ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. He had no practice in composing music, _____?
✔ **B) did he**
No makes the sentence negative, so the tag is positive. **Had** is the main verb here (past simple), so the tag uses **did**: **did he?**

2. You have read all Pushkin's books, _____?
✔ **C) haven't you**
The sentence is positive and uses the present perfect **have read**, so the tag is negative with **have**: **haven't you?**

3. You have a bad headache, _____?
✔ **B) don't you**
Have is the main verb (present simple), so the tag uses **do**. The sentence is positive, so the tag is negative: **don't you?** Not **aren't you**, because there is no **be** in the sentence.

4. He never thought what might come out of it, _____?
✔ **D) did he**
Never makes the sentence negative, so the tag is positive. **Thought** is past simple, so we use **did**: **did he?** Not **didn't he**, because a negative sentence needs a positive tag.

5. She comes from the family of Donovan, _____?
✔ **D) doesn't she**
Comes is present simple and the sentence is positive, so the tag is negative with **does**: **doesn't she?**

6. You have finished your work, _____?
✔ **B) haven't you**
The sentence is positive and uses the present perfect **have finished**, so the tag is negative with **have**: **haven't you?** Not **don't you**, because the helping verb is **have**.

7. He isn't a student, _____ he?
✔ **A) is**
The sentence is negative (**isn't**), so the tag is positive with the same verb: **is he?**

8. There are so many people in the street, _____?
✔ **D) aren't there**
With **there are**, the tag repeats **there**, not **they**. The sentence is positive, so the tag is negative: **aren't there?**

9. You don't play the piano, _____?
✔ **B) do you**
The sentence is negative (**don't play**), so the tag is positive: **do you?**

10. This winter is not very cold, _____?
✔ **B) is it**
The sentence is negative (**is not**), so the tag is positive with **is**. **This winter** becomes **it**: **is it?**

11. The manner of addressing people in Britain is quite different from ours, _____?
✔ **E) isn't it**
The subject **the manner** becomes **it**. The sentence is positive with **is**, so the tag is negative: **isn't it?** Not **isn't there**, because the sentence does not start with **there**.

12. There won't be any trouble, _____?
✔ **C) will there**
Won't be is negative future, so the tag is positive with **will**, and **there** is repeated: **will there?**

13. The boy wasn't able to do it alone, _____?
✔ **C) was he**
The verb is **wasn't** (negative), so the tag is positive with **was**: **was he?** Not **did he**, because **be able to** uses **was** in the tag.

14. They have to ask somebody else to help them, _____?
✔ **D) don't they**
Have to behaves like a normal verb, so the tag uses **do**. The sentence is positive, so the tag is negative: **don't they?**

15. There were many mistakes in your dictation, _____?
✔ **D) weren't there**
With **there were**, the tag repeats **there** and keeps the past tense. The sentence is positive, so: **weren't there?** Not **weren't they**, because the subject is **there**.

16. He had lunch at home today, _____?
✔ **D) didn't he**
Had lunch is an action in the past simple, so the tag uses **did**. The sentence is positive, so: **didn't he?** Not **hadn't he**, because **have lunch** is not about possession.

17. You lived here 3 months ago, _____?
✔ **C) didn't you**
Lived is past simple (**ago**) and the sentence is positive, so the tag is **didn't you?**

18. It isn't very early now, _____?
✔ **E) is it**
The sentence is negative (**isn't**), so the tag is positive: **is it?**

19. Pete doesn’t work hard, _____?
✔ **C) does he**
Doesn't work is negative present simple, so the tag is positive with **does**: **does he?**

20. A sick man can’t go out, can he?
✔ **A) No, he can’t.**
To agree with **can't go out**, we answer with the same verb: **No, he can't.** Not **Yes, he could**, because the question uses **can**, and **yes** would disagree.

21. Nothing can stop us now, _____?
✔ **D) can it**
Nothing makes the sentence negative, so the tag is positive. **Nothing** becomes **it** in the tag: **can it?**

22. There is neither electricity nor gas on the island, _____?
✔ **A) is there**
Neither … nor makes the sentence negative, so the tag is positive and repeats **there**: **is there?** Not **isn't there**, because the sentence already has a negative meaning.

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