ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. _____ a pencil in my bag which you can borrow.
✓ **D) There's**
We use **there is** (**there's**) to say that something exists or is in a place: **There's a pencil in my bag.** Not **It's**, because **it** needs a thing we have already talked about.

2. It gets very hot there in the summer, _____?
✓ **C) doesn't it**
The verb is **gets** (present simple), so the question tag uses **doesn't**: **It gets hot, doesn't it?** Not **isn't it**, because there is no **is** in the sentence.

3. Don't worry, I'll do the shopping for you today; I _____ the office early on Fridays.
✓ **C) leave**
On Fridays shows a regular habit or timetable, so we use the present simple: **I leave the office early on Fridays.** Not **am leaving**, because the present continuous is for one planned event, not something that happens every week.

4. Henry remembered Mary's birthday and _____.
✓ **D) sent her a gift**
The normal word order is verb + person + thing: **sent her a gift** (or **sent a gift to her**). The verb **sent** must come before the objects.

5. I see you are still doing your math homework. How many problems _____ so far?
✓ **D) have you finished**
So far means 'from the start until now', so we use the present perfect: **How many problems have you finished so far?** Not **are you finishing**, because we ask about the result up to now.

6. My brother finished his dinner _____ than my sister.
✓ **C) more quickly**
Than needs a comparative. The adverb **quickly** describes how he finished, and its comparative is **more quickly**. Not **more quicker**, because we never use **more** together with **-er**.

7. I _____ to get on the bus when the doors closed and I was left behind.
✓ **A) was going**
Was going to + verb means you planned or were about to do something in the past, but it did not happen: **I was going to get on the bus when the doors closed.** Not **had gone**, because that means the action was already finished.

8. He's already about _____ his father.
✓ **B) as tall as**
To say two things are equal, we use **as** + adjective + **as**: **He's about as tall as his father.** Not **as tall than**, because **than** goes only with comparatives like **taller**.

9. Ali has been with us _____ three years.
✓ **D) for**
We use **for** with a length of time (**for three years**) and **since** with a starting point (**since 2020**). **Three years** is a length of time, so **for** is right.

10. This morning you _____ me about your father's accident when we were interrupted. I'd like to hear the rest of the story.
✓ **B) were telling**
The past continuous (**were telling**) shows an action in progress when another action interrupted it (**when we were interrupted**). Not **told**, because the story was not finished – the speaker wants to hear the rest.

11. A: Have you heard anything from Tom lately?

B: Yes, let me be the first to tell you _____ good news about him.
✓ **A) the**
We use **the** because the news is specific – the news **about him**: **let me tell you the good news.** Not **these**, because **news** is uncountable and takes a singular word like **this**.

12. How _____ have you been to Germany?
✓ **C) many times**
How many times asks about the number of visits: **How many times have you been to Germany?** – **Twice.** Not **how long ago**, because that goes with the past simple, not the present perfect.

13. Where have you been? I've been looking for you _____.
✓ **A) everywhere**
Everywhere means 'in all places': **I've been looking for you everywhere.** Not **anywhere**, because **anywhere** is used mainly in questions and negatives.

14. Jack is not only a good student _____ a fine athlete.
✓ **C) but also**
The pair is **not only … but also**: **He is not only a good student but also a fine athlete.** Not **as well as**, because it does not go with **not only**.

15. The police wanted _____ our car to a side street.
✓ **A) us to move**
After **want** we use object + **to** + verb: **The police wanted us to move our car.** Not **we moved**, because **want** is not followed by a **that**-clause.

16. This lesson is _____ than I expected.
✓ **A) much harder**
Than needs a comparative. **Hard** is a short adjective, so its comparative is **harder**, and **much** makes it stronger: **much harder than I expected.** Not **more hard**, because short adjectives take **-er**.

17. A: He’s the best person for the job.

B: I _____ so, too, but now I’m not sure.
✓ B) used to think
Used to + verb describes something that was true in the past but is not true now. The clue is **but now I'm not sure**: **I used to think so.** Not **think**, because B does not think so now.

18. You may find the end of the story quite _____.
✓ C) surprising
Adjectives ending in **-ing** describe the thing that causes a feeling; **-ed** adjectives describe how a person feels. The end of the story causes surprise, so it is **surprising**. Not **surprised**, because a story cannot feel anything.

19. A: Mary’s very late. I hope nothing has happened to her.

B: _____.
✓ C) So do I
To agree with a positive sentence in the present simple (**I hope …**), we say **So do I**. Not **Neither do I**, because **neither** agrees with negative sentences.

20. The advisor has not yet returned the student lists, but when _____, they will be put on the bulletin board.
✓ C) he does
After **when** we use the present simple for the future, and **does** replaces **returns them**: **when he does** (= when he returns them). Not **he will**, because we don't use **will** after **when** in future time clauses.

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