ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Since or Because Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. "Why are you so sleepy?" "___ I stayed up late reading."
✔ **B) Because**
Only because can answer a Why? question on its own. Since and as cannot.

2. The school trip was put off ___ the snow.
✔ **C) because of**
A noun follows, so we need because of. Since the snow would be about time.

3. I've played the piano ___ I was six.
✔ **B) since**
This is time: from the age of six until now. Use since with a starting point.

4. It was raining hard, ___ we stayed indoors.
✔ **B) so**
The part after the gap is the result, not the reason, so we need so.

5. It was ___ he was so kind that everyone liked him.
✔ **A) because**
In It was ... that sentences, the reason is the focus, so only because works.

6. Just ___ you're the oldest doesn't mean you always choose the game.
✔ **C) because**
Just because ... doesn't mean is a fixed pattern. Since and as don't work here.

7. ___ you're going to the shop anyway, could you buy some bread?
✔ **C) Since**
The reason is already known and comes first, so since is natural here. Because of needs a noun.

8. We haven't had any rain ___ the start of the month.
✔ **D) since**
The start of the month is a point in time, so we need since.

9. Are you upset ___ I forgot to call you?
✔ **B) because**
In a question about a reason, use because. Since and as present the reason as already known.

10. Lots of trains were late ___ the strong wind.
✔ **D) because of**
A noun phrase follows (the strong wind), so we need because of.

11. "Why did you leave early?" "Mainly ___ I had a headache."
✔ **A) because**
After focus words such as mainly, only and just, use because.

12. My granny has lived in this village ___ 1975.
✔ **A) since**
1975 is a starting point in time, so we use since. For goes with a length of time.

13. Which sentence is correct?
✔ **D) I stayed at home because of the rain.**
Before a noun, the only choice is because of. Since of and as of the rain are not English.

14. Which word can mean both "from that time" and "for that reason"?
✔ **C) since**
Since has a time meaning and a reason meaning. Because only gives reasons.

15. ___ her hard work, she passed every exam.
✔ **A) Because of**
A noun phrase follows (her hard work), so we need because of. Because, since and as need a clause.

16. I came not because I had to, but ___ I wanted to.
✔ **D) because**
The pattern is not because ... but because .... The second reason is the main point, so only because works.

17. We won the match ___ you. Thank you for that last goal!
✔ **C) because of**
A noun or pronoun follows (you), so we need because of. Since you would be about time.

18. ___ as it's sunny, let's have lunch in the garden.
✔ **B) Seeing**
Seeing as is an informal way to give a known reason. Since as and because as are not English.

19. ___ that the hall is small, we can only invite fifty people.
✔ **D) Given**
Given that is a formal way to give a known reason. Because, since and as don't take that after them.

20. Which sentence uses since to give a reason?
✔ **D) Since you're here, can you help me lift this?**
Since you're here means because you're here. In the other sentences since gives a starting point in time.