

Test 3b

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

1. Would you mind _____ your bike for half an hour?
☐ a) that I lend
☐ b) if I borrowed
☐ c) borrowing me
☐ d) if I lent
2. I _____ myself since your birthday party last year. What a fantastic party that was!
☐ a) didn't really enjoy
☐ b) haven't been enjoying
☐ c) really didn't enjoy
☐ d) haven't really enjoyed
3. I've apologised to her but she still refuses _____ to me.
☐ a) to speak
☐ b) speaking
☐ c) of speaking
☐ d) that she speaks
4. If you don't improve your sales figures, you're going to lose your job. Can't you see the _____?
☐ a) writing on the board
☐ b) writing on the wall
☐ c) script on the scroll
☐ d) spelling on the scroll
5. The children have _____ to do at the weekends.
☐ a) much homeworks
☐ b) lots of homeworks
☐ c) a lot of homework
☐ d) many homeworks
6. How dare you accuse me _____! I would never do such a thing.
☐ a) with cheating
☐ b) of cheating
☐ c) that I cheat
☐ d) that I cheated
7. The cat has been trapped in the tree for hours. If only we _____ a ladder!
☐ a) have
☐ b) would have
☐ c) were having
☐ d) had
8. What _____ in your spare time? Have you got any hobbies?
☐ a) have you done
☐ b) did you do
☐ c) do you do
☐ d) have you made
9. I didn't stop at the traffic lights because I _____. The light was green!
☐ a) didn't have to
☐ b) didn't have
☐ c) mustn't
☐ d) 'd better not
10. —I have to go to the bathroom. If the phone _____, can you answer it?
—Sure, no problem.
☐ a) rang
☐ b) rings
☐ c) will ring
☐ d) would ring
11. I've been working on a new website. I hope to have it _____ before Christmas.
☐ a) up and running
☐ b) functioning and up
☐ c) up and jumping
☐ d) down and out
12. The television _____. Now it's working again.
☐ a) has been repaired
☐ b) is being repaired
☐ c) had been repaired
☐ d) was repairing

13. I pretended _____ interested in all that nonsense about astrology, but I was only being polite. I don't think I've ever heard so much superstitious twaddle in my life.
- ☐ a) being
 - ☐ b) that I'm
 - ☐ c) to be
 - ☐ d) that I were
14. If we _____ find a taxi, we wouldn't have come by bus.
- ☐ a) could
 - ☐ b) were able to
 - ☐ c) managed to
 - ☐ d) had been able to
15. There were two dozen people in the photo, but I didn't recognise _____ of them. And yet, a mere fifty years before, we had all been at school together.
- ☐ a) none
 - ☐ b) either
 - ☐ c) any
 - ☐ d) neither
16. Rosy _____ a lot more money in her last job, but she enjoys this one more.
- ☐ a) has earned
 - ☐ b) earned
 - ☐ c) has gained
 - ☐ d) gained
17. It's surprising. Boris _____ but he doesn't earn very much.
- ☐ a) works hardly
 - ☐ b) hardly works
 - ☐ c) works hard
 - ☐ d) is working hardly
18. Bernie paid £500 for his snakeskin jacket. I wish I _____ that kind of money to spend on a jacket.
- ☐ a) 've had
 - ☐ b) would have
 - ☐ c) had
 - ☐ d) should have
19. I promised the boss I would finish the report before the end of the week, but I see now that it's impossible. I've bitten off more than I can _____.
- ☐ a) chew
 - ☐ b) munch
 - ☐ c) chomp
 - ☐ d) gnaw
20. Put on your overcoat _____ it gets cold later.
- ☐ a) unless
 - ☐ b) as long as
 - ☐ c) although
 - ☐ d) in case
21. I couldn't get the car out of the garage because there was a huge truck _____ in front of the house.
- ☐ a) it was parked
 - ☐ b) who was parked
 - ☐ c) had been parked
 - ☐ d) parked
22. I wonder if there's anything good _____ television this evening.
- ☐ a) in
 - ☐ b) on the
 - ☐ c) on
 - ☐ d) in the
23. She _____ living in the country, away from all the shops and cinemas and things, but now she loves it. She says it's much less stressful.
- ☐ a) wasn't used to like
 - ☐ b) wasn't liking
 - ☐ c) wasn't used to liking
 - ☐ d) didn't use to like
24. It's obvious that you aren't listening to me, so there's no point _____ this discussion.
- ☐ a) in continuing
 - ☐ b) to continue
 - ☐ c) for continuing
 - ☐ d) that we continue
25. I noticed she was wearing a diamond ring _____ her little finger.
- ☐ a) in
 - ☐ b) around
 - ☐ c) over
 - ☐ d) on
26. Marco said he would drop me _____ when he got back to Greece, but he never did.
- ☐ a) a word
 - ☐ b) a line
 - ☐ c) some lines
 - ☐ d) some words

