ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Clauses (Elementary / Pre-Intermediate) Test 8

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Explanations

1. We waited _____ the plane took off.
✔ **D) until**
Until means 'up to the time when'. We waited, and we stopped waiting when the plane took off.

2. We went out _____ it stopped raining.
✔ **B) as soon as**
As soon as means 'immediately after'. The rain stopped, and right then we went out.

3. I hope he gets here _____ the train leaves. There isn't another train today.
✔ **A) before**
He must arrive **before** the train leaves, because there is no other train today. Not **after**: then he would miss the train.

4. You must wait _____ the light changes to green.
✔ **C) until**
Until means 'up to the time when'. You wait, and you stop waiting when the light is green.

5. He hasn't written to us _____ he left.
✔ **A) since**
Use **since** with the present perfect (**hasn't written**) to show the starting point of a time: **since he left**.

6. _____ she doesn't enjoy her job, she works hard.
✔ **B) Although**
Although joins two ideas that are opposite or surprising: she doesn't enjoy her job, but she still works hard. **Since**, **because** and **as** give a reason.

7. They went out for a walk, _____ the weather was bad.
✔ **A) even though**
Even though shows a surprising contrast: the weather was bad, but they still went for a walk. Not **so**, because the bad weather is not a reason to go for a walk.

8. He was late _____ he took a taxi to go to work.
✔ **C) so**
So introduces a result: he was late, and the result was that he took a taxi. Not **because**: being late was the reason, not the result.

9. I use my umbrella _____ it rains.
✔ **C) whenever**
Whenever means 'every time'. Every time it rains, I use my umbrella.

10. _____ the film is over, I'll go to bed.
✔ **B) As soon as**
As soon as means 'immediately after'. After **as soon as** we use the present simple for the future: **As soon as the film is over, I'll go to bed.**

11. I'll never speak to her _____ I live.
✔ **A) as long as**
As long as I live means 'for my whole life'. It shows how long the action lasts. Not **until**: 'until I live' has no meaning.

12. She is sneezing _____ she has a cold.
✔ **D) because**
Because gives a reason: having a cold is the reason she is sneezing. Not **so**: that would make the cold the result of the sneezing.

13. It was hot; _____ we went swimming.
✔ **B) therefore**
Therefore means 'for that reason' and introduces a result: it was hot, so we went swimming. Not **because**: the swimming did not cause the heat.

14. He didn't know the answers to the exercises, _____ he guessed.
✔ **D) so**
So introduces a result: he didn't know the answers, and the result was that he guessed. **As** and **because** give a reason.

15. I had toothache _____.
✔ **B) so I went to the dentist**
So introduces the result, and the past tense matches **had**: **I had toothache, so I went to the dentist.** Not **because I am going**: the dentist visit didn't cause the toothache, and the tense is wrong.

16. We went out _____ the bell rang.
✔ **C) after**
After shows the order of events: first the bell rang, then we went out.

17. By the time he _____ here, it will be too late for the theatre.
✔ **C) gets**
After time words like **by the time**, **when** and **as soon as**, we use the present simple for the future, not **will**. The subject is **he**, so it is **gets**.

18. I have known him _____ he was a baby.
✔ **B) since**
Use **since** with the present perfect to give the starting point: **since he was a baby**. Not **for**: **for** goes with a length of time, e.g. **for ten years**.

19. We can leave as soon as _____.
✔ **C) you are ready**
After **as soon as** we use the present simple to talk about the future: **as soon as you are ready**. Do not use **will** or **be going to** after it.

20. I'll be at the airport when _____.

✓ C) you arrive

After **when** we use the present simple to talk about the future: **when you arrive**. Not **you will get there**: **will** is not used after **when** in future time.

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