

## PHRASAL VERBS

**Exercise 1. Choose a, b, c or d that has the closest meaning to the underlined part.**

1. Let's put off that meeting to next Monday.  
A. post pone                      B. arrange                      C. start                      D. decide
2. They turned down my suggestion, which made me upset.  
A. refused                      B. agreed                      C. accepted                      D. supposed
3. I ran into my cousin, Peter, when I was on the way to school yesterday.  
A. phoned                      B. met                      C. called                      D. waved
4. Peter went through the test paper and crossed out two wrong answers.  
A. handed / chose                      B. dropped / discovered                      C. finished / wrote                      D. read carefully / deleted
5. The party kicks off at 8 o'clock.  
A. prepares                      B. cancels                      C. ends                      D. starts
6. What time will the train get in?  
A. brake                      B. run                      C. arrive                      D. leave
7. I sometimes drop off on the sofa.  
A. sleep                      B. drink                      C. eat                      D. buy
8. Professor Pike promised to talk over the exam after he returned the results.  
A. discuss                      B. omit                      C. end                      D. begin
9. My family was able to get by on very little money when I was young.  
A. survive                      B. depend                      C. spend                      D. earn
10. Mr. Pike was very good at making up stories for his children.  
A. telling                      B. reading                      C. inventing                      D. remembering
11. I can put you up at my flat if you like.  
A. give you a lift to home                      B. give you somewhere to sleep  
C. give you a meal                      D. give you some work to do
12. My boss is always picking on me these days.  
A. asking me to do something                      B. helping me  
C. criticizing me                      D. playing games with me
13. None of these countries has found a way to get around the problem of inflation.  
A. create                      B. invent                      C. cause                      D. overcome
14. I have been snowed under at work recently.  
A. The weather has been very bad                      B. I have been very busy at my work  
C. It has been very cold in the office                      D. My boss has been causing problems.
15. When he came to, his wallet and bike were nowhere to be found.  
A. arrived home                      B. climbed the stairs                      C. went to work                      D. recover consciousness
16. Carlos hung up on his sister because he is so tired of listening to her whining on the phone.  
A. visited                      B. ended a phone call                      C. came to see                      D. reprimanded
17. The company has been taking on new staff, including part-time workers.  
A. sacking                      B. limiting                      C. employing                      D. dismissing
18. Terri was able to catch on to the most complex problems in calculus before anyone else.  
A. realize                      B. change                      C. invent                      D. submit
19. Let me explain to you how the things came about.  
A. ended                      B. happened                      C. blew                      D. are solved.

