PHRASAL VERBS

TEST - 1

1. While they were on holiday their house was broken _____ and some valuable paintings were stolen.
A) down B) into C) about D) away

2. By the way, I've just heard that Sally and Chris have _____ their engagement.
A) broken into B) broken downC) broken away D) broken up

3. After a bitter discussion they went _____ each other.
A) to B) at C) off D) over

4. A: The new boss looks a bit serious, doesn't he? I don't think I'm going to like him.
B: Oh, come on, Joyce, you can't go _____ appearances. He's probably very nice.
A) after B) by C) out D) over

5. No one really believed it when the news came that Titanic had _____.
A) gone away B) gone down C) gone out D) gone by

6. I've been afraid of dogs ever since a large Canine _____ me when I was a child.
A) went for B) went after C) went to D) went over

7. By the way, Bill, how much did that Regency desk go _____ in the auction on Saturday?
A) away B) for C) in D) off

8. The dog went _____ the beggar and he shouted " help!".
A) over B) off C) for D) down

9. A: And another thing I'd like to say is that...
B: Sorry to _____, Mr. Green, but you're wanted on the phone. It's your wife.
A) butt in B) get throuh C) stop over D) go over

10. I'm afraid Mr Brown's been _____ (asked to go somewhere else) on business.
A) put on B) called away C) got in D) called for

11. By the way, Clive _____ (paid a short visit) but you were out. So I told him to come and see you tomorrow.
A) fall for B) called by C) get by D) cut down in

12. Shall I _____ (collect) you on my way to work?
A) call off B) bring down C) call for D) call away

13. I was just getting out of the bath when the lights _____.
A) went up B) went off C) went away D) went down

14. A bomb _____ (exploded) in the town center, killing three people and injuring twenty-five others.
A) went on B) went off C) set on D) set off

15. Don't eat that cheese - it's _____!
A) gone away B) gone out C) gone off D) gone down

16. It's difficult to see through this windscreen - I can't even make _____ where the road is.
A) up B) out C) into D) over

17. He had such a strong accent that it was very difficult to _____ what he was saying.
A) make up B) make out C) make over D) make for

18. A sudden draught caused the candle to _____ (stop burning).
A) put off B) cut off C) go off D) go out

19. When the meeting had finished, they went _____ the plan once again.
A) up B) on C) over D) down

20. Have a piece of cake, everyone. There should be enough to _____.
A) go down B) go along C) go round D) go over

21. Lucille is _____ a difficult period at work right now.
A) going into B) going over C) going out of D) going through

22. I know you've got it - so come on, _____!
A) hand it on B) hand it out C) hand it over D) hand it in

23. Could you hand _____ a minute? I'll be right back.
A) on B) in C) up C) on to

24. I'll have to _____ now, I'm afraid; there is someone at the door.
A) hang on B) hang up C) hang out D) hang back

25. Now, James, are you quite sure that I'm not putting you _____ (putting you to any trouble)?
A) after B) by C) out D) over

26. When a fire _____ at least ten priceless paintings were completely destroyed.
A) broke out B) broke off C) broke down D) broke through

27. The tree prisoners who _____ jail last weekend have finally been recaptured.
A) broke away from B) broke out in
C) broke out of D) broke up into

28. I took the doctor's prescription to the chemist's to be _____.
A) made out B) made up C) made over D) made into

29. My boss has _____ playing golf three afternoons a week.
A) taken over B) taken to C) taken for D) taken out

30. Children usually _____ after an illness much more quickly than adults.
A) pick up B) pick over C) pick on D) pick out

31. The police are still looking for the three prisoners who _____ (escaped from) jail at the weekend.
A) broke out of B) set off C) take up D) cross out

32. I'm not surprised that Tom and Julie have _____. They were never really suited.
A) broken down B) broken off
C) broken up D) broken away

33. By the way, Sally, I'm _____ one or two friends _____ on Saturday and I was wondering if you and Peter would like to come too?
A) having / in B) having / on
C) having / round D) having / up

34. Are you sure you aren't holding your stomach _____, Charles? Your waist was two inches more than this the last time I measured it.
A) away B) for C) in D) off

35. Would you _____ a minute please, I'll try to connect you.
A) keep on B) stay on C) hold on D) stop on

36. It's really windy today, so _____ your hat!
A) hold on to B) hold down to
C) hold by D) hold for

37. I hope help comes soon, Julie. I don't think we can _____ much longer.
A) hold back B) hold over C) hold in D) hold out

