ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. A1 – MOCK EXAMINATION

Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentences.

Tony _____ up early on Sunday mornings.
✔ **C) sometimes gets**
We use the present simple for habits. With **he/she/Tony** the verb takes **-s**: **gets**. **Sometimes** goes before the main verb.

2. At the moment, he _____.
✔ **A) is sleeping**
At the moment means now, so we use **is + -ing**: **is sleeping**.

3. She _____ a new laptop last month.
✔ **C) bought**
Last month is in the past, so we use the past form: **bought** (buy – bought).

4. He _____ to work. He's ill in bed.
✔ **A) can't go**
After **can't** we use the verb without **to**: **can't go**. He is ill, so he is not able to go.

5. Sue: "_____ some sandwiches?"

Pat: "Yes, please. I'm hungry."
✔ **B) Would you like**
We use **Would you like …?** to offer something politely. The answer **Yes, please** fits an offer.

6. I'm going to see him _____ Tuesday.
✔ **B) on**
We use **on** with days: **on Tuesday**, **on Monday**.

7. Your idea is _____ mine.
✔ **B) better than**
The comparative of **good** is **better**, and we use **than**: **better than**. Not **more good**.

8. There isn't _____ bread. I can't make sandwiches.
✔ **A) any**
We use **any** in negative sentences with uncountable words like **bread**: **There isn't any bread**.

9. _____ very cloudy today. Let's hope it doesn't rain.
✔ **C) It's**
We use **It's** to talk about the weather: **It's cloudy**, **It's sunny**.

10. We'd like to see you again. Can you give _____ your phone number?
✔ **A) us**
After **give** we need an object pronoun: **give us**. **Our** must come before a noun.

11. **Choose the most suitable response.**

Hello! How are you?
✔ **C) Fine, thanks. And you?**
A normal answer to **How are you?** is **Fine, thanks. And you?**

12. Excuse me. Can you tell me the way to the bus station?
✔ **B) Turn left at the traffic lights. It's on the right. You can't miss it.**
The person asks for directions, so the answer tells them where to go: **Turn left … It's on the right.**

13. Did you have a good holiday?
✔ **A) Yes, but it was too short!**
The question is about a past holiday. **Yes, but it was too short!** talks about that holiday.

14. How often do you see her?
✔ **B) Not very often. She doesn't live near me.**
How often asks about frequency, so we answer with words like **often**, **not very often**, **never**.

15. What does she do?
✔ **B) She's a secretary.**
What does she do? asks about someone's job. We answer **She's a secretary**.

16. **(On the phone)**

-- Can I speak to Jill, please?
✔ **C) Sorry, she isn't here. Can I take a message?**
On the phone, when the person is not there, we say **Sorry, she isn't here. Can I take a message?**

17. What time did you go to bed last night?
✔ **A) Very late! That's why I'm sleepy.**
The question asks about the time last night. **Very late!** answers it. **It's ten o'clock** is about the time now.

18. Could you pass me the salt, please?
✔ **C) Sure. Here you are.**
When we give something to someone, we say **Sure. Here you are.**

19. **Choose the correct phrase to complete each question.**

PAUL: "_____ in the evening?"

SUSAN: "Watch TV or read a book."
✔ **B) What do you usually do**
For habits we use the present simple: **What do you usually do?** Not **How do you do**, which is a greeting.

20. Paul: "_____ a book to read on the train? It's a long journey."

Susan: "Yes, and a magazine."
✔ **C) Have you got**
The question form is **Have you got …?** (or **Do you have …?**). **Do you have got** is wrong.

21. Paul: "_____ me with my maths homework?"

Susan: "Sure. Come to my house this afternoon."
✔ **A) Can you help**
We ask for help with **Can you help me …?** After **can** there is no **to**.

22. Paul: "_____ messages for me?"

Susan: "Just one. It's on your desk."
✔ **B) Are there any**
Messages is plural, so we ask **Are there any messages?**

23. Paul: "_____ your English book this evening?"

Susan: "Sorry. I need it to do my homework."
✔ **A) Could I borrow**
We ask to use someone's thing with **Could I borrow …?**

24. Susan: "_____?"

Paul: "Yes, I do. I love a good book."
✔ **C) Do you like reading**
The answer **Yes, I do** matches a **Do you …?** question: **Do you like reading?** Not **Would you like to read**, because that needs **Yes, I would**.

