ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. A1 – MOCK EXAMINATION SECTION 1

Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

Where _____ for a holiday next summer?
✔ **C) would you like to go**
To ask about what someone wants, we say **would you like to** + verb: **Where would you like to go?**

2. Look at that child running along the top of the wall! He _____ off!
✔ **A) 's going to fall**
We use **going to** when we can see that something will happen soon. The child is running on the wall, so **he's going to fall**.

3. He _____ to the gym every Friday evening.
✔ **B) usually goes**
Every Friday is a habit, so we use the present simple. **Usually** goes before the main verb: **usually goes**.

4. I booked my train ticket yesterday. I _____ at the station in your town at nine o'clock next Saturday.
✔ **B) 'm arriving**
The ticket is booked, so it is a fixed plan. We use the present continuous for plans: **I'm arriving next Saturday**.

5. He _____ her yesterday.
✔ **C) didn't ring**
Yesterday means the past. The negative is **didn't** + verb: **didn't ring**.

6. SECTION 2

Choose the correct alternative to complete the sentence.

He got _____ his car and drove to the station.
✔ **A) into**
We say **get into** a car. We say **get on** a bus or a train.

7. She isn't _____. I think she's his cousin.
✔ **C) Mike's sister**
We put **'s** after the person: **Mike's sister** = the sister of Mike.

8. He's _____ he was because he found a good job last month.
✔ **C) happier than**
Happy is a short word, so we say **happier than** to compare. Not **more happy**.

9. Where are Sam and Joe? I can't see _____ people in the room.
✔ **B) any**
In negative sentences we use **any**: **I can't see any people**.

10. There's _____ in the fridge if you are thirsty.
✔ **B) some fresh orange juice**
Juice is uncountable, so we use **some**, not **an**. The adjective goes first: **some fresh orange juice**.

11. SECTION 4

Choose the correct answer or response.

Excuse me. Where can I catch the number 23 bus?
✔ **C) The bus stop is over there on the corner.**
The person asks **where**, so the answer gives a place: **The bus stop is over there**.

12. Thank you very much.
✔ **A) You're welcome.**
When someone says **thank you**, we answer **You're welcome**.

13. Have you got this sweater in a larger size, please?
✔ **A) I'm sorry. This is the largest we've got.**
The customer wants a bigger size. The shop assistant answers that there is no bigger one: **This is the largest we've got**.

14. What's the weather like today?
✔ **B) Cold and wet!**
What's the weather like? asks how the weather is. A good answer is **Cold and wet!**

15. How long does it take to get to the airport?
✔ **B) Twenty minutes, or an hour if there's a lot of traffic!**
How long does it take? asks about time, so the answer gives a time: **Twenty minutes**.

16. **(On the phone)**

Can I speak to Carol, please?
✔ **C) She's having a shower. Can you call back later?**
Carol is doing it now, so we use the present continuous: **She's having a shower**. Not **She has a shower**, because that is a habit.

17. Is Sheila coming to the party on Saturday?
✔ **B) No, I don't think so.**
The question is about Sheila, not you. **No, I don't think so** is a good answer.

18. What's on television tonight?
✔ **A) My mother's favourite soap opera. I'm going out!**
What's on television? asks about the programmes. The answer names a programme: **a soap opera**.

19. SECTION 5

Complete the questions with the correct alternatives.

X: _____ his car when he goes to town?

Y: In the new multi-storey car park in the centre.
✔ **C) Where does he park**
The answer is a place, so we ask **Where**. In the present simple with **he** we use **does**: **Where does he park?**

20. X: _____ in her free time?

Y: Relaxing!
✔ **A) What does she like doing**
We say **like** + **-ing**: **What does she like doing?**

21. X: _____ any bread for sandwiches?

Y: Not much. Buy some when you go out, please.
✔ **B) Is there**
To ask if something is in a place we say **Is there...?** Bread is uncountable, so we use **is**, not **are**.

22. X: _____ here?

Y: Only two.
✔ **B) How many days can you stay**
Days is countable, so we ask **How many days**. After **can** we use the verb without **to**: **can you stay**.

23. X: _____ any brothers or sisters?

Y: Only one sister.
✔ **B) Has she got**
With **have got**, we make a question by moving **has** to the front: **Has she got...?** We don't use **does** with **have got**.

