ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Pronouns – Adverbs – Adjectives – Determiners (Elementary / Pre-Intermediate) Test 16

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Explanations

1. The weather changed _____. There was an _____ change in the weather.
✓ **C) unexpectedly / unexpected**
The first gap describes the verb **changed**, so we need the adverb **unexpectedly**. The second gap describes the noun **change**, so we need the adjective **unexpected**.

2. Her condition improved _____. There was a _____ improvement in her condition.
✓ **D) steadily / steady**
The first gap describes how her condition **improved** (a verb), so we use the adverb **steadily**. The second gap describes the noun **improvement**, so we use the adjective **steady**.

3. Fleming discovered penicillin _____.
✓ **A) accidentally**
We need an adverb to describe how he **discovered** it: **accidentally** (by chance). Not **on accident**; the usual phrase is **by accident**.

4. The _____ discovery of penicillin by Fleming in 1928 made the effective treatment of many bacterial diseases possible.
✓ **A) accidental**
The gap comes before the noun **discovery**, so we need an adjective: **accidental**. **Accidentally** is an adverb and cannot describe a noun.

5. The _____ of the forest will result in the _____ of many animal species.
✓ **B) destruction / disappearance**
After **the** and before **of**, both gaps need nouns: **the destruction of the forest**, **the disappearance of many species**. **Disappear** and **destruct** are verbs.

6. A: Who told you they were moving?

B: They told me _____.
✓ **C) themselves**
Themselves here means 'they, and not another person': **They told me themselves.** Not **by themselves**, which means 'alone, without help'.

7. The toes of her shoes are open. She always wears open-_____ shoes.
✓ **D) toed**
Shoes with open toes are **open-toed** shoes. We add **-ed** to make an adjective: **open-toed**, **long-legged**, **blue-eyed**.

8. I didn't buy the sweater because it wasn't _____.
✓ **B) washable**
Washable means 'you can wash it'. The suffix **-able** means 'can be done': **washable**, **readable**.

9. My chest hurts _____ I breathe.
✓ **A) whenever**
Whenever means 'every time': **My chest hurts whenever I breathe.**

10. Larry is a friendly person. He meets new people _____ he goes.
✓ **C) wherever**
Wherever means 'in every place': **He meets new people wherever he goes.** Not **whenever**, because **goes** here is about places.

11. You must do _____ he says.
✓ **B) whatever**
Whatever means 'anything' or 'everything that': **You must do whatever he says.**

12. _____ solved that problem must be very smart.
✓ **D) Whoever**
Whoever means 'the person who' and is the subject of **solved**. Not **Whomever**, because we need a subject form, not an object form.

13. We haven't enjoyed _____ so much for years.
✓ **C) ourselves**
The subject is **we**, so we say **enjoyed ourselves**. **Enjoy yourself** means 'have a good time'.

14. Have you heard about Sally? She hurt _____ playing tennis.
✓ **B) herself**
Sally did the action to her own body, so we use **herself**: **She hurt herself.** Not **by herself**, which means 'alone'.

15. Her children are too young to look after _____.
✓ **D) themselves**
The children look after the same people, the children, so we use **themselves**: **look after themselves**.

16. That is a beautiful dress you're wearing. Did you make it _____?
✓ **C) yourself**
We are talking to one person (**you're wearing**), so we use **yourself**: **Did you make it yourself?** **Yourselves** is for more than one person.

17. Many lakes and rivers are being _____ polluted.
✓ **D) dangerously**
We need an adverb to describe the adjective/verb **polluted**: **dangerously polluted**.

18. Vitamins are produced synthetically in large quantities. This has made them _____ and _____ available to most of the population.
✔ A) cheaply / easily
Both gaps describe the adjective **available**, so we need two adverbs: **cheaply and easily available**. **Cheapness** is a noun and cannot go here.

19. Several new dams are being constructed. This will help to control floods and provide water for _____.
✔ D) irrigation
After **water for** we need a noun: **irrigation** (bringing water to fields so plants can grow).

20. A problem of fundamental _____ for the developing countries is that of slowing down population growth.
✔ A) importance
After **fundamental** we need a noun: **of fundamental importance** means 'very important'. **Vital**, **urgent** and **serious** are adjectives.

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