Test 2c

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

1. **As soon as he saw the man behind the desk, he realised he _____ to the wrong room.**
   - ☐ **a)** came
   - ☐ **b)** had come
   - ☐ **c)** was coming
   - ☐ **d)** had been coming

2. **_____ one cigarette when he reached for the packet and took another.**
   - ☐ **a)** Hardly had he finished
   - ☐ **b)** Only he had finished
   - ☐ **c)** Not only he had finished
   - ☐ **d)** He had finished hardly

3. **Henry beat me at tennis. But he _____ if he hadn't cheated so much with the line calls.**
   - ☐ **a)** couldn't do it
   - ☐ **b)** couldn't have done it
   - ☐ **c)** wouldn't do it
   - ☐ **d)** wasn't able to do it

4. **Parker has always had a tendency to _____ the importance of minor problems.**
   - ☐ **a)** augment
   - ☐ **b)** multiply
   - ☐ **c)** exaggerate
   - ☐ **d)** heighten

5. **Jim's changed a lot since he was promoted. I think the power has _____ his head.**
   - ☐ **a)** gone to
   - ☐ **b)** gone over
   - ☐ **c)** shaken
   - ☐ **d)** taken it into

6. **Their predictions were not _____ by subsequent events. In fact, the very opposite occurred.**
   - ☐ **a)** carried out
   - ☐ **b)** borne off
   - ☐ **c)** borne out
   - ☐ **d)** carried off

7. **Don't take what he says too seriously. He's only _____.**
   - ☐ **a)** feeling your foot
   - ☐ **b)** taking your hair
   - ☐ **c)** pulling your leg
   - ☐ **d)** knocking your knee

8. **—Which one of these two umbrellas is yours?**
   —_____. That's mine over there.
   - ☐ **a)** None
   - ☐ **b)** Neither
   - ☐ **c)** Not one or other
   - ☐ **d)** Not one or another

9. **The play _____ until 8:30, so I think we have time to eat something first.**
   - ☐ **a)** won't be starting
   - ☐ **b)** isn't starting
   - ☐ **c)** shall not start
   - ☐ **d)** mightn't start

10. **The next morning David started out on what _____ to be a very eventful journey.**
    - ☐ **a)** resulted
    - ☐ **b)** arose
    - ☐ **c)** turned
    - ☐ **d)** proved

11. **Arriving very early in the morning, we had the whole beach to _____.**
    - ☐ **a)** us only
    - ☐ **b)** us alone
    - ☐ **c)** ourselves
    - ☐ **d)** only us

12. **They managed to find their way out of the jungle _____ not having a map or compass.**
    - ☐ **a)** despite of
    - ☐ **b)** even though
    - ☐ **c)** nevertheless
    - ☐ **d)** in spite of

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13. I don't know how I'm going to tell my dad that I failed my maths exam. He's going to _____.

- ☐ **a)** go through the walls
- ☐ **b)** hop to the ceiling
- ☐ **c)** shoot out the window
- ☐ **d)** hit the roof

14. I got a huge surprise last week. My cousin from Australia arrived on my doorstep, completely _____. He was the last person in the world I expected to see.

- ☐ **a)** in the red
- ☐ **b)** red, white and blue
- ☐ **c)** in a blue moon
- ☐ **d)** out of the blue

15. It's your mother's birthday next week. _____ her a present!

- ☐ **a)** Remember to buy
- ☐ **b)** Remember buying
- ☐ **c)** Recall to buy
- ☐ **d)** Recall buying

16. He often gives the impression that he doesn't care about his work. But appearances can be _____, you know. Ken's a really hard worker.

- ☐ **a)** deceptive
- ☐ **b)** tricky
- ☐ **c)** deceitful
- ☐ **d)** fraudulent

17. Her _____ just slouched in front of the television while she did all the work.

- ☐ **a)** brother good-for-nothing
- ☐ **b)** good-for-nothing brother
- ☐ **c)** good for nothing brother
- ☐ **d)** good brother for nothing

18. I see a lot of young people with this new hair style. It seems to be _____.

- ☐ **a)** piling up
- ☐ **b)** bringing off
- ☐ **c)** catching on
- ☐ **d)** coming off

19. Jimmy doesn't like my cooking, but it doesn't bother me. _____, I say.

- ☐ **a)** Everyone to his own
- ☐ **b)** Each to his own
- ☐ **c)** Each one his own
- ☐ **d)** Everyone's his own

20. Because of the awful weather, the play was poorly attended, but _____ people who came had an excellent evening.

- ☐ **a)** the few
- ☐ **b)** a few
- ☐ **c)** few
- ☐ **d)** the less

21. —Do you think the Chancellor will increase taxes on alcohol and cigarettes again?
—I _____. In my view, they're expensive enough already.

