ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. **(Please note: The following questions are part of a cloze test. They are interrelated, meaning that the information provided in each question is connected to the others.)**

When I went to bed last night, I _____ asleep immediately.
✓ **A) fell**
Last night shows a finished action in the past, so we use the past simple: **fell asleep**. Not **was falling**, because falling asleep immediately is a single completed action, not a background action in progress.

2. I _____ tired because I _____ so hard for several hours.
✓ **C) must have been**
Must have been + past participle shows a logical conclusion about the past: the speaker is sure they were tired because they had worked so hard. Not **had to be**, which means an obligation, not a deduction.

3. I _____ tired because I _____ so hard for several hours.
✓ **B) had been working**
The past perfect continuous (**had been working**) describes an action that continued for a period (**for several hours**) up to a moment in the past, when the speaker went to bed. Not **have been working**, because the story is in the past, not connected to now.

4. So I forgot to close the windows before _____ into bed.
✓ **A) getting**
After a preposition such as **before**, we use the -ing form: **before getting into bed**. The fixed phrase is **get into bed**; we say **go to bed**, not **go into bed**.

5. If I had remembered, the thief _____.
✓ **D) would not have got in**
This is a third conditional about an imaginary past: **If** + past perfect (**had remembered**), **would have** + past participle (**would not have got in**). Not **would not get in**, which is for present or future situations.

6. But _____ a perfect opportunity to enter the house.
✓ **D) he was given**
This is a past simple passive with the person as the subject: **he was given a perfect opportunity**. Not **it was given to him**, because the object **a perfect opportunity** already follows the gap, so **it** has no meaning here.

7. The next time I _____ late, I will lock the house carefully.
✓ **C) work**
After time words such as **the next time**, **when** and **before**, we use the present simple for the future: **The next time I work late, I will lock the house**. Not **will work**, because we don't use **will** in the time clause.

8. A policeman came to see me about the theft. "_____ investigate," he said.
✓ **B) I've been told to**
The verb **tell** can take a person as the subject in the passive: **I've been told to investigate**. **Say** cannot be used like this, so **I've been said to** is wrong, and **It has been told me** is not correct English.

9. "So I _____ ask you some questions.
✓ **D) want to**
Want is followed by **to** + infinitive: **I want to ask you some questions**. **Want** is a state verb, so we don't normally use it in the continuous form (**am wanting to**), and **would to** is never correct.

10. First, how _____?"
✓ **D) did the thief get in**
A past simple question with a question word uses **did** + subject + base verb: **How did the thief get in?** Not **the thief got in**, because a question needs the auxiliary **did** before the subject.

11. I told him that I _____ the window open.
✓ **B) had left**
Leave something open means to not close it: **I had left the window open**. The past perfect is used because the action happened before the moment of telling. Not **let**, which means 'allow' and doesn't fit here.

12. "You _____ more careful," he said.
✓ **C) should be**
Should + base verb gives advice: **You should be more careful**. Not **ought be**, because **ought** needs **to**: **ought to be**.

13. "If people _____ their houses properly, we wouldn't have so much work to do."
✓ **A) looked after**
This is a second conditional about an unreal present situation: **If** + past simple (**looked after**), **would** + base verb (**wouldn't have**). Not **looks after**, because the result clause uses **wouldn't**, so the **if** clause needs the past simple.