REVISION FOR TENSES 1

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 1 : While they_____to Wyoming, their car ran out of gas.

A. drove **B.** had been driving **C.** have driven **D.** were driving

Question 2 : Alice looked much slimmer because she_____for a few months.

A. had been dieting **B.** has been dieting **C.** was dieting **D.** diets

Question 3 : When she's done the ironing, she_____the length of the dress for me.

A. is altering **B.** altered **C.** will alter **D.** has altered

Question 4 : You are too slow. I'm sure that by the time you phone them, they_____that car to someone else.

A. will sell **B.** will have sold **C.** are going to sell **D.** are selling

Question 5 : As soon as they_____my last book, I_____you a copy with my autograph.

A. will print - will send **B.** had printed - will send

C. printed - will be sending **D.** print - will send

Question 6 : Because the children_____forward to seeing Harry Potter for so long, I took them even though it was really inconvenient for me.

A. had been looking **B.** were looking

C. have been looking **D.** looked

Question 7 : When we_____at the airport we_____that we_____our passports at the office.

A. arrived - had noticed - had left **B.** arrived - noticed - had left

C. have arrived - noticed – left **D.** had arrived - have noticed - have left

Question 8 : Generally he_____to work by car, but today he_____by bus because his car is in the garage.

A. went – went_____ **B.** was going - is going

C. goes - is going **D.** has been going - goes

Question 9 : He_____for over three hours when he finished the report.

A. will have typed **B.** was typing **C.** has been typing **D.** had been typing

Question 10 : Three days ago her boyfriend_____her and she_____continually ever since.

A. left - is crying **B.** had left - cried

C. left - has been crying **D.** had left - was crying

Question 11 : This is the first customer we_____something today.

A. have sold **B.** sold **C.** had sold **D.** were selling

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Question 12 : Andrew_____the plants in the garden right now but I_____sure that it will rain this afternoon.

A. is watering - was **B.** is watering - am **C.** waters - am **D.** watered - was

Question 13 : She should have informed the police as soon as she_____that her purse had been stolen.

A. discovers **B.** would discover **C.** had discovered **D.** has discovered

Question 14 : My father_____to rent a car when one of his friends phoned him to offer his own car for the trip.

A. had decided **B.** was deciding **C.** has decided **D.** decided

Question 15 : When he_____he_____on a bed in a room with no windows.

A. had woken up - was lying **B.** woke up - was lying

C. wakes up - is lying **D.** woke up - lay

Question 16 : The teacher_____to the class before the students_____the problems.

A. will come back - have solved **B.** had come back - solved

C. came back - have solved **D.** is coming back - solve

Question 17 : Yesterday on TV they_____a heavy shower for today, but I_____ even a single drop yet.

A. announced - am not seeing **B.** announced - didn't see

C. have announced - haven't seen **D.** announced - haven't seen

Question 18 : You don't have to worry about the children, they_____all about this by the end of the semester.

A. will be forgetting **B.** will have forgotten

C. will forget **D.** are going to forget

Question 19 : I've just noticed that she_____a haircut. It_____wonderful.

A. will have - has looked **B.** had had - looked

C. has had - looks **D.** had - is looking

Question 20 : While she_____for her sister outside the supermarket, someone _____her handbag.

A. had to wait - had stolen **B.** waited - had been stealing

C. had waited - was stealing **D.** was waiting - stole

Question 21 : The spokesperson_____her speech yet when an angry audience member_____shouting at her.

A. won't finish - begins **B.** didn't finish - was beginning

C. hadn't finished - began **D.** doesn't finish - is beginning

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Question 22 : This is the forty-second composition paper I___so far, and there ____seventy-five more.

A. will have checked - are going to be **B.** had checked - were

C. have checked – are **D.** checked - will be

Question 23 : The carelessness of parents often___children to be subject to many household accidents.

A. causes **B.** have caused **C.** had caused **D.** is caused

Question 24 : By the end of the term, I_____all eight volumes.

A. will be reading **B.** read **C.** have read **D.** will have read

Question 25 : She says she won't phone us until she_____the information.

