ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Tenses – Passives (Elementary / Pre-Intermediate) Test 3

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Explanations

1. Please _____ a bottle of ketchup, Janet.
✓ **D) buy**
After **Please** we use the base form of the verb to ask someone to do something: **Please buy …**

2. Her hands are dirty. She'd _____ a bar of soap.
✓ **A) like**
She'd = **she would**. After **would** we use the base form: **She'd like** a bar of soap.

3. Let him _____ two tubes of toothpaste.
✓ **C) buy**
After **let him** we use the base form without **to**: **Let him buy …**

4. Peter _____ his hair now. He _____ it every day.
✓ **A) is washing / washes**
Now tells us the action is happening at this moment, so we say **is washing**. **Every day** is a habit, so we say **washes**, with -s for **he**.

5. She is setting the table. They are _____ lunch.
✓ **D) going to have**
She is setting the table, so we can see that lunch is coming soon. We use **are going to have** for this.

6. A: Does his father play tennis?

B: No. He _____ to learn.
✓ **A) is going**
He doesn't play tennis now, but he has a plan to learn it. We say **He is going to learn**. Not **will**, because we say **will learn**, not **will to learn**.

7. It's dark in here. Can you _____ the light?
✓ **B) turn on**
After **Can you** we use the base form: **Can you turn on the light?**

8. We _____ to the theatre tonight.
✓ **B) are going**
We use **are going** (present continuous) for a plan we have made for the future, like **tonight**. Not **going**, because we need **are** before it.

9. She usually _____ breakfast at 7:30.
✓ **C) eats**
Usually shows a habit, so we use the present simple. With **she** the verb has -s: **eats**.

10. I _____ Turkish folk music.
✓ **D) like**
With **I**, the verb has no -s: **I like** Turkish folk music. Not **listen**, because we say **listen to** music.

11. My brother and I _____ football on Sundays.
✓ **A) play**
My brother and I = **we**, and **on Sundays** is a habit. So we use **play**, with no -s.

12. His sister _____ tennis on Wednesday.
✓ **B) plays**
His sister = **she**, so the present simple verb has -s: **plays**.

13. George _____ television before bed.
✓ **D) watches**
This is a habit, so we use the present simple with -s for **he**: **watches**. We **watch** television; we don't **look** television.

14. _____ you at home yesterday morning?
✓ **B) Were**
Yesterday is in the past, and **at home** comes after the verb **be**. With **you** we use **Were**: **Were you at home?**

15. He _____ late yesterday.
✓ **D) was**
Yesterday shows the past. The past of **is** with **he** is **was**.

16. They _____ ready in class yesterday.
✓ **C) weren't**
Yesterday shows the past. With **they** we use **were**, and the negative is **weren't**.

17. Yesterday he _____ lunch in a restaurant.
✓ **A) had**
Yesterday shows the past. The past simple of **have** is **had**.

18. She _____ a sweater last Tuesday.
✓ **B) bought**
Last Tuesday shows the past. The past simple of **buy** is **bought**.

19. He _____ his father yesterday morning.
✓ **D) phoned**
Yesterday morning shows the past. We add -ed to make the past simple: **phoned**.

20. I won't _____ to class tomorrow.
✓ **A) come**
After **won't** (**will not**) we use the base form: **I won't come**.