

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

