ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

ELEMENTARY Test 23

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Explanations

1. My friend Tom _____ Canadian. He _____ English.
✔ **A) is not / is**
We talk about a fact now, so we use the present of **be**: **is not** and **is**. Tom **is not** Canadian. He **is** English.

2. I _____ to be _____ artist when I _____ a child.
✔ **A) wanted / an / was**
When I was a child is in the past, so we use **wanted** and **was**. We say **an** before a vowel sound: **an artist**.

3. He _____ blind _____ the car accident _____ the beach.
✔ **B) went / in / on**
We say **go blind** (past: **went blind**), not **come blind**. Something happens **in an accident**, and the place is **on the beach**.

4. My friend _____ a present _____ me _____ the Ramadan Holiday last year.
✔ **D) gave / to / on**
Last year is in the past, so we use **gave**. We say **give something to someone** and **on** a holiday day: **on the Ramadan holiday**.

5. It _____ a lot _____ our holiday.
✔ **A) didn't rain / during**
In the negative past simple we use **didn't** + the base verb: **didn't rain**. **During** means 'in the time of': **during our holiday**.

6. What a man he is! He _____ his passport and _____ the keys _____ his car yesterday.
✔ **C) forgot / lost / of**
Yesterday is in the past, so we use the past forms **forgot** (forget) and **lost** (lose). We say **the keys of his car**.

7. A: Did you watch the football match _____ TV?

B: No, I didn't. But it was broadcast _____ the radio.
✔ **B) on / on**
We say **on TV** and **on the radio**. Not **in**: we don't say **in TV** or **in the radio**.

8. Can I talk _____ Mr. Adams _____ your mobile phone?
✔ **D) to / on**
We say **talk to someone** and **on the phone**: **Can I talk to Mr Adams on your mobile phone?**

9. It _____ a really bad joke; no one laughed _____ his joke.
✔ **B) was / at**
Laughed is in the past, so we use **was** (one joke). We say **laugh at** something: **laugh at a joke**.

10. I learned _____ the Internet that a pop concert is _____ the third _____ November.
✔ **D) on / on / of**
We say **on the Internet** and **on** a date: **on the third of November**.

11. Who's the blonde girl _____ the first row?
✔ **A) in**
We use **in** for rows: **in the first row**, **in the back row**.

12. You'll find the poem _____ page 16.
✔ **B) on**
We use **on** with pages: **on page 16**. Not **in** or **at**: we don't say in page 16 or at page 16.

13. They lived in this city _____ 1980.
✔ **D) before**
Lived is past simple, and **before 1980** gives a time in the past. Not **since**: with since we use the present perfect (**have lived since 1980**). We don't say **at** with a year.

14. The Greens lived in London _____ six years.
✔ **B) for**
We use **for** with a length of time: **for six years**. We use **since** with a starting point (**since 2010**).

15. A: _____ is Amanda's birthday?

B: It is _____ the 25th _____ December.
✔ **B) When / on / of**
We ask about time with **When**. For dates we say **on the 25th of December**.

16. A: What is _____ today?

B: Today is _____ 1st of _____.
✔ **D) the date / the / October**
To ask about the day and month, we say **What is the date today?** We answer **the 1st of October**. **Monday** is a day of the week, not a month.

17. A: When _____ Turkmenistan become independent?

B: It _____ independent on _____.
✔ **A) did / became / the 27th of October, 1991**
In past questions we use **did** + base verb (**did … become**). In the answer we use the past form **became**. We write the date as **the 27th of October, 1991**.

18. A: _____ century is it now?

B: It is _____.

A: What _____ the last century?

B: It was _____.
✔ B) What / the 21st century / was / the 20th century
We ask **What century is it?** and use ordinal numbers: **the 21st century**, **the 20th century**. For the past we say **What was …?**

19. **A:** _____ is the _____ month?

B: It is May.

A: Which is _____ 2 _____ month?

B: It is February.

A: Which is _____ 12th month?

B: It is December.
✔ C) Which / 5th / the / nd / the
To show order, we use **the** + an ordinal number: **the 5th**, **the 2nd**, **the 12th**. The number 2 takes **nd**: **2nd** (second). Not **st**, which goes with 1 (**1st**), and not **rd**, which goes with 3 (**3rd**).

20. We _____ see Tom last night.
✔ B) didn’t
Last night is in the past, so we use **didn't** + base verb: **didn't see**.

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