ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. A1 – MOCK EXAMINATION SECTION 1

Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

Our teacher _____ a lot of homework.
✓ **C) gives**
Our teacher is one person (he or she), so in the present simple the verb ends in **-s**: **gives**.

2. This evening after work we _____ in a restaurant.
✓ **C) are meeting**
We use **am/is/are + -ing** for a plan with a fixed time: **This evening we are meeting** in a restaurant.

3. We visited Paris in April but we _____ a lot of money there.
✓ **A) didn't spend**
Visited tells us this is the past. A negative in the past is **didn't** + verb: **didn't spend**.

4. He _____ a new car when he receives the money.
✓ **C) is going to buy**
This is a plan for the future, so we use **is going to** + verb: **He is going to buy** a new car.

5. **(In a restaurant)**

I _____ a steak with new potatoes, please.
✓ **B) would like**
We use **I would like** to ask for something politely, for example in a restaurant. Not **am wanting**: we don't usually use **want** with **-ing**.

6. SECTION 2

Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

In some hot countries, people usually rest _____ the afternoon.
✓ **C) in**
We say **in the morning**, **in the afternoon**, **in the evening**.

7. New York is probably _____ American city.
✓ **A) the most famous**
We compare New York with all American cities, so we use **the most** + long adjective: **the most famous**.

8. You certainly put _____ sugar in your coffee!
✓ **B) a lot of**
Sugar is uncountable, and this is a positive sentence, so we use **a lot of**. **Many** is for plural nouns, and **any** is for questions and negatives.

9. _____ a lot of people here for the conference.
✓ **C) There are**
People is plural, so we use **There are**. **There is** is for one thing.

10. I hope we see _____ at the party!
✓ **B) them**
After a verb like **see**, we use **them**, not **they**: **I see them**.

11. SECTION 4

Choose the correct answers to the questions.

Waiter: "Would you like to see a menu?"
✓ **B) Yes, please.**
Yes, please is the polite answer when someone offers you something.

12. Do you always study English on Mondays?
✓ **A) Yes, but I sometimes have lessons on Wednesdays too.**
A **Do you…?** question needs a **Yes** or **No** answer. This answer talks about study days: Mondays and sometimes Wednesdays.

13. Is there any chicken left from dinner last night?
✓ **C) No, I ate it for lunch.**
The question asks if there is still some chicken. **No, I ate it for lunch** means there isn't any now.

14. What's the fastest way to arrive in Tibley Village?
✓ **B) Go straight on and turn left before the bridge.**
The question asks for directions, so the answer tells you where to go: **Go straight on and turn left**.

15. **(In a shop)**

"Could I see your winter coats, please?"
✓ **A) Yes, they're over there.**
The customer asks where the coats are. The shop worker answers: **Yes, they're over there**.

16. What did you think of Harry's presentation yesterday?
✔ **C) Well, I thought it was very long.**
What did you think of...? asks for your opinion. **I thought it was very long** gives an opinion.

17. Why do you hate skiing?
✔ **B) I don't like the cold and snow.**
A **Why...?** question asks for a reason. **I don't like the cold and snow** is the reason.

18. Teacher: "When are you going to give me your homework?"
✔ **A) I'll finish it this evening.**
The teacher asks **when**. **I'll finish it this evening** tells the teacher when the homework will be ready.

19. SECTION 5

Choose alternatives to complete the questions in a logical way.

Mike: "_____ your summer holiday?"

Polly: "Usually in July."
✔ **A) When do you take**
Usually in July is a time, so the question starts with **When**: **When do you take your summer holiday?**

20. Dan: "_____ in your hand?"

Christine: "Oh, it's my new mobile phone."
✔ **C) What have you got**
The answer names a thing (a phone), so the question uses **What**. With **have got**, the question is **What have you got...?**

21. Greg: "_____ me a hand with this report?"

Simon: "Sorry, but I'm late for a meeting."
✔ **A) Can you give**
Give someone a hand means help someone. **Can you give me a hand?** asks for help.

22. Bill: "_____ all these books on the table?"

Madeline: "I have an exam tomorrow and I'm studying!"
✔ **B) Why are there**
Madeline gives a reason (**I have an exam**), so the question starts with **Why**. **Books** is plural, so we say **Why are there...?**

23. Woman: "I'm cold. _____ the window?"

Man: "Yes, all right."
✔ **C) Could I close**
She is cold, so she wants to close the window. **Could I...?** asks politely if you can do something.

