

## UNIT 6. GRAMMAR AND WRITING REVISION ON TENSES

### I. Choose the best answer among A, B, C, or D.

1. Jack \_\_\_\_\_ the door.  
A. has just painted      B. paint      C. will have painted      D. painting
2. He has been selling motorbikes \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. ten years ago      B. since ten years      C. for ten years ago      D. for ten years
3. A law was \_\_\_\_\_ passed that give tax benefits to landowners who sell their land to the government.  
A. late      B. hardly      C. recently      D. repeatedly
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ there when our father died.  
A. still lived      B. lived still      C. was still lived      D. were still living
5. By Christmas, I \_\_\_\_\_ for Mr. Smith for six years.  
A. shall have been working      B. shall work      C. have been working      D. shall be working
6. The little girl asked what \_\_\_\_\_ to her friend.  
A. has happened      B. happened      C. had happened      D. would have been happened
7. He said he \_\_\_\_\_ return  
A. will      B. would      C. can      D. would be
8. Almost everyone \_\_\_\_\_ for home by the time we arrived.  
A. leave      B. left      C. leaves      D. had left
9. By the age of 25, he \_\_\_\_\_ two famous novels.  
A. wrote      B. writes      C. has written      D. had written
10. While her husband was in the army, Mary \_\_\_\_\_ to him twice a week.  
A. was reading      B. wrote      C. was written      D. had written
11. I couldn't cut the grass because the lawn mower \_\_\_\_\_ a few days previously.  
A. broke down      B. has been broken      C. had broken down      D. breaks down
12. I have never played badminton before. This is the first time I \_\_\_\_\_ to play.  
A. try      B. tried      C. have tried      D. am trying
13. Since \_\_\_\_\_, I have heard nothing from him.  
A. he had left      B. he left      C. he has left      D. he was left
14. By the end of next year, George \_\_\_\_\_ English for two years.  
A. will have learned      B. will learn      C. has learned      D. would learn
15. The man got out of the car, \_\_\_\_\_ round to the back and opened the book.  
A. walking      B. walked      C. walks      D. walk
16. He will take the dog out for a walk as soon as he \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.  
A. finish      B. finishes      C. will finish      D. finishing
17. Ask her to come and see me when she \_\_\_\_\_ her work.  
A. finish      B. has finished      C. finished      D. finishing
18. Last week, my professor promised that he \_\_\_\_\_ today.  
A. would come      B. will come      C. comes      D. coming
19. "Any news from Tess?" "Yes. She \_\_\_\_\_ on the 9.15 train tomorrow"

A. will have been arriving      B. arriving      C. will have arrived      D. arrives

20. A shortage of workers \_\_\_\_\_ in certain areas of the city this year.

A. is being predicted      B. predicted      C. predicting      D. predicts

**II. Choose the underlined part in each sentence (A, B, C, or D) that needs correcting and correct it.**

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

A      B      C      D

Ex"      D → cooked

2. Jimmy threw the ball high in the air, and Betty catching it when it came down

A      B      C      D



3. Linda has worn her new yellow dress only once since she buys it.

A      B      C      D



4. Last week Mark told me that he got very bored with his present job and is looking for a new one.

A      B      C      D



5. Having fed the dog, he was sat down to his own meal.

A      B      C      D



6. When I turned on my computer, I was shocked to find some junk mail, and I just delete it all.

A      B      C      D



7. They are going to have to leave soon and so do we.

A      B      C      D



8. The boss laughed when the secretary has told him that she really needed a pay rise.

A      B      C      D



9. The telephone rang several times and then stop before I could answer it.

A      B      C      D



10. Debbie, whose father is an excellent tennis player, has been playing tennis since ten years.

A      B      C      D



11. I have seen lots of interesting places when I went on holiday last summer

A      B      C      D



12. When my cat heard a noise in the bushes, she stopped moving and listen intently

A      B      C      D



13. I think it's time you must change your way of living.

A B C D



14. Roger felt the outside of his pocket to make sure his wallet is still there.

A B C D



15. When I'm shopping in the supermarket, I ran into an old friend who I hadn't met for five years.

### III. Rewrite the following sentences as suggested

1. It is the most interesting novel I've ever read.

I have \_\_\_\_\_

2. We haven't met since 1981.

It was in 1981 that \_\_\_\_\_

3. I came to London ten years ago.

I have \_\_\_\_\_

4. They haven't seen their uncle for ten years.

It's \_\_\_\_\_

5. Steve started learning the violin a month ago.

Steve \_\_\_\_\_

6. I haven't been to a Chinese restaurant for ages.

It's age \_\_\_\_\_

7. The last time Nancy came here was in 1986.

Nancy hasn't \_\_\_\_\_

8. It's a long time since our last conversation.

We \_\_\_\_\_

9. Julia cleaned the house. Then she went shopping.

After \_\_\_\_\_

10. Jim met his old friends there during his travel to London.

While \_\_\_\_\_

11. I only recognized him when he came into the light.

Not until \_\_\_\_\_

12. My mother was the most warm-hearted person I've ever known.

I've \_\_\_\_\_

13. The workers only called off the strike after a new pay offer.

Only after \_\_\_\_\_

14. Everyone started complaining the moment the announcement was made.

No sooner \_\_\_\_\_

15. Immediately after his appointment to the post, the new editor fell ill.

No sooner \_\_\_\_\_

16. You must submit articles for the magazine by June 18<sup>th</sup>.

The final date \_\_\_\_\_

17. Since we had nothing else to do, we decided to go for a walk.

Having \_\_\_\_\_

18. This is the best essay I have ever written.

Never \_\_\_\_\_

19. As he gets older, he seems to be more forgetful.

The older \_\_\_\_\_

20. If you work harder now, you won't have to do so much later.

The harder \_\_\_\_\_

21. He could not beat Mike because he was not patient enough.

Had he \_\_\_\_\_

22. I have never heard such a silly question.

That's the \_\_\_\_\_

23. Our twenty fifth wedding anniversary is at the end of next year.

By the end of \_\_\_\_\_

24. Harry left before we reached the hotel.

By the time \_\_\_\_\_

25. The workers only called off the strike after a new pay offer.

Only after \_\_\_\_\_