ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

ELEMENTARY Test 18

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Explanations

1. The homework _____ very difficult yesterday.
✔ **B) was**
Yesterday tells us it is the past. **Homework** is one thing, so we use **was**.

2. The children _____ very tired today. They _____ at a party yesterday evening.
✔ **B) are / were**
Today is now, so we use **are**. **Yesterday evening** is the past, so we use **were**. **Children** means many people.

3. Hello, everybody! I _____ sorry, I _____ late!
✔ **B) am / am**
You say this when you arrive, so both verbs are about now: **I am sorry, I am late!** With **I** we use **am**.

4. Was it hot yesterday? Yes, it _____.
✔ **B) was**
The question uses **was**, so the short answer also uses **was**: **Yes, it was.**

5. She paints _____ two hours _____ bedtime.
✔ **C) for / until**
We use **for** with a length of time (**for two hours**). We use **until** for the time when something stops (**until bedtime**).

6. Yesterday there was a party _____ my house.
✔ **A) at**
We say **at my house** for an event at someone's home: **There was a party at my house.**

7. I was _____ a party last night.
✔ **A) at**
We say **at a party**: **I was at a party last night.**

8. I could play chess when I _____ five.
✔ **C) was**
Could shows the past, so we use the past of **am**: **I was five**.

9. The weather _____ beautiful today. But it _____ terrible yesterday.
✔ **D) is / was**
Today is now, so **is**. **Yesterday** is the past, so **was**. **Weather** is one thing.

10. They were _____ England _____ 1998.
✔ **B) in / in**
We use **in** with countries (**in England**) and with years (**in 1998**).

11. "Where _____ you born?"

"I _____ born in India."
✔ **B) were / was**
We say **be born** in the past: **Where were you born? – I was born in India.**

12. We _____ married when I _____ eighteen and Roger _____ twenty.
✔ **C) were / was / was**
This is the past, so we use **were** with **we** and **was** with **I** and **Roger**.

13. "Where _____ your sister born?"

"She _____ born in India, too."
✔ **C) was / was**
Be born is in the past. With **your sister** and **she** we use **was**.

14. "_____ you drive?" "No, I can't."
✔ **C) Can**
The answer is **No, I can't**, so the question must use the modal verb **can**: **Can you drive? Did** is wrong because a past tense question (**Did you drive?**) does not match the present modal response (**can't**), and **Do** requires a **No, I don't** answer rather than **No, I can't**.

15. Only Sam _____ play the piano.
✔ **A) can**
Play comes after the gap, so we need **can**: **Only Sam can play the piano.**

16. Can I speak _____ you?
✔ **A) to**
We say **speak to** someone: **Can I speak to you?**

17. Nobody _____ play the guitar.
✔ **B) can**
Nobody already means 'no person', so the verb is positive: **Nobody can play.** Not **can't**: we don't use two negatives.

18. I was _____ Adam's party _____ Saturday.
✔ **B) at / on**
We say **at a party** and **on** with days: **on Saturday**.

19. Tom is _____ the garden _____ his friend Sam.
✔ **A) in / with**
We say **in the garden**. We use **with** for being together with a person: **with his friend**.

20. She was _____ the cinema _____ her brother.
✔ **C) at / with**
We say **at the cinema**. We use **with** for being together with a person: **with her brother**.