

# TOPIC 1 : TENSES

## PART 1 : PRESENT AND PAST TENSE

Ex 1. Choose the best answer

1. He was writing to his friend when he .....a noise  
A. was hearing      B. heard      C. had heard      D. hears
2. I .....many people since I came here in June.  
A. met      B. has met      C. was meeting      D. have met
3. We ..... maths at this time last week.  
A. were learning      B. are learning      C. was learning      D. learnt
4. She was playing games while he ..... a football match.  
A. watched      B. watches      C. was watching      D. watching
5. She .....to Ho Chi Minh city last year.  
A. goes      B. has gone      C. go      D. went
6. Since we came here, we .....a lot of acquaintances.  
A. have had      B. had      C. have      D. are having
7. ....he playing football now ?  
A. Will      B. Does      C. Was      D. Is
8. Every morning, I often sit in my garden and .....to my nightingale sing.  
A. listening      B. listen      C. listened      D. listens
9. She ..... school when she was six.  
A. start      B. started      C. has started      D. are starting
10. I ..... TV when the telephone rang.  
A. watch      B. was watching      C. are watching      D. have watched
11. She ..... lunch by the time we arrived.  
A. had finished      B. finished      C. have finished      D. finishing
12. This record – shop .....be a book – shop a few years ago.  
A. used to      B. used      C. used      D. using

13. I couldn't come to the party because I .....go to work.

- A. have                      B. had to                      C. have got                      D. had

14. Yesterday, I .....for work late because I .....to set my alarm/

- A. Had left/ forgot                      B. Was leaving / was forgetting  
C. Left / had forgot                      D. Had been leaving / would forget

15. By the time we .....to the train station, Susan .....for us for more than two hours.

- A. Will get / has been waiting                      B. Got / was waiting  
C. Left / had forgot                      D. Get / will wait

16. While her brother was in the army, Sarah .....for us for more than two hours.

- A. was writing                      B. wrote                      C. has written                      D. had written

17. The Titanic .....the Atlantic when it ..... an iceberg.

- A. was crossing / struck                      B. has crossed / was striking  
C. crossed / had struck                      D. is crossed / strikes

18. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, it .....two or three months to cross North America by covered wagon.

- A. took                      B. had taken                      C. has taken                      D. was talking

19. Last night at this time, they ..... the same thing. She .....and he ..... the newspaper.

- A. are not doing / is cooking / is reading                      B. were not doing / was cooking / was reading  
C. was not doing / has cooked / is reading                      D. had not done/ was cooking / read

20. When I .....home last night, I .....that Jane .....a beautiful candlelight dinner.

- A. had arrived / discovered / prepared  
B. was arriving / had discovered / was preparing  
C. have arrived / was discovering / had prepared  
D. arrived / discovered / was preparing

21. After he .....his English course , he went to England to continue his study.

- A. finish                      B. finished                      C. finished                      D. had finished

22. Angelina Jolie is a famous actress. She .....in several films

- A. appears                      B. is appearing                      C. appeared                      D. has appeared

23. Mai .....in HCM for five years.

- A. lives                      B. has lived                      C. is living                      D. was living

24. My little sister ..... "sleeping beauty" several times.

- A. watches                      B. is watching                      C. has watched                      D. watched

25. I ..... to New York three times this year.

- A. Have been                      B. was                      C. were                      D. has been

26. I ..... her since I ..... a student.

- A. know / am                      B. knew / was                      C. have known / am                      D. have know / was

27. The train ..... when we got to the station.

- A. just left                      B. just leaves                      C. had just left                      D. will leave

28. Her father ..... when she was a small girl.

- A. dies                      B. died                      C. has died                      D. had died

29. Almost everyone ..... for home by the time arrived.

- A. leave                      B. left                      C. leaves                      D. had left

30. I ..... to the same barber since last year.

- A. am going                      B. have been going                      C. going                      D. had gone

Ex 2. Find the mistake, then correct

31. When I walk past the park, I saw some children play football.

- A                      B                      C                      D

32. After John eaten dinner, he wrote several letters and went to bed.

- A                      B                      C                      D

33. What did you do at 9 o'clock last night? I phoned you but nobody answered.

- A                      B                      C                      D

34. When I arrived at the station, the train has already left.

- A                      B                      C                      D

35. Ann and Susan have known each other during they were at school.

- A                      B                      C                      D

36. She has disappeared three days ago, and they are still looking for her now.

A

B

C

D

37. After Mrs. Wang had returned to her house from work, she was cooking dinner.

A

B

C

D

38. It's the first time I saw this film.

A

B

C

D

39. After he graduates from university, he joined the army.

A

B

C

D

40. Up to now, there had been no woman being chosen the US President.

A

B

C

D

Ex 3. Choose one sentences that best rewrite the sentences given

41. They last visited me five years ago.

A. They haven't visited me for a long time.

B. They have known me for five years.

C. I haven't been visited for a long time.

D. They haven't visited me for five years.

42. Mike turned off the light, then he went to bed.

A. Before Mike went to bed, he had turned off the light.

B. Before Mike turned off the light, he had gone to bed.

C. After Mike had gone to bed, he turned off the light.

D. Mike turned off the light as soon as he had gone to bed.

43. I haven't visited the museum for three months.

A. It is three months since I have visited the museum.

B. I didn't visit the museum three months ago.

C. The last time I had visited the museum was three months ago.

D. It is three months since I visited the museum.

44. " John began playing the piano 10 years ago"

- A. John played the piano 10 years ago.
- B. John has played the piano for 10 years,
- C. John used to play the piano 10 years ago.
- D. John doesn't play the piano anymore.

45. The last time I saw her was a week ago.

- A. I haven't seen her for a week.
- B. I have seen her for a week.
- C. I haven't seen her since a week.
- D. I have seen her since a week.

46. My father hasn't smoked cigarettes for a month.

- A. It's a month since my father last smoked cigarettes.
- B. It's a month ago that my father smoked cigarettes.
- C. It's a month that my father hasn't smoked cigarettes.
- D. It's a cigarettes that my father smoked a month ago.

47. Mr. Brown bought this car five years ago.

- A. Mr. Brown started to buy this car five years ago.
- B. It has been five years when Mr. Brown bought this car.
- C. Mr. Brown has had this car for five years.
- D. It is five years ago since Mr. Brown bought this car.

48. I haven't enjoyed myself so much for years.

- A. It's years since I enjoyed myself so much,
- B. It's years since I have enjoyed myself so much.
- C. It was years since I had enjoyed myself so much.
- D. It has been years since I have enjoyed myself so much.

49. It's a long time since we last went to the cinema.

- A. We have been to the cinema for a long time.
- B. We haven't been to the cinema for a long time.
- C. We don't go to the cinema as we used to.
- D. We wish we went to the cinema now.

50. The last time I saw Rose was three years ago.

- A. I didn't see Rose for three years.
- B. I haven't seen Rose three years ago.
- C. I haven't seen Rose since three years.
- D. I haven't seen Rose for three years.