ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. I feel fine because I went _____.
✓ **B) to bed early last night**
We say **go to bed** with no **the**. **Last night** fits **went**, because it is in the past.

2. What is Peter like?

He _____.
✓ **B) is very nice**
What is he like? asks about someone's character, so we answer **He is very nice**. Not **is very well**, because that answers **How is he?**

3. Has Jimmy got his books now?

Yes, my brother _____ yesterday.
✓ **A) gave them to him**
Yesterday is finished past time, so we use the past simple **gave**. The word order is **give them to him**.

4. Arthur is beside Penny.

Yes, Penny is _____ Arthur.
✓ **C) beside**
If Arthur is **beside** Penny, then Penny is also **beside** Arthur. They are next to each other.

5. Are the pencils in the box?

Yes, Norma _____ on Saturday.
✓ **C) put them there**
Put needs a place, so we say **put them there**. **On Saturday** is in the past here, and the past of **put** is also **put**.

6. _____ to Ireland last year?
✓ **B) Did Mary go**
Past simple questions use **Did** + subject + verb: **Did Mary go …?**

7. It was a bad day so Mike _____ his raincoat.
✓ **B) put on**
We **put on** clothes. **Was** shows the past, so we use **put on**, which is also the past form. Not **took on**: **take off** is the opposite of **put on**.

8. Whose are these? _____.
✓ **A) Theirs.**
Theirs means **their things**. It answers **Whose are these?** Not **It's mine**, because **these** is plural.

9. My brother _____ early.
✓ **C) often goes home**
Often goes before the main verb: **often goes**. We say **go home** with no **to**.

10. John doesn't like beer and _____.
✓ **D) neither do I**
To agree with a negative sentence, we use **neither do I**. Not **so do I**, because that agrees with a positive sentence.

11. Kathie always _____ lunch in a restaurant.
✓ **C) has**
Always shows a habit, so we use the present simple: **has lunch**. We don't say **has got lunch** for meals.

12. What's that man?
✓ **D) He's a teacher.**
What's that man? asks about his job. We need **a** before a job: **He's a teacher**. **He's Eric** answers **Who's that man?**

13. I've put _____ water in the bottles.
✓ **A) a lot of**
Water is uncountable. In positive sentences we usually use **a lot of**. **Many** is for countable nouns.

14. You can't see the sun _____.
✓ **B) at night**
We say **at night** with no **the**.

15. Are you going to school?

No, _____.
✓ **C) to the shops.**
The answer is **No**, so the person is going somewhere else: **(I'm going) to the shops.**

16. Here are three pens. _____ you like best?
✓ **C) Which one do**
We use **which** when there is a small choice, here three pens. The question needs **do**: **Which one do you like best?**

17. Mary is writing _____.
✓ **B) with a pen**
We write **with a pen**. We need **a** because **pen** is a countable noun.

18. Where _____ in the summer?
✓ **C) does Lena usually go**
Present simple questions use **does** + subject + verb. **Usually** goes before the main verb: **does Lena usually go**.

19. Have you visited Edinburgh?
✓ **A) Not yet**
Not yet means **no, but I think I will later**.

20. Donald _____ sixteen tomorrow.
✓ D) will be
For a future fact like age, we use **will be**: **He will be sixteen tomorrow.** Not **going to be**, because it needs **is**: **is going to be**.

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