01- Look, the conservation volunteers ____cheerfully in the sunshine all morning, unlike yesterday , when they ____ to work in the rain.

A) worked / are refusing

B) are working / were refusing

C) will be working / have refused

D) have been working / refused

E) will have worked / had refused

02- A: Is that your pure wool pullover in the washing machine? It ____ you know!

B: No, I ____it several times in the machine already. I use the wool cycle and it's fine.

A) was shrinking / wash

B) has shrunk / had washed

C) will shrink / washed

D) is going to shrink / have washed

E) is shrinking / have been washing

03- The weather conditions ____throughout the day and now the ground officials are confident that the championship game ____ ahead.

A) have been improving / will go

B) will be improving / will go

C) have improved / was going

D) are improving / has gone

E) improved / went

04- Some of us will be needed tomorrow to finish the fence because, at this rate , two sections ____ unfinished when we ____work tonight.

A) have remained / stopped

B) will have remained / were stopping

C) are going to remain / will stop

D) are remaining / are stopping

E) will remain / stop

05- Decoupage, an art form that ____ in France during the 17th century, ____ cutting out designs and patterned materials and fastening them permanently to surface.

A) has originated / will involve

B) originated / involves

C) was originating / is involving

D) will have originated / involved

E) is originating / was involving

06. They ____ so many hotels in the region in recent years that gradually they ____ the natural beauty of the area.

A) were building / destroy

B) will built / have been destroying

C) have built / are destroying

D) are building / have destroyed

E) have been building / destroyed

07. After she ____ to me for the fifth time, I ____ another word she said, and put an end to our friendship.

A) has lied / don't believe

B) has been lying / won't believe

C) was lying / haven't believed

D) is lying / hadn't believed

E) had lied / didn't believe

08. Since they ____ part in their first conversation volunteer week, they ____ on several projects with great pleasure.

A) are taking / worked

B) take / will have worked

C) are going to take / are working

D) took / have worked

E) have been taking / work

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09. Asia ____ the world's largest land mass and ____ just over half of the world's people.

A) has had / held

B) is having / is holding

C) has / holds

D) was having / was holding

E) has been having / will hold

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10. I ____ to the bank during my lunch-break today, but an old colleague ____ to visit us, so, naturally, I wanted to hear all the news.

A) was going / came

B) went / is coming

C) have gone / was coming

D) had gone / has come

E) am going / comes

11. Suddenly it ____ very foggy, so we ____ compass bearings to find the right route down the mountain.

A) will become / use

B) had become / used

C) became / are using

D) becomes / will use

E) has become / had used

12. We're looking after our neighbour's dog as well as our own and it ____ two kilos of meat a day, so I ____ dog meat in bulk these days.

A) is eating / bought

B) ate / have bought

C) was eating / have been buying

D) eats / am buying

E) will have eaten / had bought

13. By the end of this court session the jury ____ all the witnesses and they ____ the courtroom to decide on a verdict.

A) have been hearing / have left

B) have heard / are leaving

C) are hearing / leave

D) hear / left

E) will have heard / will leave

14. I feel certain that her new travel agency ____ because she ____ a thorough market survey.

A) is succeeding / will do

B) has succeeded / will have done

C) will succeed / has done

D) was succeeding / is doing

E) succeeded / has been doing

15. When Chilean separatist forces ____ an independent Chile in 1818, the vice-royalty of Peru ____ over Chile for almost three centuries.

A) declared / had been ruling

B) has declared / was ruling

C) was declaring / has been ruling

D) is declaring / ruled

E) had declared / will have ruled

16. I ____ some chicken curry earlier and ____ Richard and Kate to stay for dinner, but just then I remembered that they were both vegetarian.

A) was going to cook / have asked

B) had been cooking / will ask

C) cooked / will have asked

D) had cooked / was going to ask

E) have cooked / had asked

17. I expect you ____ from school by this time next year and ____ for a job.

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A) have graduated / will have looked

B) are graduating / have been looking

C) will have graduated / will be looking

D) graduate / will have been looking

E) were graduating / are going to look

18. Our Spanish teacher ____ very slowly and clearly to us at the moment because we ____ very far in the language yet.

A) talks / aren't progressing

B) is talking / haven't progressed

C) was talking / didn't progress

D) has been talking / weren't progressing

E) will be talking / don't progress

19. Before the potato blight ____ Ireland in the 1840s, most Irish people ____ on a subsistence diet of potatoes.

A) was striking / relied

B) has struck / relies

C) had struck / has relied

D) strikes / will rely

E) struck / had relied

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20. Between the years 1846 and 1851, one million Irish men and women ____ to death and 1.6 million ____ to the USA.

A) had been starving / have emigrated

B) have been starving / emigrate

C) were starving / were emigrated

D) starved / emigrated

E) had starved / will have emigrated

21. Bangladesh ____ independence from Pakistan in 1971 and ever since the assassination of the first prime minister in 1974, the military ____ the country's government.

A) has gained / were dominating

B) had gained / are dominating

C) gained / have dominated

D) was gaining / dominate

E) gains / have been dominating

22. Over the recent years alcoholism ____ a leading cause death of the young adult population in the USA. This statistics ____ deaths from drunken driving and fires started by carelessly dropped cigarettes.

A) became / was including

B) becomes / included

C) was becoming / will include

D) is becoming / is including

E) has become / includes

23. Some of the workers ____ the peaches while the others ____ them in wooden boxes.

A) are picking / will place

B) were picking / were placing

C) have been picking / placed

D) picked / have been placing

E) had been picking / have placed

24. Although manufacturers ____electric cars as prototypes for a number of years now, it will be a long time before they ____ common.

