

VERB TENSE

Choose the best answer

1. They _____ at the station 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
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

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

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