

PHRASAL VERBS

Exercise 1. Choose a, b, c or d that has the closest meaning to the underlined part.

1. Let's put off that meeting to next Monday.
A. post pone B. arrange C. start D. decide
2. They turned down my suggestion, which made me upset.
A. refused B. agreed C. accepted D. supposed
3. I ran into my cousin, Peter, when I was on the way to school yesterday.
A. phoned B. met C. called D. waved
4. Peter went through the test paper and crossed out two wrong answers.
A. handed / chose B. dropped / discovered C. finished / wrote D. read carefully / deleted
5. The party kicks off at 8 o'clock.
A. prepares B. cancels C. ends D. starts
6. What time will the train get in?
A. brake B. run C. arrive D. leave
7. I sometimes drop off on the sofa.
A. sleep B. drink C. eat D. buy
8. Professor Pike promised to talk over the exam after he returned the results.
A. discuss B. omit C. end D. begin
9. My family was able to get by on very little money when I was young.
A. survive B. depend C. spend D. earn
10. Mr. Pike was very good at making up stories for his children.
A. telling B. reading C. inventing D. remembering
11. I can put you up at my flat if you like.
A. give you a lift to home B. give you somewhere to sleep
C. give you a meal D. give you some work to do
12. My boss is always picking on me these days.
A. asking me to do something B. helping me
C. criticizing me D. playing games with me
13. None of these countries has found a way to get around the problem of inflation.
A. create B. invent C. cause D. overcome
14. I have been snowed under at work recently.
A. The weather has been very bad B. I have been very busy at my work
C. It has been very cold in the office D. My boss has been causing problems.
15. When he came to, his wallet and bike were nowhere to be found.
A. arrived home B. climbed the stairs C. went to work D. recover consciousness
16. Carlos hung up on his sister because he is so tired of listening to her whining on the phone.
A. visited B. ended a phone call C. came to see D. reprimanded
17. The company has been taking on new staff, including part-time workers.
A. sacking B. limiting C. employing D. dismissing
18. Terri was able to catch on to the most complex problems in calculus before anyone else.
A. realize B. change C. invent D. submit
19. Let me explain to you how the things came about.
A. ended B. happened C. blew D. are solved.

20. We are becoming older and older as years go by.

A. stop

B. change

C. come

D. pass

Exercise 2. Choose the best answer to complete each sentence.

