

UNIT 1: TENSES

I. Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D)

1. When I got home I found that water.....down the kitchen walls.
A. ran B. was running C. has run D. had been running
2. After he.....his English course, he went to England to continue his studying.
A. has finish B. had finished C. was finished D. would finish
3. How.....since we.....college?
A. are you/ left B. were you/ left
C. have you been/ have left D. have you been/ left
4. I.....much of you lately. We.....three months ago.
A. haven't seen/ last meet B. didn't see/ met
C. haven't seen/ have meet D. didn't see/ have met
5. The Chinese.....spaghetti dishes for a long time before Marco Polo.....back to Italy.
A. made/ brought B. have made/ brought
C. made/ had brought D. had been making/ brought
6. When I arrived at the meeting, the first speaker.....speaking and the audience.....
A. just finished/ were clapping B. had just finished/ had clapped
C. had just finished/ were clapping D. just finished/ had clapped
7. He.....his job last month and then he.....out of work.
A. lost/ was B. was lost/ had seen C. has lost/ was D. lost/ has been
8. In the last hundred years, travelling.....much easier and more comfortable.
A. become B. has become C. became D. will become
9. In the 19th century, it.....two or three months to across North America by covered wagon.
A. took B. had taken C. had been taken D. was taking
10. In the past, the trip.....very rough and often dangerous, but things.....a great deal in the last hundred and fifty years.
A. was/ have changed B. is/ change
C. had been/ will change D. has been/ changed
11. She.....Hanoi last year.
A. went B. go C. goes D. is going
12. When Carol.....last night, I.....my favorite show on television.
A. was calling/ watched B. called/ have watched
C. called/ was watching D. had called/ watched

13. By the time next summer, you.....your studies.

- A. completes B. will complete
C. are completing D. will have completed

14. Right now, Jim.....the newspaper and Kathy.....dinner.

- A. reads/ has cooked B. is reading/ is cooking
C. has read/ was cooking D. read/ will be cooking

15. Last night at this time, they.....the same thing. She.....and he.....the newspaper.

- A. are doing/ is cooking/ is reading
B. were doing/ was cooking/ was reading
C. was doing/ has cooked/ is reading
D. had done/ was cooking/ read

16. Sam.....to change a light bulb when he.....and.....

- A. was trying/ slipped/ fell B. tried/ was slipping/ falling
C. had been trying/ slipped/ was falling D. has tried/ slips/ falls

17. Every day I.....up at 6 o'clock,.....breakfast at seven o'clock and.....for work at 8 o'clock.

- A. get/ eat/ leave
B. have got/ eating/ leaving
C. got/ ate/ left
D. will get/ have eaten/ left

18. I.....for this company for more than thirty years, and I intend to stay here until I.....next year.

- A. am working/ will retire
B. am going to work/ are retiring
C. work/ am going to retire
D. have been working/ retire

19. My mother is the first.....up and the last.....to bed.

- A. getting/ going B. to get/ going C. getting/ to go D. to get/ to go

20. I must have a bath. I.....all the afternoon.

- A. was gardening B. have gardened C. have been gardening D. had been gardening

21. The team.....a single match so far this season.

- A. doesn't win B. didn't win C. hasn't won D. hadn't won

22. By the time you receive this letter, I.....for the USA.

- A. have left B. will leave C. will have left D. am leaving

23. Up to now, the manager.....a lot of information about his secretary.

- A. learned B. has learned C. had learned D. learns

24. Where is Mary? – She.....her homework in her room.

- A. is performing B. is making C. is doing D. is learning

25. While I.....along the road, I saw a friend of mine.

- A. was cycling B. have cycled C. cycled D. am cycling

26. By the time I.....this report, I will give you a ring.

- A. type B. will type C. have typed D. will have typed

27. While my mother.....a film on TV, my father was cooking dinner. It was March 8th yesterday.

- A. watched B. was watching C. had watched D. watches

28. The plane from Dallas.....two hours late, so I missed my connecting flight from Frankfurt to London.

- A. took on B. took in C. took over D. took off

29. When we came, a party.....in the hall.

- A. is being held B. had being held C. will be held D. was being held

30. He.....in the same house since 1975.

- A. has lived B. is living C. lived D. had lived

31. When I came to visit her last night, she.....a bath.

- A. is having B. was having C. has D. had

32. By the end of 2016 we.....in Ho Chi Minh City for 30 years.

- A. work B. will work C. have worked D. will have worked

33. I learned that the college.....in 1900.

- A. found B. was founded C. founded D. had been founded

34. If I.....10 years younger, I.....the job.

- A. am/ will take B. were/ would take
C. would be/ took D. had been/ would take

35. By the time he.....to the meeting, it had begun for 15 minutes.

- A. had gone B. has gone C. went D. was going

36. He began to feel ill while.....

- A. he is doing the exam B. he did the exam
C. he would do the exam D. he was doing the exam

37. Since 1980, scientists all over the world.....a lot of things to fight against AIDS.

- A. have done B. are doing C. did D. had done

38. Now my sister.....a bicycle of her own.

- A. is having B. are having C. has D. had

39. Last week, my professor promised that he.....today.

- A. would come B. will come C. comes D. coming

40. My girl friend arrived after I.....for her about half an hour.

- A. was waiting B. had been waiting C. have been waiting D. have waited

41. I.....in Quang Ngai before I moved to Binh Thuan.

- A. have been living B. have lived C. had lived D. had been living

42. There are many ways.....to Rome.

- A. is leading B. are leading C. leading D. led

43. While I.....TV last night, a mouse ran across the floor.
 A. watch B. watched C. am watching D. was watching
44. I still can't believe it! My bicycle.....last night.
 A. was stolen B. had been stolen C. stole D. was being stolen
45. While they were.....tables, he was.....the radio.
 A. arranging/ listening to B. arranging/ hearing
 C. laying/ listening to D. making/ hearing
46. I suddenly remembered that I.....to bring my keys.
 A. having forgotten B. have forgotten C. had forgotten D. forgot
47. The thief ran away when hea policeman.
 A/ sees B/ saw C/ had seen D/ will see
48. I felt asleep when I television.
 A/ was watching B/ am watching C/ watched D/ watch
49. Ihere since I left London.
 A/ live B/ lived C/ have lived D/ will live
50. Up to now, teacherus five tests.
 A/ would give B/ gave C/ has given D/ will give