ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Its or It’s Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. The cat is washing ___ face.
✔ **D) its**
The face belongs to the cat, so we need its. It is face makes no sense.

2. ___ raining again, so take your umbrella.
✔ **D) It’s**
It is raining works, so write the short form it’s.

3. ___ been a long day and I’m tired.
✔ **C) It’s**
Here it’s means it has: It has been a long day.

4. The company moved ___ head office to Leeds.
✔ **B) its**
The head office belongs to the company. Ownership has no apostrophe: its.

5. Which of these is never correct in English?
✔ **A) its’**
Its’ does not exist. The only two forms are its (belonging to it) and it’s (it is, it has).

6. I like this phone, but ___ battery doesn’t last long.
✔ **B) its**
The battery belongs to the phone, so we need its.

7. “Is the museum open today?” “Yes, ___.”
✔ **C) it is**
At the end of a short answer we use the full form: Yes, it is.

8. The tree has lost all ___ leaves, and ___ only October.
✔ **B) its … it’s**
The leaves belong to the tree (its). It is only October (it’s).

9. Look at that car. ___ got three wheels!
✔ **A) It’s**
It’s got means it has got. It’s can stand for it has before a past participle.

10. Each country has ___ own flag.
✔ **A) its**
Its own shows ownership, so there is no apostrophe.

11. I don’t know ___ bag this is, but ___ very heavy.
✔ **C) whose … it’s**
Whose shows ownership, like its. It’s very heavy means it is very heavy.

12. In a formal report, don’t write “It’s clear that sales fell”. Write “___ clear that sales fell”.
✔ **D) It is**
Formal writing avoids short forms. It’s clear means it is clear.

13. Which sentence is correct?
✔ **A) It’s time to go home.**
It is time to go home works, so it’s is right. The other three need its, It’s and its.

14. A good story keeps ___ biggest secret until the last page.
✔ **B) its**
The secret belongs to the story, so we need its.

15. Which sentence has a mistake?
✔ **C) The city is proud of it’s history.**
The history belongs to the city, so it should be its history, with no apostrophe.

16. The baby can’t sit up on ___ own yet.
✔ **C) its**
On its own shows ownership, so there is no apostrophe. On it is own makes no sense.

17. “Shall we go to the beach or the park?” “___ up to you.”
✔ **B) It’s**
It is up to you works, so we write the short form it’s.

18. The new café is the first of ___ kind in our town.
✔ **D) its**
The kind belongs to the café, so we need its. The first of it is kind makes no sense.

19. ___ very cold yesterday, so we stayed at home.
✔ **C) It was**
It’s means it is or it has, never it was. For the past we write it was in full.

20. “What does your new house look like?” “___ a red door and a big garden.”
✔ **D) It has**
Here has is the main verb, so we don’t shorten it. It’s a red door would mean it is a red door.