- ☐ **a)** hope not
- ☐ **b)** don't hope so
- ☐ **c)** hope it's not
- ☐ **d)** don't hope it's so

22. I get on well with my mother-in-law. We _____ on most things.

- ☐ **a)** are all eyes
- ☐ **b)** keep our eyes peeled
- ☐ **c)** see eye to eye
- ☐ **d)** meet each other's eyes

23. He has been with the company for thirty years, but the management has now decided to _____ with his services.

- ☐ **a)** discard
- ☐ **b)** dispense
- ☐ **c)** disuse
- ☐ **d)** dismiss

24. If Hilary hadn't looked out the window at that moment, she _____ the thieves trying to break into her car.

- ☐ **a)** wouldn't have spotted
- ☐ **b)** didn't spot
- ☐ **c)** hadn't spotted
- ☐ **d)** wouldn't have been spotting

25. It's been more than ten years since we had the living room _____. I'm fed up looking at it. Let's redecorate it completely.

- ☐ **a)** made up
- ☐ **b)** counted up
- ☐ **c)** brought off
- ☐ **d)** done up

26. The meeting might go on for several hours, _____ I'll not be home in time for dinner, I'm afraid.

- ☐ **a)** at which point
- ☐ **b)** by which time
- ☐ **c)** in which case
- ☐ **d)** with which time

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27. Most of my mates go for a drink after work, but I don't. Going to the pub isn't really my _____.

☐ **a)** glass of beer
☐ **b)** slice of cake
☐ **c)** cup of tea
☐ **d)** bread and butter

28. In the _____ of any real evidence against the three men, the case had to be dropped.

☐ **a)** scarcity
☐ **b)** absence
☐ **c)** lack
☐ **d)** want

29. _____ early for her appointment, Betty began to leaf through the pile of old magazines.

☐ **a)** Having arrived
☐ **b)** By arriving
☐ **c)** Because arriving
☐ **d)** Once arrived

30. —How's the new job going, Tom?
—Fine, thanks. But everything's very new. It'll take me a couple of weeks to _____, I expect.

☐ **a)** put my foot in it
☐ **b)** put my foot down
☐ **c)** get cold feet
☐ **d)** find my feet

31. —They're very happy with their new flat.
—They ____. It's a beautiful place to live.

☐ **a)** should be
☐ **b)** should
☐ **c)** will
☐ **d)** could be

32. I hate work. If only I _____ have to go!

☐ **a)** won't
☐ **b)** didn't
☐ **c)** don't
☐ **d)** wouldn't

33. —Tell me, is Phyllis a nurse or a dentist?
— _____. She's a psychiatrist.

☐ **a)** None
☐ **b)** Not one or other
☐ **c)** Nor one nor other
☐ **d)** Neither

34. I've just bought a _____ table.

☐ **a)** lovely wooden coffee
☐ **b)** wooden lovely coffee
☐ **c)** lovely coffee wooden
☐ **d)** wooden coffee lovely

35. Many of our procedures are _____ on those used in Japanese companies.

☐ **a)** moulded
☐ **b)** modelled
☐ **c)** adapted
☐ **d)** formed

36. _____ one of you broke the window will have to pay for it.

☐ **a)** Whoever
☐ **b)** Whichever
☐ **c)** Whatever
☐ **d)** What

37. The children were no trouble at all. They were _____.

☐ **a)** like gold dust
☐ **b)** as good as gold
☐ **c)** golden boys
☐ **d)** glittering like gold

38. Why don't you _____ and see us the next time you're in the area?

☐ **a)** draw up
☐ **b)** drop off
☐ **c)** drop in
☐ **d)** end up

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39. Realising he would arrive _____ for the meeting, he phoned to warn the others.

