

Test 3b

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

1. Would you mind _____ your bike for half an hour?

- a) that I lend
- b) if I borrowed
- c) borrowing me
- d) if I lent

2. I _____ myself since your birthday party last year. What a fantastic party that was!

- a) didn't really enjoy
- b) haven't been enjoying
- c) really didn't enjoy
- d) haven't really enjoyed

3. I've apologised to her but she still refuses _____ to me.

- a) to speak
- b) speaking
- c) of speaking
- d) that she speaks

4. If you don't improve your sales figures, you're going to lose your job. Can't you see the _____?

- a) writing on the board
- b) writing on the wall
- c) script on the scroll
- d) spelling on the scroll

5. The children have _____ to do at the weekends.

- a) much homeworks
- b) lots of homeworks
- c) a lot of homework
- d) many homeworks

6. How dare you accuse me _____! I would never do such a thing.

- a) with cheating
- b) of cheating
- c) that I cheat
- d) that I cheated

7. The cat has been trapped in the tree for hours. If only we _____ a ladder!

- a) have
- b) would have
- c) were having
- d) had

8. What _____ in your spare time? Have you got any hobbies?

- a) have you done
- b) did you do
- c) do you do
- d) have you made

9. I didn't stop at the traffic lights because I _____. The light was green!

- a) didn't have to
- b) didn't have
- c) mustn't
- d) 'd better not

10. —I have to go to the bathroom. If the phone _____, can you answer it?
—Sure, no problem.

- a) rang
- b) rings
- c) will ring
- d) would ring

11. I've been working on a new website. I hope to have it _____ before Christmas.

- a) up and running
- b) functioning and up
- c) up and jumping
- d) down and out

12. The television _____. Now it's working again.

- a) has been repaired
- b) is being repaired
- c) had been repaired
- d) was repairing

13. I pretended _____ interested in all that nonsense about astrology, but I was only being polite. I don't think I've ever heard so much superstitious twaddle in my life.

- a) being
- b) that I'm
- c) to be
- d) that I were

14. If we _____ find a taxi, we wouldn't have come by bus.

- a) could
- b) were able to
- c) managed to
- d) had been able to

15. There were two dozen people in the photo, but I didn't recognise _____ of them. And yet, a mere fifty years before, we had all been at school together.

- a) none
- b) either
- c) any
- d) neither

16. Rosy _____ a lot more money in her last job, but she enjoys this one more.

- a) has earned
- b) earned
- c) has gained
- d) gained

17. It's surprising. Boris _____ but he doesn't earn very much.

- a) works hardly
- b) hardly works
- c) works hard
- d) is working hardly

18. Bernie paid £500 for his snakeskin jacket. I wish I _____ that kind of money to spend on a jacket.

- a) 've had
- b) would have
- c) had
- d) should have

19. I promised the boss I would finish the report before the end of the week, but I see now that it's impossible. I've bitten off more than I can _____.

- a) chew
- b) munch
- c) chomp
- d) gnaw

20. Put on your overcoat _____ it gets cold later.

- a) unless
- b) as long as
- c) although
- d) in case

21. I couldn't get the car out of the garage because there was a huge truck _____ in front of the house.

- a) it was parked
- b) who was parked
- c) had been parked
- d) parked

22. I wonder if there's anything good _____ television this evening.

- a) in
- b) on the
- c) on
- d) in the

23. She _____ living in the country, away from all the shops and cinemas and things, but now she loves it. She says it's much less stressful.