20. We are becoming older and older as years go by.

A. stop

B. change

C. come

D. pass

**Exercise 2. Choose the best answer to complete each sentence.**

1. He drives so quickly that I am afraid that one day he will \_\_\_\_\_ someone crossing the street.

A. crash down

B. knock down

C. turn over

D. run across

2. Hello. Is that 956782? Please put me \_\_\_\_\_ to the manager.

A. across

B. up

C. over

D. through

3. The three friends all \_\_\_\_\_ for the same job.

A. requested

B. intended

C. applied

D. referred

4. I don't think he will ever get \_\_\_\_\_ the shock of his father's death.

A. over

B. through

C. by

D. off

5. The child hurt himself badly when he fell \_\_\_\_\_ the bedroom window.

A. out from

B. out of

C. down

D. over

6 I am late because my alarm clock didn't \_\_\_\_\_ this morning.

A. come on

B. ring out

C. go off

D. turn on

7. My daughter often \_\_\_\_\_ to see me at least once a week.

A. calls up

B. drops in

C. goes up

D. comes on

8. I saw a thief take Tom's wallet, so I ran \_\_\_\_\_ him, but I couldn't catch him.

A. into

B. over

C. near

D. after

9. If it's raining tomorrow, we will have to put \_\_\_\_\_ the match till Sunday.

A. off

B. away

C. in

D. on

10. There was a big hole in the road which \_\_\_\_\_ the traffic.

A. kept down

B. held up

C. stood back

D. sent back

11. She applied for training as a pilot, but they turned \_\_\_\_\_ her because of her poor eyesight.

A. up

B. back

C. down

D. over

12. These old houses are going to be \_\_\_\_\_ soon.

A. laid out

B. run down

C. knocked out

D. pulled down

13. Having looked the place \_\_\_\_\_, the gang went away to make their plans.

A. over

B. through

C. down

D. out

14. Take the number 7 bus and get \_\_\_\_\_ at Forest Road.

A. up

B. down

C. off

D. outside

15. If you want to join this club, you must \_\_\_\_\_ this application form.

A. make up

B. write down

C. do up

D. fill in

16. The doctor told him to keep \_\_\_\_\_ sweets and chocolate to lose weight.

A. at

B. up

C. back

D. off

17. Tom was slow to catch \_\_\_\_\_, but gradually he began to understand.

A. in

B. on

C. away

D. out

18. You know I'll always stand \_\_\_\_\_ you if you are in trouble.

A. for

B. up

C. by

D. with

19. The job offer was too good for him to turn \_\_\_\_\_.

A. down

B. out

C. off

D. away

20. His son's death was a terrible shock and it took him a long time to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- A. get round                      B. come through                      C. go over                      D. get over
21. Please come \_\_\_\_\_ and see us some time - you're always welcome.  
A. to                      B. round                      C. about                      D. away
22. She put \_\_\_\_\_ speaking to him as long as possible.  
A. over                      B. away                      C. off                      D. back
23. She went \_\_\_\_\_ a bad cold just before Christmas.  
A. down with                      B. in for                      C. over                      D. through
24. They had never come \_\_\_\_\_ such a beautiful little village before.  
A. at                      B. across                      C. off                      D. along
25. The doctor advised me not to take \_\_\_\_\_ so much work in future.  
A. to                      B. over                      C. after                      D. on
26. The police have warned tourists to look \_\_\_\_\_ for pickpockets in the town centre.  
A. out                      B. up                      C. down                      D. forward
27. If you want to be healthy; you should cut \_\_\_\_\_ on your smoking.  
A. up                      B. down                      C. out                      D. through
28. Their aim is to \_\_\_\_\_ up a new political party.  
A. strike                      B. stand                      C. set                      D. show
29. The man who lives opposite us sometimes comes \_\_\_\_\_ for a cup of coffee.  
A. on                      B. over                      C. off                      D. to
30. We expected him at eight, but he finally \_\_\_\_\_ at midnight.  
A. came to                      B. turned out                      C. turned in                      D. came off
31. He had to go to the bank to \_\_\_\_\_ some money for his holiday.  
A. pay up                      B. pay back                      C. draw out                      D. draw in
32. If you want to have a pet you must be ready to look \_\_\_\_\_ it for several years.  
A. at                      B. for                      C. after                      D. over
33. I can put \_\_\_\_\_ with most things but I cannot stand noisy children.  
A. on                      B. up                      C. off                      D. aside
34. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ up yet, you will soon be able to play the trumpet well.  
A. give                      B. catch                      C. break                      D. turn
35. Some drivers seem to expect everyone else to get \_\_\_\_\_ their way.  
A. off                      B. after                      C. away from                      D. out of
36. My uncle took \_\_\_\_\_ golf when he retired from work.  
A. on                      B. after                      C. up                      D. over
37. Mrs. Brown always \_\_\_\_\_ out in a crowd because she wore large hats.  
A. found                      B. looked                      C. stood                      D. showed
38. After his mother died, he was \_\_\_\_\_ up by his grandmother.  
A. grown                      B. brought                      C. taken                      D. drawn
39. The audience \_\_\_\_\_ out laughing when the singer fell over.  
A. called                      B. burst                      C. shouted                      D. broke
40. If we want to \_\_\_\_\_ up with them, we'd better hurry.  
A. come                      B. arrive                      C. approach                      D. catch
41. Unfortunately the company will have to cut \_\_\_\_\_ on staff.  
A. away                      B. back                      C. off                      D. through
42. Their enthusiasm for the new plan has \_\_\_\_\_ out.