24. X: _____ your mobile phone, please? It's an emergency.

Y: Of course, here you are.
✔ **C) Could I use**
To ask politely, we say **Could I** + verb: **Could I use your phone?** There is no **to** after **could** or **can**.

25. X: _____ at the station yesterday?

Y: At three o'clock. His train was late.
✔ **C) What time did he arrive**
Yesterday means the past, so we use **did**. The answer is a time: **What time did he arrive?**

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.)

Complete the dialogue with the correct alternatives.

Julie: Hi Tom! _____ and your family?
✔ **C) How are you**
To ask about someone's health we say **How are you?** Here: **How are you and your family?**

27. Tom: Hello Julie. My little son had _____ last week but he's better now.
✔ **A) a bad cold**
We say **have a cold**. The adjective goes before the noun: **a bad cold**.

28. Tom: You are very suntanned! Did you go to a _____ place for a holiday this Christmas?
✔ **B) sunny**
Before a noun we need an adjective: **a sunny place**. **Sun** and **sunshine** are nouns.

29. Julie: Yes, we all went to Australia to see my parents! They live near Sydney. Don't forget that it's summer there now. We had fantastic _____.
✔ **B) weather**
Julie says it is summer in Australia, so the weather was very good: **We had fantastic weather**. Not **time**: we say **a fantastic time**, with **a**.

30. Julie: My parents live _____ and we went to a _____ practically every day.
✔ **C) on the coast**
We say **live on the coast**, which means near the sea.

31. Julie: My parents live _____ and we went to a _____ practically every day. We had our Christmas lunch there.
✔ **A) sandy beach**
A **sandy beach** is a beach with sand. People go there in summer and can have lunch there.

32. Tom: You're very lucky. I'd love to go to Australia! _____ did you stay?

Julie: Three weeks.
✔ **B) How long**
Julie answers **Three weeks**, so Tom asks about time: **How long did you stay?**

33. Tom: I know you have a dog. Who looked _____ it while you were away?
✔ **A) after**
Look after means take care of: **Who looked after the dog?**

34. Julie: My mother-in-law. She loves dogs and often _____ with our little dog, Scruffy, when we are busy and don't have time to take him. She says she enjoys the exercise.
✔ **C) goes for a walk**
We say **go for a walk**. With **she** in the present simple: **she often goes for a walk**.

35. Tom: Oh! Here's my bus! Bye! _____ soon.

Julie: Bye!
✔ **C) See you**
See you soon is a friendly way to say goodbye.

36. Sue and John's town isn't very busy.
✔ **A) True**
Paragraph 1 says they live in **a small quiet town**. Quiet means it isn't very busy, so the answer is True.

37. Sue works in a library and John is a university teacher.
✔ **B) False**
Paragraph 1 says Sue **worked** in a library three years ago, but **now she's a housewife**. So this is False.

38. Sue and John have got a son. His name's Jude.
✔ **B) False**
Jude is their **grandson**, not their son. Their sons are Thomas and Mark. So this is False.

39. Jude is four months old.
✔ **A) True**
Paragraph 1 says Jude **was born four months ago**, so he is four months old. True.

40. Thomas and Mark are not going to finish their studies for many years.
✔ **C) Doesn't say**
The text says the sons are **still at university**, but it doesn't say when they will finish. So the answer is Doesn't say.

41. Their house _____.
✔ **C) has a flower and vegetable garden at the back**
Paragraph 2 says Sue has **flowers and vegetables in the large back garden**. The house isn't very big, and only the back garden is large.

42. Which is correct?
✔ **C) When Sue and John go in the boat, Sue doesn't catch fish.**
Paragraph 2 says Sue **doesn't like fishing** and takes a book in the boat, so she doesn't catch fish. John **likes gardening**, so the first option is wrong.

43. Sue and John _____.
✔ **B) like folk dancing**
Paragraph 3 says they dance **old British folk dances**, not modern dances. They wear costumes only **when they are dancing**, not always.

44. They go to their club _____.
✔ **A) twice a week**
They go to practise on **Tuesday and Thursday evenings**. That is two times, or **twice a week**.

45. They _____.
✔ **C) are preparing for a performance in Venice**
Paragraph 3 says they are **practising hard** because they are going to perform in Venice next spring. They also dance in other countries, not only in the UK.

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