

English Tenses Advanced Level MCQs Test With Answers 4

1. In 1619, the first African slaves ____ in Virginia, USA, and by 1790, their numbers ____ nearly 700,000.
- A)** were arriving / have been reaching
B) arrived / had reached
C) have arrived / were reaching
D) were going to arrive / reach
E) had arrived / will have reached
2. We ____ a lovely view of the Bosphorus and the bridges over it while the plane ____ over Istanbul.
- A)** are getting / flies
B) had got / is flying
C) got / was flying
D) get / has flown
E) are getting / had been flying
3. When they ____ in Sydney Harbour, they ____ non-stop for three months
- A)** anchor / will have been sailing
B) were anchoring / sailed
C) have anchored / were sailing
D) are anchoring / have been sailing
E) are going to anchor / have sailed
4. According to the new schedule, the whole team have accepted, we ____ every Monday and Wednesday next term, but I'm sure we ____ back to our normal routine of once a week before long
- A)** had trained / revert
B) train / have reverted
C) are training / reverted
D) are going to train / will revert
E) have been training / are reverting
5. The prospector ran into town in excitement because, at last, he ____ some gold at the site which he ____ for months.
- A)** was finding / was panning
B) will find / is going to pan
C) will have found / has panned
D) had found / had been panning
E) found / will have panned
6. I expect you ____ bored with working at the Post Office by this time next year and ____ for a more interesting job.
- A)** have become / will have looked
B) were becoming / are going to look
C) will have become / will be looking
D) had found / had been panning
E) found / will have panned
7. Listen! The coach ____ the strengths of our opponents because our team ____ against them before.
- A)** has explained / weren't playing
B) explains / won't play
C) is explaining / haven't played
D) was explaining / don't play
E) will explain / hadn't been playing
8. When I ____ the alterations to the company accounts, I was left in no doubt that the accountant ____ money from the firm.
- A)** saw / had been stealing
B) am seeing / has stolen
C) was seeing / was stealing
D) have seen / will have stolen
E) see / steals

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9. According to the doctor, this time next week, I ____ around as normal and the cut on my foot ____ completely.
- A)** am walking / healed
B) will be walking / will have healed
C) walked / was healing
D) have been walking / heals
E) walks / is going to heal
10. Shadow puppets ____ in China and ____ as far as Turkey and Greece today.
- A)** will originate / have been spreading
B) are originating / will be spreading
C) originate / had spread
D) originated / have spread
E) will have originated / were spreading
11. Over recent years, many skilled craftsmen and women ____ their jobs in the pottery trade in the UK, but gradually English porcelain ____ its reputation.
- A)** will have lost / will regain
B) had been losing / has regained
C) lost / regains
D) are losing / regained
E) have lost / is regaining
12. After she ____ to turn up for our appointment for the third time, I ____ to meet her again.
- A)** is failing / am refusing
B) has failed / had refused
C) was failing / will refuse
D) had been failing / have refused
E) had failed / refused
13. Since I took part in my first debating match, I ____ a member of the debating club, which I ____ most weekends
- A)** will have been / have attended
B) have been / attend
C) will be / was attending
D) am / had been attending
E) was / am attending
14. By the first half of the 19th century, the potato ____ the staple food in the Ireland. In 1854, a disease ____, which resulted in widespread starvation.
- A)** was becoming / has struck
B) will become / was going to strike
C) had become / struck
D) was going to become / strikes
E) has become / has struck
15. The origins of domestic poultry ____ uncertain, but experts believe that some breeds are descended from the Indian jungle-fowl, which still ____ in India today.
- A)** are going to be / will exist
B) had been / will have existed
C) were / had been existing
D) are / exists
E) have been / existed
16. In 1868, the US government ____ 7000 Navajo Indians to return to their homeland and, since then, they ____ the largest and richest Indian tribe.
- A)** allowed / have become
B) has allowed / are becoming
C) was going to allow / will become
D) has allowed / were becoming
E) was allowing / become

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17. In 1960, only 2000 American Indians ____ at university, while in 1970, only a decade later, this number ____ to 12000.
- A)** are studying / is increasing
B) were studying / increased
C) will be studying / will have increased
D) studied / will increase
E) had studied / was increasing
18. Today we ____ a lot of tangerines at one pound per kilo, unlike yesterday, when we ____ very few customers
- A)** were selling / have had
B) are selling / had
C) had been selling / had had
D) sold / will have had
E) are going to sell / will be having
19. A: Isn't that your daughter playing outside without a coat on? She ____ a chill. B: She has a thermal vest on under her pullover, but you have a point. I ____ her coat.
- A)** was catching / am fetching
B) is catching / fetch
C) will be catching / have fetched
D) will catch / will fetch
E) catches / am going to fetch
20. The number of orders per week ____ all year and the sales manager is confident that we ____ our target.
- A)** has increased / had been reaching
B) will increase / have been reaching
C) increases / reached
D) increased / reached
E) has been increasing / will reach
21. As the police ____ the road, we ____ a time consuming detour around the mountain.
- A)** are closing / were making
B) will close / had made
C) had closed / made
D) will have closed / had been making
E) close / have made
22. I ____ some shopping during my lunch break, but I couldn't as I ____ awful because of my cold.
- A)** was going to do / felt
B) have done / have felt
C) will do / am feeling
D) did / was feeling
E) do / will have felt
23. By the time the work on their house is finished, they ____ the painters, decorators and carpenters a total of £8000. They ____ a beautiful kitchen, though.
- A)** are paying / have had
B) paid / are having
C) had paid / were having
D) will have paid / will have
E) have paid / have
24. I feel certain that Greg ____ in his new business because he ____ so hard all the time.
- A)** is succeeding / will work
B) will succeed / works
C) was succeeding / is going to work
D) had succeeded / will be working
E) has succeeded / had worked
25. Before Petar Preradovic ____ poems in his native Croatian, he ____ all his poems in German.
- A)** has published / is writing
B) is publishing / was writing
C) published / had written
D) had published / will have written
E) has been publishing / has written

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26. I ____ some notes earlier and ____ to them during my presentation. In the event, however, I didn't use them once.

- A) will have written / will refer
- B) am going to write / refer
- C) had written / was going to refer
- D) wrote / have referred
- E) write / will have referred

27. Because of Istanbul's geographical location, it ____ a place of trade since civilisation ____.

- A) is / was being
- B) was / has begun
- C) will be / had begun
- D) had been / is beginning
- E) has been / began

28. When Boris Yeltsin ____ on 31st December 1999, he ____ President of Russia for eight years.

- A) had resigned / was
- B) has resigned / is
- C) will have resigned / will be
- D) resigned / had been
- E) resigns / is being

29. The circumference of a circle ____ 3.14159265 times its diameter no matter how small or large it is.

- A) measures
- B) measured
- C) will be measuring
- D) had measured
- E) was measuring

30. At present, British farmers ____ to the government because since the EC lifted the ban on British beef, the French ____ to buy any.

- A) were protesting / refused
- B) are protesting / have refused
- C) had protested / were refusing
- D) will protest / refuse
- E) protest / will be refusing

