

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?
A B C D
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.

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?