

I. THE PRESENT TENSES

Exercise 1 :

Complete the following sentences using the forms of present simple tense of verbs in brackets.

Question 1 : The earth goes ? (go) around the sun.

Question 2 : Angela usually _____ (leave) for work at 8:00 A.M.

Question 3 : Liz _____ (get up) at 6 o'clock every morning.

Question 4 : In the summer, John often _____ (play) tennis once or twice a week.

Question 5 : What time you usually _____ (get) home after work?

Question 6 : The swimming pool _____ (open) at 9:00 and _____ (close) at 6:30 every day.

Question 7 : Every year I _____ (visit) Britain to improve my English.

Question 8 : In the United State, elementary education is compulsory. All children _____ (study) six years of elementary school.

Question 9 : I _____ (not like) feel going to the library to study this afternoon.

Question 10 : American people usually _____ (have) their biggest meal in the evening.

Question 11 : - Can you tell me when the train for HCM city _____ (leave)? - In fifteen minutes. At 7.05.

Question 12 : Of course, you are Lisa, aren't you? I _____ (recognize) you now.

Question 13 : I can see from what you say that your mornings are very busy! But what you (do) _____ in the afternoons?

Question 14 : Before our director _____ (come back), I _____ (want) to remind everyone that we should not use the internet on personal purposes.

Question 15 : - Are you writing to him now?

- Yes, I always _____ (write) to him on his birthday. You _____ (want) to send any message?

- Certainly.

Exercise 2 :

Complete the following sentences using the forms of the present continuous tense of verbs in brackets.

Question 1 : It _____ (rain) heavily now.

Question 2 : My brother _____ (get) married next week.

Question 3 : He is late again. He always _____ (come) to class late.

Question 4 : She _____ (take) the exam tomorrow.

Question 5 : Look! It _____ (get) dark. Hurry up! It _____ (rain) in a few minutes.

Question 6 : Please don't make so much noise. I _____ (work).

Question 7 : I _____ (read) an interesting book at the moment. I will lend it to you when I've finished it.

Question 8 : Sarah _____ (work) this week? - No, she is on vacation.

Question 9 : The population of the world _____(rise) very fast.

Question 10 : I _____(work) on the project of reconstructing city at present.

Question 11 : She is on vacation in France. She _____(have) a great time and doesn't want to come back.

Question 12 : Tom _____(look) for Ann. Do you know where she is?

Question 13 : I _____(think) of my mother, who has devoted her whole life to our family.

Question 14 : It is time we turned on the central heating. It _____(get) colder every day.

Question 15 : -I _____(go) out to get an evening paper.

- But it _____(rain).

- Why don't you wait till the rain stops?

Exercise 3 :

Complete the following sentences using the present perfect forms of the verbs in brackets.

Question 1 : She _____(learn) English for three years.

Question 2 : I'm hungry. I _____(not eat) anything since breakfast.

Question 3 : He never _____(drive) a car before.

Question 4 : We _____(know) each other since we were at high school.

Question 5 : Everything is going well. We _____(not have) any problem so far.

Question 6 : I _____(drink) four cups of coffee today.

Question 7 : John _____(live) in Denver since 2017.

Question 8 : - You ever _____(climb) Mount Everest?

- No, I haven't. But I'm sure I will, if I have a chance.

Question 9 : It is nice to see you again. We _____(not see) each other for a long time.

Question 10 : I _____(forget) my key. I can't unlock the door now.

Question 11 : Eric is calling his girlfriend again. That is the third time he _____(call) her this evening.

Question 12 : The police _____(arrest) two men in connection with the robbery.

Question 13 : Susan really loves that film. She _____(see) it eight times!

Question 14 : You already _____(read) the book? What do you think?

Question 15 : I _____(not go) to a zoo before. It is a nice feeling to go somewhere you never _____(be) before.

Exercise 4 :

Complete the following sentences using the present perfect continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

Question 1 : He _____(wait) all the morning.

Question 2 : Richard _____(do) the same job for 20 years.

Question 3 : I _____(study) English for six months.

Question 4 : Mike _____(work) in Las Vegas for the last few months.

Question 5 : It ____ (rain) since lunchtime.

Question 6 : Helen ____ (read) this book for three days.

Question 7 : Kevin ____ (look) for a job since he finished school.

Question 8 : I'm tired of waiting. I ____ (sit) here for one hour.

Question 9 : He is exhausted because he ____ (work) continuously for more than twelve hours.

Question 10 : She ____ (sleep) for 10 hours! You must wake her.

Question 11 : He ____ (read) this book for two hours, but he hasn't finished it yet.

Question 12 : That boy ____ (wait) for the bus for half an hour. Shall I tell him that the last bus has already gone?

Question 13 : They ____ (argue) very excitedly all this time. Shall I come and interrupt them?

Question 14 : What have you done with my bag? I ____ (look) for it for an hour and I haven't found it yet.

Exercise 5 :

Choose the best word or phrase to complete in the following questions.

Question 1 : We can go out now. It ____ anymore.

- A. isn't raining B. rains C. has rained D. has been raining

Question 2 : What ____ in your spare time? Do you have any hobbies?

- A. have you done B. are you doing C. do you do D. have you been doing

Question 3 : Mary usually ____ me on Fridays, but she didn't call last Friday.

- A. have been calling B. calls C. is calling D. have called

Question 4 : I ____ hungry. Let's have something to eat.

- A. am feeling B. have felt C. feel D. have been feeling

Question 5 : What is that noise? What ____?

- A. have been happening B. is happening
C. have happened D. had happened

Question 6 : It's usually dry here at this time of the year. It ____ much.

