Reported Questions:
Comprehensive Mixed Practice

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. "Where do you work?" → She asked me ___.
    a) where do I work
    b) where I worked
    c) where did I work
    d) where I work

2. "Have you ever been to Australia?" → He asked me ___.
    a) if I had ever been to Australia
    b) if I have ever been to Australia
    c) had I ever been to Australia
    d) that I had been to Australia

3. "Why are you leaving so early today?" → My boss asked me why I ___ so early ___.
    a) am leaving ... today
    b) was leaving ... that day
    c) was leaving ... today
    d) am leaving ... that day

4. "Can you meet me here tomorrow at 3 p.m.?" → She asked if I ___ meet her ___ at 3 p.m.
    a) could ... there the next day
    b) can ... here tomorrow
    c) could ... here the next day
    d) can ... there tomorrow

5. "Who taught you English?" → She asked me who ___ me English.
    a) had taught
    b) teaches
    c) taught
    d) did teach

6. "Do you want tea or coffee?" → She asked ___ I wanted tea or coffee.
    a) whether
    b) if
    c) that
    d) what

7. "What did the doctor say about your test results?" → She ___ what the doctor had said about my test results.
    a) told me
    b) said
    c) mentioned
    d) wanted to know

8. "Will you be at home tonight?" → He asked if I ___ be at home ___.
    a) would ... that night
    b) will ... tonight
    c) would ... tonight
    d) will ... that night

9. "Why hasn't she replied to my email?" → He asked why she ___ to his email.
    a) hasn't replied
    b) didn't reply
    c) wasn't replying
    d) hadn't replied

10. "How many languages does she speak?" → I wondered how many languages she ___.
    a) speaks
    b) does speak
    c) had spoken
    d) spoke

11. "What were you doing at midnight last night?" → The police officer asked what I ___ at midnight ___.
    a) was doing ... last night
    b) had been doing ... the night before
    c) was doing ... the night before
    d) had been doing ... last night

12. "Didn't you lock the door before leaving?" → She asked if I ___ the door before leaving.
   a) didn't lock
   c) haven't locked
   b) don't lock
   d) hadn't locked

13. "Who is coming to the party this weekend?" → He asked who ___ to the party ___.
   a) is coming ... this weekend
   c) was coming ... that weekend
   b) was coming ... this weekend
   d) comes ... that weekend

14. "Where should I park the car?" → He asked where he ___ park the car.
   a) shall
   c) should
   b) would
   d) could

15. "Have you been waiting long?" → She asked if I ___.
   a) have been waiting long
   c) was waiting long
   b) had been waiting long
   d) waited long

16. "Is the restaurant expensive or affordable?" → He asked ___ the restaurant was expensive or affordable.
   a) if
   c) whether
   b) that
   d) how

17. "What time must I be at the airport tomorrow?" → She asked what time she ___ be at the airport ___.
   a) must ... tomorrow
   c) must ... the next day
   b) had to ... the next day
   d) had to ... tomorrow

18. "Why can't we use this room?" → They asked why they ___ use ___ room.
   a) can't ... this
   c) can't ... that
   b) couldn't ... this
   d) couldn't ... that

19. "How much did you pay for your new laptop?" → She asked how much I ___ for my new laptop.
   a) paid
   c) had paid
   b) did pay
   d) have paid

20. "When will you know if you got the job, and will you call me as soon as you hear?" → Which is the correct reported version?
   a) She asked when will I know if I got the job, and will I call her as soon as I hear.
   b) She asked when I would know if I got the job, and if I would call her as soon as I heard.
   c) She asked when I would know if I had got the job, and whether I would call her as soon as I heard.
   d) She asked when I will know if I had got the job, and whether I would call her as soon as I hear.

