

# Test 2a

Choose the correct answer – a, b, c or d – to complete the following texts. Only one answer is correct.

1. —Who \_\_\_\_\_ the computer and when did that occur?

—I haven't got the foggiest notion.

- a) has invented
- b) did invent
- c) invented
- d) did he invent

2. A woman phoned this morning, asking if she \_\_\_\_\_ to the manager.

- a) was able to speak
- b) can speak
- c) could speak
- d) may speak

3. I don't remember \_\_\_\_\_ the accident. My mind is a complete blank.

- a) nothing about
- b) anything about
- c) anything of
- d) nothing of

4. Yvonne has gone away. She'll be back \_\_\_\_\_ a week.

- a) inside of
- b) in
- c) by
- d) until

5. Suddenly a man ran out in front of the car. Fortunately, I \_\_\_\_\_ in time.

- a) could stop
- b) would stop
- c) was able to stop
- d) could have stopped

6. Please go to reception \_\_\_\_\_ you arrive at the hotel.

- a) until
- b) as early as
- c) as soon as
- d) even if

7. A successful relationship is based on compromise. There has to be some \_\_\_\_\_ on both sides.

- a) take and give
- b) give and give
- c) take and take
- d) give and take

8. I asked the taxi driver to slow down. She \_\_\_\_\_ too fast.

- a) drove
- b) used to drive
- c) was driving
- d) used to driving

9. The waitress \_\_\_\_\_ served us was helpful and charming, so we left a big tip.

- a) which
- b) what
- c) that she
- d) who

10. That looks like a bad cut. You \_\_\_\_\_ put a sticking plaster on it.

- a) 'd rather
- b) 'd better
- c) 'll better
- d) 'll should

11. I don't mind \_\_\_\_\_ home if I have to, but I'd rather get a taxi.

- a) to walk
- b) walking
- c) that I walk
- d) the walking

12. \_\_\_\_\_, I'd like to say how happy I am to be here this evening.

- a) Before all
- b) First of all
- c) The first of it
- d) First thing first

13. The boys wanted to put up their tent in the garden and I \_\_\_\_\_ so.

- a) allowed them to do
- b) let them to do
- c) allowed them doing
- d) let them doing

14. Let's say you found a purse in the street. What \_\_\_\_\_ with it?

- a) did you do
- b) would you do
- c) are you doing
- d) were you doing

15. Would you mind \_\_\_\_\_ your voices, please?

- a) to lower
- b) that you lower
- c) lowering
- d) if you lower

16. Still half-asleep, I put my sweater on \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) front to back
- b) back to front
- c) upside-down
- d) back to back

17. I would like to \_\_\_\_\_ your attention to paragraph 3.2 of the chairman's report.

- a) attract
- b) pull
- c) call
- d) drag

18. I'm really hungry. \_\_\_\_\_ I've eaten today is a sandwich.

- a) Everything
- b) All what
- c) All
- d) Everything what

19. —Shall we meet tomorrow morning?  
—I can't tomorrow. \_\_\_\_\_ to the dentist's.

- a) I'll go
- b) I shall go
- c) I'm going
- d) I go

20. I didn't see the red light. I \_\_\_\_\_ if I'd seen it.

- a) would stop
- b) 'd have stopped
- c) had stopped
- d) stopped

21. Wouldn't it be great to visit \_\_\_\_\_ world?

- a) every country of the
- b) every country in the
- c) all countries in the
- d) all countries of the

22. Have you seen my pyjamas? I can't find \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) it anywhere
- b) them anywhere
- c) them nowhere
- d) it nowhere

23. How the prisoner escaped is a mystery. It \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) just can't be explained
- b) just can't explain itself
- c) can't just be explained
- d) can't just explain itself

24. Is that \_\_\_\_\_? Can I have a quick look at it?

- a) the paper of today
- b) the today paper
- c) the today's paper
- d) today's paper

25. The weather was great, the hotel was great, the food was great. \_\_\_\_\_, it was a great holiday.

- a) In a short way
- b) To speak shortly
- c) In short
- d) Shortly speaking

26. —Remember \_\_\_\_\_ Alan tomorrow.  
—Don't worry. I won't forget.

