ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. _____ a fluent speaker of English?
✔ **D) Is she**
To make a question with **be**, put **is** before the subject: **She is → Is she …?** Not **Does she**, because there is no other verb here.

2. This is a desk, and _____ tables.
✔ **A) those are**
Tables is plural, so we need a plural word and a plural verb: **those are**. **That is** and **that are** are for one thing.

3. This is _____ boyfriend.
✔ **D) her**
Before a noun we use **her** (**her boyfriend**). Not **hers**, because **hers** is used without a noun: **The book is hers.**

4. There are _____ people in the office.
✔ **C) some**
In positive sentences we use **some** with plural nouns: **There are some people. Any** is for questions and negatives.

5. _____ money on Helen's table?
✔ **D) Is there any**
In questions we use **Is there any …?** with uncountable nouns like **money**. Not **There is some**, because that is not a question.

6. A: Where's Helen?

B: She _____ in the office.
✔ **A) is sitting**
We talk about what is happening now, so we use **is** + **-ing**: **She is sitting.**

7. She _____ French and English, so she has got a good job.
✔ **B) speaks**
This is a fact about her, so we use the present simple. With **she** we add **-s**: **she speaks**.

8. A: What _____?

B: She is writing a letter.
✔ **C) is she doing**
The answer **She is writing** is about now, so the question is **What is she doing?** Not **she is doing**, because in questions **is** comes before **she**.

9. She _____ speaks no foreign languages.
✔ **B) (no word)**
The word **no** already makes the sentence negative, so we need no other word: **She speaks no foreign languages.** Not **doesn't**, because then the verb must be **speak** without **-s**.

10. A: Are Peter and Mary still sitting in the office?

B: No, _____.
✔ **D) they aren't**
The question starts with **Are they …?**, so the short answer is **No, they aren't.**

11. What language _____?
✔ **A) do you speak**
In present simple questions we use **do** before the subject: **What language do you speak?**

12. A: Are there any people in the bar?

B: No, _____.
✔ **B) there aren't**
People is plural, so the short answer is **No, there aren't.** Not **there isn't**, which is for one thing.

13. Helen has got only _____ money.
✔ **B) a little**
Money is uncountable, so we use **a little**: **only a little money**. Not **few**, because **few** is for things we can count.

14. A: Do you want some tea?

B: No, I don't want _____. Thank you!
✔ **C) anything**
After a negative verb (**don't want**) we use **anything**. Not **nothing**, because English doesn't use two negatives together.

15. I'm sorry, but I _____ the test yet.
✔ **B) haven't finished**
With **yet** we use the present perfect: **I haven't finished the test yet.** Not **didn't finish**, because in British English **yet** goes with the present perfect.

16. _____ English before?
✔ **D) Have you studied**
Before asks about your life up to now, so we use the present perfect: **Have you studied English before?**

17. Mary _____ to the bank on Monday.
✔ **D) went**
On Monday is a finished time in the past, so we use the past simple: **went**.

18. Mary _____ hasn't telephoned Peter.
✔ **B) still**
Still goes before a negative verb: **She still hasn't telephoned.** Not **yet**, because **yet** goes at the end: **She hasn't telephoned yet.**

19. Peter _____ in the living room when the phone rang.
✓ A) was sitting
For an action in progress when something else happened, we use the past continuous: **was sitting** … **when the phone rang**.

20. A: What _____?

B: She wanted to talk to him.
✓ B) did she want
The answer is in the past simple, so the question uses **did**: **What did she want?** Not **she wanted**, because questions need **did** before the subject.

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