ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Clauses (Elementary / Pre-Intermediate) Test 9

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Explanations

1. She left the clothes out although _____.
✔ **B) it was raining**
Although joins two opposite ideas. Leaving clothes outside when **it was raining** is a surprise, and the past tense matches **left**.

2. _____ as soon as I get home.
✔ **A) I will phone you**
With **as soon as** + present (**I get home**), we use **will** for the future: **I will phone you**.

3. Always turn your television off _____.
✔ **D) before you leave home**
This is advice for every time, so we use the present: **before you leave home**. You turn the TV off first, then you go out.

4. She was not listening while _____.
✔ **A) I was talking**
Was not listening is past continuous, so the other action is also past continuous: **while I was talking**.

5. He went out as _____.
✔ **A) she came in**
Here **as** means 'at the same moment'. Both actions are in the past: **went out** and **came in**.

6. The lights went out _____.
✔ **A) when the eight o'clock news started**
Went out is past simple, so the time clause is also past: **when the news started**. The other options use present tenses.

7. They studied hard although _____.
✔ **A) they were tired**
Although shows a surprise. Studying hard when you are **tired** is surprising, so this is the right contrast.

8. When I got home, _____.
✔ **C) my mother was setting the table**
When I got home is past, so the main clause is past too. **Was setting** shows an action that was in progress at that moment.

9. I swim every day when _____.
✔ **C) I am on holiday**
Every day shows a habit, so we use the present simple: **when I am on holiday**. We don't use **will** after **when**.

10. I usually listen to some classical music _____ I am reading.
✔ **A) as**
Here **as** means 'while', 'at the same time'. I listen to music and read at the same time. **Because** and **since** give a reason, which makes no sense here.

11. No buses were running _____.
✔ **D) so I had to walk to school**
So introduces a result. There were no buses, **so** I had to walk. Not **because**: my ticket or where I stood can't be the reason the buses weren't running.

12. It is raining now. We'd better wait until it _____.
✔ **C) stops**
After **until** we use the present simple for the future: **until it stops**. Not **will stop**, because we don't use **will** after **until**.

13. I have a mark on my coat but _____.
✔ **A) it is not noticeable**
But shows a contrast. There is a mark, but people can't easily see it: **it is not noticeable**. **Noticeable** means easy to see.

14. I couldn't solve the problem so _____.
✔ **C) I asked my father to help me**
So shows the result. I couldn't solve the problem, so I asked someone to help me. The police or an ambulance don't help with a problem like homework.

15. You'd better take care of yourself; otherwise, _____.
✔ **B) you will catch cold**
Otherwise means 'if you don't'. If you don't take care of yourself, **you will catch cold**. The result is in the future, so we use **will**.

16. She is very healthy, but _____.
✔ **C) she might get sick**
But shows a contrast. She is healthy now, **but** she **might** get sick, so it is still possible.

17. Although he eats a lot, _____.
✔ **A) he is losing weight**
Although shows a surprise. Eating a lot and **losing weight** is surprising. The other options all mean getting fatter, which is not a surprise.

18. The doctor examined me; however, _____.
✔ **A) he found nothing wrong with me**
However shows a contrast. The doctor examined me, but **found nothing wrong**. Giving medicine or an injection is what we expect, so it is not a contrast.

19. There is a 'no smoking' sign in our library, but _____.
✔ **B) a lot of people ignore it**
But shows a contrast. There is a sign, but many people **ignore** it (they don't pay attention to it). Not **nobody smokes**, because that is what we expect, not a contrast.

20. We can’t do anything before _____.
✓ A) the doctor comes
After **before** we use the present simple for the future: **before the doctor comes**. We don't use **will** after **before**.

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