

# English Tenses Test – C1 Level

Total: 50 points (1 point per question)

## Exercise 1. Multiple Choice (20 points – 1 point each)

Choose the best option to complete each sentence.

1. By the time the auditors finish, the finance team \_\_\_\_\_ the new reporting system for six months.  
(a) will implement  
(b) will have been implementing  
(c) will be implementing  
(d) implements
2. If you had told me earlier, I \_\_\_\_\_ you with the contract.  
(a) will help  
(b) would help  
(c) would have helped  
(d) help
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ at the office every weekday for the last ten years before she moved abroad.  
(a) worked  
(b) has worked  
(c) had been working  
(d) had worked
4. At 9 p.m. tomorrow I \_\_\_\_\_ on a plane to Reykjavik.  
(a) will sit  
(b) will be sitting  
(c) will have sat  
(d) sit
5. When I opened the door, they \_\_\_\_\_ for over an hour.  
(a) argued  
(b) had been arguing  
(c) have argued  
(d) were arguing
6. By the time you read this email, I \_\_\_\_\_ the final decision.  
(a) will have made  
(b) will make  
(c) have made  
(d) made
7. He looked exhausted because he \_\_\_\_\_ non-stop since dawn.  
(a) works  
(b) had been working

- (c) had worked  
(d) has worked
8. The committee insisted that the proposal \_\_\_\_\_ amended before it was resubmitted.  
(a) is  
(b) was  
(c) should be  
(d) had been
9. Next year at this time she \_\_\_\_\_ at the company for a decade.  
(a) will have been employed  
(b) will be employed  
(c) will have employed  
(d) will employ
10. By the time we arrived, the guests \_\_\_\_\_ all the appetizers.  
(a) finished  
(b) have finished  
(c) had finished  
(d) had been finishing
11. He said he \_\_\_\_\_ the manuscript by Friday, but he never did.  
(a) will submit  
(b) had submitted  
(c) would have submitted  
(d) would submit
12. They \_\_\_\_\_ dinner when the ambassador called unexpectedly.  
(a) had been finishing  
(b) were finishing  
(c) had finished  
(d) have been finishing
13. If she continues at this rate, by 2030 she \_\_\_\_\_ three books.  
(a) will write  
(b) will have written  
(c) writes  
(d) will be writing
14. The witness claimed she \_\_\_\_\_ the suspect earlier that day.  
(a) had seen  
(b) had been seeing  
(c) saw  
(d) sees
15. He \_\_\_\_\_ in mathematics for years before switching to applied physics.  
(a) researches  
(b) had researched  
(c) had been researching  
(d) was researching

16. By the time you arrive, we \_\_\_\_\_ for two hours.  
(a) will wait  
(b) will have been waiting  
(c) will be waiting  
(d) have waited
17. At the conference next month she \_\_\_\_\_ about her long-term study.  
(a) presents  
(b) will be presenting  
(c) will have presented  
(d) will present
18. They regretted that they \_\_\_\_\_ the contract without legal advice.  
(a) signed  
(b) had signed  
(c) have signed  
(d) had been signing
19. He \_\_\_\_\_ all morning, so his voice was hoarse by lunchtime.  
(a) rehearsed  
(b) had been rehearsing  
(c) has rehearsed  
(d) was rehearsing
20. By the time the policy is implemented, the team \_\_\_\_\_ several simulations.  
(a) will run  
(b) will have run  
(c) will be running  
(d) runs

## Exercise 2. Short Advanced Text (10 points – 1 point each)

Read the text and choose the correct tense form (a, b, or c) in each case.

Last autumn the research vessel left port later than planned.

I (1) \_\_\_\_\_ at dawn and found the crew already preparing the equipment.

We (2) \_\_\_\_\_ disagreements about the sampling sites since the start, but no one expected the weather to deteriorate so quickly.

By the time we (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the first station, the visibility (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and the instruments (5) \_\_\_\_\_ constantly.

The team leader told us that if conditions continued, we (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the mission within 24 hours.

Fortunately, before that happened, a colleague who (7) \_\_\_\_\_ on satellite data noticed a

gap in the forecast and we (8) \_\_\_\_\_ course.

By the time we returned to port, the entire crew (9) \_\_\_\_\_ a lot, and the report (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for publication.

### Options for Exercise 2

1. (a) woke (b) was waking (c) had woken
2. (a) have (b) had (c) were having
3. (a) reached (b) were reaching (c) had reached
4. (a) dropped (b) had dropped (c) was dropping
5. (a) beeped (b) had been beeping (c) were beeping
6. (a) will abort (b) would abort (c) would have aborted
7. (a) work (b) had worked (c) had been working
8. (a) alter (b) altered (c) had altered
9. (a) has learned (b) had learned (c) was learning
10. (a) is being prepared (b) has been prepared (c) had been prepared

### Exercise 3. Fill in the Gaps (20 points – 1 point each)

Use the **correct form of the verb** in brackets to complete the sentence, paying close attention to the time markers and context.

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in three different countries before she turned thirty.
2. By next month he \_\_\_\_\_ (complete) the longitudinal study.
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ (argue) for most of the afternoon when the mediator finally arrived.
4. If you call her now, she \_\_\_\_\_ (attend) a seminar — she leaves at nine.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / see) the revised draft yet. Please send it.
6. We \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) for hours before we finally stopped at a village.
7. He said he \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to contact the client, but he hadn't reached them.
8. By the end of the decade, the institute \_\_\_\_\_ (have) multiple interdisciplinary centres.
9. When we met, she \_\_\_\_\_ (study) German for eight months.
10. Tomorrow at 10 a.m. I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) presenting the proposal to the board.
11. They \_\_\_\_\_ (repair) the bridge for two months before the inspectors re-evaluated it.
12. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ (understand) his motives earlier.
13. By the time you finish your PhD, you \_\_\_\_\_ (publish) several peer-reviewed articles.
14. He \_\_\_\_\_ (train) intensively for the marathon for six months when he had to stop due to injury.
15. When she finally apologized, he \_\_\_\_\_ (already / decide) not to continue the partnership.
16. By September, the team \_\_\_\_\_ (develop) this software for five years.
17. They knew the factory \_\_\_\_\_ (close) down at the end of the year, but they kept working.

18. If the board had reviewed the documents, the mistake \_\_\_\_\_ (spot) earlier.
19. The market \_\_\_\_\_ (fluctuate) wildly since the new regulations came into effect.
20. The official start of the summit \_\_\_\_\_ (be) at 9:00 a.m. sharp tomorrow.