27. This is a nice room but the _____ horrible.

- ☐ a) furniture are
- ☐ b) furnitures is
- ☐ c) furnitures are
- ☐ d) furniture is

28. The fire spread quickly through the building, but fortunately _____ escape.

- ☐ a) everybody was able to
- ☐ b) all could
- ☐ c) everybody were able to
- ☐ d) all people could

29. It'll be difficult to find a parking place near the stadium. I'd advise _____ your car here.

- ☐ a) you to leave
- ☐ b) you leaving
- ☐ c) that you leave
- ☐ d) you should leave

30. At the moment I'm reading a _____ novel.

- ☐ a) new fascinating Irish
- ☐ b) fascinating new Irish
- ☐ c) new Irish fascinating
- ☐ d) fascinating Irish new

31. I didn't realise that the two photos were different until Tom pointed _____ to me.

- ☐ a) out it
- ☐ b) it out
- ☐ c) it up
- ☐ d) up it

32. —What are you looking for?
—I can't find my keys. They _____ out of my pocket.

- ☐ a) must have fallen
- ☐ b) should have fallen
- ☐ c) had to fall
- ☐ d) might be falling

33. The war in Iraq was never popular in Britain. In our small town alone, there were _____ people in the street demonstrating against it right from the very start.

- ☐ a) ten thousands
- ☐ b) ten thousands of
- ☐ c) ten thousand of
- ☐ d) ten thousand

34. —This is a nice restaurant. Do you come here often?

—No, it's the first time _____ here. But I agree with you, it's certainly very nice.

- ☐ a) I come
- ☐ b) I'm coming
- ☐ c) I've come
- ☐ d) I came

35. The day she got married is a day she'll always _____ with mixed emotions.

- ☐ a) look forward to
- ☐ b) memorise
- ☐ c) look back on
- ☐ d) ignore

36. If she _____ her employees a little more, they might have liked her better, but she was always a miserly sort of person.

- ☐ a) had paid
- ☐ b) paid
- ☐ c) would pay
- ☐ d) would have paid

37. Don't worry. They're very slow at answering letters but you will get an answer _____.

- ☐ a) after all
- ☐ b) one of those days
- ☐ c) sooner or later
- ☐ d) in a blue moon

38. When I last saw you, you _____ emigrating to Canada.

- ☐ a) thought of
- ☐ b) had thought of
- ☐ c) were thinking of
- ☐ d) had thought in

39. Everyone agreed that George was a very _____, charming and intelligent man.

- ☐ a) beautiful
- ☐ b) gorgeous
- ☐ c) pretty
- ☐ d) handsome

40. Don't be so unreasonable, Frederick. This is a mere trifle. You're making a mountain out of a _____.

- ☐ a) grain of sand
- ☐ b) foothill
- ☐ c) molehill
- ☐ d) mini-mound

41. People enjoy Ben's company because he's very _____.

- ☐ a) likeable
- ☐ b) adorable
- ☐ c) sympathetic
- ☐ d) enchanting

42. The boss is in her office, but I wouldn't attempt _____ to her now if I were you. She's in a terrible mood.

- ☐ a) to speak
- ☐ b) speaking
- ☐ c) that I speak
- ☐ d) of speaking

43. —What do you think of Monsieur Auge, the French teacher?

—He is a dreadful person. I really can't _____.

- ☐ a) support him
- ☐ b) swallow him
- ☐ c) stand him
- ☐ d) withstand him

44. I don't care what they say about harmful rays. When I'm on holiday, I enjoy _____.

- ☐ a) sunbathing
- ☐ b) taking the sun
- ☐ c) having a sunbath
- ☐ d) getting sunstroke

45. Don't mention political corruption to Edward. It's like _____ to a bull. The subject makes him furious and unreasonable.

- ☐ a) a red flag
- ☐ b) a red rag
- ☐ c) a red carpet
- ☐ d) seeing red

46. It _____ to get dark. Shall I turn the light on?

- ☐ a) was beginning
- ☐ b) is beginning
- ☐ c) begins
- ☐ d) began

47. —You don't have enough determination. You don't try hard enough. You _____ too easily.

—Well, nobody's perfect!

- ☐ a) leave up
- ☐ b) give off
- ☐ c) give up
- ☐ d) leave out

48. —What do you intend to do about the shortage of office space?

—There's nothing we can do about it. We'll just have to _____ with it until we move to the new premises.

- ☐ a) turn up
- ☐ b) put along
- ☐ c) put up
- ☐ d) turn away

49. His novel was _____ by twenty different publishers before finally being accepted.

- ☐ a) turned down
- ☐ b) turned up
- ☐ c) turned off
- ☐ d) put away

50. I was standing beside the car when suddenly the antitheft alarm _____.

- ☐ a) came off
- ☐ b) went on
- ☐ c) came on
- ☐ d) went off