ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Tenses – Passives (Elementary / Pre-Intermediate) Test 7

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Explanations

1. He _____ an aspirin half an hour ago.
✔ **C) took**
Half an hour ago is a finished time in the past, so we use the past simple: **took**.

2. The Nile _____ into the Mediterranean Sea.
✔ **A) flows**
This is a fact that is always true, so we use the present simple: **The Nile flows into the Mediterranean Sea.** Not **is flowing**, because the present continuous is for actions happening now or for a short time.

3. The weather forecast says it _____ tomorrow.
✔ **B) is going to snow**
We use **going to** for a prediction based on what we know now, such as a weather forecast: **it is going to snow tomorrow**.

4. _____ he married?
✔ **B) Is**
Married is an adjective here, so the question uses the verb **be**: **Is he married?** Not **Does**, because we don't use **do/does** with **be**.

5. A: _____ tennis this afternoon?

B: Yes, I am.
✔ **B) Are you playing**
The answer **Yes, I am** shows the question uses **are**. We use the present continuous for plans: **Are you playing tennis this afternoon?**

6. A: We visited the Hitit Museum.

B: Where else _____?
✔ **B) did you visit**
A talks about a finished visit with **visited**, so B also uses the past simple: **Where else did you visit?** Not **have you visited**, because the visit is already finished in the past.

7. A: Was he waiting for you?

B: No. He _____ still _____.
✔ **C) was / working**
The question **Was he waiting…?** is in the past continuous, so the answer is too: **He was still working.** We use **was** with **he**, not **were**.

8. It's a nice day, _____?
✔ **A) isn't it**
The sentence is positive and uses **is** (**It's** = It is), so the question tag is negative with **is**: **isn't it?**

9. The war _____ in 1939.
✔ **D) started**
In 1939 is a finished time in the past, so we use the past simple: **started**.

10. The Government has _____ the price of petrol.
✔ **B) increased**
After **has** we use the past participle to make the present perfect: **has increased**.

11. A: _____?

B: Not yet.
✔ **A) Have you read today's paper?**
Not yet is a typical answer to a present perfect question: **Have you read today's paper?** – **Not yet.** (= I haven't read it, but I will.)

12. Why _____ the little girl crying?
✔ **A) is**
Crying is the -ing form, so we need the present continuous with **is** for one person: **Why is the little girl crying?**

13. It's _____ rain soon.
✔ **A) going to**
We use **be going to** + verb for something we can see will happen soon: **It's going to rain soon.**

14. How long will she _____ in London?
✔ **D) stay**
After **will** we use the base form of the verb, without **to** or -ing: **will she stay**.

15. You will _____ tired after work.
✔ **C) be**
After **will** we use the base form of the verb: **will be**.

16. I'd like _____ out tonight.
✔ **D) to go**
Would like is followed by **to** + verb: **I'd like to go out tonight.**

17. I _____ because I had forgotten my homework.
✔ **B) apologized**
Had forgotten (past perfect) shows that the story is in the past, so the main action is in the past simple: **I apologized**.

18. Is it going _____ sunny tomorrow?
✔ **B) to be**
The structure is **be going to** + verb: **Is it going to be sunny tomorrow?**

19. You _____ too fast. Please slow down.
✓ **A) are driving**
Please slow down shows this is happening now, so we use the present continuous: **You are driving too fast.**

20. The train leaves at 4.18, _____ it?
✓ **C) doesn't**
Leaves is present simple and positive, so the question tag is **doesn't it?** Not **isn't**, because there is no **be** in the sentence.

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