25. Paul: "_____ when you went to London?"

Susan: "At a friend's house."
✔ **B) Where did you stay**
The answer is a place (**at a friend's house**), so we use **Where**. **Went** shows the past: **Where did you stay?**

26. (Please note: The following questions are part of a cloze test. They are interrelated, meaning that the information provided in each question is connected to the others.)

Complete the telephone conversation with the words below.

PAUL: Hello. Can I speak to Susan, please? This is Paul.

Jill: Oh, hello. This is Jill. _____ on a moment.
✔ **B) Hold**
On the phone we say **Hold on a moment** to ask someone to wait. We can say **Wait a moment**, but not **Wait on**.

27. Jill: She's cooking in the _____. (a minute later)
✔ **A) kitchen**
We cook in the **kitchen**. A **cooker** is the machine we cook on.

28. SUSAN: Hello Paul!

PAUL: Hi Susan. _____, would you like to go to the cinema with me tonight?
✔ **C) Listen**
We say **Listen, …** to start telling someone something important.

29. SUSAN: It depends. What's _____?
✔ **B) on**
What's on? means 'What film is showing at the cinema?'

30. PAUL: I forget the title, but it's a _____ film and Brad Pitt is in it. I know you like him.
✔ **A) science fiction**
A science fiction film is a film about the future or space. Not **thrill**: the film type is **thriller**.

31. SUSAN: Yes, I do. OK, _____ but I don't want to be late home.
✔ **B) let's go**
We use **Let's go** to agree to do something together.

32. SUSAN: I'm working tomorrow and I have a lot to do. This is a very _____ period for me at work.
✔ **C) busy**
She has a lot to do, so it is a **busy** period. **Bored** means you have nothing interesting to do.

33. PAUL: No problem. Why don't we _____ at half past six? We can have a hamburger and then go to the cinema.
✔ **B) meet**
We say **Why don't we meet …?** We don't add **us** after **meet**.

34. SUSAN: No, I don't want to eat _____ food! Why don't you come here? I'll cook some spaghetti.
✔ **A) junk**
Junk food is unhealthy food like hamburgers and chips. Paul wants a hamburger, so Susan says **junk food**.

35. PAUL: Great! I love your spaghetti Bolognese.

SUSAN: _____ at half past six.
✔ **B) See you**
We say **See you** (at six, tomorrow, later) to say goodbye before we meet again.

36. **Dave doesn't enjoy working in a bank.**
✔ **A) True**
Paragraph 1 says **He thinks his job is boring**, so he doesn't enjoy it.

37. **Dave would like to live nearer London.**
✔ **B) False**
Paragraph 1 says **Dave prefers to live in his village**.

38. **Dave likes his village because there aren't crowds, traffic and smog.**
✔ **A) True**
Paragraph 2 says **He doesn't like crowds, smog and traffic**, so he likes the quiet village.

39. Dave lives with his parents.
✓ **C) Doesn’t say**
The text doesn't say who Dave lives with.

40. Liz is going to finish university next year.
✓ **A) True**
Paragraph 4 says **she finishes university next year**.

41. Dave _____.
✓ **B) returns to work after lunch at two o’clock**
He has **an hour for lunch, at one o'clock**, so he goes back to work at two.

42. Liz and Dave _____.
✓ **B) usually meet at weekends**
Paragraph 4 says **they usually spend the weekends together**.

43. Liz and Dave are on the motorway because _____.
✓ **A) they want to go to the seaside**
Paragraph 5 says **They want to go to the seaside for the day**.

44. Which is correct?
✓ **C) There’s a lot of traffic on the motorway.**
Paragraph 5 says **traffic on the motorway is very slow**, so there is a lot of traffic.

45. They _____.
✓ **C) don’t go to the seaside that day**
They leave the motorway and have lunch in a pub. Dave says **We can go to the seaside another day**.

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