ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Pronouns – Adverbs – Adjectives – Determiners (Elementary / Pre-Intermediate) Test 8

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Explanations

1. Bill swims _____ than Robert.
✓ **A) faster**
We use the comparative with **than** to compare two people: **fast → faster than**. **Bill swims faster than Robert.**

2. How _____ butter do you need?
✓ **A) much**
Butter is uncountable, so we ask **How much …?** We use **How many** with plural nouns, like **How many eggs?**

3. Colombia is the _____ country in the world.
✓ **D) wettest**
After **the** and with **in the world** we use the superlative: **wet → the wettest**.

4. He thinks that their team is the _____ one in Italy.
✓ **C) best**
After **the** and with **in Italy** we use the superlative: **good → better → the best**.

5. Who sings the _____ in your class?
✓ **D) most happily**
Sings is a verb, so we need an adverb (**happily**). With **the** and **in your class** we use the superlative: **the most happily**.

6. My father is sick. I'm worried about _____.
✓ **B) him**
After **about** we use an object pronoun. **My father** is a man, so we say **him**.

7. I saw Ann at the party but I didn't talk to _____.
✓ **D) her**
After **talk to** we use an object pronoun. **Ann** is a woman, so we say **her**. Not **she**, because **she** comes before a verb.

8. A: Why doesn't Pete have any teeth?

B: Because he _____ brushed them.
✓ **D) never**
Pete has no teeth, so he did not brush them at all: **he never brushed them**.

9. Almost all of my father's teeth are good because he _____ brushes them.
✓ **A) usually**
His teeth are good, so he brushes them most of the time: **usually**. Not **sometimes**, because that is not often enough to keep teeth good.

10. Paul doesn't feel very good now. In six weeks he's going to feel _____.
✓ **B) better**
We compare how Paul feels now and in six weeks, so we use the comparative: **good → better**. **Feel** is followed by an adjective, not an adverb like **badly**.

11. Kate is _____ than any other actress on TV.
✓ **C) prettier**
The word **than** tells us we need a comparative: **pretty → prettier than**. **Prettier than any other actress** means she is the prettiest.

12. It's very _____. It's going to rain.
✓ **A) cloudy**
After **very** we need an adjective. **Cloudy** means there are a lot of clouds, so it's going to rain. **Cloudless** means no clouds.

13. They're good players, but we can beat _____.
✓ **D) them**
After a verb like **beat** we use an object pronoun: **them**. Not **they**, because **they** comes before a verb.

14. Lisa likes to read _____ horoscope.
✓ **B) her**
Before a noun (**horoscope**) we use a possessive adjective. Lisa is a woman, so it is **her horoscope**. Not **hers**, because **hers** is used without a noun.

15. The kitchen looks beautiful. Have you cleaned _____, Mary?
✓ **C) it**
After **cleaned** we need an object pronoun for **the kitchen** (one thing): **it**. **It's** means **it is**, and **its** needs a noun after it.

16. Sam and Bob went swimming with _____ sister, Lisa.
✓ **A) their**
Before a noun (**sister**) we use a possessive adjective. Sam and Bob are two people, so it is **their sister**.

17. I think he was driving _____.
✓ **D) carelessly**
Driving is a verb, so we need an adverb: **careless → carelessly**. Not **dangerous**, because it is an adjective (the adverb is **dangerously**).

18. I don't know why she behaves so _____ sometimes.
✓ **B) badly**
Behaves is a verb, so we need an adverb: **bad → badly**. Not **strange**, because it is an adjective (the adverb is **strangely**).

19. This bag isn’t _____ it looks.
✓ C) as light as
To say two things are (not) the same we use **(not) as + adjective + as**. **Looks** is followed by an adjective, so **as light as**, not **as lightly as**.

20. I haven’t _____ been as fat as I am now.
✓ A) ever
The verb is already negative (**haven't**), so we use **ever**: **I haven't ever been …** Not **never**, because we don't use two negatives together.

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