ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

PRE-INTERMEDIATE Test 2

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Explanations

1. What time _____ home last night?
✓ **A) did you get**
Last night is in the past, so we ask with **did** + the base verb: **did you get**. Not **did you got**, because after **did** we use the base form.

2. Last weekend I _____ some friends and we _____ a meal.
✓ **D) saw / had**
Last weekend is finished time, so both verbs are in the past simple: **saw** and **had**.

3. I _____ English food. It's wonderful!
✓ **C) love**
Love is a feeling verb, and we usually use it in the present simple: **I love**. Not **loves**, because with **I** there is no -s.

4. Pierre is French. He _____ from Toulouse.
✓ **D) comes**
Come from tells us where a person is from, so we use the present simple. With **he**, add -s: **He comes from Toulouse**.

5. _____ the computer at the moment?
✓ **B) Is Mr. Taylor using**
At the moment means now, so we use the present continuous: **Is Mr. Taylor using…?**

6. Dave _____ a student with her work now.
✓ **C) is helping**
Now shows an action happening at this moment, so we use **is** + -ing: **is helping**. Not **helping** alone, because it needs **is**.

7. "It's very noisy."

"Suzy _____ to rock music."
✓ **D) is listening**
The noise is happening now, so we use the present continuous: **Suzy is listening**. Not **listens**, because that is for habits.

8. Carol _____ hard for her exam last week.
✓ **A) didn't study**
Last week is in the past, so the negative is **didn't** + base verb: **didn't study**.

9. Most of the students _____ these days.
✓ **D) don't smoke**
These days talks about a general situation now, so we use the present simple. **Students** is plural, so it is **don't smoke**. Not **isn't smoking**, because **students** needs **are**, not **is**.

10. You look nice, Anne. _____ a new dress?
✓ **C) Are you wearing**
Anne has the dress on right now, so we use the present continuous: **Are you wearing…?**

11. Many birds _____ south every winter.
✓ **A) fly**
Every winter shows something that happens regularly, so we use the present simple: **Many birds fly south**.

12. Usually Jim _____ to work on Saturdays.
✓ **D) goes**
Usually shows a habit, so we use the present simple. With **Jim** (he), add -s: **goes**. Not **go**, because **he** needs -s.

13. Japan _____ many high mountains.
✓ **C) has**
Japan is one country (like **it**), so we say **has**. **Have** is for **I, you, we, they**.

14. Cats _____ very well in darkness.
✓ **B) see**
This is a general fact, so we use the present simple. **Cats** is plural, so there is no -s: **Cats see**. Not **sees**, because that is for one cat.

15. "What _____?" "I'm studying computer science."
✓ **A) are you studying**
The answer **I'm studying** is in the present continuous, so the question is too: **What are you studying?**

16. "_____ born?"

"I was born in London."
✓ **B) Where were you**
The answer gives a place (**in London**), so we ask **Where**. We say **was/were born**, so the question is **Where were you born?**

17. "Are _____?"

"No, I'm single."
✓ **B) you married**
The answer **I'm single** is about **you**, so we ask **Are you married?** Here **married** is an adjective after **be**. Not **you marry**, because that is a verb and doesn't follow **Are**.

18. "_____ a job?"

"No, I don't. I'm a student."
✓ **B) Do you have**
The short answer **No, I don't** matches a present simple question with **do**: **Do you have a job?**

19. "_____ Liverpool?"

"It's in the north-west of England."
✓ C) Where is
The answer gives a place, so we ask **Where**. **Liverpool** is one city, so we use **is**: **Where is Liverpool?**

20. "What _____?"

"My name's Ben."
✓ C) is your name
The answer is **My name's Ben**, so the question is **What is your name?** Not **his name**, because the person answers about himself.

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