A) produced / are becoming

B) have been producing / become

C) produce / will become

D) are producing / became

E) were producing / will have become

25. Between 1607 and 1733 Englishmen ____

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thirteen colonies along the east cost of North America and by 1750 nearly two million men, women and children ____ in these colonies.

A) were establishing / will be living

B) have been establishing / lived

C) established / were living

D) had established / will have lived

E) have established / had lived

26. I ____ some wood for the fire while you ____ the salad.

A) will fetch / prepare

B) fetch / are preparing

C) am fetching / will prepare

D) have fetched / prepared

E) was fetching / have prepared

27. By the 16th century, Austria ____ so large that its emperor ____ all of modern Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Spain as well as parts of Italy and Yugoslavia.

A) has become / ruled

B) was becoming / has ruled

C) was going to become / rule

D) had become / was ruling

E) becomes / has been ruling

28. The earthworm, which ____ neither lungs nor gills, ____ through its skin.

A) is having / has breath

B) has had / is breathing

C) was having / breathed

D) will have / was breathing

E) has / breathes

29. The athletes ____ for exactly three months by the time the races ____ due to start.

A) have been training / will be

B) will have been training / are

C) are going to train / will have been

D) are training / were

E) had trained / have been

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30. Adolescence, the process of changing from a child into an adult usually ____ sometime between the ages of 11 and 14 and ____ for approximately six to ten years.

A) occurs / continues

B) occurred / has been continuing

C) will occur / continued

D) occurs / was continuing

E) occurred / will have continued

31. I ____ Malcolm in his car, but he ____ the traffic and didn't see me.

A) was seeing / watches

B) see / has watched

C) have seen / is watching

D) saw / was watching

E) am seeing / watched

32. Tim ____ a master's degree as soon as he ____ to Canada.

A) has begun / is returning

B) began / returned

C) is beginning / returned

D) was beginning / returns

E) begins / has returned

33. Ratchel ____ up smoking four years ago and she ____ a cigarette since.

A) was giving / doesn't smoke

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B) has given / wasn't smoking

C) gave / hasn't smoked

D) has given / didn't smoke

E) is giving / isn't smoking

34. Last year Sonny ____ four miles each morning before breakfast, but he ____ around the block each mourning instead since his heart attack.

A) ran / has been walking

B) has run / has walked

C) runs / was walking

D) has been running / walks

E) was running / walked

35. I ____ a brace on my teeth as a child, but I didn't like it.

A) was wearing

B) am wearing

C) have worn

D) wore

E) have been wearing

36. I ____ an extra part-time job last week as we ____ the money.

A) am starting / are needing

B) was starting / have needed

C) start / needed

D) have started / were needing

E) started / need

37. In 1951, the people of the Gold Coast ____ for their own government and shortly afterwards, they ____ their country as Ghana.

A) vote / are renaming

B) voted / renamed

C) have voted / were renaming

D) were voting / have renamed

E) are voting / rename

38. As my son ____ down by the river, I ____ his room thoroughly.

A) fishes / have cleaned

B) is fishing / cleaned

C) has fished / clean

D) fished / have been cleaning

E) was fishing / cleaned

39. We ____ in Cornwall for two weeks last summer. Since then, we ____ a holiday by the sea.

A) stayed / haven't had

B) are staying / don't have

C) were staying / didn't have

D) stay / aren't having

E) have stayed / weren't having

40. One of the straps on the baby's pram ____ quite thin, so we ____ to replace it.

A) wore / decide

B) wears / have decided

C) had worn / decided

D) is wearing / were deciding

E) has been wearing / decide

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41. This time last year, his business ____ a reasonable profit, but now, because of that management, he ____ keep it going.

A) has made / has struggled

B) made / was struggling

C) make / has been struggling

D) has been making / struggles

E) was making / is struggling

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42. The last time we ____ dinner with them, they ____ for a new house.

A) have had / looked

B) were having / have been looking

C) have been having / look

D) had / were looking

E) have / are looking

43. The whole family was busy. While the children ____ decorations, their father ____ up the Christmas tree.

A) are making / is setting

B) made / has been setting

C) have been making / has set

D) were making / was setting

E) have made / set

44. A: What's on TV tonight?

B: Match of the day, Manchester United ____ South Melbourne.

A) had played

B) were playing

C) are playing

D) have played

E) played

45. Isn't it strange that you ____ for Mark's surprise party all week, but you ____ him a birthday present yet?

A) are preparing / didn't buy

B) have been preparing / haven't bought

C) prepared / don't buy

D) have prepared / aren't buying

E) prepare / weren't buying

46. While my parents ____ in the shopping centre, a thief ____ into their car for the radio.

A) shopped / has broken

B) were shopping / broke

C) have shopped / breaks

D) are shopping / was breaking

E) shop / is breaking

47. When we ____ her, she ____ in the wardrobe.

A) were finding / hides

B) find / has hidden

C) are finding / is hiding

D) found / was hiding

E) have found / hid

48. I never ____ my temper on purpose, of course, but sometimes I just ____, though I always regret it afterwards.

A) lose / explode

B) lost / am exploding

C) have been losing / exploding

D) were losing / have exploding

E) have lost / was exploding

49. Even though it ____ heavily at the time, they ____ home.

A) has snowed / were driving

B) snows / have been driving

C) was snowing / drove

D) has been snowing / drive

E) snowed / are driving

50. It's been one week since the floods ____, but still aid workers ____ people.

A) are striking / rescued

B) strike / were rescuing

C) were striking / have been rescuing

D) struck / are rescuing

E) have struck / rescue

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