ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Prepositions (Elementary / Pre-Intermediate) Test 1

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Explanations

1. Are you afraid _____ exams?
✔ **D) of**
We say **afraid of** something: **I'm afraid of dogs.** Not **from**; that is a common mistake.

2. My friend and I always go to school _____ the bus.
✔ **B) on**
We say **on the bus** (on the train, on the plane). Not **by**, because **by** has no **the**: **by bus**.

3. He tried to open the tin _____ a knife.
✔ **A) with**
Use **with** for the tool you use to do something: **cut it with scissors**, **open it with a knife**.

4. His office is _____ the second floor of the building.
✔ **D) on**
We use **on** with floors of a building: **on the second floor**, **on the ground floor**.

5. Mike is sitting _____ the desk _____ front of the door.
✔ **A) at / in**
We sit **at** a desk or table, and we say **in front of** something. So: **at the desk in front of the door**.

6. Listen! I think there is someone _____ the front door.
✔ **B) at**
Use **at** for a point or place where someone stands: **at the door**, **at the bus stop**.

7. There's a paper _____ the floor. Please put it _____ the wastebasket.
✔ **C) on / in**
Something lies **on the floor** (on a surface), and we put things **in** a container: **in the wastebasket**.

8. There was a storm _____ the night, and it rained _____ three or four hours.
✔ **B) during / for**
Use **during** + a period of time (during the night) and **for** + a length of time (**for three hours**). Not **since**, because **since** needs a starting point, like **since Monday**.

9. See you _____ Monday morning.
✔ **D) on**
Use **on** with days, also with a part of a day: **on Monday**, **on Monday morning**. Not **in**, because we only say **in the morning** without a day.

10. We are giving him a surprise party _____ his birthday.
✔ **D) on**
Use **on** with special days and dates: **on his birthday**, **on 5 May**.

11. What's the price _____ this tie?
✔ **A) of**
We say **the price of** something: **the price of this tie**.

12. We are meeting _____ next Thursday.
✔ **B) _____**
We use no preposition before **next**, **last**, **this** and **every**: **next Thursday**, **last week**. Not **on**, because **on Thursday** is correct only without **next**.

13. They have lived in Spain _____ the Second World War.
✔ **C) since**
With the present perfect (**have lived**), use **since** + the starting point: **since the Second World War**. Not **during**, because the war is finished and they still live there now.

14. How do the children get _____ school in the morning?
✔ **A) to**
We say **get to** a place when we arrive there: **get to school**, **get to work**.

15. A dictionary has information _____ words.
✔ **B) about**
We say **information about** something: **information about words**.

16. The children wore boots to play _____ the snow.
✔ **D) in**
We say **in the snow**, **in the rain**, **in the sun** for weather around us.

17. There's a good restaurant _____ the Bolu road.
✔ **C) on**
Use **on** with roads and streets: **on the Bolu road**, **on Main Street**.

18. We stopped for three-quarters of an hour _____ Heathrow Airport.
✔ **A) at**
Use **at** for a stop on a journey or a place like an airport or station: **at Heathrow Airport**. Not **in**, because we see the airport as a point on the trip.

19. Where is your mother? Is she _____ the hairdresser's again?
✔ **C) at**
We say **at the hairdresser's** (at the doctor's, at the baker's) for a shop or business we visit.

20. Who's the blonde girl _____ the first row?
✔ **A) in**
We say **in the first row**, **in the back row** for lines of seats or people.