ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. _____ people don't know what the weather is like in other countries.
✔ **C) Most**
Use **most** directly before a plural noun to talk about people in general: **Most people**. Not **Most of**, because **most of** needs **the**, **my**, **these** etc. before the noun (**most of the people**).

2. Our government spends _____ money on schools.
✔ **C) a lot of**
Money is uncountable. In positive sentences we usually say **a lot of** with uncountable nouns: **spends a lot of money**. **Many** and **a few** are only for countable nouns.

3. We did _____ exercises yesterday without making _____ mistakes.
✔ **A) some / any**
Use **some** in positive statements (**We did some exercises**). **Without** has a negative meaning, so it is followed by **any**: **without making any mistakes**. Not **no**, because **without … no** is a double negative.

4. The boys ate _____ sandwiches, but they didn't drink _____ milk at all.
✔ **C) some / any**
Use **some** in a positive sentence (**ate some sandwiches**) and **any** in a negative sentence (**didn't drink any milk**). Not **no**, because **didn't … no** is a double negative.

5. That man never does _____ work.
✔ **B) any**
Never makes the sentence negative, so we use **any** before the noun: **never does any work**. **Anything** cannot go before a noun.

6. They have _____ butter.
✔ **A) some**
Butter is uncountable, and this is a positive sentence, so we use **some**: **They have some butter**. We can't use **a** or **one** with uncountable nouns.

7. They don't know _____ people in Florida.
✔ **D) many**
People is a plural countable noun, and the sentence is negative, so we use **many**: **They don't know many people**. **Much** is for uncountable nouns.

8. _____ the volcanoes in Japan are active.
✔ **B) Several of**
Before **the** + plural noun we need **of**: **Several of the volcanoes**. Not **Few**, because **few the volcanoes** has no **of**; it would need to be **Few of the volcanoes**.

9. The animal was hiding _____ a tree.
✔ **B) behind**
To hide, the animal goes where we can't see it, so it is **behind** the tree (on the other side of it). **In front of** means the opposite.

10. _____ my friends live near me.
✔ **B) Most of**
Before **my**, **the**, **these** etc. we say **most of**: **Most of my friends**. Not **Most**, because **most my friends** is wrong.

11. Helen works _____ a large office.
✔ **B) in**
We use **in** for being inside a building or room: **She works in a large office**. **Into** shows movement, not a place where you are.

12. My friend leads _____ a very easy life.
✔ **C) _____**
Lead a life needs no preposition: **She leads a very easy life** means she lives an easy life. So the gap stays empty.

13. A lot of students were standing _____ a queue.
✔ **A) in**
We say **stand in a queue** (a line of people waiting). Not **on**.

14. The women are not interested _____ the demonstration in the park.
✔ **D) in**
Interested is always followed by **in**: **interested in the demonstration**.

15. The party will start _____ Sunday.
✔ **D) at 8 o'clock on**
Use **at** with clock times and **on** with days: **at 8 o'clock on Sunday**.

16. An old car was parked _____ the house.
✔ **C) in front of**
The full expression is **in front of**: **parked in front of the house**. **In front** without **of** cannot go before a noun.

17. He takes good care _____ his motorcycle.
✔ **B) of**
The expression is **take care of** something: **He takes good care of his motorcycle**. Not **for**.

18. A: Is this _____ book you were telling me about?

B: Yes, it is about _____ life of Queen Victoria.
✔ B) the / the
Use **the** when both people know which thing we mean: **the book you were telling me about**. We also say **the life of** someone, because it is a specific life.

19. The blue whale is _____ of all living mammals.
✔ A) the largest
With **of all** we use the superlative with **the**: **the largest of all living mammals**. Not **largest**, because the superlative needs **the** here. Not **larger than**, because **larger than** compares two things and cannot be followed by **of all**.

20. Tom plays tennis well, but he's not very good _____ basketball.
✔ B) at
We say **good at** an activity or sport: **good at basketball**. Not **in**.

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