ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. There's the boy _____ broke the window.
✓ **D) who**
Use **who** for people. **The boy** is a person, so: **the boy who broke the window**. Not **which**, because **which** is for things.

2. That's the palace _____ the King lives.
✓ **C) where**
Use **where** for places. **The palace** is a place: **the palace where the King lives**.

3. They are the policemen _____ caught the thief.
✓ **B) who**
Use **who** for people. **The policemen** are people: **the policemen who caught the thief**.

4. He gave him a watch _____ stopped after two days.
✓ **A) that**
Use **that** or **which** for things. **A watch** is a thing: **a watch that stopped after two days**. We need a word here because the watch did the action (it stopped).

5. The Red Lion is the pub _____ we met for a drink.
✓ **C) where**
Use **where** for places. **The pub** is a place where we met: **the pub where we met**. Not **which** or **that**, because then we need **at**: **the pub which we met at**.

6. Here are the letters _____ arrived this morning.
✓ **B) which**
Use **which** for things. **Letters** are things: **the letters which arrived this morning**.

7. That's the house _____ I was born.
✓ **C) where**
Use **where** for places. **The house** is the place I was born: **the house where I was born**.

8. Where is the woman _____ ordered the fish?
✓ **A) who**
Use **who** for people. **The woman** is a person: **the woman who ordered the fish**.

9. The hotel _____ we stayed was very comfortable.
✓ **C) where**
Use **where** for places. **The hotel** is the place we stayed: **the hotel where we stayed**. Not **which**, because then we need **at**: **the hotel which we stayed at**.

10. I bought the coat _____ was in the shop window.
✓ **C) that**
Use **that** or **which** for things. **The coat** is a thing: **the coat that was in the shop window**. We need a word here because the coat is the subject (it was in the window).

11. Are you as tall _____ your brother?
✓ **B) as**
To say two things are the same, we use **as … as**: **as tall as your brother**. Not **than**, which goes with comparatives like **taller**.

12. Was Joan's party better _____ Maria's?
✓ **A) than**
After a comparative like **better**, we use **than**: **better than Maria's**.

13. "Wasn't that film wonderful!"

"Yes, it was _____."
✓ **C) brilliant**
Brilliant means very, very good, like **wonderful**: **It was a brilliant film!**

14. "I'm bored with this lesson!"

"I know, I'm really _____ with it, too!"
✓ **B) fed up**
Fed up with means bored or unhappy with something, the same as **bored with**: **I'm fed up with this rain.**

15. "Mary's family is very rich."

"Well, I knew her uncle was very _____."
✓ **C) wealthy**
Wealthy means rich, with a lot of money: **a wealthy family**.

16. "Ann's bedroom's really untidy again!"

"Is it? I told her it was _____ yesterday, and she promised to clean it."
✓ **D) messy**
Messy means untidy, not clean or in order: **a messy room**. That's why she promised to clean it.

17. She's _____ than her sister.
✓ **A) much nicer**
Nice is a short adjective, so the comparative is **nicer**. We can put **much** before it to mean 'a lot': **much nicer**. Not **more nicer**: never use **more** with an **-er** word.

18. He’s _____ boy in the class.
✓ D) the funniest
In the class shows we compare one boy with all the others, so we need the superlative with **the**: **the funniest**. **Funny** becomes **funniest** (y → i).

19. Barbara’s _____ than Sarah.
✓ C) more intelligent
Intelligent is a long adjective, so the comparative is **more intelligent**, not **intelligenter**. **Than** shows we need a comparative.

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