Answers

1. b) where I worked

2. a) if I had ever been to Australia

3. b) was leaving ... that day

4. a) could ... there the next day

5. a) had taught

6. a) whether

7. d) wanted to know

8. a) would ... that night

9. d) hadn't replied

10. d) spoke

11. b) had been doing ... the night before

12. d) hadn't locked

13. c) was coming ... that weekend

14. c) should

15. b) had been waiting long

16. c) whether

17. b) had to ... the next day

18. d) couldn't ... that

19. c) had paid

20. c) She asked when I would know if I had got the job, and whether I would call her as soon as I heard.

Explanations

1. "where I worked" (b)
Three changes: (1) remove 'do', (2) change to statement word order (I worked, not do I work), (3) backshift 'work' → 'worked'. The question word 'where' stays.

2. "if I had ever been to Australia" (a)
Yes/no question → add 'if'. Statement word order: 'I had been' (not 'had I'). Backshift: 'have been' → 'had been'. 'That' is wrong — it's for statements.

3. "was leaving ... that day" (b)
Present continuous 'are leaving' → past continuous 'was leaving'. 'Today' → 'that day'. Both tense and time expression must shift.

4. "could ... there the next day" (a)
Four changes needed: 'can' → 'could', 'you' → 'I', 'me' → 'her', 'here' → 'there', 'tomorrow' → 'the next day'. Only option A applies all changes correctly.

5. "had taught" (a)
'Who' is the subject of this question (who did the teaching), so word order stays the same. 'Taught' (past simple) backshifts to 'had taught' (past perfect). 'You' → 'me'.

6. "whether" (a)
With 'or' presenting two choices, 'whether' is preferred over 'if'. 'Do you want' → 'I wanted' (remove 'do', backshift, change pronoun).

7. "wanted to know" (d)
'Wanted to know' is a reporting verb for questions. 'Told me', 'said', and 'mentioned' report statements, not questions. 'Your' → 'my'.

8. "would ... that night" (a)
'Will' → 'would' and 'tonight' → 'that night'. Both the modal and the time expression must shift.

9. "hadn't replied" (d)
Present perfect negative 'hasn't replied' backshifts to past perfect negative 'hadn't replied'. 'My' → 'his'. The negative is preserved.

10. "spoke" (d)
Remove 'does' and backshift: 'speak' → 'spoke'. 'Wondered' is used because the reporter was asking internally. Word order: 'she spoke' (statement order).

11. "had been doing ... the night before" (b)
Past continuous 'were doing' → past perfect continuous 'had been doing'. 'Last night' → 'the night before'. Both must shift.

12. "hadn't locked" (d)
Negative question: remove 'didn't' and backshift to past perfect negative: 'didn't lock' → 'hadn't locked'. The negative is preserved in the reported form.

13. "was coming ... that weekend" (c)
'Who' is the subject (no word order change needed). 'Is coming' → 'was coming'. 'This weekend' → 'that weekend'. Two changes required.

14. "should" (c)

'Should' is already a past-form modal and does not change further. 'I' → 'he'. Word order: 'where he should park'.

15. "had been waiting long" (b)

Present perfect continuous 'have been waiting' → past perfect continuous 'had been waiting'. The adverb 'long' stays at the end.

16. "whether" (c)

With 'or' presenting alternatives, 'whether' is preferred. 'Is' → 'was'.

17. "had to ... the next day" (b)

'Must' → 'had to', 'I' → 'she', 'tomorrow' → 'the next day'. Three changes needed.

18. "couldn't ... that" (d)

'Can't' → 'couldn't', 'we' → 'they', 'this' → 'that'. Three changes needed.

19. "had paid" (c)

Remove 'did' and backshift: 'paid' (past simple) → 'had paid' (past perfect). 'You' → 'I', 'your' → 'my'. Word order: 'how much I had paid'.

20. "She asked when I would know if I had got the job, and whether I would call her as soon as I heard." (c)

This complex sentence requires multiple changes. 'When will you know' → 'when I would know' (word order + backshift). 'You got' → 'I had got' (backshift). 'Will you call' → uses 'whether' (second yes/no question with implied alternative). 'Me' → 'her'. 'You hear' → 'I heard'. Only option C applies all changes correctly.