

# PRE-INTERMEDIATE TEST - 3

- Past Simple    - Past Continuous
- Irregular verbs - Linking words
- Prepositions

1. I was born in Africa \_\_\_\_ 1970.  
A) on            B) at            C) in            D) last
2. My parents moved back to England \_\_\_\_ I was five.  
A) when        B) ago        C) \*            D) for
3. We lived in Bristol \_\_\_\_ three years.  
A) last        B) for        C) at            D) \*
4. I left college three years \_\_\_\_.  
A) nothing    B) ago        C) for            D) in
5. I found a flat on my own \_\_\_\_ last year.  
A) at            B) for        C) \*            D) on
6. I usually go home \_\_\_\_ the weekend.  
A) in            B) when      C) at            D) of
7. I didn't go home \_\_\_\_ weekend because some friends came to stay.  
A) for        B) last        C) \*            D) at
8. They arrived \_\_\_\_ three o'clock \_\_\_\_ the afternoon.  
A) at / in      B) in / for    C) when / ago D) last / \*
9. \_\_\_\_ Saturday evening we went out to a concert.  
A) Last        B) In        C) For        D) On
10. \_\_\_\_ we got home we listened to some music.  
A) For        B) Last      C) Last        D) When
11. We got up late \_\_\_\_ Sunday morning.  
A) \*            B) at        C) on            D) in
12. \_\_\_\_ the afternoon we went for a walk.  
A) At        B) For        C) On            D) In
13. I bought a car a few weeks \_\_\_\_.  
A) last        B) when      C) ago        D) for
14. I had an accident \_\_\_\_ last night.  
A) in            B) \*            C) on            D) at
15. It happened \_\_\_\_ seven o'clock \_\_\_\_ the evening.  
A) when / \*    B) in / at    C) at / last    D) at / in
16. I took my car to the garage \_\_\_\_ this morning.  
A) in            B) when      C) \*            D) at
17. It will be ready \_\_\_\_ two weeks.  
A) \*            B) in        C) on            D) for
18. I \_\_\_\_ a friend while I \_\_\_\_ the shopping  
A) was meeting / did      B) met / was doing  
C) meet / do                D) met / did
19. I \_\_\_\_ for my things when I \_\_\_\_ someone call my name.  
A) paid / was hearing      B) pay / heard  
C) was paying / hear        D) was paying / heard
20. I \_\_\_\_ round and \_\_\_\_ Paula.  
A) turned / saw              B) was turning/ was seeing  
C) turn / was seeing        D) was turning / saw
21. She \_\_\_\_ a bright red coat yesterday.  
A) wore                        B) was wearing  
C) wear                        D) was wear
22. We \_\_\_\_ to have a cup of coffee.  
A) decided                    B) were deciding  
C) decides                     D) will deciding
23. While we \_\_\_\_ a drink, a waiter \_\_\_\_ a pile of plates.  
A) had / was dropping      B) have / dropped  
C) have / drop                D) were having / dropped
24. We all \_\_\_\_ a terrible shock.  
A) were getting              B) gets  
C) getting                     D) got
25. While the waiter \_\_\_\_ up the broken plates, he \_\_\_\_ his finger.  
A) picked / was cutting     B) was picking / cut  
C) pick / cut                 D) picks / cut

This morning I \_\_(26)\_\_ to work. I \_\_(27)\_\_ to go by bus because the sun \_\_(28)\_\_. While I \_\_(29)\_\_ past the supermarket, I \_\_(30)\_\_ something strange. A man \_\_(31)\_\_ near me and he \_\_(32)\_\_ a song very loudly on his own! He \_\_(33)\_\_ for a few minutes. Then he \_\_(34)\_\_ a friend and he \_\_(35)\_\_ singing.

26. A) was walking    B) walked        C) walk            D) walking
27. A) didn't want            B) wasn't wanting  
C) don't want              D) am not wanting
28. A) shone            B) is shining    C) was shining    D) shines
29. A) walked            B) am walking    C) was walked    D) was walking
30. A) was seeing    B) saw            C) am seeing      D) see
31. A) passed            B) was passing    C) pass            D) passes
32. A) sang              B) sing            C) was singing    D) song
33. A) was continuing      B) continues  
C) is continuing            D) continued
34. A) will met        B) met            C) was meeting    D) meet
35. A) was stopping        B) stop  
C) stopped                 D) is stopping
36. I \_\_\_\_ a very good program on TV last night.  
A) was seeing    B) see            C) am seeing      D) saw
37. While I \_\_\_\_ this morning, I \_\_\_\_ my money. I don't know how.  
A) shopped / lose            B) was shopping / lost  
C) shopped / was losing      D) shop / lose
38. Last week the police \_\_\_\_ Alan in his car because he \_\_\_\_ over eighty miles an hour.  
A) were stopping / was driving  
B) stop / drove  
C) stopped / was driving  
D) was stopping / drove
39. How \_\_\_\_ your finger?  
A) are you cutting            B) were you cutting  
C) did you cut                 D) you cut
40. I \_\_\_\_ and I \_\_\_\_ the knife.  
A) cooked / was dropping    B) cook / drop  
C) was cooking / dropped     D) cooked / dropped
41. When I \_\_\_\_ at the party, everyone \_\_\_\_ a good time.  
A) was arriving / had        B) arrived / was having  
C) arrived / had                D) arrived / were having
42. \_\_\_\_ a good time last night?  
A) Did you have                B) Were you having  
C) Will you have                D) Are you having
43. While I \_\_\_\_ to work this morning I \_\_\_\_ an old friend.  
A) went / meet                 B) am going / met  
C) go / was meeting            D) was going / met
44. I \_\_\_\_ to get up this morning. It \_\_\_\_ and it was cold, and my bed was so warm.  
A) don't want / is raining      B) am not wanting / rains  
C) wasn't wanting / rained     D) didn't want / was raining
45. I \_\_\_\_ to the news on the radio when the phone \_\_\_\_.  
A) listened / was ringing      B) am listening / was ringing  
C) was listening / rang         D) listen / is ringing
46. But when I \_\_\_\_ up the phone, there was no one there.  
A) pick                        B) am picking    C) picked            D) was picking
47. I \_\_\_\_ hello to the children, but they didn't say anything because they \_\_\_\_ television.  
A) say / watched                B) said / were watching  
C) was / saying                 D) said / watched
48. What \_\_\_\_ at 8.00 last night?  
A) did you do                    B) you did  
C) were you doing                D) are you doing
49. We played tennis \_\_\_\_ two hours.  
A) during                        B) while            C) nothing            D) for
50. I worked on a farm \_\_\_\_ the holidays.  
A) for                            B) since            C) while            D) on