ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Tenses – Passives (Elementary / Pre-Intermediate) Test 10

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Explanations

1. My brother never _____ football when he was younger.
✓ **B) played**
When he was younger is the past, so we use the past simple: **never played**. **Never** is already negative, so we don't use **didn't** with it.

2. A: Do you mind if I _____ your dictionary?

B: No, that's all right.
✓ **C) use**
After **Do you mind if I…** we use the present simple: **Do you mind if I use your dictionary?**

3. She always _____ about her weight when she was younger.
✓ **D) worried**
When she was younger is the past, so we use the past simple: **always worried**.

4. It _____ cloudy tomorrow.
✓ **C) will be**
Tomorrow is the future, so we use **will be**.

5. She is going _____ a dentist.
✓ **B) to be**
We say **be going to** + base verb: **She is going to be a dentist.**

6. A: Would you like a cigarette?

B: No, thanks. _____.
✓ **B) I don't smoke**
We use the present simple for habits, things that are always true about us: **I don't smoke**. Not **I am not smoking**, because that is only about right now.

7. I'm tired, so I _____ to bed.
✓ **C) am going**
The speaker is tired now and is going to bed now or very soon, so we use the present continuous: **am going**.

8. When Fred _____ happy he sings.
✓ **C) is**
This is something that is always true, and **sings** is present simple, so we also use the present simple: **When Fred is happy, he sings.**

9. Has he ever _____ to Paris?
✓ **A) been**
Present perfect: **has** + past participle. To talk about visiting a place, we say **been to**: **Has he ever been to Paris?**

10. A: Where is your mother?

B: She's _____ to the dry-cleaner's.
✓ **C) gone**
She's gone to means she went there and is still there now. Not **been**, because **She's been to** means she went and has come back.

11. We _____ to a new flat next week.
✓ **A) are moving**
We use the present continuous for future plans that are already arranged: **We are moving next week.**

12. I'll wait until he _____.
✓ **A) arrives**
After **until** we use the present simple for the future: **until he arrives**. Not **will arrive**.

13. He's been _____ since nine-thirty.
✓ **D) studying**
Present perfect continuous: **has been** + **-ing**: **He's been studying since nine-thirty.**

14. How long _____ you _____ learning English?
✓ **C) have / been**
How long + an action that started in the past and is still going on takes the present perfect continuous: **How long have you been learning English?**

15. What _____ UNICEF mean?
✓ **B) does**
UNICEF is one thing (he/she/it), and **mean** is a normal verb, so the question uses **does**: **What does UNICEF mean?**

16. When they _____ she was vacuuming the house.
✓ **D) arrived**
A short action (past simple **arrived**) happened in the middle of a longer action (past continuous **was vacuuming**).

17. This time tomorrow I _____ visiting my parents.
✓ **B) will be**
This time tomorrow means an action in progress at a time in the future, so we use the future continuous: **will be visiting**.

18. How many people _____ to the meeting yesterday?
✓ **C) came**
How many people is the subject of the question, so we don't use **did**: **How many people came?** **Yesterday** tells us to use the past simple.

19. When she _____ her room, she broke her reading lamp.
✓ **A) was cleaning**
The longer action in progress takes the past continuous (**was cleaning**), and the short action that happened during it takes the past simple (**broke**). Not **were cleaning**, because **she** takes **was**.

20. Our friends are going to be late, _____?
✓ **D) aren't they**
In a question tag, a positive sentence takes a negative tag with the same verb and subject: **Our friends are…, aren't they?**

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