ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

PRE-INTERMEDIATE Test 12

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Explanations

1. He's _____ older than he looks.
✓ **A) much**
We use **much** before a comparative to make it stronger: **much older**. Not **very**, because **very** does not go before a comparative like **older**.

2. Jessica's as tall _____ her mother.
✓ **D) as**
We say **as** + adjective + **as** to show two things are the same: **as tall as**.

3. "What _____ New York like?"

"It's really exciting!"
✓ **B) is**
What is ... like? asks for a description. The answer **It's really exciting!** uses the present, so we need **is**. Not **does**, because **like** here is not a verb.

4. Trains in London are more crowded _____ in Paris.
✓ **C) than**
After a comparative (**more crowded**) we use **than**.

5. Oxford is one of _____ oldest universities in Europe.
✓ **A) the**
We use **the** before a superlative: **one of the oldest**. We can't leave out **the** here, because **one of oldest** is wrong.

6. He isn't as intelligent _____ his sister.
✓ **B) as**
The pattern is **not as** + adjective + **as**: **isn't as intelligent as**. Not **than**, because we use **than** only after comparatives like **more intelligent**.

7. This is _____ than I expected.
✓ **D) harder**
Than shows we need a comparative. Short adjective **hard** adds -er: **harder**. Not **more hard**.

8. Who is the _____ man in the world?
✓ **C) richest**
The ... in the world needs a superlative. Short adjective **rich** adds -est: **the richest**. Never use **most** with -est.

9. Everything is _____ in my country than here.
✓ **B) cheaper**
Than shows we need a comparative: **cheaper**. Not **more cheaper**, because we don't use **more** with -er.

10. Rome was hotter _____ I expected.
✓ **A) than**
After a comparative (**hotter**) we use **than**.

11. My dad's really _____. He always buys presents for everyone.
✓ **C) generous**
Generous means happy to give things to other people. A person who always buys presents is generous.

12. Before you can get a credit card, you have to provide a lot of _____ details.
✓ **D) personal**
We need an adjective before **details**. **Personal details** are facts about you, like your name and address.

13. I try to lead a _____ lifestyle - lots of exercise, fruit, and no junk food.
✓ **C) healthy**
Exercise, fruit and no junk food are good for you, so it is a **healthy lifestyle**.

14. The disco was so _____ that you couldn't hear yourself speak.
✓ **A) noisy**
Noisy means full of loud sound. You couldn't hear yourself speak, so the disco was noisy.

15. After the earthquake, the country needed a lot of _____ equipment to look after the sick and wounded.
✓ **B) medical**
Medical means connected with treating sick or hurt people. **Medical equipment** is used by doctors and nurses.

16. She had a car crash, but she was _____ to escape with no injuries at all.
✓ **C) lucky**
Lucky means good things happen to you by chance. After a crash with no injuries, she was lucky.

17. Venice is a very _____ city. A lot of people go there on honeymoon.
✓ **D) romantic**
People go on honeymoon to places that are good for love, so Venice is a **romantic** city.

18. Here is the _____ news. Share prices on the Dow Jones Index have fallen dramatically.
✓ **B) financial**
Financial means connected with money. News about share prices is **financial news**.

19. After a heart attack, he needed major surgery, but fortunately the operation was _____.
✓ **C) successful**
Fortunately shows a good result. **Successful** means it went well and did what it should.

20. I didn't like that city at all. The streets were so _____ and the air was so _____.
✓ B) dirty / polluted
Streets can be **dirty**, and bad air is **polluted**. Not **polluting**, because that means making something dirty, not being dirty.

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