ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

ELEMENTARY Test 26

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Explanations

1. Where is your mother? Is she _____ the hairdresser's again?
✔ **C) at**
We use **at** for being at a shop or a place where we get a service: **at the hairdresser's**, **at the doctor's**. We use **to** for going there, not for being there.

2. I'll finish the work _____ two weeks.
✔ **D) in**
In + a period of time tells us when something will happen in the future: **in two weeks** = two weeks from now. Not **by**, because **by** goes with a point in time (**by Friday**), not with a period.

3. I'll be home _____ 7 o'clock.
✔ **A) by**
By + a time means 'not later than': **I'll be home by 7 o'clock** = at 7 or before.

4. He lived with nomads _____ the Sahara Desert for two years.
✔ **C) in**
We use **in** for big areas such as countries, cities and deserts: **in the Sahara Desert**.

5. I won't stay _____ bed; I'll just lie down _____ the bed for an hour.
✔ **D) in / on**
In bed means under the covers, for example to sleep or when you are ill. **On the bed** means on top of it: **I'll lie down on the bed**.

6. I last saw her _____ the car park.
✔ **A) in**
We use **in** for an area or place with limits: **in the car park**, **in the garden**.

7. He grows corn _____ his farm.
✔ **D) on**
We say **on a farm**: **He grows corn on his farm.**

8. They lived in Spain _____ the Second World War.
✔ **A) during**
During + an event means at some time in that event: **during the war**, **during the lesson**. Not **for**, because **for** goes with a length of time (**for two years**).

9. She opened her mouth so the doctor could look _____ her throat.
✔ **C) at**
We say **look at** something: the doctor wanted to **look at her throat**.

10. I cut myself _____ a knife.
✔ **B) with**
We use **with** for the thing we use to do something: **I cut myself with a knife.** Not **by**, because we don't say **by** + a tool.

11. You'd better go _____ the next plane to London.
✔ **D) on**
We say **by plane** with no article. With **the**, **a** or **my** we say **on**: **on the next plane**, **on a late train**.

12. She said hello _____ everyone except me.
✔ **A) to**
We **say** something **to** someone: **She said hello to everyone.**

13. She is worried _____ her exams.
✔ **B) about**
We say **worried about** something: **She is worried about her exams.**

14. Tell us _____ your holiday.
✔ **C) about**
We say **tell someone about** something: **Tell us about your holiday.**

15. Mr. Collins always talks _____ himself.
✔ **A) to**
We say **talk to yourself**. It means you speak when nobody is listening: **He always talks to himself.**

16. Is it possible for me to keep it _____ Tuesday?
✔ **D) until**
Until means 'up to that time' and goes with actions that continue, like **keep**: **keep it until Tuesday**. Not **by**, because **by** means 'not later than' and goes with actions that finish (**return it by Tuesday**).

17. Who's the man _____ the funny hat?
✔ **A) in**
We use **in** for the clothes someone is wearing: **the man in the funny hat**.

18. Will you come _____ bus or _____ a late train?
✔ **C) by / on**
We say **by bus** with no article. With **a** or **the** we use **on**: **on a late train**.

19. I saw an accident _____ my way home.
✔ **A) on**
We say **on my way home**. It means while I was going home.

20. The doctor gave me a prescription _____ my cough.
✔ **D) for**
We use **for** to say what something is meant to help: **a prescription for my cough**.