EXERCISES ON PRESENT AND PAST PARTICIPLES

Choose the best answer. Write A, B or C in the box provided.

1. ..... the news every day, we know what is going on in the world.

A. Watched B. Watching C. Being watched

2. Do you notice Tom ..... to Linda over there?

A. talking B. that talks C. having talked

3. ..... the article, I understood the problem better.

A. Having read B. Having been read C. Being read

4. What helps relieve my stress is the cat ..... Tari.

A. having called B. that called C. called

5. ..... each other for ages, they had a lot to talk about.

A. Having seen B. Not having seen C. Not seeing

6. The conference ..... by a non-governmental organisation was about globalisation.

A. planned B. being planned C. that planned

7. ..... to London, they always did a sight-seeing tour there.

A. After going B. Before going C. When going

8. Waiting for the doctor, ...

A. the alarm went off

B. a big noise scared everyone

C. David read a magazine

9. ..... in the mountain, Jack had to find a way our on his own.

A. Having got lost B. Losing C. Being got lost

10. Being unable to speak French, ...

A. the manager decided not to interview him

B. they didn't give him a job

C. he had no hope of finding a job here

11. ..... at the right temperature, cardigans will never shrink.

A. Having been washed B. Washed C. Being washed

12. ..... for so long, he has lived in poverty.

A. Having been unemployed

B. Having worked in the field

C. Having received no news from his relatives

13. She is in the library, reading a book ..... by a Scotish author.

A. being written B. written C. which has written

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14. ..... in a rich family, she has everything she wishes for.

A. Being born B. Having born C. Born

15. ..... by all the attention, he thanked everyone for the cake and presents.

A. Embarring B. Embarrassed C. Having embarrassed

16. We listened to the mother ..... her child to sleep.

A. singing B. having sung C. being sung

Write the second sentence, using participle constructions.

17. We switched off the lights. Then we left the office.

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18. Since he hadn't slept for two days, he wasn't able to concentrate on his work.

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19. The room had not been tidied up yet and looked like a battlefield.

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20. We were sitting in the bus shelter and waited for the rain to stop.

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