

## 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 postpone      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. alright      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.

