

CONVERSATIONS 2 FINAL TEST

Directions: Choose the correct answer.

Example: I've been in this city for a long time. I C here sixteen years ago.

A. have come B. was coming C. came D. had come

1. "May I speak to Dr. Paine, please?"
"I'm sorry, he _____ a patient at the moment. Can I help you?"
A. is seeing B. sees C. has been seeing D. was seeing
2. "When are you going to ask your boss for a raise?"
"_____ to her twice already! I don't think she wants to give me one."
A. I've talked B. I've been talking C. I was talking D. I'd talked
3. "Do you think Harry will want something to eat after he gets here?"
"I hope not. It'll probably be after midnight, and we _____."
A. are sleeping C. have been sleeping
B. will be sleeping D. be sleeping
4. Paul, could you please turn off the stove? The potatoes _____ for at least thirty minutes.
A. are boiling C. have been boiling
B. boiling D. were boiling
5. "Is it true that spaghetti didn't originate in Italy?"
"Yes. The Chinese _____ spaghetti dishes for a long time before Marco Polo brought it back to Italy."
A. have been making C. had been making
B. have made D. make
6. "I once saw a turtle that had wings. The turtle flew into the air to catch insects."
"Stop kidding. I _____ you!"
A. don't believe C. didn't believe
B. am not believing D. wasn't believing
7. "Could someone help me lift the lawnmower into the pickup truck?"
"I'm not busy. I _____ you."
A. help B. will help C. am going to help D. am helping
8. My family loves this house. It _____ the family home ever since my grandfather built it 60 years ago.
A. was B. has been C. is D. will be
9. Here's an interesting statistic: On a typical day, the average person _____ about 48,000 words. How many words did you speak today?
A. spoke B. was speaking C. speaks D. is speaking
10. I know you feel bad now, Tommy, but try to put it out of your mind. By the time you're an adult, you _____ all about it.
A. forget C. will forget
B. will have forgotten D. forgot

11. It's against the law to kill the black rhinoceros. They ____ extinct.
A. became B. have become C. become D. are becoming
12. After ten unhappy years, Janice finally quit her job. She ____ along with her boss for a long time before she finally decided to look for a new position.
A. hadn't been getting C. didn't get
B. isn't getting D. hasn't been getting
13. The National Hurricane Center is closely watching a strong hurricane over the Atlantic Ocean. When it ____ the coast of Texas sometime tomorrow afternoon, it will bring with it great destructive force.
A. reaches B. will reach C. is reaching D. reaching
14. At one time, huge prehistoric reptiles dominated the earth. This Age of Dinosaurs ____ much longer than the present Age of Mammals has lasted to date.
A. lasted B. was lasting C. has lasted D. had lasted
15. Jim, why don't you take some time off? You ____ too hard lately. Take a short vacation.
A. worked B. work C. were working D. have been working
16. The city is rebuilding its dilapidated waterfront, transforming it into a pleasant and fashionable outdoor mall. Next summer when the tourists arrive, they ____ 104 beautiful new shops and restaurants in the area where the old run-down waterfront properties used to stand.
A. will found B. will be finding C. will have found D. will find
17. A minor earthquake occurred at 2:07 A.M. on January 3. Most of the people in the village ____ at the time and didn't even know it had occurred until the next morning.
A. slept B. had slept C. were sleeping D. sleep
18. The little girl started to cry. She ____ her doll, and no one was able to find it for her.
A. has lost B. had lost C. was losing D. was lost
19. According to research reports, people usually ____ in their sleep 25 to 30 times each night.
A. turn B. are turning C. have turned D. turned
20. Jane's eyes burned and her shoulders ached. She ____ at the computer for five straight hours. Finally, she took a break.
A. is sitting B. has been sitting C. was sitting D. had been sitting