

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

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.

- 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 ____

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

- A) was giving / doesn't smoke

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 morning 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

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