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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

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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_____?

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- I_____overtime at the fitness center.

a. has you been/had worked b. were you/have worked

c. were you/was working d.you were/worked

27. For the last hundred years, traveling_____much easier and very comfortable. Now you_____from New York to Los Angeles in a matter of hours.

a. becomes/fly b.had become/flew

c.will have become/will fly d. has become/can fly

29. John_____for his girlfriend for two hours but she_____. At last, he_____to the movies without her.

a. has been waiting/does not come/has gone b. will wait/has not come/will go

c. is waiting/will not come/is going d. had been waiting/did not come/went

30. By the time we_____the letter,Tom_____for Paris.

a. receive/will have left b.had received/left

c.have received/will left d. received/leaves

31. By this time tomorrow,we_____on the beach of Hawaii, where we_____before.

a. are going to lie/are never b. have been lying/ will never be

c. will be lying/have never been d. are lying/were never

32. After the boy_____that the wallet full of money, he_____to the police and_____it in.

a. will find/immediately goes/turns b. has found/-will immediately go/turn

c. was finding/went/would return d. had found/immediately went/turned

33.Sandy_____TV in the living room at the moment. At this time yesterday,she_____television. That is all she_____doing the most.

a. watches/also watched/is enjoying b. is watching/was also watching/enjoys

c. is going to watch/has also watched/has enjoyed d. will be watching/had also watched/will enjoy

34. Jeans which_____by Levi Strauss in 1850_____one of the most popular kinds of clothes in our present time.

a. are first made/have been b. were first made/were

c. were first made/are d. had been made/would be

35.He_____his boss at this time tomorrow.

a. is meeting b. has meet c. was meeting d. will be meeting

36. - How much is this book?

- $10.

- OK.I_____it.

a. will take b.take c. have taken d.took

37.What_____since 8 am up to now?

a. you have been doing b. have you been doing

c. have been you doing d. have been doing you

38.Computers_____in use since 1946.

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a. are b.were c. have been d. had been

39._____to Paris before?

a. Are you ever b. Have you ever been c. Will you ever be d. Had you ever been

40.Mr.Pike_____lunch at home with his wife, but today he_____lunch with his friends. Mrs. Pike_____to London since two days ago.

a. is usually having/has/went b. has usually had/has/is going

c. usually has/is having/has gone d. will have/has had/goes

41. The students _____ chapter 5 next week, so they_____to prepare for it now.

a. have studied/will read b. are studying/have read

c. will study/read d. will be studying/are reading

42. By the time John_____to help, we_____the work.

a.comes/finished b. comes/will have finished c. will come/will have d.came/have finished

43. Mary sometimes _____ to turn off the computer before she_____home.

a. forgot/had gone b. has forgot/is going c. is forgetting/has gone d. forgets/goes

44. They _____good preparations before they _____their final examination yesterday.

a. made/had taken b. had made/took c. have made/take d. will have made/have taken

45. He _____a birthday party tomorrow for his daughter who_____three.

a. is having/turns b. will have had/will turn

c. is going to have/has turned d. has had/is going to turn

46.When Susan_____yesterday,Peter_____dinner. He_____cooking very much and often _____ the meals himself.

a. phoned/was cooking/likes/prepares b.had phoned/cooked/liked/prepared

c. was phoning/was cooking/has liked/is preparing d. has phoned/is cooking/is liking/preparing

47. They _____finish their work because they _____Los Angeles next Sunday.

a. are needing/visit b. need/are going to-visit

c. have needed/are visiting d.needed/have visited

48. At present Mary _____her clothes. She _____the clothes on Sundays.

a. is washing/often washes b. was washing/has often washed

c. has washed/is often washing d. washes/often washed

49.I_____that movie before last night.

a. did not see b. has not seen c. had not seen d. will see

50. I_____ Lisa at the museum when I _____to restaurant but she_____me.

a. was seeing/was going/had not. seen b. had seen/went/was not seeing

c. have seen/have gone/does not see. d. saw/was going/did not see

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