38. I'm sorry I'm late. I was _____ in the traffic.
A) held back B) held down C) held over D) held up

39. John won't be arriving until later, I'm afraid. His train's been _____.
A) held up B) held off C) held back D) held in

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40. In some parks visitors are requested to keep _____ the grass.
A) off B) aside C) out D) away

41. Keep _____ alcohol and don't smoke.
A) at B) with in C) away D) off

42. He kept _____ trying to annoy me and in the end I just hit him.
A) in B) on C) at D) with

43. If you want to make a good impression ,it's important to _____ your colleagues.
A) keep away from B) keep in with
C) keep out of D) keep on at

44. This nuclear power station let _____ a cloud of dangerous gases.
A) down B) in C) off D) out

45. Instead of being sent to prison, The shoplifter was _____ with a fine.
A) let away B) let off C) let loose D) let out

46. The children had great fun _____ fireworks.
A) letting out B) letting in C) letting down D) letting off

47. I've just heard that John Parker - you remember who robbed a house a few years ago- is being _____ this weekend.
A) let down B) let out C) let through D) let off

48. The dog let _____ a yowl of pain when accidentally stepped on its tail.
A) out B) off C) up D) through

49. As the doctor arrived to attend to the girl who had fainted, the crowd moved to one side to _____.
A) let him off B) let him through
C) let him down D) let him out

50. If you don't know what the word means, you'd better _____ in the dictionary.
A) look it over B) look for it C) look it up D) look into it

51. Our living room looks _____ the mountains.
A) up to B) at C) to D) on to

52. _____ ! (Be careful) There is a car coming!
A) look at B) look out C) hold up D) keep up

53. I'd like to _____ the house before I decide to rent it.
A) look over B) look into C) look out D) look up

54. I _____ the paper for news of the proposed strike, but didn't find anything.
A) looked over B) looked into
C) looked on D) looked through

55. Was that true or did you _____?
A) make it up B) make it out
C) make it off D) make it over

56. I was _____ (moving towards) the post office when it suddenly started to rain.
A) running down B) taking up
C) get through D) making for

57. I must get a new pair of boots. I've _____ my old ones.
A) worn off B) worn down C) worn out D) worn away

58. After working all day in the garden Homer was _____.
A) worn out B) worn down C) worn off D) worn away

59. Looking carefully, we made _____ a tall figure in the darkness.
A) out B) over C) up D) off

60. We must _____ our minds about where to go for our holidays this year.
A) make out B) make off C) make up D) make for

61. Can you make _____ this prescription, please?
A) up B) over C) for D) off

62. Some working parents _____ being absent all day by giving their children lots of presents.
A) make out B) make out of C) make up D) make up for

63. Heidi and John had a big quarrel but later _____.
A) made over B) made off C) made up D) made out

64. I don't believe a word you're saying. I think you've made the whole thing _____.
A) for B) up C) out D) down

65. The other day I came _____ an advert for a job you might be interested in.
A) through B) over C) across D) around

66. How did you come _____ that cut on your chin?
A) by B) down C) in for D) across

67. How is the new book coming _____, (progressing) Simon?
A) along B) down C) in D) up

68. The policeman told the people to _____ when they stopped to watch the accident.
A) hurry up B) get away C) go off D) move along

69. Although she was only sixteen she looked a lot older. In fact, she could easily pass _____ twenty-one.
A) away B) for C) in D) off

70. We _____ from the hotel early the following morning.
A) called off B) passed out C) set off D) turned off

71. Before we start the meeting today I'd like to _____ (distribute) some notes I've made about the forthcoming advertising campaign.
A) let down B) send out C) pass out D) give on

72. He stole one of the officers' uniforms and managed to escape by passing himself _____ as a guard.
A) by B) out C) through D) off

73. All my hard work paid _____ in the end - I came top of the class in the exam.
A) up B) off C) out D) in

74. He put six rings on the table and told her to _____ the one she liked best.
A) pick off B) pick out C) pick at D) pick on

75. Excuse me, sir, but may I ask how you came _____ (obtained) these goods?
A) after B) by C) out D) over

76. Laughing Boy (horse) _____ second in the 2.15 race at Ascot.
A) came in B) came by C) came over D) came out

77. He _____ quite a lot of money when his parents died.
A) came over B) came down C) came into D) came on

78. There were so many people leaving the hotel that it took nearly an hour to _____.
A) check up B) check out C) check in D) check over

79. The police will check _____ your story, so tell the truth.
A) in to B) out of C) over D) up on

80. Rosemary _____ a beautiful necktie for her husband's birthday.
A) picked over B) picked on C) picked out D) picked off