☐ **a)** late
☐ **b)** lately
☐ **c)** with delay
☐ **d)** delayed

40. I couldn't hear myself thinking _____ all the noise in the room.

☐ **a)** because
☐ **b)** what for
☐ **c)** for
☐ **d)** for that

41. Talks are to be held _____ Downing Street.

☐ **a)** in
☐ **b)** on
☐ **c)** to
☐ **d)** at

42. In spite of his _____ as a player, he has had a long and successful career.

☐ **a)** shortages
☐ **b)** disabilities
☐ **c)** deficiencies
☐ **d)** snags

43. If the train hadn't been late, I _____ it.

☐ **a)** wouldn't catch
☐ **b)** wouldn't be able to catch
☐ **c)** wouldn't manage to catch
☐ **d)** couldn't have caught

44. Seeing that he had failed the exam, he went to the nearest pub to drown his _____.

☐ **a)** pains
☐ **b)** griefs
☐ **c)** troubles
☐ **d)** sorrows

45. _____ fifty planes an hour land at Heathrow.

☐ **a)** As many as
☐ **b)** As much as
☐ **c)** So many as
☐ **d)** As many that

46. If I were you, I'd take out some travel insurance, just to be _____.

☐ **a)** safer than sorry
☐ **b)** on the safe side
☐ **c)** for safety first
☐ **d)** in the safe seat

47. Since they had stopped serving meals, we had to _____ ourselves with sandwiches.

☐ **a)** settle
☐ **b)** content
☐ **c)** please
☐ **d)** make do

48. If the worst comes to the worst, we've got our savings to _____.

☐ **a)** fall back on
☐ **b)** fall down on
☐ **c)** rest upon
☐ **d)** rest off on

49. A six-month suspended sentence! He was lucky to _____ so lightly.

☐ **a)** get out
☐ **b)** come off
☐ **c)** get off
☐ **d)** come out

50. It was a good idea but I'm afraid it didn't quite _____.

☐ **a)** come off
☐ **b)** come up
☐ **c)** rise up
☐ **d)** rise off

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Test 2d

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

1. This isn't the first time people _____ taken aback by his outrageous behaviour.
   - ☐ **a)** were
   - ☐ **b)** are
   - ☐ **c)** have been
   - ☐ **d)** had been

2. Not only _____ wine on the carpet, but she also broke six glasses.
   - ☐ **a)** she spilled
   - ☐ **b)** she had spilled
   - ☐ **c)** did she spill
   - ☐ **d)** she was spilling

3. You're the one who left the map in the car! If you _____ it with you, we wouldn't be lost.
   - ☐ **a)** had brought
   - ☐ **b)** should have brought
   - ☐ **c)** brought
   - ☐ **d)** might have brought

4. Police have not yet revealed the _____ details of the case.
   - ☐ **a)** total
   - ☐ **b)** whole
   - ☐ **c)** overall
   - ☐ **d)** full

5. She must be suffering a great deal, but she puts a _____ on it.
   - ☐ **a)** courageous face
   - ☐ **b)** good head
   - ☐ **c)** strong heart
   - ☐ **d)** brave face

6. The crisis was _____ by the Finance Minister's sudden and wholly unexpected resignation.
   - ☐ **a)** brought out
   - ☐ **b)** brought about
   - ☐ **c)** factored on
   - ☐ **d)** borne out

7. When the police want you to confess to something, they always tell you how good you'll feel once you _____.
   - ☐ **a)** open up your breast
   - ☐ **b)** hand it off your heart
   - ☐ **c)** bring it off your breast
   - ☐ **d)** get it off your chest

8. When you reach the fork in the road, you can go _____. They both lead to the village.
   - ☐ **a)** either way
   - ☐ **b)** the two ways
   - ☐ **c)** the both ways
   - ☐ **d)** each way

9. Do you think you _____ that report by the end of the week?
   - ☐ **a)** 'll have finished
   - ☐ **b)** 'll be finishing
   - ☐ **c)** might be finishing
   - ☐ **d)** 're finishing