24. Terry: "_____ in the country?"

Rasa: "Yes, the air is cleaner and the people are much friendlier."
✔ **B) Do you like living**
Rasa answers **Yes**, so it is a yes/no question: **Do you like living in the country?** Not **Where...?**, because you can't answer **Where** with **Yes**.

25. Silvia: "_____ at the meeting?"

Ken: "Bill and Jane were there but Don was away on business."
✔ **C) Who did you see**
Ken answers with people's names, so the question starts with **Who**: **Who did you see at the meeting?**

26. SECTION 6

(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.)

Choose the correct alternatives to fill in the spaces.

Man: It's spring again and the weather is warmer. I'm thinking about going on holiday.

Woman: Where _____ you like to go?
✔ **B) would**
Where would you like to go? is a polite way to ask what someone wants to do.

27. Man: I don't know. I'm not in a _____ to decide but I don't want to go to the beach again.
✔ **A) hurry**
Be in a hurry means you need to do something quickly. **I'm not in a hurry** means I have time.

28. Woman: I love _____ the mountains during the summer.
✔ **C) going to**
After **love** we can use the **-ing** form: **I love going to the mountains**.

29. Woman: I hate being on a _____ beach.
✔ **A) crowded**
Crowded means full of people: **a crowded beach**.

30. Woman: There isn't _____ nightlife in the mountains but I think it's _____ than the seaside.
✔ **B) much**
Nightlife is uncountable, so in a negative sentence we use **much**: **There isn't much nightlife**. **Many** is for plural nouns.

31. Woman: There isn't _____ nightlife in the mountains but I think it's _____ than the seaside.
✔ **C) more relaxing**
Than shows a comparison. **Relaxing** is a long adjective, so we say **more relaxing than**.

32. Man: I might catch a train and visit some European cities. I love Paris and Prague. There are some good travel offers _____ the summer.
✔ **A) in**
We use **in** with seasons: **in the summer**, **in winter**.

33. Woman: How long does it _____ to arrive in Prague by train?
✔ **B) take**
We ask about travel time with **How long does it take...?**

34. Man: I don't know. I must go to a travel agent and get more information. I'll _____ hotel rooms and buy a train pass.
✔ **A) book**
Book means reserve: **book hotel rooms** means ask the hotel to keep rooms for you.

35. Woman: That's a good idea. _____ it now before prices go up.
✓ **C) Do**
To give advice or tell someone what to do, we use the verb alone at the start: **Do it now**.

36. **Italy is different from many other countries.**
✓ **A) True**
Paragraph 1 says **Italy is a unique country in many ways**. **Unique** means different from all others, so this is true.

37. **People who live in San Marino and the Vatican are technically Italian.**
✓ **B) False**
Paragraph 1 says San Marino and the Vatican are **independent states** and **not in the Italian Republic**. So their people are not Italian.

38. **San Marino has the same television programmes as Italy.**
✓ **C) Doesn't say**
The text talks about language, football and food in San Marino, but it says nothing about television.

39. **San Marino's government and military force aren't large.**
✓ **A) True**
Paragraph 2 says **The government is small** and **The military force is also small**. So they aren't large.

40. **The people of San Marino don't want to be Italian.**
✓ **C) Doesn't say**
The text does not tell us how the people of San Marino feel about being Italian.

41. **People in San Marino _____.**
✓ **C) generally have a lot of money**
Paragraph 2 says **A lot of the people there have a good life and a lot of money**. Not **prefer not to eat Italian food**: the text says Italian food is important there.

42. **The Vatican _____.**
✓ **A) is the smallest state in the world**
Paragraph 3 says the Vatican **is the smallest independent state in the world**.

43. **The Vatican is the only state where _____.**
✓ **C) Latin is the official language**
Paragraph 3 says the Vatican **is the only place in the world where Latin is the official language**.

44. **Which is true?**
✓ **C) People listen to the Pope in St. Peter's Square.**
Paragraph 3 says the Pope speaks to people in **St. Peter's Square** every Sunday. Not **The Pope often visits the Vatican**: he lives there.

45. **The text says that crime is a problem in the Vatican because _____.**
✓ **A) there are many tourists**
Paragraph 3 says **Because of all the rich tourists, there are a lot of criminals too**. The text says nothing about police.

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