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1. In 1619, the first African slaves ____ in Virginia, USA, and by 1790, their numbers ____ nearly 700,000.

A) were arriving / have been reaching
B) arrived / had reached
C) have arrived / were reaching
D) were going to arrive / reach
E) had arrived / will have reached

2. We ____ a lovely view of the Bosphorus and the bridges over it while the plane ____ over Istanbul.

A) are getting / flies
B) had got / is flying
C) got / was flying
D) get / has flown
E) are getting / had been flying

3. When they ____ in Sydney Harbour, they ____ non-stop for three months

A) anchor / will have been sailing
B) were anchoring / sailed
C) have anchored / were sailing
D) are anchoring / have been sailing
E) are going to anchor / have sailed

4. According to the new schedule, the whole team have accepted, we ____ every Monday and Wednesday next term, but I'm sure we ____ back to our normal routine of once a week before long

A) had trained / revert
B) train / have reverted
C) are training / reverted
D) are going to train / will revert
E) have been training / are reverting

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5. The prospector ran into town in excitement because, at last, he ____ some gold at the site which he ____ for months.

A) was finding / was panning
B) will find / is going to pan
C) will have found / has panned
D) had found / had been panning
E) found / will have panned

6. I expect you ____ bored with working at the Post Office by this time next year and ____ for a more interesting job.

A) have become / will have looked
B) were becoming / are going to look
C) will have become / will be looking
D) had found / had been panning
E) found / will have panned

7. Listen! The coach ____ the strengths of our opponents because our team ____ against them before.

A) has explained / weren't playing
B) explains / won't play
C) is explaining / haven't played
D) was explaining / don't play
E) will explain / hadn't been playing

8. When I ____ the alterations to the company accounts, I was left in no doubt that the accountant ____ money from the firm.

A) saw / had been stealing
B) am seeing / has stolen
C) was seeing / was stealing
D) have seen / will have stolen
E) see / steals

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9. According to the doctor, this time next week, I ____ around as normal and the cut on my foot ____ completely.

A) am walking / healed
B) will be walking / will have healed
C) walked / was healing
D) have been walking / heals
E) walks / is going to heal

10. Shadow puppets ____ in China and ____ as far as Turkey and Greece today.

A) will originate / have been spreading
B) are originating / will be spreading
C) originate / had spread
D) originated / have spread
E) will have originated / were spreading

11. Over recent years, many skilled craftsmen and women ____ their jobs in the pottery trade in the UK, but gradually English porcelain ____ its reputation.

A) will have lost / will regain
B) had been losing / has regained
C) lost / regains
D) are losing / regained
E) have lost / is regaining

12. After she ____ to turn up for our appointment for the third time, I ____ to meet her again.

A) is failing / am refusing
B) has failed / had refused
C) was failing / will refuse
D) had been failing / have refused
E) had failed / refused

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13. Since I took part in my first debating match, I ____ a member of the debating club, which I ____ most weekends

A) will have been / have attended
B) have been / attend
C) will be / was attending
D) am / had been attending
E) was / am attending

14. By the first half of the 19th century, the potato ____ the staple food in the Ireland. In 1854, a disease ____, which resulted in widespread starvation.

A) was becoming / has struck
B) will become / was going to strike
C) had become / struck
D) was going to become / strikes
E) has become / has struck

15. The origins of domestic poultry ____ uncertain, but experts believe that some breeds are descended from the Indian jungle-fowl, which still ____ in India today.

A) are going to be / will exist
B) had been / will have existed
C) were / had been existing
D) are / exists
E) have been / existed

16. In 1868, the US government ____ 7000 Navajo Indians to return to their homeland and, since then, they ____ the largest and richest Indian tribe.

A) allowed / have become
B) has allowed / are becoming
C) was going to allow / will become
D) has allowed / were becoming
E) was allowing / become

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17. In 1960, only 2000 American Indians ____ at university, while in 1970, only a decade later, this number ____ to 12000.

A) are studying / is increasing
B) were studying / increased
C) will be studying / will have increased
D) studied / will increase
E) had studied / was increasing

18. Today we ____ a lot of tangerines at one pound per kilo, unlike yesterday, when we ____ very few customers

A) were selling / have had
B) are selling / had
C) had been selling / had had
D) sold / will have had
E) are going to sell / will be having

19. A: Isn't that your daughter playing outside without a coat on? She ____ a chill. B: She has a thermal vest on under her pullover, but you have a point. I ____ her coat.

A) was catching / am fetching
B) is catching / fetch
C) will be catching / have fetched
D) will catch / will fetch
E) catches / am going to fetch

20. The number of orders per week ____ all year and the sales manager is confident that we ____ our target.

A) has increased / had been reaching
B) will increase / have been reaching
C) increases / reached
D) increased / reached
E) has been increasing / will reach

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21. As the police ____ the road, we ____ a time consuming detour around the mountain.

A) are closing / were making
B) will close / had made
C) had closed / made
D) will have closed / had been making
E) close / have made

22. I ____ some shopping during my lunch break, but I couldn't as I ____ awful because of my cold.

A) was going to do / felt
B) have done / have felt
C) will do / am feeling
D) did / was feeling
E) do / will have felt

23. By the time the work on their house is finished, they ____ the painters, decorators and carpenters a total of £8000. They ____ a beautiful kitchen, though.

A) are paying / have had
B) paid / are having
C) had paid / were having
D) will have paid / will have
E) have paid / have

24. I feel certain that Greg ____ in his new business because he ____ so hard all the time.

A) is succeeding / will work
B) will succeed / works
C) was succeeding / is going to work
D) had succeeded / will be working
E) has succeeded / had worked

25. Before Petar Preradovic ____ poems in his native Croatian, he ____ all his poems in German.

A) has published / is writing
B) is publishing / was writing
C) published / had written
D) had published / will have written
E) has been publishing / has written

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26. I ____ some notes earlier and ____ to them during my presentation. In the event, however, I didn't use them once.

A) will have written / will refer
B) am going to write / refer
C) had written / was going to refer
D) wrote / have referred
E) write / will have referred

27. Because of Istanbul's geographical location, it ____ a place of trade since civilisation ___ .

A) is / was being
B) was / has begun
C) will be / had begun
D) had been / is beginning
E) has been / began

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28. When Boris Yeltsin ____ on 31st December 1999, he ____ President of Russia for eight years.

A) had resigned / was
B) has resigned / is
C) will have resigned / will be
D) resigned / had been
E) resigns / is being

29. The circumference of a circle ____ 3.14159265 times its diameter no matter how small or large it is.

A) measures
B) measured
C) will be measuring
D) had measured
E) was measuring

30. At present, British farmers ____ to the government because since the EC lifted the ban on British beef, the French ____ to buy any.

A) were protesting / refused
B) are protesting / have refused
C) had protested / were refusing
D) will protest / refuse
E) protest / will be refusing

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