1. He drives so quickly that I am afraid that one day he will _____ someone crossing the street.

A. crash down

B. knock down

C. turn over

D. run across

2. Hello. Is that 956782? Please put me _____ to the manager.

A. across

B. up

C. over

D. through

3. The three friends all _____ for the same job.

A. requested

B. intended

C. applied

D. referred

4. I don't think he will ever get _____ the shock of his father's death.

A. over

B. through

C. by

D. off

5. The child hurt himself badly when he fell _____ the bedroom window.

A. out from

B. out of

C. down

D. over

6 I am late because my alarm clock didn't _____ this morning.

A. come on

B. ring out

C. go off

D. turn on

7. My daughter often _____ to see me at least once a week.

A. calls up

B. drops in

C. goes up

D. comes on

8. I saw a thief take Tom's wallet, so I ran _____ him, but I couldn't catch him.

A. into

B. over

C. near

D. after

9. If it's raining tomorrow, we will have to put _____ the match till Sunday.

A. off

B. away

C. in

D. on

10. There was a big hole in the road which _____ the traffic.

A. kept down

B. held up

C. stood back

D. sent back

11. She applied for training as a pilot, but they turned _____ her because of her poor eyesight.

A. up

B. back

C. down

D. over

12. These old houses are going to be _____ soon.

A. laid out

B. run down

C. knocked out

D. pulled down

13. Having looked the place _____, the gang went away to make their plans.

A. over

B. through

C. down

D. out

14. Take the number 7 bus and get _____ at Forest Road.

A. up

B. down

C. off

D. outside

15. If you want to join this club, you must _____ this application form.

A. make up

B. write down

C. do up

D. fill in

16. The doctor told him to keep _____ sweets and chocolate to lose weight.

A. at

B. up

C. back

D. off

17. Tom was slow to catch _____, but gradually he began to understand.

A. in

B. on

C. away

D. out

18. You know I'll always stand _____ you if you are in trouble.

A. for

B. up

C. by

D. with

19. The job offer was too good for him to turn _____.

A. down

B. out

C. off

D. away

20. His son's death was a terrible shock and it took him a long time to _____ it.

- A. get round B. come through C. go over D. get over
21. Please come _____ and see us some time - you're always welcome.
A. to B. round C. about D. away
22. She put _____ speaking to him as long as possible.
A. over B. away C. off D. back
23. She went _____ a bad cold just before Christmas.
A. down with B. in for C. over D. through
24. They had never come _____ such a beautiful little village before.
A. at B. across C. off D. along
25. The doctor advised me not to take _____ so much work in future.
A. to B. over C. after D. on
26. The police have warned tourists to look _____ for pickpockets in the town centre.
A. out B. up C. down D. forward
27. If you want to be healthy; you should cut _____ on your smoking.
A. up B. down C. out D. through
28. Their aim is to _____ up a new political party.
A. strike B. stand C. set D. show
29. The man who lives opposite us sometimes comes _____ for a cup of coffee.
A. on B. over C. off D. to
30. We expected him at eight, but he finally _____ at midnight.
A. came to B. turned out C. turned in D. came off
31. He had to go to the bank to _____ some money for his holiday.
A. pay up B. pay back C. draw out D. draw in
32. If you want to have a pet you must be ready to look _____ it for several years.
A. at B. for C. after D. over
33. I can put _____ with most things but I cannot stand noisy children.
A. on B. up C. off D. aside
34. Don't _____ up yet, you will soon be able to play the trumpet well.
A. give B. catch C. break D. turn
35. Some drivers seem to expect everyone else to get _____ their way.
A. off B. after C. away from D. out of
36. My uncle took _____ golf when he retired from work.
A. on B. after C. up D. over
37. Mrs. Brown always _____ out in a crowd because she wore large hats.
A. found B. looked C. stood D. showed
38. After his mother died, he was _____ up by his grandmother.
A. grown B. brought C. taken D. drawn
39. The audience _____ out laughing when the singer fell over.
A. called B. burst C. shouted D. broke
40. If we want to _____ up with them, we'd better hurry.
A. come B. arrive C. approach D. catch
41. Unfortunately the company will have to cut _____ on staff.
A. away B. back C. off D. through
42. Their enthusiasm for the new plan has _____ out.

- A. gone B. failed C. died D. disappeared
43. Once the fire _____ out we had to sit in the cold.
A. lit B. fell C. went D. came
44. Do you think it's possible to _____ on nothing but fruit and vegetables?
A. eat B. live C. enjoy D. make
45. The bus only stops here to _____ passengers.
A. alight B. get on C. get off D. pick up
46. Hurry! It's time to _____ up and go to school.
A. stand B. get C. dress D. start
47. Mary is very _____ up and thinks she is superior to her classmates.
A. turned B. looked C. stuck D. fed
48. The completion of the tunnel has been held _____ owing to a strike.
A. on B. off C. over D. up
49. He wanted to _____ off all his work before he came to the cinema with us.
A. finish B. stop C. end D. put
50. I remember Alice as a spotty girl, but she's turned _____ a beautiful woman.
A. to B. in C. into D. on
51. Stephen always wanted to be an actor when he _____ up.
A. came B. grew C. brought D. settled
52. They've _____ a new tower where that old building used to be.
A. put up B. put down C. pushed up D. pushed down
53. It's high time Bill got a steady job and _____. He's almost thirty.
A. settled in B. settled down C. turned in D. turned down
54. The plane _____ down ten minutes late because of bad weather.
A. put B. flew C. landed D. touched
55. He kept his marriage a secret for years, but eventually the truth _____.
A. went in B. went off C. came out D. came through
56. Can you remember the first time you _____ in love?
A. felt B. went C. fell D. found
57. There's a rumor that the National Bank is going to take _____ the company I work for.
A. on B. off C. over D. after
58. There's a lot more traffic than usual. There must be something _____ in the city centre.
A. going on B. going off C. getting on D. getting off
59. I've always got _____ well with old people.
A. off B. on C. in D. through
60. When the alarm clock went off, Tom just turned it _____ and went back to sleep.
A. down B. out C. up D. off
61. I'd love to get _____ from this place for a few days. I really feel I need a break.
A. out B. away C. over D. down
62. The smell of floor polish still brings _____ memories of my old school.
A. on B. up C. back D. over
63. We had to turn _____ their invitation to lunch as we had a previous engagement.
A. over B. out C. up D. down
64. I've just spent two weeks looking _____ an old aunt of mine who's been ill.

- A. at B. for C. out for D. after
65. The teacher carried _____ his threat to suspend Tom for his repeated absence from class.
A. on with B. on C. out D. over
66. At the meeting, someone brought _____ the subject of pre-school education.
A. in B. on C. up D. out
67. I take _____ everything I said about Paul. I realize now that it wasn't true.
A. on B. over C. in D. back
68. When the princess kissed the frog, it turned _____ a handsome prince.
A. into B. up C. out D. over
69. You shouldn't stay at home so much. Get _____ and make new friends.
A. by B. out C. over D. away
70. I always run _____ of money before the end of the month.
A. out B. back C. up D. down
71. As soon as she came _____ after the operation, she asked for a drink of water.
A. across B. up C. round D. under
72. Barry has come _____ some good suggestions for raising the money we need.
A. on to B. up with C. round to D. across with
73. I _____ everything in my bag three times but my keys were nowhere to be found.
A. went out B. went over C. looked for D. looked at
74. Can you remember what to do, or do you want me to go _____ it again?
A. by B. into C. past D. over
75. Having that accident has brought _____ a complete change in his attitude to other people.
A. in B. about C. up D. out
76. They are thinking of bringing _____ a law to make cyclists wear helmets.
A. on B. up C. in D. round
77. I came _____ this earring as I was cleaning behind the sofa.
A. round B. across C. past D. on
78. The milk went _____ because it hadn't been put back in the fridge.
A. off B. past C. out D. away
79. We waited for ages, but Tom never showed _____.
A. out B. off C. up D. down
80. The company was so successful that it _____ on 500 new employees in six months.
A. put B. laid C. caught D. took