

## 2. SUBJECT AND VERB AGREEMENT

*A. Choose the right word or phrase best completes the sentence:*

1. Three weeks \_\_\_\_\_ not enough holiday.  
A. are                      B. were                      C. was                      D. been
2. Each of you \_\_\_\_\_ a share in the work.  
A. having                      B. has                      C. to have                      D. have
3. A number of students \_\_\_\_\_ volunteered to the job.  
A. have                      B. has                      C. to have                      D. having
4. Linguistics \_\_\_\_\_ out the ways in which languages work.  
A. find                      B. finding                      C. to find                      D. finds
5. The Philippines \_\_\_\_\_ of more than 7,000 islands.  
A. consist                      B. consisting                      C. consisted                      D. consists
6. The United Nations \_\_\_\_\_ its head quarters in New York city.  
A. have                      B. having                      C. has                      D. to have
7. One of my neighbours \_\_\_\_\_ curious about other people's private life.  
A. being                      B. were                      C. is                      D. been
8. Tom doesn't agree but the rest of us \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. does                      B. done                      C. do                      D. doing
9. There \_\_\_\_\_ a few flowers in this garden last summer.  
A. being                      B. were                      C. are                      D. is
10. A large number of reporters \_\_\_\_\_ at the meeting yesterday.  
A. being                      B. were                      C. are                      D. is
11. Much progress \_\_\_\_\_ been made in recent years.  
A. have                      B. has                      C. having                      D. to have
12. Collecting old coins and paper notes \_\_\_\_\_ one of my hobbies.  
A. being                      B. were                      C. are                      D. is
13. The number of pupils getting poor marks since the beginning of the semester \_\_\_\_\_ appalling.  
A. to be                      B. have been                      C. are                      D. is
14. Five thousand pounds \_\_\_\_\_ stolen in the robbery last night.  
A. being                      B. were                      C. are                      D. was
15. Mr. Thomson with his wife and his three children \_\_\_\_\_ abroad.  
A. to be                      B. have been                      C. are                      D. is
16. One of the girls who \_\_\_\_\_ working in this department \_\_\_\_\_ my niece.  
A. is/being                      B. are/is                      C. is/are                      D. was/were
17. The English \_\_\_\_\_ to drink tea.  
A. likes                      B. to like                      C. like                      D. has liked
18. Everybody \_\_\_\_\_ trying to do their best at present.  
A. to be                      B. have been                      C. are                      D. is
19. Jim as well as I \_\_\_\_\_ always busy doing English homework.  
A. am                      B. has been                      C. are                      D. is
20. Neither Daisy nor I \_\_\_\_\_ glad to do that.  
A. am                      B. has been                      C. are                      D. is
21. That you take a computer course \_\_\_\_\_ very necessary.  
A. am                      B. have been                      C. are                      D. is
22. The police \_\_\_\_\_ come to the site of the accident.

- A. have                  B. has                  C. having                  D. to have
23. The pilot along with his passengers \_\_\_\_ rescued last night.  
A. am                  B. have been                  C. was                  D. is
24. What we need most \_\_\_\_ books.  
A. is                  B. were                  C. are                  D. to be
25. My brother together with his friends often \_\_\_\_ in the park.  
A. jogs                  B. jogging                  C. jog                  D. to jog
26. Neither he nor they \_\_\_\_ here yesterday.  
A. are                  B. were                  C. is                  D. be
27. Either John or his children \_\_\_\_ breakfast each morning.  
A. make                  B. makes                  C. making                  D. to make
28. I don't like the hot weather. Thirty degrees \_\_\_\_ too warm for me.  
A. was                  B. are                  C. being                  D. is
29. Not only a dog but also two cats \_\_\_\_ at home in his garage.  
A. was                  B. are                  C. been                  D. is
30. Both a poem and a short story \_\_\_\_ been written by the young author.  
A. has                  B. to have                  C. have                  D. having

**B. Identify the one underlined word or phrase that must be changed in order to make the sentence correct**

31. The professor together with his three students have been called to court.  
A                  B                  C                  D
32. Fifty dollars seem a reasonable price to pay for that.  
A                  B                  C                  D
33. Walking in the rain are not a good idea.  
A                  B                  C                  D
34. The unemployed really needs to be given more help.  
A                  B                  C                  D
35. To learn foreign languages are necessary for us to have a good job.  
A                  B                  C                  D
36. The police is asking him a lot of questions which he can't answer.  
A                  B                  C                  D
37. Life is not easy for those who is without jobs.  
A                  B                  C                  D
38. The Chinese is very famous for their food.  
A                  B                  C                  D
39. I love swimming which are a good sport for my health.  
A                  B                  C                  D
40. All the books on the top shelf belongs to me.  
A                  B                  C                  D
41. One of the biggest problems facing our society are unemployment.  
A                  B                  C                  D
42. A few of the audience is enjoying every minute of the performance.  
A                  B                  C                  D
43. How you got there do not concern me.  
A                  B                  C                  D
44. What I say about these problems are my own affair.

- A B C D
45. A great deal of money have been spent on the books.  
A B C D
46. Either you or the headmaster are handing the prizes to these gifted students at the meeting.  
A B C D
47. The poor woman with her two children were seen begging in a street corner.  
A B C D
48. Happiness and success depends on your ability and luck.  
A B C D
49. There are forty students in the class. Half of the class is boys.  
A B C D
50. The Vietnamese is hard-working, intelligent and brave.  
A B C D