ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Situational Responses Test 2

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Explanations

1. You suddenly learn that you have to be in Rome at the weekend. You telephone your travel agent and ask:
✔ **B) Is there a flight to Rome on Friday?**
You need to travel at the weekend, so you ask the travel agent about a **flight on Friday**. The other options do not help you get to Rome in time.

2. Even though tomorrow is Saturday, you have to be up early. You say to your mother:
✔ **B) Please wake me at 7:30 a.m. Not a minute later!**
You must get up early, so you ask your mother to **wake** you at a set time. Not 'I can sleep late', because you can't sleep late tomorrow.

3. You want to go to the Shakespeare Theatre, but you don't know where it is. So you ask a policeman:
✔ **A) Could you tell me how I can get to the Shakespeare Theatre?**
You don't know where the theatre is, so you politely ask for directions: **Could you tell me how I can get to...?** The other questions assume you already know the way.

4. Your little sister is upset about a bad exam result. You want to cheer her up; so you say:
✔ **C) Never mind. It's the only poor mark you've had all year.**
To **cheer someone up** means to make them feel better. **Never mind** and saying it is her only poor mark are kind words. The other options would make her feel worse.

5. You have promised to go to a friend's house in the evening but find you can't do so. You telephone and say:
✔ **E) About tonight. I'm sorry but I can't come. Can I come tomorrow instead?**
You can't go, so you say sorry and suggest another day: **I'm sorry but I can't come.** The other options don't explain that you can't come.

6. You are in the library, but you can’t find any material for your homework on old Turkish history. You ask the librarian:
✔ **C) Are there any books or articles on old Turkish history?**
You can't find any material, so you ask if the library has **any books or articles** on the topic. Not 'Don't you have any more books...?', because you haven't found any books yet.

7. You want a new coat made for you, but you don't want to pay too much. So you ask a friend:
✔ **E) Can you recommend a good tailor who isn't too expensive?**
A **tailor** makes clothes. You want a good one who is cheap, so you ask your friend to **recommend** (suggest) a tailor **who isn't too expensive**. Not 'the best tailor', because the best may cost a lot.

8. You are buying a blouse for your mother, but you are not sure if it is the right size. You say to the shop assistant:
✔ **C) If it doesn’t fit, I can change it, can't I?**
You are not sure about the size, so you ask if you can **change** the blouse if it doesn't **fit**. The other questions are about price or colour, not size.

9. You want to open a savings account at the bank but you have never done this before and you want to learn what to do. You say:
✔ **C) Excuse me! I would like to get some information about opening an account at this bank.**
You want to learn how to open an account, so you ask for **information about opening an account**. Not 'When can I get a savings account...?', because it asks about time, not what to do.

10. There is a beach near your home but the water is polluted and swimming is restricted here. You see several young children playing in the water, so you say:
✔ **A) Don't swim in the water. The water is very dirty and you may get ill.**
The water is dirty, so you warn the children: **Don't swim in the water... you may get ill.** The other options don't clearly tell them about the danger.

11. Your best friend has just told you that she is getting married. You say:
✔ **B) I'm very happy for you.**
When a friend tells you good news, you say **I'm very happy for you.** The other options do not fit the news.

12. John is ill and the teacher has just asked you why he isn't in school. You say:
✔ **C) His mother said he was not feeling well.**
The teacher asks why John is absent, so you give the reason: **he was not feeling well**. The other options don't answer 'why'.

13. You bought Jill a sweater for her birthday. Unfortunately, the sweater is too small. You say:
✔ **D) Why don't I exchange it?**
The sweater is too small, so you offer to **exchange** it (change it for another size). Not 'The smaller size will fit better', because the sweater is already too small.

14. You are going to have a party tomorrow night. You call the butcher and say:
✔ **B) I would like the meat to be ready in the morning.**
A **butcher** sells meat. You need meat for the party, so you ask for it to be **ready in the morning**.

15. Your best friend is pale and seems very tired today; you ask:
✔ **E) Aren't you feeling well?**
Your friend looks ill, so you ask **Aren't you feeling well?** The other questions don't ask how your friend feels now.

16. Your friend has just come back from vacation; you ask:
✔ **B) How was the holiday?**
Your friend is already back, so you ask about the past: **How was the holiday?** Not 'When will you be getting back?', because your friend has already come back.

17. You are in a department store. You can't seem to find the shoe department. When the salesclerk asks you if he can help you, you say:
✔ **D) Where is the shoe department?**
You can't find the shoe department, so you ask **Where is the shoe department?**

18. Your mother is going out shopping. She asks you if you want anything and you say:
✔ **B) No, thanks.**
Your mother asks if you want anything. A short polite answer is **No, thanks.** The other options don't answer her question.

19. There has been a car accident near your home and you must report it to the police. You telephone the police station and say:
✔ **A) I want to report an accident.**
You call the police to tell them about the accident, so you say **I want to report an accident.** To **report** means to tell officially.

20. You have decided to mail your penfriend in Germany a present for the holidays. You go to the post office and say:
✔ **D) How do I mail a package to Germany?**
You are at the post office and want to send a present abroad, so you ask **How do I mail a package to Germany?** Not 'Where can I buy a present...?', because you already have the present and the post office doesn't sell presents.

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