ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. I arrived _____ England last month.
✔ **C) in**
We use **arrive in** with countries and cities: **arrive in England**, **arrive in London**. Not **to**: we say **go to England**, but never **arrive to**.

2. I live _____ the third floor.
✔ **B) on**
We use **on** with floors of a building: **on the third floor**, **on the ground floor**.

3. I met my classmates _____ the party.
✔ **D) at**
We use **at** with events: **at the party**, **at a wedding**, **at a concert**.

4. “Why does Jane look so happy?”

“Because she’s _____ love.”
✔ **C) in**
The fixed expression is **be in love** (with someone): **She's in love with Tom.**

5. Let’s go _____ a walk.
✔ **D) for**
We say **go for a walk**, **go for a swim**, **go for a drink**.

6. We arrived _____ the station five minutes late.
✔ **B) at**
We use **arrive at** with a place like a building or station: **arrive at the station**, **arrive at the airport**. Not **to**: we never say **arrive to**.

7. The doctor will be ready in ten minutes. Take a seat while you _____.
✔ **C) are waiting**
After time words like **while** we use a present tense for the future, not **will**. The present continuous **are waiting** shows an action happening for a period of time. Not **will wait**: we don't use **will** after **while**.

8. I’m going out before the shops _____.
✔ **D) shut**
After **before**, **when**, **until** we use the present simple for the future: **before the shops shut**. **Shops** is plural, so it is **shut**, not **shuts**. Not **will shut**: no **will** after **before**.

9. I _____ by the phone until _____.
✔ **D) will wait / you ring**
The main clause uses **will** for the future: **I will wait**. After **until** we use the present simple, not **will**: **until you ring**.

10. You must phone me as soon as _____ your exam results.
✔ **A) you get**
After **as soon as** we use the present simple to talk about the future: **as soon as you get**. Not **you will get**: we don't use **will** after **as soon as**.

11. I hope to see you while I _____ in London.
✔ **A) am**
After **while** we use a present tense for the future: **while I am in London**. Not **will be**: no **will** after **while**.

12. _____ I win a lot of money, I’ll buy you a Ferrari.
✔ **B) If**
We use **if** when we are not sure something will happen. Winning a lot of money is not certain, so **If I win…**. Not **When**: **when** means we are sure it will happen.

13. Please turn out the lights _____ you go to bed.
✔ **D) before**
You turn out the lights first and then go to bed, so we use **before**: **before you go to bed**.

14. I like to relax _____ I’m on holiday.
✔ **A) while**
While means 'during the time that': I relax during my holiday, so **while I'm on holiday**.

15. _____ you are the first person up in the morning, make me a cup of coffee.
✔ **B) If**
We don't know if you will be the first person up, so we use **if** for a possible situation: **If you are the first person up…**. Not **until**: it means 'up to the time when', which makes no sense here.

16. I’m going to keep asking you to marry me _____ you say “Yes”.
✔ **C) until**
Until means 'up to the time when': I will keep asking, and I will stop only at the moment you say "Yes".

17. We can go _____ you’re ready.
✔ **B) when**
When here means 'at the time that': we can go at the moment you are ready, **when you're ready**.

18. _____ I’m having my hair cut, you can do the shopping.
✔ **B) While**
While means 'during the same time': two things happen at the same time, so **While I'm having my hair cut, you can do the shopping**.

19. Stop at a petrol station _____ we run out of petrol.
✔ **A) before**
We want to stop first, earlier than the moment we have no petrol, so we use **before**. **Run out of** means 'have no more of something'.

20. _____ you've read the newspaper, can I have it?
✔ **B) After**
First you finish reading, then I take the newspaper, so we use **after**: **After you've read the newspaper…**. The present perfect shows the reading is finished.

21. I am so worried about James. _____ you hear any news, phone me.
✔ **C) As soon as**
As soon as means 'immediately after': phone me at once, the moment you hear any news.

22. _____ we discover life on another planet, will it be intelligent?
✔ **D) If**
We are not sure we will ever discover life on another planet, so we use **if** for this possible situation. Not **unless**: it means 'if not', and that makes no sense here.

23. I'll have a bath _____ I go to work.
✔ **C) before**
First I have a bath, then I go to work, so we use **before**: **before I go to work**.

24. _____ the lesson ends, I'll go home.
✔ **D) As soon as**
As soon as means 'immediately after': the lesson ends and I go home right away. We use the present simple **ends** after **as soon as**. Not **If**: we are sure the lesson will end.

25. I'll study English _____ I speak it perfectly.
✔ **C) until**
Until means 'up to the time when': I'll keep studying and stop only when I speak English perfectly.

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