ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

INTERMEDIATE Test 5

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Explanations

1. My uncle died _____ the war.
✔ **D) in**
We say **in the war** for something that happened at some time in a period of war: **My grandfather fought in the war.** Not **while**, because **while** must be followed by a subject and verb (**while he was fighting**), not a noun.

2. The phone rang _____ I was having supper.
✔ **A) while**
Use **while** before a subject and verb: **while I was having supper**. Not **during**, because **during** is followed by a noun only (**during supper**).

3. I lived in Paris _____ several years.
✔ **C) for**
Use **for** with a period of time to say how long: **for several years**, **for two weeks**. Not **during**, because **during** answers 'when?', not 'how long?'.

4. _____ I was in Paris, I made a lot of friends.
✔ **A) While**
While is followed by a subject and verb: **While I was in Paris…**. Not **During**, which needs a noun: **During my time in Paris…**.

5. I was in hospital _____ three weeks.
✔ **C) for**
Use **for** to say how long something lasted: **for three weeks**. **During** is not used with a length of time like this.

6. _____ my stay in hospital, the nurses looked after me very well.
✔ **B) During**
During is followed by a noun and means 'at some time in' or 'all through' a period: **during my stay**. Not **While**, because it needs a subject and verb (**While I was in hospital…**).

7. A football match lasts _____ ninety minutes.
✔ **C) for**
Use **for** to say how long something lasts: **lasts for ninety minutes**. **During** cannot be used with a length of time.

8. I hurt my leg _____ I was playing football yesterday.
✔ **A) while**
While is followed by a subject and verb: **while I was playing football**. Not **during**, which needs a noun (**during the match**).

9. I hurt my leg _____ the second half of the match.
✔ **D) in**
We say **in the first/second half** of a match or game: **He scored in the second half. Until** means 'up to a time' and does not fit here.

10. Traffic is always bad _____ the rush hour.
✔ **B) during**
During is followed by a noun and refers to a period of time: **during the rush hour**. Not **while**, which needs a subject and verb.

11. Last week I was held up _____ three hours.
✔ **C) for**
Use **for** with a length of time to say how long: **held up for three hours**. **Be held up** means 'be delayed'.

12. Peter came round _____ we were eating.
✔ **A) while**
While is followed by a subject and verb: **while we were eating**. Not **during**, which needs a noun (**during the meal**).

13. Peter came round _____ the meal.
✔ **B) during**
During is followed by a noun: **during the meal**. Not **while**, because it needs a subject and verb (**while we were eating**).

14. It's my birthday _____ next week.
✔ **D) ____**
We use no preposition before **next**, **last**, **this** and **every**: **next week**, **last Monday**. Not **on next week** or **in next week**.

15. "When?"

"_____ Monday."
✔ **C) On**
Use **on** with days and dates: **on Monday**, **on 5 May**.

16. _____ when were you born?
✔ **D) ____**
We use no preposition before the question word **when**: **When were you born?** Not **In when…**.

17. _____ 8.00 _____ the morning.
✔ **A) At / in**
Use **at** with clock times and **in** with parts of the day: **at 8.00 in the morning**.

18. I'm meeting Alan _____ this evening.
✔ **D) ____**
We use no preposition before **this**, **next** and **last**: **this evening**, **next Friday**. Not **in this evening**.

19. "What time?"

"_____ six."
✔ **A) At**
Use **at** with clock times: **at six**, **at half past ten**.

20. What did you do _____ the weekend?
✓ A) at
In British English we say **at the weekend** (American English uses **on the weekend**). Not **in**, which we don't use with **the weekend**.

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