Answers to Exercise 7.5

There are several possible answers to these questions, and these answers are only valid for American English.

‘did you eat yet?’ [dʒɪtʃət]

The basic form of this sentence would be something like

/ˈdɪd ju it jet/

   d+j → dʒ, as in ‘I read your book’ [rɛdʒʊ]
   t+j → tf, as in ‘you betcha’ [betʃə]
   vowel reduction [dɪdʒwɪtʃɛt]
   palatalization [dɪdʒwɪtʃɛt]
   schwa-deletion [dɪdʒwɪtʃɛt]
   consonant cluster simplification [dɪdʒɪtʃɛt]
   schwa-deletion [dɪdʒɪtʃɛt]
   degemination [dʒɪtʃɛt]

‘it would be good … ’ [ɪd:biɡəd]

/ɪtədɪɡəd/

   vowel reduction: [ˈɪtədɪɡəd]
   flapping [ˈɪrədɪɡəd]
   schwa-deletion [ˈɪrdɪɡəd]
   assimilation (obligatory) [ˈɪd (=ɪd:)bɪɡəd]