ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Present Perfect Test A1 – A2 Grammar Exercises

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Explanations

1. A: They aren't at home. They _____ out.

B: OK. Can you give them this envelope?

A: Sure.
✓ **D) have gone**
They left and they are not here now, so we use **have gone**. **They have gone out** = they are out now.

2. William _____ a lot about 19th-century poets recently, and he _____ another book about them a few hours ago.
✓ **C) has read / bought**
Recently goes with the present perfect: **has read**. **A few hours ago** is a finished time, so we use the past simple: **bought**.

3. _____ you _____ your homework yet?
✓ **D) Have / done**
Questions with **yet** use the present perfect: **Have you done ... yet?**

4. The boy _____ all the questions in the test correctly yesterday.
✓ **A) answered**
Yesterday is a finished time, so we use the past simple: **answered**. Not **has answered**, because we don't use it with **yesterday**.

5. I _____ German between 2000 and 2005 when I was in Turkey, but since 2008, I _____ as a sales representative in Germany.
✓ **D) taught / have worked**
Between 2000 and 2005 is finished, so we use **taught**. **Since 2008** means from then until now, so we use **have worked**.

6. Raphael _____ a student at university for eight years. He _____ school yet.
✓ **A) has been / hasn't finished**
For eight years until now needs **has been**. **Yet** goes with the present perfect in negatives: **hasn't finished ... yet**.

7. Yesterday morning, she _____ a cake for her friend's birthday and _____ it with chocolate drops.
✓ **B) made / decorated**
Yesterday morning is a finished time, so we use the past simple: **made** and **decorated**. Not **has made**, because we don't use it with a finished time.

8. He _____ off for a tour in Europe two weeks ago and he _____ three countries so far.
✓ **D) set / has visited**
Two weeks ago needs the past simple: **set off**. **So far** (until now) needs the present perfect: **has visited**.

9. Nancy _____ the floor, so be careful. It _____ slippery at the moment.
✓ **C) has polished / is**
The floor is polished now, so we use **has polished**. **At the moment** needs the present simple: **It is slippery**.

10. The couple _____ to Hawaii for their honeymoon yesterday, but they have _____ got bored there.
✓ **B) went / already**
Yesterday needs the past simple: **went**. **Already** means sooner than expected: **they have already got bored**.

11. A: Why are you breathing heavily?

B: I _____ the attic for hours. I am exhausted.
✓ **A) have been cleaning**
The cleaning started hours ago and has continued until now, so we use **have been cleaning**. Not **am cleaning**, because we don't use it with **for hours**.

12. Hawk hasn't slept well _____, so he _____ tired at work for days.
✓ **D) lately / has been**
Lately means recently and goes with the present perfect. **For days** until now needs **has been**.

13. Oliver _____ in Turkey and Greece in the past, but surprisingly, he has _____ eaten calamari.
✓ **D) lived / never**
The word **surprisingly** shows he has not eaten calamari, so we need **never**: **he has never eaten** = not at any time in his life. For the first gap, **lived** is fine for his past life. Not **ever**, because we don't use **ever** in positive sentences like this.

14. A: Have you _____ ridden a horse?

B: No, I have _____ ridden one.
✓ **C) ever / never**
We use **ever** in questions about life experience and **never** in the negative answer: **Have you ever ...? No, I have never ...**

15. A: _____ has he been a teacher?

B: _____ 2005.
✓ **C) How long / Since**
How long asks about time. We use **since** with a start point like **2005**. Not **for**, because **for** goes with a period, like **for ten years**.

16. The woman has _____ washed her hair, and now she _____ it.
✓ **D) just / is drying**
Just means a very short time ago: **has just washed**. **Now** needs the present continuous: **is drying**.

17. She has written five novels _____ and she has published a science fiction story in a literary magazine _____.
✓ **C) up to now / recently**
Up to now and **recently** can go at the end with the present perfect. **Just** and **never** go before the main verb, not at the end.

18. Jean _____ of that band so far, but he _____ the lead singer. They were in the same school.
✓ **A) hasn't heard / knows**
So far needs the present perfect: **hasn't heard**. **Know** is not used in the continuous, so we say **he knows**.

19. A: _____ have you lived here?

B: _____ a very long time and I'm very happy here.
✓ **B) How long / For**
How long asks about time. **A very long time** is a period, so we use **for**. Not **since**, because **since** needs a start point.

20. Sue _____ a receptionist for twenty years and she _____ to work in hotels when she finished school.
✓ **D) has been / started**
For twenty years until now needs **has been**. **When she finished school** is finished past, so we use **started**.

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