

Exercise: Choose the best answer to complete each following sentence.

1. Only after she _____ from a severe illness did she realize the importance of good health.
 A. would recover B. has recovered C. had recovered D. was recovering
2. The children _____ to bed before their parents came home from work.
 A. were all going B. had all gone C. had all been going D. have all gone
3. Paul noticed a job advertisement while he _____ along the street.
 A. was walking B. would walk C. walked D. had walked
4. I haven't met him again since we _____ school ten years ago.
 A. have left B. leave C. left D. had left
5. Mr Pike _____ for this company for more than thirty years, and he intends to stay here until he _____.
 A. worked/retires B. works/is retiring C. has worked/retires D. is working/will retire
6. When he _____ us to go in, we _____ outside the exam room for over half an hour.
 A. let - are standing B. let - have stood
 C. let - had been standing D. let - have been standing
7. When I _____ her, I _____ her your regards.
 A. met/was sending B. meet/will send C. met/had sent D. meet/sent
8. When we enter the room, our boss _____ for us here.
 A. will wait B. will be waiting C. was waiting D. will be waited
9. When I got home I found that water _____ down the kitchen walls.
 A. ran B. was running C. has run D. had been running
10. Mike _____ his favorite program on TV when the lights went out.
 A. was watching B. is watching C. watched D. watches
11. When the first child was born, they _____ for three years.
 A. have been married B. had been married C. will been married D. will have been married
12. We _____ in silence when he suddenly _____ me to help him.
 A. walked - was asking B. were walking - asked
 C. were walking - was asking D. walked - asked
13. By the time the software _____ on sale next month, the company _____ \$2 million on developing it.
 A. went - had spent B. will go - has spent C. has gone - will spend D. goes - will have spent
14. When Carol _____ last night, I _____ my favorite show on television.
 A. called / was watching B. had called / watched
 C. called / have watched D. was calling / watched
15. I'll call you as soon as I _____ in Paris.
 A. will arrive B. am arriving C. arrive D. will have arrived
16. Many of the people who attended Major Gordon's funeral _____ him for many years.
 A. didn't see B. wouldn't see C. haven't seen D. hadn't seen
17. Jane _____ her homework when her friend asked her to do his as well.

- A. did B. would do C. was doing D. had done
18. Mr. Pike _____ English at our school for 20 years before he retired last year.
 A. was teaching B. had been teaching C. is teaching D. has been teaching
19. When I return to my hometown, everything _____ a lot.
 A. changes B. will be changing C. will have changed D. will change
20. My parents have left for English since I _____ at primary school.
 A. have been B. was C. had been D. am
21. I was angry when you saw me because I _____ with my sister.
 A. have been arguing B. had been arguing C. argued D. would argue
22. By the time I finish the final term exams, I _____ my first two years' study at university.
 A. have completed B. will be completed C. will complete D. will have completed
23. I wanted to say goodbye to Jerry, but he _____ when I arrived.
 A. was already left B. already left C. had already been leaving D. had already left
24. I saw a terrible accident while I _____ on the beach.
 A. am walking B. walked C. was walking D. had walked
25. When we see Mr. Minh tomorrow, I _____ him of that.
 A. will remind B. remind C. have reminded D. reminded
26. As soon as I _____ a good look at the designs, I _____ them back to you.
 A. have had/ sent B. have had/ will send C. have/ send D. will have/ send
27. His English has improved a lot since he _____ an English course by Mr. John.
 A. was taking B. takes C. took D. will take
28. We'll be able to leave for the airport as soon as the taxi _____.
 A. arrived B. will arrive C. arrive D. arrives
29. Tom often watches TV after his parents _____ to bed.
 A. had gone B. have gone C. go D. went
30. When I last saw him, he _____ in London.
 A. is living B. has been living C. was living D. lived
31. By the time he arrives here tomorrow, they _____ for London.
 A. would have left B. will have left C. will left D. are leaving
32. When I _____ to the airport, I realized that I _____ my passport at home.
 A. got/had left B. got/left C. had got/had left D. got/was left
33. Call me as soon as you _____ your test results.
 A. get B. will get C. will have got D. got
34. I _____ along the street when I suddenly heard footsteps behind me.
 A. was walking B. am walking C. walk D. walked
35. The boy fell while he _____ down the stairs.
 A. run B. running C. was running D. runs

36. I will come and see you before I _____ for America.
A. leave **B.** will leave **C.** have left **D.** left
37. She hurt herself while she _____ hide-and-seek with her friends.
A. is playing **B.** had played **C.** played **D.** was playing
38. Only after the bus _____ for a few miles did Jane realize she was on the wrong route.
A. was running **B.** had run **C.** has run **D.** runs
39. While I _____ at the bus stop, three buses went by in the opposite direction.
A. was waiting **B.** waited **C.** had waited **D.** were waiting
40. By the end of last March, I _____ English for five years.
A. had been studied **B.** had been studying **C.** will have been studying **D.** will have studied
41. By the end of next March, I _____ English for five years.
A. had been studied **B.** had been studying **C.** will have been studying **D.** will have studied
42. Linda took great photos of butterflies while she _____ in the forest.
A. was hiking **B.** is hiking **C.** hiked **D.** had hiked
43. When I _____ for my sister in front of the supermarket, a strange man came to talk with me.
A. was waiting **B.** waited **C.** had waited **D.** were waiting
44. When I came to visit her last night, she _____ a bath.
A. is having **B.** was having **C.** has had **D.** had had
45. John _____ in the same house since he left school.
A. lived **B.** had lived **C.** was living **D.** has lived
46. He will take the dog out for a walk as soon as he _____ dinner.
A. finish **B.** has finished **C.** will finish **D.** finished
47. The phone _____ suddenly while Joanna was doing the housework.
A. rang **B.** was ringing **C.** had rung **D.** is ringing
48. A fire-fighter was injured severely while he _____ to put out a fire.
A. would help **B.** helped **C.** has helped **D.** was helping
49. By the time I came here all the better jobs _____ taken.
A. have been **B.** were **C.** are **D.** had been
50. While Peter _____ the rose bush in the back yard, the phone rang.
A. had been watering **B.** watering **C.** watered **D.** was watering