ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. Turkey has a border with Georgia, _____?
✔ **D) doesn't it**
The main verb is **has** in the present simple, so the question tag uses the auxiliary **does**. A positive sentence takes a negative tag, and the subject **Turkey** (a country) becomes **it**: **doesn't it?** Not **didn't it**, because the sentence is in the present, not the past.

2. They never know where you are, _____?
✔ **A) do they**
Never makes the sentence negative, so the tag must be positive. The subject is **they** and the verb is present simple, so the tag is **do they?** Not **don't you**, because the tag uses the subject of the main clause (**they**), not **you**.

3. They hadn't told us _____.
✔ **B) what time the exam was**
This is an indirect question, so it uses normal statement word order (subject before verb): **what time the exam was**. The other options keep question word order (**was the exam**, **would the exam last**), which is wrong after **They hadn't told us**.

4. A: Are they going to give the party outdoors?

B: I _____ think _____.
✔ **B) don't / so**
To give a negative short answer with **think**, we say **I don't think so**. The negative goes on **think**, and **so** replaces the whole idea. Not **I do think not**, which is not natural English.

5. Let's fix a date for the next match, _____?
✔ **D) shall we**
After a suggestion with **Let's**, the question tag is always **shall we?** Example: **Let's go home, shall we?**

6. Don't make me wait for hours, _____?
✔ **B) will you**
After a negative imperative (**Don't …**), the question tag is **will you?** Example: **Don't be late, will you?** Not **won't you**, which follows a positive imperative.

7. Have you got any idea _____ the first prize?
✔ **A) whose project has won**
After **Have you got any idea …**, we use an indirect question with statement word order: **whose project has won the first prize**. Not **how did they win**, because indirect questions don't use **did** and question word order.

8. A: _____ do you eat out with your husband?

B: Very rarely.
✔ **B) How often**
The answer **Very rarely** tells us about frequency, so the question is **How often**. Not **How long**, which asks about time or length.

9. _____ one do you like better – the one on the left or the one on the right?
✔ **A) Which**
We use **Which** when we choose from a small, known group, here two things: **the one on the left or the one on the right**. Not **What**, which is for an open choice with no fixed options.

10. A: _____ helped you to finish the job so quickly?

B: Jack did.
✔ **C) Who**
The answer **Jack did** is a person, so we ask **Who**. Here **Who** is the subject of the question, so there is no **did**: **Who helped you?**

11. A: _____ did your family start this business?

B: It must have been fifty years ago.
✔ **D) How long ago**
The answer **fifty years ago** gives a point in the past, so the question is **How long ago**. Not **How long**, which asks about a period of time (**How long have you had the business?**).

12. A: _____ in Turkey do they grow hazelnuts?

B: Usually in the Black Sea region.
✔ **B) Where**
The answer **in the Black Sea region** is a place, so the question word is **Where**. **Where in Turkey** asks about a place inside a country.

13. There was nothing you could do for the whole afternoon, _____?
✔ **A) was there**
Nothing makes the sentence negative, so the tag must be positive. The sentence is **There was …**, so the tag is **was there?** Not **wasn't there**, because a negative sentence needs a positive tag.

14. They hardly ever take the bus to school, _____?
✔ **C) do they**
Hardly ever has a negative meaning, so the tag must be positive. The verb **take** is present simple, so we use **do they?** Not **don't they**, because the sentence is already negative in meaning.

15. Hand in the report by Friday, _____?
✔ **D) won't you**
After an imperative (**Hand in the report**), we can use the tag **will you?** or **won't you?** to make a request. **Won't you?** is the only one of these in the options. Not **do you** or **are you**, because imperatives don't take these tags.

16. Tell either your father or your mother to come and see me at school tomorrow, Denis, _____?
✔ **B) will you**
After an imperative (**Tell …**), the question tag is **will you?** The person who is told to do the action is **you** (Denis), not **they**. Not **shall we**, which follows **Let's**.

17. _____ it be great if you lived a few minutes' walk from your office?
✔ **D) Wouldn't**
This is a second conditional (**if you lived**), so the main clause uses **would**. In a negative question, we use the short form **Wouldn't it be …?** Not **Would not**, because **Would not it be** is wrong word order; the full form would be **Would it not be**.

18. A: _____ questions did they get right on the test?

B: Only one of them.
✔ **A) How many**
Questions is a plural countable noun, so we ask **How many**. Not **How much**, which is for uncountable nouns (**How much time?**).

19. Could any of you tell me _____ they are planning to go this summer?
✔ **B) where**
Go needs a place, so the question word is **where**: **where they are planning to go**. This is an indirect question, so it uses statement word order (**they are planning**). Not **what**, because we don't say **go what**.

20. A: _____ do you always come to work so late?

B: Because I get stuck in a traffic jam every day.
✔ **D) Why**
The answer starts with **Because**, which gives a reason, so the question word is **Why**.

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