Test 3a

Choose the correct answer — *a*, *b*, *c* or *d* — to complete the following texts. Only one answer is correct.

1. After a few days, the cheese began to _____ a pungent smell.
   - ☐ **a)** give off
   - ☐ **b)** let off
   - ☐ **c)** send off
   - ☐ **d)** put out

2. —Which one can I have?
   —Take your _____, mate. It's first come, first served.
   - ☐ **a)** choice
   - ☐ **b)** pluck
   - ☐ **c)** vote
   - ☐ **d)** pick

3. The hotel room was _____ furnished: a bed, a wardrobe and a plain wooden chair.
   - ☐ **a)** sparsely
   - ☐ **b)** thinly
   - ☐ **c)** lightly
   - ☐ **d)** sketchily

4. Nadal's left knee, _____ was badly injured some time ago, is now all right.
   - ☐ **a)** which
   - ☐ **b)** what
   - ☐ **c)** that
   - ☐ **d)** it

5. They _____ with friends in the country when they heard the news. They left immediately.
   - ☐ **a)** stayed
   - ☐ **b)** had stayed
   - ☐ **c)** have been staying
   - ☐ **d)** had been staying

6. I put up with her parking on my spot for a while, but finally I had it _____ with her.
   - ☐ **a)** out
   - ☐ **b)** plain
   - ☐ **c)** mere
   - ☐ **d)** simple

7. I've _____ to tell her to clean the kitchen again. It's still filthy.
   - ☐ **a)** a mind and a half
   - ☐ **b)** two halves of a mind
   - ☐ **c)** half a mind
   - ☐ **d)** two minds

8. It was _____ pleasure to be working out of doors after five long years locked in a cell.
   - ☐ **a)** plain
   - ☐ **b)** sheer
   - ☐ **c)** mere
   - ☐ **d)** simple

9. He hadn't the slightest idea _____ hear from her again.
   - ☐ **a)** of how he will
   - ☐ **b)** of when he would
   - ☐ **c)** on how he would
   - ☐ **d)** on when he would

10. The Japanese used to buy American cars as a way to express themselves. _____ selling to Japanese consumers was ever easy.
    - ☐ **a)** Not that
    - ☐ **b)** No what
    - ☐ **c)** Not what
    - ☐ **d)** No that

11. His statement about _____ no truth in the allegations was difficult to believe.
    - ☐ **a)** there had been
    - ☐ **b)** there was
    - ☐ **c)** there having
    - ☐ **d)** there being

12. The manager was _____ to stress that the company had no intention of cutting jobs.
    - ☐ **a)** at pains
    - ☐ **b)** in pain
    - ☐ **c)** at great pain
    - ☐ **d)** pained

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13. **Hardly anyone had known, _____?**

- ☐ **a)** had one
- ☐ **b)** hadn't they
- ☐ **c)** had they
- ☐ **d)** had he

14. **Sorry I'm late. I was _____ in the traffic.**

- ☐ **a)** held out
- ☐ **b)** held up
- ☐ **c)** kept up
- ☐ **d)** let down

15. **The school authorities _____ the child's behaviour on a total lack of discipline.**

- ☐ **a)** blame
- ☐ **b)** attribute
- ☐ **c)** accuse
- ☐ **d)** ascribe

16. **He hadn't expected _____ such an outcry.**

- ☐ **a)** to be
- ☐ **b)** to have
- ☐ **c)** there to be
- ☐ **d)** it being

17. **—If they invite you to dinner, don't take wine. They're teetotal.**
—Are they? I'll _____.

- ☐ **a)** take that on account
- ☐ **b)** bear that in mind
- ☐ **c)** keep that in view
- ☐ **d)** keep account of that

18. **Nor, the officials claimed, _____ the way to peace.**

- ☐ **a)** does the agreement pave
- ☐ **b)** the agreement paves
- ☐ **c)** the agreement doesn't pave
- ☐ **d)** the agreement isn't paving

19. **The sound of a tap _____ kept me awake all night.**

- ☐ **a)** dripping
- ☐ **b)** lapping
- ☐ **c)** seeping
- ☐ **d)** dropping

20. **We're planning a party for Julia's birthday, but don't let _____. It's a surprise.**

- ☐ **a)** on
- ☐ **b)** out
- ☐ **c)** off
- ☐ **d)** up

21. **_____ bet on that horse, he would have won £22,000.**

- ☐ **a)** Had he
- ☐ **b)** Was he to have
- ☐ **c)** Should he
- ☐ **d)** Were he to

22. **If you park in the General Manager's space, you'll soon get your _____ orders.**

- ☐ **a)** battle
- ☐ **b)** standing
- ☐ **c)** marching
- ☐ **d)** out of

23. **The committee asked that the accident _____ investigated thoroughly.**

- ☐ **a)** be
- ☐ **b)** would be
- ☐ **c)** should have been
- ☐ **d)** has been

24. **He _____ his car repaired at the moment.**

- ☐ **a)** has
- ☐ **b)** is having
- ☐ **c)** is making
- ☐ **d)** makes

25. **I very much _____ his sarcastic comments.**

- ☐ **a)** resented
- ☐ **b)** molested
- ☐ **c)** grudged
- ☐ **d)** objected

26. **To everyone's surprise, Cynthia _____ her engagement just before the wedding.**

- ☐ **a)** broke up
- ☐ **b)** broke off
- ☐ **c)** broke out of
- ☐ **d)** split up

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27. —Did you see the way Jonathan spoke to his wife?
— Yes. It was _____, wasn't it? I never knew he was such a jealous type.