- A. gone                      B. failed                      C. died                      D. disappeared
43. Once the fire \_\_\_\_\_ out we had to sit in the cold.  
A. lit                      B. fell                      C. went                      D. came
44. Do you think it's possible to \_\_\_\_\_ on nothing but fruit and vegetables?  
A. eat                      B. live                      C. enjoy                      D. make
45. The bus only stops here to \_\_\_\_\_ passengers.  
A. alight                      B. get on                      C. get off                      D. pick up
46. Hurry! It's time to \_\_\_\_\_ up and go to school.  
A. stand                      B. get                      C. dress                      D. start
47. Mary is very \_\_\_\_\_ up and thinks she is superior to her classmates.  
A. turned                      B. looked                      C. stuck                      D. fed
48. The completion of the tunnel has been held \_\_\_\_\_ owing to a strike.  
A. on                      B. off                      C. over                      D. up
49. He wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ off all his work before he came to the cinema with us.  
A. finish                      B. stop                      C. end                      D. put
50. I remember Alice as a spotty girl, but she's turned \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful woman.  
A. to                      B. in                      C. into                      D. on
51. Stephen always wanted to be an actor when he \_\_\_\_\_ up.  
A. came                      B. grew                      C. brought                      D. settled
52. They've \_\_\_\_\_ a new tower where that old building used to be.  
A. put up                      B. put down                      C. pushed up                      D. pushed down
53. It's high time Bill got a steady job and \_\_\_\_\_. He's almost thirty.  
A. settled in                      B. settled down                      C. turned in                      D. turned down
54. The plane \_\_\_\_\_ down ten minutes late because of bad weather.  
A. put                      B. flew                      C. landed                      D. touched
55. He kept his marriage a secret for years, but eventually the truth \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. went in                      B. went off                      C. came out                      D. came through
56. Can you remember the first time you \_\_\_\_\_ in love?  
A. felt                      B. went                      C. fell                      D. found
57. There's a rumor that the National Bank is going to take \_\_\_\_\_ the company I work for.  
A. on                      B. off                      C. over                      D. after
58. There's a lot more traffic than usual. There must be something \_\_\_\_\_ in the city centre.  
A. going on                      B. going off                      C. getting on                      D. getting off
59. I've always got \_\_\_\_\_ well with old people.  
A. off                      B. on                      C. in                      D. through
60. When the alarm clock went off, Tom just turned it \_\_\_\_\_ and went back to sleep.  
A. down                      B. out                      C. up                      D. off
61. I'd love to get \_\_\_\_\_ from this place for a few days. I really feel I need a break.  
A. out                      B. away                      C. over                      D. down
62. The smell of floor polish still brings \_\_\_\_\_ memories of my old school.  
A. on                      B. up                      C. back                      D. over
63. We had to turn \_\_\_\_\_ their invitation to lunch as we had a previous engagement.  
A. over                      B. out                      C. up                      D. down
64. I've just spent two weeks looking \_\_\_\_\_ an old aunt of mine who's been ill.

- A. at                      B. for                      C. out for                      D. after
65. The teacher carried \_\_\_\_\_ his threat to suspend Tom for his repeated absence from class.  
A. on with                      B. on                      C. out                      D. over
66. At the meeting, someone brought \_\_\_\_\_ the subject of pre-school education.  
A. in                      B. on                      C. up                      D. out
67. I take \_\_\_\_\_ everything I said about Paul. I realize now that it wasn't true.  
A. on                      B. over                      C. in                      D. back
68. When the princess kissed the frog, it turned \_\_\_\_\_ a handsome prince.  
A. into                      B. up                      C. out                      D. over
69. You shouldn't stay at home so much. Get \_\_\_\_\_ and make new friends.  
A. by                      B. out                      C. over                      D. away
70. I always run \_\_\_\_\_ of money before the end of the month.  
A. out                      B. back                      C. up                      D. down
71. As soon as she came \_\_\_\_\_ after the operation, she asked for a drink of water.  
A. across                      B. up                      C. round                      D. under
72. Barry has come \_\_\_\_\_ some good suggestions for raising the money we need.  
A. on to                      B. up with                      C. round to                      D. across with
73. I \_\_\_\_\_ everything in my bag three times but my keys were nowhere to be found.  
A. went out                      B. went over                      C. looked for                      D. looked at
74. Can you remember what to do, or do you want me to go \_\_\_\_\_ it again?  
A. by                      B. into                      C. past                      D. over
75. Having that accident has brought \_\_\_\_\_ a complete change in his attitude to other people.  
A. in                      B. about                      C. up                      D. out
76. They are thinking of bringing \_\_\_\_\_ a law to make cyclists wear helmets.  
A. on                      B. up                      C. in                      D. round
77. I came \_\_\_\_\_ this earring as I was cleaning behind the sofa.  
A. round                      B. across                      C. past                      D. on
78. The milk went \_\_\_\_\_ because it hadn't been put back in the fridge.  
A. off                      B. past                      C. out                      D. away
79. We waited for ages, but Tom never showed \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. out                      B. off                      C. up                      D. down
80. The company was so successful that it \_\_\_\_\_ on 500 new employees in six months.  
A. put                      B. laid                      C. caught                      D. took