ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

PRE-INTERMEDIATE Test 18

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Explanations

1. I will have a bath _____ I go to bed.
✓ **C) before**
Before means 'earlier than'. First I have a bath, then I go to bed.

2. I'm coming to London tomorrow. I'll ring you _____ I arrive.
✓ **B) when**
When means 'at the time that'. I will phone you at the moment I arrive. After **when**, use the present simple (**arrive**), even for the future. Not **since**, because we use **since** with the present perfect for a starting point in the past.

3. _____ it is a nice day tomorrow, we can go swimming.
✓ **A) If**
Use **if** when we are not sure something will happen. Maybe it will be a nice day, maybe not. Not **When**, because **when** is for things we are sure will happen.

4. Wait here _____ I get back.
✓ **A) until**
Until means 'up to the time when'. Keep waiting, and stop when I come back.

5. _____ you have any problems, just ask for help.
✓ **A) When**
When means 'at any time that'. Every time you have a problem, ask for help. **After**, **Before** and **Until** don't make sense here.

6. I want to get home _____ Jim comes back.
✓ **B) before**
Before means 'earlier than'. I want to be at home first, and then Jim comes back.

7. I'm going to have driving lessons _____ I pass my test.
✓ **D) until**
Until means 'up to the time when'. I will have lessons, and I will stop when I pass my test.

8. Give me your address _____ you go home.
✓ **B) before**
Before means 'earlier than'. Give me your address now, while you are still here, and then go home.

9. Bye! I _____ you when I _____ home.
✓ **D) will phone / get**
Use **will** for the main action in the future: **I will phone**. After **when**, use the present simple, not **will**: **when I get home**.

10. I'm going to bed when this TV programme _____.
✓ **D) ends**
After **when**, use the present simple for the future: **when this programme ends**. Not **will end**, because we don't use **will** after **when**.

11. I'm sorry you are leaving. I _____ when you _____.
✓ **C) will be glad / are back**
The main action is in the future, so use **will be glad**. After **when**, use the present simple: **when you are back**.

12. "Give me your phone number."

"Sure. I _____ it to you before I _____."
✓ **A) will give / go**
Use **will** for a promise or quick decision: **I will give it to you**. After **before**, use the present simple, not **will**: **before I go**.

13. What's _____ TV tonight?
✓ **C) on**
We say **on TV**: **What's on TV tonight?**

14. I often go abroad _____ business.
✓ **D) on**
We say **on business** when we travel for work: **She's in Paris on business.**

15. Do you come to school _____ bus?
✓ **B) by**
We use **by** for transport: **by bus**, **by car**, **by train**. Not **on**: we only say **on the bus**, with **the**.

16. I'm very busy _____ the moment.
✓ **D) at**
At the moment means 'now'. It is a fixed phrase.

17. I can't understand the instructions. They're _____ Chinese.
✓ **C) in**
We use **in** with languages: **in Chinese**, **in English**.

18. "Romeo and Juliet" is a play _____ William Shakespeare.
✓ **B) by**
We use **by** to say who wrote or made something: **a play by Shakespeare**, **a song by the Beatles**.

19. "Is Mr James _____ work this week?"

"No. He's _____ holiday."
✓ **D) at / on**
We say **at work** and **on holiday**. These are fixed phrases.

20. I hate being late. I like to arrive _____ time.
✔ **B) on**
On time means 'at the right time, not late'. Not **at**: we don't say **at time**.

21. I spoke to her _____ the phone last week.
✔ **C) on**
We say **on the phone**: **I spoke to her on the phone.** Not **by**: we say **by phone**, without **the**.

22. I read an interesting article _____ the paper this morning.
✔ **A) in**
We use **in** for things we read in a newspaper, book or magazine: **in the paper**.

23. "Can I ask you something?"

"Not now. _____ a moment."
✔ **D) In**
In a moment means 'very soon, after a short time'. Not **For a moment**, which means 'for a short time'.

24. "Here's a birthday present _____ you."

"Oh, thank you!"
✔ **C) for**
We use **for** to say who gets something: **a present for you**.

25. "Why did you open my letter?" "I'm sorry. I did it _____ mistake."
✔ **C) by**
By mistake means 'not on purpose'. It is a fixed phrase.

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