10. I think you're being _____ pessimistic.
    - ☐ **a)** abundantly
    - ☐ **b)** unduly
    - ☐ **c)** worthlessly
    - ☐ **d)** undeservedly

11. The two men hated _____ with such passion that it was hard to see how they could ever be reconciled.
    - ☐ **a)** one another
    - ☐ **b)** one the other
    - ☐ **c)** themselves
    - ☐ **d)** the one the other

12. _____ difficult it may seem now, you'll be glad you did it in the end.
    - ☐ **a)** Whatever
    - ☐ **b)** However
    - ☐ **c)** No matter what
    - ☐ **d)** Although

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13. —Why's Maria so angry?
— I have no idea. I asked her if I could leave early and she came down on me like _____.

☐ **a)** a ten-ton truc
☐ **b)** a steamroller
☐ **c)** a ton of bricks
☐ **d)** a bag of cement

14. If you can't afford to live on your own, you may just have to _____ and ask your parents if you can return to live with them for a while.

☐ **a)** gulp down the bait
☐ **b)** drink the cold waters
☐ **c)** quaff your self-regard
☐ **d)** swallow your pride

15. —The photocopier doesn't seem to be working.
—Why don't you try _____?

☐ **a)** to plug it in
☐ **b)** plugging it in
☐ **c)** plugging in it
☐ **d)** to plug in it

16. What is the best _____ of action?

☐ **a)** path
☐ **b)** course
☐ **c)** measure
☐ **d)** policy

17. The woman they interviewed was quite calm and spoke in a _____ about the explosion.

☐ **a)** fact of the matter way
☐ **b)** matter-of-fact way
☐ **c)** matter of fact way
☐ **d)** way as a matter of fact

18. Before the end of the meeting, I feel I ought to _____ another small matter.

☐ **a)** plant down
☐ **b)** bring up
☐ **c)** raise up
☐ **d)** bring off

19. —Did you take all these marvellous photos yourself?
—That's right. _____ of them.

☐ **a)** Each and all
☐ **b)** All and each
☐ **c)** Each and every one
☐ **d)** All and every

20. It will take _____ time, but I'm sure you'll be able to learn how to read Japanese eventually

☐ **a)** little
☐ **b)** not less
☐ **c)** much
☐ **d)** a little

21. —Do you still smoke?
—I have to admit _____. I've tried to give it up several times, but without success.

☐ **a)** so
☐ **b)** it's so
☐ **c)** I do
☐ **d)** it is

22. Sorry, I'm afraid I have to cancel our lunch engagement. I'm up to my _____ in work at the moment.

☐ **a)** eyes
☐ **b)** head
☐ **c)** nose
☐ **d)** brow

23. Rodney isn't exactly keen on exercise, but he isn't _____ to the occasional walk in the country.

☐ **a)** repugnant
☐ **b)** reluctant
☐ **c)** contrary
☐ **d)** averse

24. If the driver _____ his seat belt, he might be alive today.

☐ **a)** was wearing
☐ **b)** had been wearing
☐ **c)** wears
☐ **d)** wore

25. The government has recently _____ a great deal of criticism for sending troops to the area.

☐ **a)** come in for
☐ **b)** gone out with
☐ **c)** sat down to
☐ **d)** carried away with

26. I hadn't seen Laura for nearly ten years, _____ I'd got married and had three children. I was amazed to see that she hadn't changed at all.

☐ **a)** at which point
☐ **b)** during which time
☐ **c)** in which case
☐ **d)** at which time

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27. This is the new mp4 player. We've only got one left in the shop. They've been selling like _____.

- ☐ **a)** honey doughnuts
- ☐ **b)** tasty pastry
- ☐ **c)** smart tarts
- ☐ **d)** hot cakes

28. Last year our company had record sales. We _____ all our competitors.

- ☐ **a)** excelled
- ☐ **b)** outweighed
- ☐ **c)** outdid
- ☐ **d)** overdid

29. _____, the boy was able to squeeze through the narrow opening in the fence.

- ☐ **a)** Out of slimness
- ☐ **b)** Being slim
- ☐ **c)** Because being slim
- ☐ **d)** Slimly

30. —I hope those drunks aren't going to cause any trouble.
—Don't worry. I'll call the police if they _____.

