MODULE 4: VERB TENSES

Choose the best answer

1. They_____ at the statio∏n for 90 minutes when the train finally arrived.

A. were waiting **B.** will be learning **C.** had been waiting **D.** are learning

2. We_____ for her ring for two hours and then we found it in the bathroom.

A. had been looking **B.** were looking **C.** will be learning **D.** have been learning

3. Frank Sinatra caught the flu because he_____ in the rain too long.

A. was singing **B.** will be learning **C.** is singing **D.** had been singing

4. When police were investigating the road accident, they discovered that the driver_____ two road accidents before.

A. had been involved in **B.** had been being involved in

C. will be involving in **D.** will have involved in

5. They_____ anyone while they were walking home because it was raining.

A. weren't seeing **B.** hadn't see **C.** didn't see **D.** weren't seen

6. Although at that time my knowledge of German was very poor, I _____most of what they said.

A. understood **B.** have understood

C. managed to understand **D.** didn't understand

7. We watched the film The Godfather last night. We had seen the film about 3 times before but we watched it again because John_____it.

A. had been seeing **B.** had never seen **C.** have never seen **D.** have been eating

8. We_____for nearly 100 kilometres before we finally found a service station we could stop at.

A. had driven **B.** have been driving **C.** had been driving **D.** have driven

9. I_____ a student in Moloxop School in 1998.

A. was **B.** were **C.** to be **D.** to was

10. When I got home I realised that while I_____ someone had stolen my wallet.

A. had walked **B.** have been walking **C.** have walked **D.** had been walking

11. We_____ to the hospital to visit Mike when he_____ to say that he was fine.

A. were driving - was calling **B.** drove - called

C. were driving - called **D.** drove - was calling

12. What_____ to you on Sunday night?

A. happen **B.** happened **C.** was happening **D.** would happen

13. Last night, we_____ for you for ages but you never_____up.

A. waited - showed **B.** would wait - showed

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C. were waiting - were showing **D.** waited - was showing

14. We_____our quality time when the unexpected guest_____.

A. had - came **B.** were having - came

C. had been having - came **D.** have had - would have come

15. Since they_____us they_____to visit us last Sunday, we_____forward to the day.

A. were telling - came - looked **B.** would tell - would visit - would look

C. told - would come - were looking **D.** tell - are coming - will look

16. I_____out last night but at the last minute I_____that I had a quiz this morning

A. was going - realized **B.** went - realized

C. had gone - would realize **D.** would go — have realized

17. She hasn't paid as much attention to her children as she_____ since she_____working.

A. does - starts **B.** did - started

C. was doing - was starting **D.** has done - would start

18. My brother_____at the road when he_____into a hole.

A. wasn't looking - was falling **B.** didn't look - has fallen

C. wasn't looking - fell **D.** won't look - fall

19. Magellan_____the first European who_____through the strait.

A. was - was sailing **B.** was being - was sailing

C. had been - sailed **D.** was - sailed

20. The first self-sufficient village in Britain_____the Norman's idea.

They were some strange invaders who_____to change the country in a better way.

A. was - hoped **B.** is - have hoped

C. have been - were hoping **D.** was being - had hoped

21. While they_____to Wyoming, their car ran out of gas.

A. drove **B.** had been driving **C.** have driven **D.** were driving

22. Alice looked much slimmer because she_____for a few months.

A. had been dieting **B.** has been dieting **C.** was dieting **D.** diets

23. When she's done the ironing, she_____the length of the dress for me.

A. is altering **B.** altered **C.** will alter **D.** has altered

24. You are too slow. I'm sure that by the time you phone them, they_____that car to someone else.

A. will sell **B.** will have sold **C.** are going to sell **D.** are selling

25. As soon as they_____my last book, I_____you a copy with my autograph.

A. will print - will send **B.** had printed - will send

C. printed - will be sending **D.** print - will send

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26. Because the children_____forward to seeing Harry Potter for so long, I took them even though it was really inconvenient for me.

A. had been looking **B.** were looking

C. have been looking **D.** looked

27. When we_____at the airport we_____that we_____our passports at the office.

A. arrived - had noticed - had left **B.** arrived - noticed - had left

C. have arrived - noticed – left **D.** had arrived - have noticed - have left

28. Generally he_____to work by car, but today he_____by bus because his car is in the garage.

A. went – went_____ **B.** was going - is going

C. goes - is going **D.** has been going - goes

29. He_____for over three hours when he finished the report.

A. will have typed **B.** was typing **C.** has been typing **D.** had been typing

30. Three days ago her boyfriend_____her and she_____continually ever since.

A. left - is crying **B.** had left - cried

C. left - has been crying **D.** had left - was crying

31. This is the first customer we_____something today.

A. have sold **B.** sold **C.** had sold **D.** were selling

32. Andrew_____the plants in the garden right now but I_____sure that it will rain this afternoon.

A. is watering - was **B.** is watering - am **C.** waters - am **D.** watered - was

33. She should have informed the police as soon as she_____that her purse had been stolen.

A. discovers **B.** would discover **C.** had discovered **D.** has discovered

34. My father_____to rent a car when one of his friends phoned him to offer his own car for the trip.

A. had decided **B.** was deciding **C.** has decided **D.** decided

35. When he_____he_____on a bed in a room with no windows.

A. had woken up - was lying **B.** woke up - was lying

C. wakes up - is lying **D.** woke up - lay

36. The teacher_____to the class before the students_____the problems.

A. will come back - have solved **B.** had come back - solved

C. came back - have solved **D.** is coming back - solve

37. Yesterday on TV they_____a heavy shower for today, but I_____ even a single drop yet.

A. announced - am not seeing **B.** announced - didn't see

C. have announced - haven't seen **D.** announced - haven't seen

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38. You don't have to worry about the children, they_____all about this by the end of the semester.

A. will be forgetting **B.** will have forgotten

C. will forget **D.** are going to forget

39. I've just noticed that she_____a haircut. It_____wonderful.

A. will have - has looked **B.** had had - looked

C. has had - looks **D.** had - is looking

40. While she_____for her sister outside the supermarket, someone_____her handbag.

A. had to wait - had stolen **B.** waited - had been stealing

C. had waited - was stealing **D.** was waiting – stole

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