- a) to phone
- b) phoning
- c) to phone to
- d) phoning to

27. —Don't you get lonely living out here in the middle of the forest, far away from everyone and everything?  
—No, not really. I like living \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) on myself
- b) on my own
- c) by me alone
- d) on my own self

28. Oh, look. Someone dropped a cigarette on the \_\_\_\_\_ and burned a hole in it. Why can't people be more careful?

- a) dining room's carpet
- b) dining room carpet
- c) carpet of dining room
- d) dining rooms' carpet

29. The timetable has been changed, but nobody seems to know the \_\_\_\_\_ this.

- a) reason by
- b) reason of
- c) motive by
- d) reason for

30. Of course he didn't win the lottery! He was only \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) pulling your leg
- b) taking your hair
- c) pulling your hair
- d) taking your leg

31. —Nobody phoned for me while I was out, \_\_\_\_\_?  
—Yes, there were several calls for you.

- a) did he or she
- b) did they
- c) did nobody
- d) is it true

32. I took two big books with me on holiday, *Moby Dick* and *War and Peace*, but I didn't read \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) neither of them
- b) either of them
- c) either one or other
- d) neither one or other

33. —Why did you invite that bore Tony?  
—You're right. If I had known he was so boring, I certainly \_\_\_\_\_ him.

- a) didn't invite
- b) hadn't invited
- c) mightn't have invited
- d) wouldn't have invited

34. Eric is so complacent, so smug. He thinks he knows \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) everything
- b) all
- c) all it
- d) the all

35. —How did the accident happen?  
—It's simple. I \_\_\_\_\_ too fast and I couldn't stop in time.

- a) went
- b) was going
- c) used to go
- d) had gone

36. The children have nothing to do, so naturally they \_\_\_\_\_. Why don't you get them a few video games?

- a) 're boring
- b) bore themselves
- c) 're bored
- d) bore them

37. The boss wants to have a meeting to \_\_\_\_\_ the sales figures for August. Apparently, they're awful.

- a) discuss
- b) discuss about
- c) discuss of
- d) discuss regarding

38. We know you're guilty. Why don't you confess? You'll feel a lot better when you get it \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) off your chest
- b) out of your chest
- c) off your heart
- d) out of your heart

39. A new bridge \_\_\_\_\_ across the river.

- a) is build
- b) is building itself
- c) is to be built
- d) will build itself

40. Come on! We must hurry. We have \_\_\_\_\_ time.

- a) only little
- b) only a small
- c) only small
- d) only a little

41. The children have to go to school tomorrow. It's time they \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) were to bed
- b) are in bed
- c) are to bed
- d) were in bed

42. In the kitchen there was a \_\_\_\_\_ table.

- a) lovely wooden round
- b) lovely round wooden
- c) wooden round lovely
- d) round wooden lovely

43. I really didn't expect \_\_\_\_\_ the exam. It was a complete surprise.

- a) passing
- b) to approve
- c) approving
- d) to pass

44. I'm afraid I can't do what you ask, Edmund. It's \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) too impossible
- b) impossible completely
- c) impossible enough
- d) quite impossible

45. It seems that everywhere health care is becoming \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) more and more expensive
- b) always more expensive
- c) each time more expensive
- d) each time expensiver

46. The pay rise is supposed to be a secret, but everybody knows about it. Clearly someone has let the \_\_\_\_\_ out of the bag.

- a) dog
- b) mouse
- c) cat
- d) beans

47. We must carry \_\_\_\_\_ a thorough investigation into the causes of the riot.

- a) on
- b) out
- c) off
- d) up

48. The end of the year is always a dangerous period for people who don't want to \_\_\_\_\_ on weight. Too many celebrations!

- a) set
- b) add
- c) put
- d) grow

49. We can't \_\_\_\_\_ spending money like this. We'll soon have none left.

- a) continue on
- b) go on
- c) keep up
- d) go up

50. A lot of trees had been \_\_\_\_\_ down in the storm and were blocking the roads.

- a) cut
- b) blown
- c) knocked
- d) set