ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

ELEMENTARY Test 40

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Explanations

1. _____ Saturday night we went to a party.
✔ **B) On**
We use **on** with days, so we also say **on Saturday night**. Not **at**: we say **at night**, but **on** + a day.

2. I _____ going out, because it _____ going to rain.
✔ **A) 'm not / is**
I'm not is the short negative of **I am**; **amn't** does not exist. With **it** we use **is**: **it is going to rain**.

3. _____ you going _____ wash your car this afternoon?
✔ **B) Are / to**
A question starts with **Are you...?**, and the form is **going to** + verb: **Are you going to wash...?** Not **too**, which means 'also'.

4. She _____ going to the post office _____ some stamps.
✔ **A) is / to buy**
She is going = present continuous. To say why, we use **to** + verb: **to buy some stamps**. Not **for buying**.

5. I'm _____ home early next week.
✔ **C) going**
We say **go home** without **to**. **I'm going home next week** is a fixed plan. Not **going to**, because **going to home** is wrong.

6. What _____ the weather _____ in Las Vegas the day before yesterday?
✔ **D) was / like**
We ask about weather with **What is the weather like? The day before yesterday** is past, so we use **was**: **What was the weather like?**

7. A: _____ is the weather like _____?

B: _____ is sunny and warm. But yesterday _____ cold.
✔ **A) What / today / it / was**
We say **What is the weather like today?** and answer with **It is sunny**. Yesterday is past, so **was**. Not **How**, because we say **What... like?**

8. A: What _____ we _____?

B: _____ go swimming.
✔ **B) shall / do / Let's**
What shall we do? asks for an idea. **Let's** (= let us) makes a suggestion for all of us: **Let's go swimming.** Not **Let me**, because the plan is for **we**.

9. A: What is the weather _____ like tomorrow?

B: Sunny. _____ we go on a picnic?
✔ **D) going to be / Shall**
The future form is **going to be**: **What is the weather going to be like?** We use **Shall we...?** to make a suggestion: **Shall we go on a picnic?**

10. A: _____ are you going to eat?

B: Pizza.

A: _____ are you going to eat?

B: In the cafeteria.
✔ **B) What / Where**
The answer **Pizza** is a thing, so **What**. The answer **In the cafeteria** is a place, so **Where**.

11. A: _____ is Jim going to get married?

B: Next month.

A: _____ is he going to marry?

B: His colleague.
✔ **C) When / Whom**
Next month is a time, so **When**. **His colleague** is a person, so **Whom** (or **Who**). Not **What time**, because **next month** is not a clock time.

12. A: _____ are you going to the chemist's?

B: I'm going to the chemist's _____ some medicine.
✔ **B) Why / to buy**
We ask for a reason with **Why**. We give the reason with **to** + verb: **to buy some medicine**. Not **too** or **two**: they sound the same but mean different things.

13. A: _____ is Pittsburgh _____ Philadelphia?

B: About 500 kilometers.
✔ **B) How far / from**
We ask about distance with **How far is A from B?** Not **How long**, which asks about time or length.

14. German is _____ English in some ways, but it is more difficult _____ English.
✔ **C) like / than**
Like means 'similar to': **German is like English**. After a comparative we use **than**: **more difficult than**. Not **then**, which is about time.

15. Nicola's _____ to Liverpool _____ his grandparents.
✔ **C) going to come / to visit**
Nicola's going to come talks about a future plan. To give the reason we use **to** + verb: **to visit his grandparents**. Not **for visiting**.