ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Tenses – Passives (Elementary / Pre-Intermediate) Test 13

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Explanations

1. _____ there a toilet upstairs?
✓ **A) Is**
With **there** + a singular noun we ask questions with **Is there…?**: **Is there a toilet upstairs?**

2. My English is _____ better.
✓ **D) getting**
is getting is the present continuous. It shows something that is changing now: **My English is getting better.**

3. A: Why are you late?

B: I _____ on the wrong bus.
✓ **B) got**
It happened earlier today and is finished, so we use the past simple: **got**.

4. The French Revolution _____ in 1789.
✓ **D) happened**
In 1789 is a finished time in the past, so we use the past simple: **happened**.

5. A: Who discovered penicillin?

B: _____.
✓ **B) It was discovered by Alexander Fleming**
The question is about the past, so B answers with the past passive: **It was discovered by Alexander Fleming**. **It** means penicillin. Not **Penicillin was discovered by him**, because A wants the name, and **him** doesn't tell us who it was.

6. A: Was the telephone invented by Alexander Graham Bell?

B: Yes, _____.
✓ **B) Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone**
The answer says the same thing in the active: the person who did it comes first: **Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone.** The other options change the meaning or use the wrong tense.

7. Who _____ next to you now?
✓ **B) is sitting**
now shows the action is happening at this moment, so we use the present continuous: **is sitting**.

8. A: Can I speak to Mr Rich?

B: I'm sorry, he _____.
✓ **A) is sleeping**
He can't speak now because of what he is doing at this moment, so we use the present continuous: **is sleeping**.

9. Lucy often _____ red.
✓ **D) wears**
often shows a habit, so we use the present simple. With **she/he** we add **-s**: **wears**.

10. A: How was the party?

B: Very nice but Thomas _____ too much.
✓ **D) drank**
The party is finished, so we use the past simple: **drank**. **drunk** is the past participle (**has drunk**).

11. We can't eat rice before it's _____.
✓ **A) cooked**
The rice doesn't cook itself; someone cooks it. So we use the passive: **it's (it is) cooked**.

12. You cannot take good photographs when it _____ cloudy.
✓ **D) is**
This is a general fact, so we use the present simple: **when it is cloudy**.

13. It was raining when I _____ the house this morning.
✓ **C) left**
this morning is finished, and leaving the house was a short action, so we use the past simple: **left**.

14. Bread _____ from wheat.
✓ **A) is made**
This is a general fact about how bread is produced, so we use the present simple passive. **Bread** is singular: **is made**.

15. She _____ to the market right now.
✓ **C) is going**
right now means at this moment, so we use the present continuous: **is going**. Not **went**, because that is about the past.

16. I saw you on the bus yesterday. Where _____ you _____?
✓ **D) were / going**
We ask about an action in progress at a time in the past (**yesterday**, on the bus), so we use the past continuous: **Where were you going?**

17. Our house _____ painted at the moment.
✓ **C) is being**
at the moment shows it is happening now, and someone is doing the painting, so we use the present continuous passive: **is being painted**.

18. She's going _____ an operation.
✓ **B) to have**
For future plans we use **be going to** + verb: **She's going to have an operation.**

19. _____ the meat smell bad?
✓ **C) Does**
smell is a normal verb here, so the question uses **do/does**. **The meat** is singular: **Does the meat smell bad?**

20. I _____ them since Tuesday.
✓ **C) haven’t seen**
since Tuesday means from Tuesday until now, so we use the present perfect: **haven't seen**. Not **hasn't**, because with **I** we use **have**.

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