ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Tenses – Passives (Elementary / Pre-Intermediate) Test 8

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Explanations

1. I am _____ to some piano music.
✔ **C) listening**
After **am**, we use the **-ing** form for an action happening now: **I am listening**.

2. I _____ phone you after lunch.
✔ **D) will**
We use **will** + verb for a decision or promise about the future: **I will phone you**. Not **going to**, because it needs **am** before it: **I am going to phone**.

3. A: Where is Anna?

B: She's just _____.
✔ **B) left**
She's just left means **She has just left**: she went a moment ago. We use **has just** + past participle for something that happened very recently.

4. William Shakespeare _____ born in 1564.
✔ **D) was**
We use **was born** to say when someone was born: **He was born in 1564.** Not **did**, because we never say **did born**.

5. He _____ in 1616.
✔ **D) died**
In 1616 is a finished time in the past, so we use the past simple: **died**.

6. Don't _____ during the exam.
✔ **B) talk**
After **Don't**, we use the base verb: **Don't talk**.

7. What nationality _____ she?
✔ **A) is**
There is no other verb, so we use **be**. With **she**, we say **is**: **What nationality is she?**

8. He _____ a packet of cigarettes a day.
✔ **C) smokes**
A day shows a habit, so we use the present simple. With **he**, add **-s**: **He smokes**.

9. She _____ shopping every weekend.
✔ **A) goes**
Every weekend shows a habit, so we use the present simple. With **she**, add **-es**: **She goes**.

10. Can I turn off the TV? You _____ it.
✔ **B) aren't watching**
We use the present continuous for what is happening now: **You aren't watching it** at the moment. Not **don't watch**, because that talks about habits.

11. _____ you have a good time last summer?
✔ **B) Did**
Last summer is in the past, so we make the question with **Did**: **Did you have a good time?**

12. When I saw her, she _____ reading.
✔ **A) was**
We use the past continuous (**was** + **-ing**) for an action in progress in the past: **she was reading**. With **she**, we use **was**, not **were**.

13. Who _____ to Janet?
✔ **B) was speaking**
Here **Who** is the person doing the action, so we don't add **he**: **Who was speaking to Janet?** Not **was he speaking**, because that asks about a different person.

14. Who _____ Janet _____ to?
✔ **A) is / speaking**
Here Janet is doing the speaking, so we need a normal question form: **Who is Janet speaking to?** Not **were**, because Janet is one person.

15. _____ you often in a hurry?
✔ **A) Are**
In a hurry goes with the verb **be**, so we say **Are you often in a hurry?**

16. _____ he usually eat very quickly?
✔ **D) Does**
Usually shows a habit, so we use the present simple. With **he**, the question starts with **Does**: **Does he usually eat…?**

17. Last week _____ terrible for me.
✔ **C) was**
Last week is past and singular, so we use **was**: **Last week was terrible**.

18. _____ you got a dishwasher?
✔ **D) Have**
We ask about things people own with **Have you got…?**

19. A: They are not very fond of chips. B: Neither _____.
✔ **B) am I**
A uses **are not**, so B answers with **be**: **Neither am I**. Not **do I**, because the first sentence uses **are**, not **do**.

20. A: She is studying now.

B: So _____.
✔ **A) is her brother**
A uses **is**, so we answer **So is** + person: **So is her brother**. After **So**, the verb comes before the person.