- a) wasn't used to like
- b) wasn't liking
- c) wasn't used to liking
- d) didn't use to like

24. It's obvious that you aren't listening to me, so there's no point _____ this discussion.

- a) in continuing
- b) to continue
- c) for continuing
- d) that we continue

25. I noticed she was wearing a diamond ring _____ her little finger.

- a) in
- b) around
- c) over
- d) on

26. Marco said he would drop me _____ when he got back to Greece, but he never did.

- a) a word
- b) a line
- c) some lines
- d) some words

27. This is a nice room but the _____ horrible.

- a) furniture are
- b) furnitures is
- c) furnitures are
- d) furniture is

28. The fire spread quickly through the building, but fortunately _____ escape.

- a) everybody was able to
- b) all could
- c) everybody were able to
- d) all people could

29. It'll be difficult to find a parking place near the stadium. I'd advise _____ your car here.

- a) you to leave
- b) you leaving
- c) that you leave
- d) you should leave

30. At the moment I'm reading a _____ novel.

- a) new fascinating Irish
- b) fascinating new Irish
- c) new Irish fascinating
- d) fascinating Irish new

31. I didn't realise that the two photos were different until Tom pointed _____ to me.

- a) out it
- b) it out
- c) it up
- d) up it

32. —What are you looking for?

—I can't find my keys. They _____ out of my pocket.

- a) must have fallen
- b) should have fallen
- c) had to fall
- d) might be falling

33. The war in Iraq was never popular in Britain. In our small town alone, there were _____ people in the street demonstrating against it right from the very start.

- a) ten thousands
- b) ten thousands of
- c) ten thousand of
- d) ten thousand

34. —This is a nice restaurant. Do you come here often?

—No, it's the first time _____ here. But I agree with you, it's certainly very nice.

- a) I come
- b) I'm coming
- c) I've come
- d) I came

35. The day she got married is a day she'll always _____ with mixed emotions.

- a) look forward to
- b) memorise
- c) look back on
- d) ignore

36. If she _____ her employees a little more, they might have liked her better, but she was always a miserly sort of person.

- a) had paid
- b) paid
- c) would pay
- d) would have paid

37. Don't worry. They're very slow at answering letters but you will get an answer _____.

- a) after all
- b) one of those days
- c) sooner or later
- d) in a blue moon

38. When I last saw you, you _____ emigrating to Canada.

- a) thought of
- b) had thought of
- c) were thinking of
- d) had thought in

39. Everyone agreed that George was a very _____, charming and intelligent man.

- a) beautiful
- b) gorgeous
- c) pretty
- d) handsome

40. Don't be so unreasonable, Frederick. This is a mere trifle. You're making a mountain out of a _____.

- a) grain of sand
- b) foothill
- c) molehill
- d) mini-mound

41. People enjoy Ben's company because he's very _____.

- a) likeable
- b) adorable
- c) sympathetic
- d) enchanting

42. The boss is in her office, but I wouldn't attempt _____ to her now if I were you. She's in a terrible mood.

- a) to speak
- b) speaking
- c) that I speak
- d) of speaking

43. —What do you think of Monsieur Auge, the French teacher?

—He is a dreadful person. I really can't _____.

- a) support him
- b) swallow him
- c) stand him
- d) withstand him

44. I don't care what they say about harmful rays. When I'm on holiday, I enjoy _____.

- a) sunbathing
- b) taking the sun
- c) having a sunbath
- d) getting sunstroke

45. Don't mention political corruption to Edward. It's like _____ to a bull. The subject makes him furious and unreasonable.

- a) a red flag
- b) a red rag
- c) a red carpet
- d) seeing red

46. It _____ to get dark. Shall I turn the light on?

- a) was beginning
- b) is beginning
- c) begins
- d) began

47. —You don't have enough determination. You don't try hard enough. You _____ too easily.

—Well, nobody's perfect!

- a) leave up
- b) give off
- c) give up
- d) leave out

48. —What do you intend to do about the shortage of office space?

—There's nothing we can do about it. We'll just have to _____ with it until we move to the new premises.

- a) turn up
- b) put along
- c) put up
- d) turn away

49. His novel was _____ by twenty different publishers before finally being accepted.

- a) turned down
- b) turned up
- c) turned off
- d) put away

50. I was standing beside the car when suddenly the antitheft alarm _____.

- a) came off
- b) went on
- c) came on
- d) went off