PAST SIMPLE AND PAST PERFECT

1. Mr. Brown _____for the day when the phone call came.

A. has already left B. already leaves C. already lef D. had already left

2. Ms. Hoa_____ the package when she discovered the address was wrong.

A. had mailed B. has mailed C. will mail D. would mail

3. We _____ in the sitting-room for hours when he finally came home.

A. had been sitting B. have sat C. will be sitting D. sat

4. Before the cancellation letter arrived, they _____ the goods.

A. send B. had sent C. have sent D. had been sending

5. The accident happened when one of the workers_____ the chemical tank.

A. was cleaning B. were cleaning C. cleaned D. had been cleaning

6. When I left the office, the building was empty because everyone _____.

A. was leaving B. had been leaving C. were leaving D. had left

7. When the company went public, Mr. Smith _____ it for four years.

A. is running B. was running C. had been running D. ran

8. She fainted because she_____ for 10 miles without a rest.

A. run B. had been running C. was running D. had run

9. Mr. Hung_____ a trip to the islands until he realized it was hurricane season.

A. planned B. has planned C. had planned D. had been planning

10. Last night I had dinner with the Browns, who_____ for Sonny for a couple of years in the 90s, and then over here to set up his own business.

A. was working / was coming B. was working / came

C. worked / came D. worked / was coming

11. When I arrived at this house, he _____.

A. slept B. sleep C. is sleeping D. was sleeping

12. Two weeks ago, Mr. John _____ his reservations.

A. makes B. was made C. made D. has made

13. When I called on her, Mary _____ her room.

A. clean B. cleans C. cleaning D. was cleaning

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14. Sahar and her husband _____ the movies last Saturday.

A. was going B. went to C. they went D. went they to

15. The oil price _____ last month.

A. was falling B. had been fallen C. fell D. felt

16. Mr. Han _____ his bags when he found out his flight was canceled.

A. packed B. were packing C. was packing D. has packed

17. Going on a business trip last month _____ a lot of fun.

A. were B. was C. are D. is

18. Before she died, the old woman _____ to take a walk with her husband daily.

A. used B. ought C. might D. should

19. The president _____ a large number of employees and business partners to the reception last week.

A. was inviting B. invites C. had invited D. invited

20. The security guard noticed the broken window while he _____ round the warehouse.

A. was walking B. walked C. had walked D. walks

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