ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

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Explanations

1. A: _____ can solve this problem?

B: Bob.
✓ **D) Who**
We use **Who** to ask about a person. The answer is a person: **Bob**.

2. A: _____?

B: Yes, I am.
✓ **B) Are you going to have breakfast**
The short answer **Yes, I am** matches a question with **Are you ...?**: **Are you going to have breakfast?**

3. A: _____

B: No, I haven't.
✓ **C) Have you got a pair of scissors?**
No, I haven't answers a question with **Have you ...?**: **Have you got a pair of scissors?** Not **Have I given ...**, because the answer to that is **No, you haven't**.

4. The little girl can hear us, _____?
✓ **C) can't she**
The sentence is positive (**can**), so the tag is negative: **can't**. **The little girl** is **she**, so the tag is **can't she**.

5. A: _____ glass is this?

B: It's Brad's.
✓ **C) Whose**
We use **Whose** to ask who something belongs to. The answer **It's Brad's** tells us the owner.

6. A: _____ emails have we received from customers?

B: Fifty-nine.
✓ **A) How many**
We use **How many** with things we can count, like **emails**. The answer is a number: **Fifty-nine**. Not **How much**, because that is for things we can't count.

7. A: _____

B: Joey cut the paper.
✓ **C) Who cut the paper?**
The answer tells us the person who did the action, so we ask **Who cut the paper? Who** is the subject here, so we don't use **did**.

8. A: _____?

B: He sent them to Susie.
✓ **B) Who did he send the flowers to**
The answer tells us the person who got the flowers (**to Susie**), so we ask **Who did he send the flowers to?**

9. A: You are a nurse, _____?

B: I am. Please, don't disturb me now, _____?
✓ **C) aren't you / will you**
You are is positive, so the tag is **aren't you**. After an order like **don't disturb me**, we use the tag **will you**.

10. A: _____?

B: No, you haven't.
✓ **A) Have I given you my number**
No, you haven't answers a question with **Have I ...?**: **Have I given you my number?**

11. A: _____?

B: Mexico.
✓ **A) Is he from Peru or Mexico**
The answer **Mexico** is a choice between two places, so the question has **or**: **Is he from Peru or Mexico?** The other questions need **yes** or **no**.

12. Henry has never left his hometown, _____?
✓ **B) has he**
Never makes the sentence negative, so the tag is positive: **has he**. **Henry** is **he**.

13. This is a good film, _____?
✓ **D) isn't it**
This is is positive, so the tag is negative. In tags we use **it** for **this**: **isn't it**.

14. A: Let's eat out tonight, _____?

B: You got your paycheque today, _____?

A: You are right.
✓ **A) shall we / didn't you**
After **Let's ...** the tag is **shall we**. **You got** is past simple and positive, so the tag is **didn't you**.

15. A: _____?

B: No, I don't.
✓ **B) Do you have a tape recorder**
No, I don't answers a question with **Do you ...?**: **Do you have a tape recorder?**

16. A: _____ caused the accident?

B: I don't know. It wasn't serious, _____?
✓ **B) What / was it**
We use **What** to ask about a thing or event that caused something. **It wasn't** is negative, so the tag is positive: **was it**.

17. A: _____ did you see your dietician last summer?

B: Only twice.
✓ **C) How often**
We use **How often** to ask about the number of times something happens. The answer is **Only twice**. Not **How many**, because we would need **How many times**.

18. A: _____ have you been here?

B: For an hour.

A: You are waiting for someone, _____?

B: No, I'm not.
✓ **C) How long / aren't you**
We use **How long** to ask about time: **For an hour**. **You are** is positive, so the tag is **aren't you**.

19. A: There is a new play at the theatre, _____?

B: Yes, there is. You want to see it, _____?
✓ **D) isn't there / don't you**
With **There is** the tag is **isn't there**. **You want** is present simple and positive, so the tag is **don't you**.

20. A: Don't be late for dinner, _____?

B: OK. I will be home before 5. We have guests, _____?
✓ **B) will you / don't we**
After an order like **Don't be late**, we use the tag **will you**. **We have** is present simple and positive, so the tag is **don't we**.

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