ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. I haven’t eaten anything _____.
✓ **B) since yesterday morning**
Use **since** with a starting point in time (**since yesterday morning**) and **for** with a length of time (**for five hours**). **Since five hours** and **for yesterday morning** mix the two up.

2. The teacher told us _____ noise in class.
✓ **B) not to make**
In reported commands, use **tell someone (not) to + verb**: **The teacher told us not to make noise.** Not **don't make**, because direct-speech forms change in reported speech.

3. I can’t remember the writer of the book _____ I have just read.
✓ **D) that**
The relative clause describes **the book**, a thing, so use **that** (or **which**). **Who** and **whom** are for people, and **whose** shows possession.

4. We will have another test tomorrow. I wish _____.
✓ **A) we didn't have one**
To wish a present or future situation were different, use **wish + past simple**: **I wish we didn't have one.** Not **we don't have one** or **we won't have one**, because **wish** is not followed by present or future forms.

5. Find the driver _____ car is blocking the entrance.
✓ **D) whose**
Whose shows possession: it is the driver's car. **Which** and **whom** do not show possession, and **what** is not a relative pronoun here.

6. I didn’t take the test last week. I wish _____.
✓ **C) I had taken it**
To express regret about the past, use **wish + past perfect**: **I wish I had taken it.** The clue is **last week**. Not **I took it**, because the past simple is used for wishes about the present.

7. I haven’t had a peaceful day _____ six months.
✓ **C) for**
Six months is a length of time, so use **for** with the present perfect. **Since** needs a starting point, e.g. **since January**.

8. She likes Turkish coffee _____.
✓ **B) very much**
After **like** at the end of a sentence, we say **very much**: **She likes Turkish coffee very much.** Not **much** alone, because it sounds wrong in positive sentences like this.

9. Was the sound _____ you heard like the roar of a lion?
✓ **A) that**
That introduces a relative clause about a thing (**the sound**); **which** would also work. Not **what**, because **what** cannot follow a noun as a relative pronoun.

10. Mary _____ the house early yesterday morning.
✓ **A) left**
Yesterday morning is a finished past time, so use the past simple **left**. Not **has left**, because the present perfect is not used with a finished time like **yesterday**.

11. She’d rather that _____ with her homework.
✓ **C) you helped**
When the subject of **would rather** is different from the other person, use **would rather (that) + subject + past simple**: **She'd rather you helped with her homework.** The past form here talks about the present or future, not the past.

12. Which book _____?
✓ **D) does Mary like**
In present simple questions, use **does + subject + base verb**: **Which book does Mary like?** Not **does Mary likes**, because after **does** the verb has no -s.

13. The manager made _____ its doors at 8 a.m. every day.
✓ **C) the shop open**
In the active voice, **make** is followed by an object and a bare infinitive (no **to**): **made the shop open**. Not **the shop to open**, because **to** is only used after **make** in the passive (**The shop was made to open**).

14. She swims _____ than I do.
✓ **C) better**
Than shows a comparison, and the comparative of **well** is **better**: **She swims better than I do. Good** and **well** are not comparative forms.

15. _____ Tom nor his sister really cares about football.
✓ **D) Neither**
Nor goes together with **neither**: **Neither Tom nor his sister cares about football.** Not **Either**, because **either** goes with **or**.

16. You _____ the car carelessly because it is still very dirty.
✓ **C) must have cleaned**
Must have + past participle expresses a confident guess about the past. The clue is **it is still very dirty**, so you probably cleaned it carelessly. Not **can't have cleaned**, because that would mean you certainly did not clean it carelessly, which goes against the clue.

17. _____ help our friends, shall we?
✔ **A) Let's**
Let's + base verb makes a suggestion, and its question tag is **shall we?** Not **Shall we**, because the sentence would then need a question mark, not a tag.

18. I am interested _____ swimming.
✔ **B) in**
We say **interested in** something: **I am interested in swimming.**

19. He's been with us _____ ten years.
✔ **D) for**
Ten years is a length of time, so use **for** with the present perfect (**He's been**). **Since** needs a starting point, e.g. **since 2015**.

20. Children often cut _____ with a knife.
✔ **D) themselves**
The subject is **children** (plural), so the reflexive pronoun is **themselves**. **Himself** and **herself** are for one person.

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