A. has **B.** is having **C.** will have **D.** had

Question 26 : When we_____out, the chest cavity_____smaller.

A. breathe - became **B.** breathe - becomes

C. will breathe - will become **D.** will breathe - becomes

Question 27 : Our local grocers said he_____the groceries as soon as he_____my order.

A. had sent - had received **B.** will have sent - has received

C. has sent – receives **D.** sent - had received

Question 28 : He_____the mayor of the town for seven years until his death last year.

A. would have been **B.** has been **C.** had been **D.** will have been

Question 29 : My father asked me if I_____an increase in salary the following month.

A. am getting **B.** was getting **C.** am going to get **D.** will get

Question 30 : As we_____tired of waiting, we_____to go without them.

A. are - are deciding **B.** were - have decided

C. are - decided **D.** were - decided

Question 31 : That cat_____you if you pull its tail.

A. scratches **B.** has scratched **C.** will scratch **D.** is going to scratch

Question 32 : I see you have a saw in your hands. you_____the dry tree branches?

A. Will - cut off **B.** Are - going to cut off

C. Do - cut off **D.** Will - be cutting off

Question 33 : I_____coal into the stove. That's why my hands are all dirty.

A. had put **B.** was putting **C.** had been putting **D.** have been putting

Question 34 : The committee_____a report when it_____all the available information.

A. will submit - has collected **B.** submits - collected

C. will submit - will collect **D.** will submit - collected

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Question 35 : The patient_____after he_____ill for a long time.

A. died - has been **B.** dies - had been **C.** died - had been **D.** will die - will be

Question 36 : By the time the security guards _____ what_____, the gang _____already_____inside the bank.

A. realized - was happening - had - been **B.** will have realized - will be happening - were

C. had realized - happened - are **D.** have realized - happened - were

Question 37 : Although he_____to listen to the teacher, he_____of the football match all the time.

A. has pretended - thought **B.** pretended - was thinking

C. pretended - has thought **D.** pretends - was thinking

Question 38 : He_____so much money that he_____what to do with it.

A. earned - hadn't known **B.** earns - didn't know

C. earns - doesn't know **D.** has earned - didn't know

Question 39 : "You've just missed the last bus." - "Never mind, I_____."

A. will walk **B.** will be walking **C.** walk **D.** am walking

Question 40 : Ben and Claire_____to pay us a visit as soon as they_____in their new apartment.

A. promise - settled **B.** have been promising - were settling

C. promised - are settling **D.** have promised - have settled

Question 41 : Ford_____his friends, some of whom earn more money than he does.

A. won't envy **B.** didn't envy **C.** doesn't envy **D.** hasn't envied

Question 42 : They_____it unless they_____there is no other way.

A. aren't doing - will be thinking **B.** don't do - will think

C. haven't dome - thought **D.** won't do - think

Question 43 : In spite of the fact that he_____his cousin, he_____drinking

A. warned - doesn't stop **B.** warned - didn't stop

C. warned - hadn't stopped **D.** has warned - didn't stop

Question 44 : She_____French since she_____to Illinois.

A. had studied - came **B.** has studied - has come

C. has been studying - came **D.** studied - came

Question 45 : Henry was packing the suitcases while his wife_____the room.

A. was tidying **B.** tidies **C.** has been tidying **D.** had tidied

Question 46 : Christine_____as a nurse for seven years, then she became a teacher.

A. has worked **B.** has been working **C.** was working **D.** worked

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Question 47 : Although she lives in Tokyo, she_____the Royal Palace.

A. didn't visit **B.** has never visited **C.** is not visiting **D.** hadn't visited

Question 48 : Before we knew what was happening, the roof_____.

A. has fallen in **B.** will fall in **C.** had fallen in **D.** had been falling in

Question 49 : They_____how deeply the rows between his parents_____the child.

A. didn't realize - had affected **B.** didn't realize - have affected

C. don't realize - affected **D.** will never realize - had affected

Question 50 : These statistics_____that life expectancy_____quite significantly longer in cold climates than that in warm ones.

A. show - was **B.** show - is **C.** showed - is **D.** showed - will be

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