- A. isn't raining B. hasn't rained
C. hasn't been raining D. doesn't rain

Question 7 : Look! That man over there ____ the same sweater as you.

- A. has worn B. is wearing C. wears D. have been wearing

Question 8 : I wonder why Jim ____ so nice to me today. He isn't usually like that.

- A. is being B. have been C. is D. have being

Question 9 : Mary wasn't happy with her new job at first, but she ____ to like it now.

- A. begins B. have begun C. is beginning D. have been beginning

Question 10 : This is a nice restaurant, isn't it? Is this the first time you ____ here?

- A. are B. have been C. are being D. have being

Question 11 : I need a new job. I ____ the same job for too long.

A. are doing B. have done C. have been doing D. do

Question 12 : "You look tired". "Yes, I _____ basketball".

A. plays B. is playing C. have played D. have been playing

Question 13 : I would like to see Tina again. It's been a long time _____.

A. that I didn't see her B. for I didn't see her

C. since I saw her D. until I saw her

Question 14 : Bod and Alice have been married _____.

A. that 20 years B. since 20 years C. when 20 years D. for 20 years

Question 15 : - I am looking for Paul. You _____ him?

- Yes, he was here a minute ago.

A. Have - seen B. Did - see C. Do - see D. Is - seeing

Question 16 : Unless she _____ extra, she will not complete the work.

A. is paying B. have been paying C. pays D. is paid

Question 17 : The house at the end of the street which _____ empty for years has been sold.

A. is B. have been C. is being D. has been

Question 18 : All right, you'll try to fix the television! But I _____ you know what you're doing.

A. hope B. have hoped C. is hoping D. have been hoping

Question 19 : Who _____ at the door?

A. knock B. is knocking
C. have been knocking D. have knocked

Question 20 : How long it _____ you to get to the library?

A. does - take B. have - taken C. is - taking D. have - been taking

Question 21 : Many girls want to go to the pub while only a minority _____ to watch TV at home now.

A. is wanting B. want C. will want D. wants

Question 22 : They've faxed me I should stay till they _____ a replacement. Well, last time it took two weeks.

A. found B. will find C. find D. had found

Question 23 : Let's have some tea. It _____ chilly.

A. gets B. is getting C. have gotten D. have been getting

Question 24 : Don't talk to him while he _____.

A. have been reading B. reads C. is reading D. have read

Question 25 : Ann wants to see you. You _____ here for ages!

A. have been B. are C. had been D. are being

Question 26 : - Your house is very beautiful. How long you _____ here?

- Nearly ten years.

A. did - live B. have - been living C. do - live D. is - living

Question 27 : I _____ to the movies for ages. We used to go a lot.

A. haven't gone B. didn't go C. isn't going D. hadn't gone

Question 28 : Why are you putting on your coat? You _____ out?

A. Do - go B. Have - gone C. Had - gone D. Are - going

Question 29 : Look! That plane _____ toward the airport. It is going to land.

A. flies B. have flown C. is flying D. will fly

Question 30 : Ann is very tired. She _____ tennis for three hours.

A. is playing B. will play C. plays D. has been playing

Question 31 : He works in a bank, but he _____ it very much.

A. doesn't enjoy B. haven't enjoyed C. didn't enjoy D. hadn't enjoyed

Question 32 : I _____ well lately. Maybe I should go to the doctor.

A. didn't feel B. won't feel
C. haven't been feeling D. am not feeling

Question 33 : I _____ my homework for two hours, but I _____ yet.

A. have done - haven't finished B. is doing - isn't finishing
C. will do - will not finish D. have been doing - haven't finished

Question 34 : Let's take our travel chess set in case we _____ bored on the train.

A. get B. are getting C. got D. have got

Question 35 : We _____ get in touch with our customers by post.

A. recently B. hardly C. lately D. latterly

Question 36 : We have been married _____.

A. over twenty years B. over twenty years ago
C. for over twenty years D. since over twenty years

Question 37 : Melanie _____ her hand. It's bleeding heavily.

A. has cut B. is cutting C. cut D. cuts

Question 38 : "When will Mary be able to leave hospital?" - "Don't be so impatient. We cannot release her before we _____ the last test."

A. have completed B. will have completed
C. will complete D. completed

Question 39 : The Amazon River _____ into the Atlantic Ocean.

A. flows B. has flowed C. is flowing D. will flow

Question 40 : My parents live in _____ London. They _____ there _____ all their lives.

A. are living B. had lived C. have lived D. will live

Question 41 : Where have you been? I _____ for you for the last half hour.

A. am looking B. have been looking C. will be looking D. look

Question 42 : My brother is an actor. He _____ in several movies.

A. appeared B. had appeared C. has appeared D. appears

Question 43 : Please don't bother him now. He _____.

A. is working B. has been working C. had been working D. was working

Question 44 : I _____ an interesting book at the moment. I will lend it to you when I _____ it.

A. am reading - have finished B. read - am finishing

C. have read - am finishing D. read - will finish

Question 45 : Ha never _____ fishing in the winter but she always _____ it in the summer.

A. goes - does B. has gone - done C. go - do D. was gone - done

Question 46 : We can win only if we remain united, so we must support them the moment they _____ on strike.

A. will have gone B. will go C. go D. went

Question 47 : I am sorry. I _____ that fellow's name already.

A. forgot B. have forgotten

C. have been forgetting D. forget

Question 48 : It usually _____ very much in that part of the United States.

A. is raining B. rained C. rains D. have rained

Question 49 : Look! A man _____ after the train. He wants to catch it.

A. runs B. have been running C. will run D. is running