Pamela: I joined the company last year.

Tony: _____

Pamela: Actually, no. The director and the founder appreciate me a lot because of my previous experience.
✓ A) I heard you and your boss aren't on good terms because you're the new star of the office.
Pamela denies something (**Actually, no**) and then says her bosses **appreciate** her. So Tony must have suggested a problem with her boss: **not on good terms** means not having a friendly relationship. Not **You must be getting on well with your colleagues**: Pamela's reply would then be **Yes**, not **no**.

11. Mark: Hey, Mary, you've got some nice things here.

Mary: _____

Mark: Right. It's a great idea to use things again but where do you get your ideas?

Mary: Oh, I find things in books and magazines.
✓ C) Thanks. I made a lot of them. I like to recycle things. It's good for the environment.
Mark answers **It's a great idea to use things again**, which refers to Mary's words **I like to recycle things**. To **recycle** means to use old things again or make them into something new.

12. Jackson: Have you been to the exhibition of Picasso paintings?

Robin: Yes, last Saturday.

Jackson: What did you think of it?

Robin: _____
✓ D) Fascinating! I only wish I could have understood something of it.
What did you think of it? asks for an opinion. **Fascinating! I only wish I could have understood something of it** gives Robin's reaction, with a humorous admission that the paintings were hard to understand. The other options don't give an opinion of the exhibition.

13. Mary: The results of the laboratory tests are here.

David: I'm sure they are good.

Mary: _____

David: You don't have to. It can be seen on your face.
✓ B) Yes, they are. I can't tell you how relieved I feel.
David says **You don't have to** [tell me]. **It can be seen on your face**, which answers **I can't tell you how relieved I feel**. The present tense **they are** also matches David's **I'm sure they are good**.

14. Mr Smith: Well, can I make an appointment with Doctor Wall, please?

Receptionist: _____

Mr Smith: No, I'm afraid I can't. What about the evening?

Receptionist: Doctor Wall isn't here in the evening. I'm sorry.
✓ A) Yes. Can you come at ten to three on Monday?
Mr Smith answers **No, I'm afraid I can't** and asks about the evening. So the receptionist must have offered a daytime time with **Can you come…?** Not the evening session option: the receptionist later says the doctor **isn't here in the evening**.

15. Sally: When should we let her know it?

Susan: _____

Sally: I agree. Let's say this afternoon.

Susan: Great idea!
✓ C) The sooner the better, I think.
Sally agrees and suggests **this afternoon**, which is soon. So Susan said **The sooner the better**, meaning as early as possible. Not **sometime next week**: that doesn't lead to choosing this afternoon.

16. Sam: I'm surprised Joanne got into such an exclusive college.

Ann: _____

Sam: What makes you say that? I've seen her scholarship papers with my own eyes.

Ann: Everybody makes mistakes!
✔ E) I still can't believe it. Her rich father must have donated a large sum to the school.
Sam objects that he has seen Joanne's **scholarship papers**, so Ann must have suggested she didn't get in on merit. Ann claimed her father **must have donated** money (**must have** + past participle = a guess about the past). Ann's **Everybody makes mistakes!** means the college was wrong to accept her.

17. Daniel: You've lost quite a bit of weight since I last saw you.

John: Yes, I have. Thanks to my diet, I feel much better.

Daniel: _____

John: I know. As soon as the new centre opens, I'll enrol in a weekly fitness programme.
✔ C) But you have to do some exercise as well if you want to maintain your weight.
John says **I know** and plans to join a **fitness programme**, so Daniel must have mentioned exercise. To **maintain your weight** means to keep it the same. Not the stricter diet option: a fitness programme is not an answer to advice about dieting.

18. Alison: _____

George: Not yet, but I hope to soon.

Alison: Shall we do it together?

George: Why not? If you're free at the weekend.
✔ B) Have you seen that film that everyone's talking about?
George's **Not yet, but I hope to soon** answers a present perfect question about an experience. Alison's **Shall we do it together?** suggests seeing the film together. The other options don't lead to doing something together at the weekend.

19. Jack: Is Simon coming to the picnic with us tomorrow?

Carrie: _____

Jack: Don't bother. On my way home, I can pay him a visit.

Carrie: That's great.
✔ E) I don't think so, but let's phone him to be sure.
Jack's **Don't bother** answers a suggestion: Carrie offered to **phone him**. Jack says he will **pay him a visit** (go and see him) instead.

20. Policeman: Can I have your driving licence, please?

Driver: Why? I didn't do anything wrong.

Policeman: _____

Driver: I'm afraid I don't. I was in a hurry.
✔ D) Do you know how fast you were driving?
The driver's **I'm afraid I don't** answers a **Do you…?** question, and **I was in a hurry** explains speeding. Only **Do you know how fast you were driving?** fits. Questions with **Have you** or **Did you** would need **I haven't** or **I didn't**.

21. Jack: I heard you have a part in the school play tonight.

Lisa: _____

Jack: Why are you so nervous?

Lisa: I don't know. My mother was like me prior to a performance.
✔ E) Yes, and I'm on pins and needles.
Jack asks **Why are you so nervous?**, so Lisa must have said she was nervous. **To be on pins and needles** means to be very nervous or anxious while waiting for something. Not the rehearsals option: Lisa sounds happy there, not nervous.

22. Sarah: Did you call Vincent?

Susan: Yes. I think something must be wrong because Vincent wasn't home when I called.

Sarah: _____

Susan: Why do you say that? You know Vincent hasn't been feeling well lately and he never goes out in the evenings.
✔ A) Oh, you're always jumping to conclusions.
Susan defends her worry (**Why do you say that?**), so Sarah must have criticised it. To **jump to conclusions** means to decide something too quickly without enough facts. Not **That is right…**: Susan wouldn't need to defend herself if Sarah agreed.

23. Jessica: _____

Simon: Not really, I've been wearing earplugs!

Jessica: Great idea. Then you must be having calm nights.

Simon: You're right. I sleep really easily in silence nowadays.
✔ B) Aren't you fed up with your noisy roommate?
Simon solves a noise problem with **earplugs**, so Jessica asked about a **noisy roommate**. To **be fed up with** means to be tired of and annoyed by something that has continued for a long time.

24. John: We’re looking for someone to go fishing with us on Saturday.

Clara: Well, you can count me out.

John: _____

Clara: My parents are coming for the whole weekend.

✔ D) Come on, Clara! It will be fun!

Count me out means 'don't include me'. John tries to persuade Clara (**Come on, Clara! It will be fun!**), and she explains why she can't come. Not **How nice!** **Then I'm preparing the equipment**: Clara has just said no.

25. Jenny: It’s raining outside!

Tom: _____

Jenny: But when it slows down, I want to go out.

Tom: Jenny, as I said, I think we had better wait until it stops.

✔ E) Then why don’t we stay in for the time being?

Tom later says **as I said, I think we had better wait**, so his first reply must have suggested waiting. **Then why don't we stay in for the time being?** does this; **for the time being** means for now. Not **How about going for a walk?**: that contradicts what Tom says later.

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