ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. We are planning to have our flat _____ this year.
✔ **B) painted**
We use **have + object + past participle** when someone else does a job for us. Painters will paint the flat, so we say **have our flat painted**. Not **painting** or **paint**: after the object we need the past participle.

2. She needs to _____ a molar tooth filled this afternoon.
✔ **C) get**
Get + object + past participle means the same as **have something done**: a dentist will fill the tooth for her. **Do**, **let** and **make** are not used in this structure with a past participle.

3. We last _____ the carpets _____ a year ago; they now look dirty again.
✔ **D) had / cleaned**
Last and **a year ago** show the past simple, so we need **had + object + past participle**: **had the carpets cleaned**. Not **got / clean**: the verb after the object must be the past participle **cleaned**.

4. Lucy _____ her hair _____ when I saw her at the hairdresser's.
✔ **B) was having / done**
When I saw her shows an action in progress at a past moment, so we use the past continuous: **was having her hair done**. The hairdresser did her hair, so the past participle **done** follows the object.

5. Tom _____ all his shirts and trousers _____ because he was going abroad on business for a month.
✔ **A) got / ironed**
Someone else ironed Tom's clothes, so we use **get + object + past participle**: **got his shirts ironed**. The past tense matches **was going**. **Let**, **had … ironing** and **made … to iron** are not correct forms of this structure.

6. Jonathan never _____ his shoes _____ and always wears awful clothes.
✔ **C) has / polished**
Never and **always wears** describe a habit in the present, so we use the present simple: **never has his shoes polished**. After the object we need the past participle **polished**, not **polish** or **to polish**.

7. They _____ their old house _____ yet because they still don't have enough money.
✔ **D) can't get / renovated**
Can't shows they are not able to do it because of money, and **get + object + past participle** means someone else will do the work: **can't get their old house renovated**. Not **needn't have had**: that means they did it but it wasn't necessary.

8. You _____ your eyes _____ at least twice a year because eye health is very important.
✔ **B) must have / tested**
Must gives strong advice about something important, followed by **have + object + past participle**: **must have your eyes tested**. Not **had to get**: the sentence is about now (**is very important**), not the past.

9. If you don't want your dog to have fleas, you _____ it _____ regularly.
✔ **D) had better have / treated**
Had better gives strong advice, and the vet does the job, so we use have + object + past participle: **had better have it treated**. Not **should have got**: that talks about a past mistake, not regular advice.

10. I don't need to go to the hairdresser's _____ my hair _____ because I do it myself at home.
✔ **B) to get / dyed**
We use **to** to show purpose: I go to the hairdresser's **to get my hair dyed**. After the object we need the past participle **dyed**, because the hairdresser does it for me.

11. Spencer always _____ his suits _____ by a tailor because he can't find any in his size.
✔ **A) has to get / made**
Always shows a present habit, and **has to** shows necessity: **has to get his suits made** by a tailor. Not **needs to get / make**: after the object we need the past participle **made**.

12. Why _____ you _____ a burglar alarm _____ in your house yet? This is a dangerous neighbourhood.
✔ **C) haven't / had / installed**
Yet is a clue for the present perfect: **Why haven't you had a burglar alarm installed?** The past participle **installed** shows that someone else does the job.

13. I have forgotten _____ the broken tap _____ again.
✔ **D) to have / fixed**
Forget + to-infinitive means you didn't remember to do something you needed to do: **forgotten to have the tap fixed**. A plumber fixes it, so we use the past participle **fixed** after the object.

14. I think you _____ those rashes on your hand _____ by a physician immediately.
✔ **A) should have / examined**
Should gives advice, followed by **have + object + past participle**: **should have those rashes examined** by a doctor. Not **used to get**: that describes a past habit, which doesn't fit **immediately**.

15. I have had such a lot of work recently that I have not been able to _____ my hair _____.
✓ **C) get / cut**
Get + object + past participle means someone else does it: **get my hair cut** at the hairdresser's. **Cut** is also the past participle. Not **have / to cut**: we don't use **to** after the object.

16. In the past ten years, many car owners _____ LPG tanks _____ in their cars to spend less on fuel.
✓ **A) have had / installed**
In the past ten years is a clue for the present perfect: **have had LPG tanks installed**. The past participle **installed** shows that mechanics did the work, not the car owners.

17. Since the jackets of suits cannot be washed like other clothes, you need _____.
✓ **C) to get them dry cleaned**
Need is followed by a to-infinitive, and the jackets are cleaned by someone else: **you need to get them dry cleaned**. Not **to be dry cleaned**: that would mean **you** are cleaned, not the jackets.

18. I am going to _____ my wedding dress _____. I have a very special design in my mind.
✓ **B) have / sewn**
Have + object + past participle shows that a dressmaker will do the work: **have my wedding dress sewn**. Not **get / sew**: after the object we need the past participle **sewn**.

19. You need _____ your silverware _____ from time to time.
✓ **A) to have / polished**
Need takes a to-infinitive, then **have + object + past participle**: **need to have your silverware polished**. We don't use **being** or **be** before the past participle in this structure.

20. We _____ our car _____ while we did the shopping in the nearby mall.
✓ **D) got / washed**
Did the shopping shows the past simple, and someone else washed the car: **got our car washed**. Not **got / to wash**: after the object we need the past participle **washed**.

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