1. When I arrived at the party, Jamal ..... I didn't meet him.
a) had already left b) has already left c) was just leaving d) was already left
2. When I returned home that night, discovered that all my money …... from the safe.
a) had stolen b) has been stolen c) were stolen d) had been stolen
3. By the year 2000, most of the desert ..... reclaimed.
a) has been b) were c) had been d) had
4. Publishers produced Dickens's books that .....
a) haven't been published b) hadn't published
c) hadn't been published d) were being publishing
5. The tourist guide told us that the pyramids .....thousands of years before the common era.
a) had built b) had been built c) were built d) were building
6. The passenger couldn't get on board the plane because he ..... his passport at home.
a) had forgotten b) had been forgetting c) was forgotten d) has already forgotten
7. We were told at school that gravity ..... by Newton before the year 1700.
a) had discovered b) had been discovered c) was discovered d) had been discovering
8. Because he hadn't paid all his debts, he ..... in prison.
a) was put b) had been put c) was putting d) had been putting
9. Dad .....14for two hours when I woke him.
a) was been sleeping b) had been slept c) has been sleeping d) had been sleeping
10. The streets of the city were covered in deep water because it ..... all day for 3 hours.
a) was been raining b) had been rained c) has been raining d) had been raining
11. My uncle …… for the company for ten years when he got the promotion.
a) had been working b) has been working c) had worked d) will be working
12. Having …… my friend's telephone number, I contacted him.
a) finding b) found c) to find d) been found
13. The TV programme …… well for five years before it was terminated.
a) had been worked b) has been working c) had been working d) had worked
14. As soon as I heard of my friend's success, I …… him.
a) had congratulated b) will congratulate c) have congratulated d) congratulated
15. My brother …… short stories for three years before he published them.
a) will write b) had written c) had been writing d) has written
16. The match …… when I reached the stadium; I missed the exciting start.
a) will begin b) had begun c) was beginning d) have begun
17. After Yasser…… two chapters of Great Expectations, he went to bed.
a) has been reading b) had been reading c) had read d) had been read
18. …… ready for the party before the guests arrived?
a) Had you got b) Have you got c) Will you get d) Are you getting
19. I ……. till my brother returns home to make sure he's well.
a) left b) didn't leave c) won't leave d) am leaving
20. Before the manager arrived, the lazy employee ……. any work for hours!
a) hasn't been doing b) hadn't been doing c) hadn't done d) hasn't done

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