- ☐ **a)** get their hand in
- ☐ **b)** do a hand's turn
- ☐ **c)** give a big hand
- ☐ **d)** get out of hand

31. Henry isn't a very good footballer now and, in my opinion, _____.

- ☐ **a)** he never wil
- ☐ **b)** he will be never
- ☐ **c)** he never will be
- ☐ **d)** never will he

32. It's time you _____ up your mind.

- ☐ **a)** make
- ☐ **b)** have made
- ☐ **c)** made
- ☐ **d)** should make

33. We're having a cocktail party for _____ close friends next Friday.

- ☐ **a)** a few
- ☐ **b)** few
- ☐ **c)** some small
- ☐ **d)** a little

34. There was a _____ rug beside the bed.

- ☐ **a)** soft lovely woollen
- ☐ **b)** lovely soft woollen
- ☐ **c)** woollen soft lovely
- ☐ **d)** soft woollen lovely

35. It suddenly _____ her mind that she had promised to go out with someone else.

- ☐ **a)** struck
- ☐ **b)** hit
- ☐ **c)** crossed
- ☐ **d)** touched

36. _____ wins the contract to build the tunnel will have a very difficult task to perform.

- ☐ **a)** The who that
- ☐ **b)** Who that
- ☐ **c)** Whoever that
- ☐ **d)** Whoever

37. If I do the shopping when I take your mother home, I'll kill two birds _____.

- ☐ **a)** at one shot
- ☐ **b)** with one bullet
- ☐ **c)** on one fire
- ☐ **d)** with one stone

38. All the hotels were full. We _____ sleeping in the car.

- ☐ **a)** finished up
- ☐ **b)** closed down
- ☐ **c)** ended up
- ☐ **d)** wound down

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39. John looked up and smiled at me _____.

- ☐ **a)** friendly
- ☐ **b)** in a friendly way
- ☐ **c)** with a friendly manner
- ☐ **d)** with friendliness

40. _____ the snow and the fog, I wasn't able to get to the airport on time.

- ☐ **a)** For
- ☐ **b)** What with
- ☐ **c)** Because
- ☐ **d)** Owing with

41. Archie owns a hardware shop _____ the corner of Church Street and Bridge Street.

- ☐ **a)** in
- ☐ **b)** on
- ☐ **c)** at
- ☐ **d)** around

42. I contacted him with a _____ to setting a date for the meeting.

- ☐ **a)** regard
- ☐ **b)** view
- ☐ **c)** purpose
- ☐ **d)** aim

43. If _____ a train strike on Monday, I mightn't be able to come.

- ☐ **a)** there'll be
- ☐ **b)** there was
- ☐ **c)** there had been
- ☐ **d)** there's

44. We should _____ this great opportunity.

- ☐ **a)** do the most of
- ☐ **b)** make the best of
- ☐ **c)** make the most of
- ☐ **d)** make the best from

45. The difference was _____ not to be worth arguing about.

- ☐ **a)** as small as
- ☐ **b)** so small as
- ☐ **c)** so small like
- ☐ **d)** as small that

46. Why don't you stop _____ and say what you think. Just get to the point, will you?

- ☐ **a)** bashing about the bush
- ☐ **b)** beating about the bush
- ☐ **c)** beating the bush
- ☐ **d)** bashing the bush

47. Serious crimes are occasionally committed in the area, but they are _____ incidents, not part of a widespread problem.

- ☐ **a)** solitary
- ☐ **b)** detached
- ☐ **c)** isolated
- ☐ **d)** unique

48. —What's going on between you and Helen? Have you two _____ with each other again?
—No, we're just not speaking to each other, that's all.

- ☐ **a)** fallen in
- ☐ **b)** fallen out
- ☐ **c)** dropped out
- ☐ **d)** dropped in

49. —How old do you think Perkins is?
—Oh, he must be getting _____ eighty, I'd say.

- ☐ **a)** away with
- ☐ **b)** about at
- ☐ **c)** down to
- ☐ **d)** on for

50. Many people were astonished when George W. Bush was elected for a second term. They just couldn't _____.

- ☐ **a)** get over it
- ☐ **b)** get it over
- ☐ **c)** get it over with
- ☐ **d)** make it over

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