ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Who or Whom Quiz: 20 Questions with Answers

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Explanations

1. ___ wants more soup?
✔ **C) Who**
He wants more soup. The word is the subject of wants, so we need who.

2. To ___ should I send the form?
✔ **A) whom**
Straight after a preposition (to) we use whom. To him, so to whom.

3. The teacher ___ helped me most has now retired.
✔ **C) who**
She helped me. Who is the subject of helped.

4. She has three brothers, all of ___ live abroad.
✔ **D) whom**
After all of, both of, most of and none of we use whom for people. All of them live abroad.

5. I don't know ___ is knocking at the door.
✔ **B) who**
He is knocking. Who is the subject of is knocking, even in the middle of a sentence.

6. With ___ did you travel to Spain?
✔ **D) whom**
With him, so with whom. In everyday English you can also say Who did you travel with?

7. In careful writing: the player ___ I think will win is only sixteen.
✔ **C) who**
Take out I think: he will win. The word is the subject of will win, so careful writers use who. Dictionaries record whom in this position too.

8. A formal letter to a stranger often begins: To ___ it may concern.
✔ **C) whom**
To whom it may concern is a fixed phrase. Whom follows the preposition to.

9. Give the spare ticket to ___ wants it.
✔ **A) whoever**
He wants it. Whoever is the subject of wants, and the whole clause follows to.

10. ___ are those people by the gate?
✔ **B) Who**
With the verb be we use who. Who are they?

11. He is the man from ___ I bought my bike.
✔ **B) whom**
I bought it from him. After the preposition from we use whom.

12. Which sentence is correct?
✔ **A) The author, whom I met last year, has a new book.**
I met her, so the object form whom is right in careful writing. Which is for things, and whose and who's have other jobs.

13. ___ phone is this? It was on my desk.
✔ **D) Whose**
Whose asks who something belongs to. Who's means who is or who has.

14. I wonder ___ going to drive us home.
✔ **B) who's**
I wonder who is going to drive us home. Who's is the short form of who is.

15. It was my aunt ___ taught me to swim.
✔ **A) who**
She taught me to swim. Who is the subject of taught.

16. I asked the children ___ they were, but they just giggled.
✔ **A) who**
The verb be has no object, so whom is not used after it. We say I asked who they were.

17. The result depends on ___ scores the first goal.
✔ **D) who**
Who is the subject of scores (he scores), so it stays who even after the preposition on.

18. In careful writing: the woman ___ the police believed to be the thief was in fact innocent.
✔ **A) whom**
With believe + person + to be, the person is the object: the police believed her to be the thief, so careful writing uses whom. Compare: the woman who the police believed was the thief.

19. This is the old box in ___ I keep my letters.
✔ **D) which**
Who and whom are for people. For things, such as a box, we use which: in which.

20. In careful writing: ___ did the committee choose as its new chair?
✔ **B) Whom**
The person is the object of choose (the committee chose her), so careful writing uses whom. In everyday speech most people say who.