ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Negative Questions Quiz: Isn’t It? Didn’t You?

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Explanations

1. “Didn’t you go to the party?” (You didn’t go.) “___”
✔ **A) No, I didn’t.**
Answer by the facts. You didn’t go, so the verb is negative and the answer starts with no.

2. “Aren’t you hungry?” (You are hungry.) “___”
✔ **B) Yes, I am.**
The fact is positive (you are hungry), so say Yes, I am.

3. Choose the correct question.
✔ **C) Why didn’t you tell me?**
Wh- word + negative helping verb + subject + base verb.

4. You are surprised that your friend is still working on her essay. What do you say?
✔ **D) Haven’t you finished yet?**
Negative helping verb + subject + verb: Haven’t you finished yet? shows surprise.

5. ___ we take a taxi? It’s raining.
✔ **A) Why don’t**
Why don’t we…? makes a suggestion. Why not is followed by a base verb with no subject: Why not take a taxi?

6. ___ it a beautiful day!
✔ **B) Isn’t**
Negative questions can be exclamations. It + be in the present: Isn’t it a beautiful day!

7. Which is the formal form of “Didn’t you see it?”
✔ **C) Did you not see it?**
The full form puts not after the subject. It sounds formal or very emphatic.

8. “Can’t you drive?” (You can.) “___”
✔ **D) Yes, I can.**
You can drive, so the answer is positive: Yes, I can.

9. What does “Can’t you be quiet for a minute?” show?
✔ **A) criticism**
A negative question like this can criticise someone or show that you are annoyed.

10. ___ you stay for dinner? We’ve made plenty.
✔ **B) Won’t**
Won’t you…? is a friendly invitation or offer.

11. “Don’t you eat meat?” (You don’t eat it.) “___”
✔ **C) No, I don’t.**
In English, no goes with a negative verb. You don’t eat meat, so say No, I don’t.

12. You think the man over there is your teacher. You ask a classmate. What do you ask?
✔ **D) Isn’t that our teacher over there?**
Use a negative question to check something you think is true.

13. You are surprised that she didn’t tell you about the party. Which question shows this?
✔ **A) Didn’t she tell you about the party?**
Negative helping verb + subject + base verb: Didn’t she tell you…?

14. Which one is an exclamation, not a real question?
✔ **B) Wasn’t that film amazing!**
Wasn’t that film amazing! is not asking for information. It shows strong feeling.

15. “Wasn’t the concert great?” (You enjoyed it a lot.) “___”
✔ **C) Yes, it was!**
The fact is positive (it was great), so the answer starts with yes.

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