☐ **a)** a true eye-test
☐ **b)** an unblinkered eyepiece
☐ **c)** 20/20 hindsight
☐ **d)** a real eye-opener

28. The accused denied trying to blackmail his alleged victim _____ over £50,000 in unmarked bills.

☐ **a)** into handing
☐ **b)** out of handing
☐ **c)** to hand
☐ **d)** that he should hand

29. Accepting the job in Glasgow will mean _____ the family and moving to Scotland. We'll also have to find a new school for the children.

☐ **a)** dislodging
☐ **b)** supplanting
☐ **c)** transposing
☐ **d)** uprooting

30. Only 35% of _____ are still studying full time.

☐ **a)** 17-years-olds
☐ **b)** 17-year olds
☐ **c)** 17-year-olds
☐ **d)** 17-years olds

31. He's always _____ the government, but then he never votes in the elections.

☐ **a)** shooting off
☐ **b)** calling out
☐ **c)** running down
☐ **d)** calling off

32. —Why do you think we were chosen to make the presentation? I mean, we don't have much experience doing presentations.
—I don't know. It's just the _____, I suppose.

☐ **a)** luck of the draw
☐ **b)** draw of the luck
☐ **c)** stroke of the luck
☐ **d)** luck of the stroke

33. The problem is that council environmental health departments have _____. So there's simply too much work.

☐ **a)** too few staff
☐ **b)** too few staffs
☐ **c)** too little staff
☐ **d)** too few a staff

34. —Will you _____ the baby for a moment while I make a phone call?
—Of course. No problem at all.

☐ **a)** control
☐ **b)** settle
☐ **c)** mind
☐ **d)** attend

35. John wondered if she had undergone plastic surgery. She certainly looked a lot younger than her _____ years.

☐ **a)** fifty odd
☐ **b)** fifty-odd
☐ **c)** odd fifty
☐ **d)** fifty's odd

36. Whether France would be _____ off without the European Union is a moot question.

☐ **a)** good or better
☐ **b)** best or worst
☐ **c)** better or worse
☐ **d)** more or less than

37. He only took _____ golf because his doctor told him he would have to get some exercise. Now he thinks of nothing else.

☐ **a)** up
☐ **b)** over
☐ **c)** on
☐ **d)** off

38. Is this your first day here? Well, don't worry. You'll be spending a couple of weeks with someone who knows the _____

☐ **a)** cords
☐ **b)** lines
☐ **c)** ropes
☐ **d)** hawsers

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39. It's more than twenty years since I worked in Germany, so my German is pretty _____ now.

- ☐ **a)** rusty
- ☐ **b)** scratchy
- ☐ **c)** sloppy
- ☐ **d)** scruffy

40. They had been so helpful to her that _____ she could do was to say thank you.

- ☐ **a)** the last
- ☐ **b)** the least
- ☐ **c)** the less
- ☐ **d)** at least

41. —I'm not going to be treated like this. I've had enough! Do you hear?
—Now calm down. Don't _____.

- ☐ **a)** sink the ship
- ☐ **b)** make the waves
- ☐ **c)** hit the rocks
- ☐ **d)** rock the boat

42. I've been playing tennis for years. If this complete beginner beats me, I'll never _____.

- ☐ **a)** look up to it
- ☐ **b)** take after it
- ☐ **c)** cut down on it
- ☐ **d)** live it down

43. There were so many people _____ me in the crowd that I couldn't hold the camera steady.

- ☐ **a)** jerking
- ☐ **b)** jostling
- ☐ **c)** agitating
- ☐ **d)** colliding

44. When she left school Sheila wanted to go in for politics, and _____, involving herself in the nuts and bolts of local campaigns.

- ☐ **a)** so did she
- ☐ **b)** she went in
- ☐ **c)** so she did
- ☐ **d)** so she went

45. She's got _____ about people keeping their dogs under control. In fact, she's fanatical about it.

- ☐ **a)** a bull by the horns
- ☐ **b)** a cat in the bag
- ☐ **c)** ants in her pants
- ☐ **d)** a bee in her bonnet

46. —Where are we going to get the money?
—Desmond will lend us a few pounds _____he's been paid.

- ☐ **a)** so long
- ☐ **b)** whereas
- ☐ **c)** notwithstanding
- ☐ **d)** provided

47. A good friend is one who will _____ you when you're in trouble. You know what they say: a friend in need is a friend indeed.

- ☐ **a)** stand up to
- ☐ **b)** stand over
- ☐ **c)** stand by
- ☐ **d)** back up

48. The River Breem rises in the hills to the north, then _____ south-west to the sea.

- ☐ **a)** pours
- ☐ **b)** discourses
- ☐ **c)** drips
- ☐ **d)** flows

49. When I came _____ after the accident, I couldn't remember a single thing that had happened.

- ☐ **a)** about
- ☐ **b)** off
- ☐ **c)** round
- ☐ **d)** over

50. I used to be criticised a lot when I started this job but it doesn't bother me now. It's like water off a _____.

- ☐ **a)** duck's beak
- ☐ **b)** parrot's back
- ☐ **c)** duck's back
- ☐ **d)** parrot's beak

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