ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **(Please note: The following questions are part of a cloze test. They are interrelated, meaning that the information provided in each question is connected to the others.)**

Ann: Look! Tom _____ a dress for my birthday.
✓ **D) has given me**
Use **has given** (present perfect) for a past action we can see now: Ann is showing the dress. We say **give someone something**, so **has given me**, with no **to**.

2. Pat: It's lovely. _____ it at Bromley's?
✓ **B) Did he buy**
This is a question about a finished past action, so we use **Did he buy …?** In past simple questions we use **did** + the base verb.

3. Ann: No, he _____ one there, but they didn't show _____ that he _____.
✓ **C) wanted to get**
We say **want to** + verb: **he wanted to get one there**. Not **tried get**, because **try** also needs **to**.

4. Ann: No, he _____ one there, but they didn't show _____ that he _____.
✓ **D) him anything**
We say **show someone something**: **show him anything**. After **didn't** (a negative) we use **anything**, not **something**.

5. Ann: No, he _____ one there, but they didn't show _____ that he _____.
✓ **C) liked**
Liked fits: **anything that he liked**. The other options need more words, for example **was happy with** or **interested in**.

6. Pat: That's odd. They _____ dresses that are all right for me. My birthday was two months ago.
✓ **B) always have**
For something that is usually true, use the present simple. Words like **always** go before the main verb: **They always have dresses …**

7. Ann: What _____ for you?
✓ **A) did Peter buy**
Pat's birthday was two months ago, which is finished past time. So we use the past simple question: **What did Peter buy …?** Not **has Peter bought**, because we don't use the present perfect for a finished time in the past.

8. Pat: He _____ tell him something that he _____ buy.
✓ **C) asked me to**
We say **ask someone to do something**: **He asked me to tell him**. We can't say **said me to**.

9. He _____ tell him something that he _____ buy.
✓ **A) could**
The story is in the past, so we use **could** for something that was possible: **something that he could buy**. Not **could to**, because there is no **to** after **could**.

10. I said, "I _____ anything at all.
✓ **D) don't need**
When **need** has a noun after it, it is a normal verb, so the negative is **I don't need anything**. Not **needn't**, because **needn't** is followed by a verb, not a noun.

11. I _____ a lot of clothes."
✓ **C) have already got**
Already goes between **have** and **got**: **I have already got a lot of clothes**. It means she has enough clothes now.

12. "That's true," he said. "_____ out for dinner instead."
✓ **D) Let's go**
We use **Let's** + verb to make a suggestion: **Let's go out for dinner**. Not **Let us to go**, because there is no **to** after **let**.

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