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GRAMMAR TEST 1: TENSES

Choose a, b, c, or d that best completes the sentence.

1. Water _____ of hydrogen and oxygen.
a. is consisting b. consists c. has consisted d. will consist
2. Don't give the chocolate to Helen. She _____ it.
a. hates b. is hating c. has hated d. hated
3. The Sun _____ us heat and light.
a. will give b. is giving c. gives d. has given
4. We _____ students, so we _____ to school on weekdays.
a. are/go often b. are/often go
c. are/have often gone d. have been/are often going
5. Every day, Peter _____ at 7 o'clock, _____ breakfast, and then _____ to work at 7.30.
a. has often got/will have/go b. often gets up/has/goes
c. is often getting/having/goes d. has often got up/had/went
6. California _____ in the United Kingdom. It _____ in the US.
a. is not/is b. has not been/is c. will not be/will be d. was not/has been
7. Cats _____ milk, but birds _____.
a. like/do not b. have liked/have not c. are liking/are not d. were liking/were not
8. Every day, Sarah _____ her children to school and then _____ home to prepare lunch.
a. is taking/returning b. takes/returns
c. has taken/returned d. will take/will return
9. The sun _____ the ball of fire in the sky that the Earth _____ round.
a. will be/has gone b. will be/will be going
c. is/goes d. has been/is going
10. Sally _____ really hard for her exams this week.
a. takes b. will be taking c. is taking d. had taken
11. Many people _____ living in Seattle because it _____ continually.
a. are hating/is often raining b. have hated/will often rain
c. hate/often rains d. hated/was often raining
12. The sun _____ in the East and _____ in the West.
a. rises/sets b. is rising/is setting c. has risen/has set d. will rise/will set
13. The secretary _____ on the report for more than three hours. She hopes _____ she may finish it by lunch time.
a. is working b. will be working c. has been working d. had been working
14. Please turn off the stove. The water _____ for more than fifteen minutes.
a. is boiling b. was boiling c. has been boiling d. will be boiling

15. In the 19th century, it _____ two or three months to cross North America _____ by covered wagon.

The trip _____ very rough and often dangerous.

a. took/ was b. had taken/had been c. took/had been d. had taken/was

16. My grandfather _____ a very exciting life. When he was young, he _____ on the farm in the country, where there _____ a lot of cattle and meadows.

a. has/has lived/have been b. had/lived/were
c. was having/had lived/had been d. has had/is living/are

17. Mary _____ on the essay for two hours now and she _____ that she _____ it in one more hour.

a. is working/has hoped/can finish b. has been working/hopes/will finish
c. will have worked/hopes/finishes d. had been working/hoped/would finish

18. I _____ there once a long time ago and _____ back since.

a. went/have not been b. have gone/will not be
c. was going/am not d. had gone/was not

19. Those drivers _____ for three hours when a heavy storm suddenly _____.

a. were driving/broke b. drove/ was breaking
c. had driven/was breaking d. had been driving/broke

20. I _____ to visit you yesterday, but you _____ at home.

a. have come/are not b. had come/were not
c. came/were not d. was coming/have not been

21. What _____ when the accident _____?

a. have you been doing/occurs b. are you doing/will occur
c. will you be doing/has occurred d. were you doing/occurred

22. We _____ TV when it _____ to rain.

a. are watching/will start b. have watched/will be starting
c. had watched/was starting d. were watching/started

23. I _____ a mystery movie on TV when the electricity _____ out.

a. will be watching/is going b. watched/was going
c. was watching/went d. have watching/goes

24. While the doctor _____ Mr. Jones, his son _____ outside this morning.

a. was examining/was waiting b. will be examining/are waiting
c. had been examining/was waiting d. are examining/is going to wait

25. When the boss _____ into the office, his secretary _____, and the accountant _____ on the phones.

a. was walking/has been typing/has been talking b. had walked/was typing/had talked
c. walked/was typing/was talking d. had been walking/had typed/talked

26. I am busy. I think I _____ my driving test this week.

a. have not taken b. am not going to take c. will have not taken d. do not take

27. - I called you last night after dinner, but you were not there. Where _____?

- I work overtime at the fitness center.

