ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. In careful writing: for ___ information, please visit our website.
✔ **D) further**
Further information means more information. Merriam-Webster still lists farther in this sense but labels it dated, so careful writers use farther only for distance.

2. I'm too tired to walk any ___ today.
✔ **A) farther**
The comparative of far is farther (or further), never more far or farer. This is physical distance.

3. She took an evening course to ___ her career.
✔ **A) further**
After to we need a verb. Only further can be a verb: it means help something move forward.

4. In careful writing: the shop is closed until ___ notice.
✔ **B) further**
Until further notice is a fixed phrase. It means until we tell you more. Dictionaries label farther in the sense more as dated.

5. Pluto is much ___ from the Sun than Earth is.
✔ **B) farther**
This is physical distance, so farther is right (further is possible too, above all in British English).

6. The bridge is unsafe. ___, it is too narrow for buses.
✔ **A) Furthermore**
Furthermore is one word. It is a formal way to add another point.

7. In careful writing: do you have any ___ questions before we finish?
✔ **C) further**
Further questions means more questions. Dictionaries label farther in this sense as dated, so careful writers do not use it.

8. Which of these words can be a verb?
✔ **A) further**
Only further is a verb: to further your education, to further a cause.

9. Of all the planets, Neptune is the ___ from the Sun.
✔ **D) farthest**
After the, with of all, we need the superlative: farthest (or furthest). Most far is wrong.

10. Nothing could be ___ from the truth. I never said that!
✔ **D) further**
Nothing could be further from the truth is a fixed phrase. It is not about real distance, so further is the usual word.

11. ___ to your email of 3 May, I attach the form you asked for.
✔ **C) Further**
Further to is a formal phrase, mainly British, that means following or about your last message.

12. In careful writing: which sentence is correct?
✔ **B) We need further time to decide.**
Further time means more time. Dictionaries label farther for more as dated, so don't use it, and don't put more in front of further.

13. After school, many British students go to a college of ___ education.
✔ **C) further**
Further education is a fixed British term for courses after school that are not at a university.

14. In British English, which word is more common for both distance and degree?
✔ **B) further**
British speakers use further for distance and for degree. Farther is correct for distance but much less common.

15. American style guides prefer one word for physical distance, as in "ten miles ___ along the road". Which one?
✔ **C) farther**
American style guides advise farther for physical distance and further for more or to a greater degree.

16. Without ___ ado, let's welcome our first singer!
✔ **B) further**
Without further ado is a fixed phrase meaning without any more delay. Furthermore is a linking word, not an adjective.

17. That's the ___ I can go on price: £200 and not a penny more.
✔ **A) furthest**
After the we need the superlative. Furthest works for degree as well as distance. Most far is never correct.

18. If you want a good pizza, look no ___: this café makes the best in town.
✔ **D) further**
Look no further means you have found what you need. Far is irregular, so more far is wrong.

19. The bus stop is just a bit ___ along this road.
✔ **A) further**
Further is already a comparative, so don't put more in front of it. Say a bit further.

20. She didn’t just tidy her room; she went one step ___ and cleaned the kitchen too.
✓ B) further
Go one step further means do even more than you needed to.

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