# 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

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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

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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

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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

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