

## 8. GERUND

### I. Give the correct verb form:

1. Students stopped (make) \_\_\_\_\_ noise when the teacher came in.
2. She couldn't help (shed) \_\_\_\_\_ tears when she saw the film "Romeo and Juliet".
3. Would you mind (buy) \_\_\_\_\_ me a newspaper?
4. They postpone (build) \_\_\_\_\_ an Elementary School for the lack of finance.
5. Are his ideas worth (listen) \_\_\_\_\_ to?
6. My grandfather is used to (get) \_\_\_\_\_ up early in the morning.
7. They are looking forward to our (visit) \_\_\_\_\_ them.
8. He used to fall asleep without (take) \_\_\_\_\_ his shoes off.
9. My watch keeps (stop) \_\_\_\_\_.
10. I remember (meet) \_\_\_\_\_ you somewhere last month.

### II. Rewrite the sentences without changing their meanings:

1. Would you please do it for me?  
→ Would you mind \_\_\_\_\_.
2. She doesn't usually stay up so late.  
→ She is not used \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The children like going in the rain.  
→ The children enjoy \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Why don't we go out for a meal tonight?  
→ I suggest \_\_\_\_\_.
5. It took her 2 hours to drive from London to Edinburgh.  
→ She spent \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. Choose the best answer A, B, C or D

1. Instead of \_\_\_\_\_ about the good news, Tom seemed to be different.  
A. exciting      B. to excite      C. being excited      D. to be excited
2. I remember \_\_\_\_\_ to the zoo when I was a child.  
A. to take      B. to be taken      C. taking      D. being taken
3. Would you mind not \_\_\_\_\_ the radio on until I've finished with this phone call?  
A. turning      B. to turn      C. being turned      D. to be turned
4. Julia's children are used to \_\_\_\_\_ after school every day. They don't have to walk home.

A. picking up      B. to pick up      C. being picked up      D. to be picked up

5. It's not good to avoid \_\_\_\_\_ the teacher's questions in class.  
A. answer      B. answering      C. answered      D. to answer

6. It is no good \_\_\_\_\_ sorry for yourself.  
A. to feel      B. feeling      C. feel      D. felt

7. Everyday I spend two hours \_\_\_\_\_ speaking English.  
A. practise      B. to practise      C. practising      D. practised

8. Tommy admitted \_\_\_\_\_ the rock through the window.  
A. throwing      B. being throwing      C. to throw      D. to be thrown

9. He suggested \_\_\_\_\_ a double railway tunnel.  
A. to build      B. built      C. building      D. that building

10. I was reading my books, but I stopped \_\_\_\_\_ a programme on TV.  
A. reading to watch      B. to read to watch  
C. to read for watching      D. reading watching

11. Does Dr Johnson mind \_\_\_\_\_ at home if his patients need his help?  
A. to call      B. to be called      C. calling      D. being called

12. We hope that the students themselves will enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ part in the projects.  
A. to take      B. taking      C. to be taken      D. being taken

13. Your house needs \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. redecorate      B. redecorating      C. redecorated      D. to redecorate

14. Please wait a minute. My boss is busy \_\_\_\_\_. something.  
A. to write      B. write      C. wrote      D. writing

15. The children stopped \_\_\_\_\_. games when their mother came home.  
A. playing      B. play      C. to play      D. played

16. I really regret \_\_\_\_\_. your feeling when I asked you such a silly question.  
A. hurt      B. hurting      C. being hurt      D. to hurt

17. I can't go on \_\_\_\_\_. here any more. I want a different job.  
A. working      B. to work      C. work      D. worked

18. My uncle has given up \_\_\_\_\_. for 3 years.  
A. to smoke      B. smoking      C. smoke      D. smoked

19. This girl can't bear \_\_\_\_\_. alone.  
A. being      B. is      C. to be      D. was

20. I must drive more carefully. I can't risk \_\_\_\_\_. another speeding ticket.  
A. get      B. getting      C. to get      D. got

**IV. Choose the underlined part among A, B, C or D that needs correcting.**

21. You had better learn a foreign language before apply for a job.  
A      B      C      D

22. Would you mind to check the figures again?

23. My little sister suggested to go to the beach for a change.  
A      B      C      D

24. I spent most of my time in the train read my favorite book.  
A      B      C      D

25. He stopped to smoke because it is harmful to his health.

A B C D

26. My father prefers watching films at home to go to the cinema.

A B C D

27. She is looking forward to see her grandparents again soon.

A B C D

28. Before to go out, remember to turn off the computer.

A B C D

29. People want to conserve the environment, but they can't help pollute it.

A B C D

30. I enjoy not have to get up early when I'm on holiday.

A B C D

**V. Mark the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.**

31. Shall we go for a ride?

A. What about going for a ride?

B. What about go for a ride?

C. What about to go for a ride?

D. What about to going for a ride?

32. Why don't we go to the cinema for a change?

A. I suggest going to the cinema for a change.

B. I suggest go to the cinema for a change.

C. I suggest not going to the cinema for a change.

D. I suggest to go to the cinema for a change.

33. Please don't play music so loudly.

A. Would you mind playing your music so loudly?

B. Would you mind not play your music so loudly?

C. Would you mind not to play your music so loudly?

D. Would you mind not playing your music so loudly?

34. Shall we invite our friends to the party on Sunday?

A. Do you consider to invite our friends to the party on Sunday?

B. Do you consider inviting our friends to the party on Sunday?

C. Do you consider invite our friends to the party on Sunday?

D. Do you consider to inviting our friends to the party on Sunday?

35. Let's get together next Saturday.

A. How about get together next Saturday?

B. How about let getting together next Saturday?

C. How about getting together next Saturday?

D. How about let get together next Saturday?