81. Do you ever pick _____ hitch-hikers?
A) along B) down C) in D) up

82. A: He still sucks his thumb, darling.
B: Yes, I know. It's strange. I thought he'd have _____ it by now.
A) stop off at B) get out of
C) grown out of D) turn away from

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83. He ran for the bus but it pulled _____ from the stop just as he got there.
A) up B) over C) back D) away

84. I try to keep _____ the latest fashions by going lots of shows in London.
A) up with B) along with C) up to D) next to

85 Manchester United's chances of going to the final of the F.A. Cup were ended when they were knocked _____ by Liverpool in the semi-final.
A) back B) up C) out D) away

86. Sales were down so they had to _____ some of their staff.
A) put out B) get out C) lay off D) turn down

87. It took the soldier a long time to _____ the death of his comrade.
A) get round B) get over C) get across D) get through

88. The fact is, doctor, I just can't _____ this dreadful cough.
A) get out of B) get rid of C) get down to D) get round to

89. It's an excellent story, and in the end it turns _____ that everyone had a part in the murder.
A) out B) up C) in D) away

90. The car _____ after the crash but fortunately no one was killed.
A) turned down B) turned back
C) turned over D) turned away

91. In court, she was so upset that she broke _____.
A) out B) in C) up D) down

92. I think I'll have to sell my car. It keeps _____.
A) breaking off B) breaking up
C) breaking down D) breaking in

93. I think she's coming _____! Thank God for that! I thought she was dead!
A) up B) away C) back D) round

94. It took him a long time to come _____ our way of thinking.
A) across to B) round to C) down to D) in at

95. Birthdays seem to _____ much quicker nowadays than when I was a child.
A) come up B) come over C) come out D) come round

96. Sorry I'm late but I was _____ by traffic.
A) held up B) held in C) held over D) held out

97. A: I thought you said you weren't going to let Sally go to that pop concert in Brighton.
B: Yes, but you know Sally - she always finds a way to get _____ me in the end.
A) after B) by C) out D) round

98. He was going to reply her letter, but for various reasons he never got _____ it.
A) up to B) round to C) over D) out of

99. It was a very difficult problem - one which no one could see a way of _____.
A) getting through B) getting out
C) getting over D) geting round

100. You look very unhappy, Dorris. What's the matter? Is something getting you _____?
A) along B) down C) in D) up

TEST - 2

1. I'll _____ in my car on the way to work.
A) take you out B) bring you up
C) let you off D) pick you up

2. They _____ us just because we're poor.
A) look down at B) look down for
C) look down on D) look down over

3. We look _____ to receiving a prompt reply to our letter.
A) round B) through C) after D) forward

4. My wife _____ a squirrel on her way to work this morning.
A) ran over B) ran up C) ran out of D) ran off

5. I can hardly hear that radio. Could you _____ (increase/raise) the volume please.
A) put up B) switch on C) give out D) turn up

6. I'd ask you to marry me but I'm sure you'd turn me _____.
A) around B) down C) off D) over

7. I'm pretty tired so if you don't mind, I'll _____ for the night.
A) hold on B) work on C) work out D) turn in

8. Before you go to bed don't forget to _____ all the lights.
A) turn over B) turn away C) turn out D) turn in

9. Before we start the lesson, I'd like to _____ what we did yesterday.
A) run up B) run through C) run along D) run into

10. We shall have to _____ if we want to go to Florida this summer.
A) save up B) put away C) put aside D) lay up

11. I went to the Train Station to see my uncle _____ to Dublin.
A) off B) across C) home D) through

12. The children were playing the new teacher _____.
A) along B) down C) in D) up

13. James is threatening to resign, but I don't think he will _____ it really.
A) go on with B) go in for
C) go along with D) go through with

14. What a lovely tie! And it _____ (matches) your jacket too!
A) goes off B) goes with C) makes out D) gets over

15. I had to put _____ having the party because I was ill.
A) up B) through C) off D) on

16. We'll have to sell the piano, darling. It _____ (occupies) too much room.
A) makes out B) takes up C) takes away D) fills in

17. I was _____ with Alvin for arguing with the waiter about our bill.
A) put out B) put off C) put down D) put on

18. Most schools in England _____ at the end of July.
A) break up B) break down C) break off D) break with

19. It's a great shame that you _____ with each other as you used to be such good friends.
A) came out B) fell out C) set out D) turned out

20. Our plan to increase the productivity fell _____.
A) off B) through C) in D) back

21. Janet and Peter broke _____ a few months ago and are living apart.
A) into B) out C) up D) away

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