ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. We _____ American.
✔ **C) aren't**
With **we** we use **are**. The negative is **aren't** (**are not**): **We aren't American.**

2. _____ this magazine before?
✔ **D) Have you read**
Before asks about your life up to now, so we use **have** + past participle: **Have you read …?**

3. This is our new teacher. _____ name is Mark.
✔ **A) His**
Mark is a man, so we say **his** name. Not **he**, because before a noun we need **his**.

4. He _____ the newspaper every day.
✔ **B) reads**
With **he**, **she** and **it** we add **-s** to the verb every day: **He reads.**

5. Is Mont Blanc _____ mountain in Europe?
✔ **D) the highest**
For short adjectives we use **the** + adjective + **-est**: **high → the highest**. Not **the most highest**, because we never use **most** and **-est** together.

6. British people _____ tea with milk.
✔ **B) drink**
British people means **they**, so the verb has no **-s**: **They drink tea.**

7. _____ you like Chinese food?
✔ **A) Do**
With **you** we make questions with **Do**: **Do you like …?** Not **Does**, which is for **he/she/it**.

8. It's my _____ computer.
✔ **B) parents'**
The computer belongs to my mother and father. For a plural noun ending in **-s** we just add an apostrophe: **my parents' computer**.

9. Could we _____ the bill, please?
✔ **C) have**
In a restaurant we say **Could we have the bill, please?** Not **ask**, because we say **ask for the bill**.

10. The people _____ in room 12.
✔ **C) are**
People is plural, so we use **are**: **The people are in room 12.**

11. It's ten _____ seven.
✔ **A) to**
For minutes before the hour we use **to**: **ten to seven** = 6:50.

12. I _____ to classical music.
✔ **C) never listen**
Never goes before the main verb: **I never listen.** Not **don't never**, because **never** is already negative.

13. Would you like _____ coffee?
✔ **B) another**
Another coffee means one more cup of coffee. Not **other**, because with one thing we say **another**.

14. I haven't _____ this photo before.
✔ **D) seen**
After **haven't** we use the past participle: **see – saw – seen**. Not **saw**, which is the past simple.

15. I can't see. Where are my _____?
✔ **A) glasses**
I can't see is the clue. We wear **glasses** to see well.

16. I like _____ in the morning.
✔ **B) working**
After **like** we often use the **-ing** form: **I like working**. Not **to working**, because we don't put **to** before the **-ing** form here.

17. Thanks for _____.
✔ **C) everything**
We say **Thanks for everything.** Not **all**, because it is not natural alone here.

18. 'Was Debussy from France?'

'Yes, _____.'
✔ **D) he was**
Short answers need a subject and the verb from the question: **Yes, he was.** Not **he were**, because with **he** we use **was**.

19. I'm Italian. _____ family are from Venice.
✔ **B) My**
I'm Italian talks about me, so we say **my family**. Not **me**, because before a noun we need **my**.

20. What _____ do tomorrow?
✔ **C) are you going to**
For plans we use **be going to** + verb: **What are you going to do tomorrow?** Not **are you going**, because **to** is missing.

21. Can I pay _____ credit card?
✓ **A) by**
We say **pay by credit card** and **pay in cash**. Not **with**, because it needs **a**: **with a credit card**.

22. This isn't my money. It's _____.
✓ **D) yours**
With no noun after it, we use **yours**: **It's yours.** Not **your**, because **your** needs a noun: **your money**.

23. Tonight's dinner is _____ than last night's.
✓ **C) better**
Good is irregular: **good – better – the best**. Not **more better**, because **better** already means 'more good'.

24. They didn't _____ the tickets.
✓ **D) book**
After **didn't** we use the base verb: **They didn't book.** Not **booked**, because **didn't** already shows the past.

25. They're _____.
✓ **C) big cars**
Adjectives go before the noun and never take **-s**: **big cars**.

26. _____ the time?
✓ **A) What's**
We ask **What's the time?** (**What is the time?**). Not **What is it the time**, because **it** is not needed.

27. She _____ to the gym every day.
✓ **B) goes**
We say **go to the gym**. With **she** we add **-es**: **She goes**. Not **does**, because we say **go to** a place, not **do to** a place.

28. I _____ do my homework last night.
✓ **C) couldn't**
Last night is past, and the past of **can't** is **couldn't**. Not **didn't can**, because we never use **did** with **can**.

29. There _____ telephone in my hotel room.
✓ **A) wasn't a**
Telephone is one thing, so we use **There wasn't a**. Not **weren't**, which is for plurals.

30. He _____ playing the piano.
✓ **C) is**
Be + **-ing** shows an action happening now: **He is playing.** Not **does**, because we don't use **does** with **-ing**.

31. He _____ jeans.
✓ **A) doesn't usually wear**
Usually goes before the main verb: **He doesn't usually wear jeans.** Not **doesn't wear usually**, because the word order is wrong.

32. I _____ my new job last week.
✓ **B) began**
Last week is finished past time, so we use the past simple: **begin – began**. Not **have begun**, because we don't use it with **last week**.

33. There isn't _____ pasta in the kitchen.
✓ **D) any**
In negative sentences we use **any**: **There isn't any pasta.** Not **some**, which is for positive sentences.

34. She _____ to cook for her boyfriend.
✓ **A) isn't going**
For plans we use **be going to**. With **she**: **She isn't going to cook.** Not **aren't**, which is for **you/we/they**.

35. The elephant is _____ land animal in the world.
✓ **D) the biggest**
In the world compares with all, so we use **the** + **-est**: **the biggest**. Not **biggest**, because **the** is missing.

36. _____ yesterday?
✓ **C) Did you study**
Past questions use **Did** + base verb: **Did you study?** Not **Did you studied**, because **did** already shows the past.

37. James would like _____ basketball.
✓ **B) to play**
After **would like** we use **to** + verb: **would like to play**. Not **playing**, which comes after **like**, not **would like**.

38. I always _____.
✓ **A) work hard**
Hard is also an adverb: **work hard** = work a lot. Not **hardly**, which means 'almost not'.

39. We _____ to Canada.
✓ **D) haven't been**
With **we** we use **haven't** + **been**: **We haven't been to Canada.** Not **hasn't**, which is for **he/she/it**.

40. He _____ follow instructions.
✓ **D) can't**
The negative of **can** is **can't** (**cannot**). Not **doesn't can**, because we never use **do/does** with **can**.

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