

# Test 2a

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

1. Hurry up, James! Our train \_\_\_\_\_ if we don't get to the station soon.

☐ a) will have left  
☐ b) will be leaving  
☐ c) will leave  
☐ d) has left

2. \_\_\_\_\_ put the phone down than it rang again.

☐ a) No sooner I had  
☐ b) Just as I had  
☐ c) I had just  
☐ d) No sooner had I

3. I \_\_\_\_\_ out if Louis hadn't mentioned the subject in passing.

☐ a) would never have found  
☐ b) never had found  
☐ c) would have never found  
☐ d) had never found

4. The film is \_\_\_\_\_ based on a true story, but most of it is fiction.

☐ a) loosely  
☐ b) casually  
☐ c) faintly  
☐ d) lightly

5. I've had this car for 12 years, but now I'm having more and more problems with it. Clearly it's \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ a) on its hind legs  
☐ b) got its back up  
☐ c) got its heart set  
☐ d) on its last legs

6. We hadn't \_\_\_\_\_ there being so much traffic, and we missed the plane.

☐ a) bargained on  
☐ b) factored on  
☐ c) counted with  
☐ d) accounted with

7. Calls from people trying to sell us things we don't want are a real \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ a) ache in the neck  
☐ b) ache in the back  
☐ c) pain in the neck  
☐ d) pain in the back

8. There are two supermarkets in the town but \_\_\_\_\_ of them sells fresh fish.

☐ a) none  
☐ b) neither  
☐ c) no one  
☐ d) either

9. —How long \_\_\_\_\_ in Greece?  
—Two years altogether, before moving to Italy.

☐ a) have you lived  
☐ b) did you live  
☐ c) had you lived  
☐ d) did you used to live

10. The cast \_\_\_\_\_ several times before leaving the stage to wild applause.

☐ a) bowed  
☐ b) inclined  
☐ c) revered  
☐ d) crouched

11. When her sister left home, Louise finally had a bedroom \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ a) all to her  
☐ b) for her only  
☐ c) for only herself  
☐ d) all to herself

12. \_\_\_\_\_ James didn't have the right qualifications, he was offered the job.

☐ a) Although  
☐ b) Even so  
☐ c) Even that  
☐ d) No matter



13. Most people who work in publishing start at the bottom. The important thing is to get your \_\_\_\_\_. Then you can work your way up.
- ☐ a) arm in the opening
  - ☐ b) hand on the handle
  - ☐ c) foot in the door
  - ☐ d) nose to the grindstone
14. —What's wrong with Granddad?  
—He only has a mild cold, but to listen to him you'd think he was \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ a) at the doors of death
  - ☐ b) at death's door
  - ☐ c) in at the death
  - ☐ d) a foot in death's door
15. They tried to stop \_\_\_\_\_ cricket in the park but it was the only place where we could play.
- ☐ a) us playing
  - ☐ b) us to play
  - ☐ c) that we play
  - ☐ d) that we played
16. With her excellent qualifications it's not surprising that she \_\_\_\_\_ being treated as an inferior at work.
- ☐ a) molests
  - ☐ b) exasperates
  - ☐ c) resents
  - ☐ d) embitters
17. We went to a number of \_\_\_\_\_ that few tourists ever visit.
- ☐ a) places out-of-the-way
  - ☐ b) out-of-the-way places
  - ☐ c) out of the way places
  - ☐ d) places out of the way
18. The team had been trying to win the competition for years. Last year, they finally \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ a) brought it off
  - ☐ b) brought it on
  - ☐ c) carried it away
  - ☐ d) carried it on
19. I don't know Harry all that well, but I do bump into him \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ a) every now and then
  - ☐ b) every once and again
  - ☐ c) each now and then
  - ☐ d) each once and again
20. Although the play is set in Saudi Arabia, \_\_\_\_\_ of the characters are Saudis. It's mainly about expatriates living there.
- ☐ a) few
  - ☐ b) a few
  - ☐ c) fewer
  - ☐ d) less
21. —Were they angry about the decision?  
—It certainly seemed \_\_\_\_\_. When it was announced, they got up and stormed out of the room.
- ☐ a) so
  - ☐ b) it was so
  - ☐ c) so it was
  - ☐ d) so they were
22. —I feel like a few days off, but I really need the overtime.  
—The problem with you is that you always want to have \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ a) the butter and its price
  - ☐ b) another bite of the cherry
  - ☐ c) your cake and eat it
  - ☐ d) more than you can chew
23. The government is making every effort to \_\_\_\_\_ a diplomatic crisis.
- ☐ a) avert
  - ☐ b) hinder
  - ☐ c) impede
  - ☐ d) deviate
24. If I \_\_\_\_\_ it with my own eyes, I wouldn't have believed it. But I did see it, and it was real!
- ☐ a) wasn't seeing
  - ☐ b) hadn't seen
  - ☐ c) didn't see
  - ☐ d) couldn't see
25. We've been struggling with the same problem for years, and we still haven't \_\_\_\_\_ a solution.
- ☐ a) come up with
  - ☐ b) come in for
  - ☐ c) come down on
  - ☐ d) raised up
26. It's possible that I'll fail the economics exam in June, \_\_\_\_\_ I'll probably re-sit it in September.
- ☐ a) at which point
  - ☐ b) in which case
  - ☐ c) by which time
  - ☐ d) at which time



27. —I didn't know that Robert knew Christine.

—Oh, yes. She's an old \_\_\_\_\_ of his from their time together at university.

- ☐ a) fire
- ☐ b) smoke
- ☐ c) blaze
- ☐ d) flame

28. \_\_\_\_\_ the expression on his face, I'd say he wasn't too pleased to see us. In fact, I'd say he was furious.

- ☐ a) Judging by
- ☐ b) As for
- ☐ c) Provided with
- ☐ d) Seeing as

29. \_\_\_\_\_ the wrong bus, Mark found himself in an unfamiliar part of the city.

- ☐ a) Because taking
- ☐ b) On taking
- ☐ c) To take
- ☐ d) Having taken

30. —Have you had a busy day? You look exhausted.

—Yes, it was the first day of the sale. We were rushed off our \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ a) legs
- ☐ b) toes
- ☐ c) feet
- ☐ d) tootsies

31. I haven't got any ideas at the moment, but when I \_\_\_\_\_, I'll let you know.

- ☐ a) will
- ☐ b) will do
- ☐ c) do
- ☐ d) will have

32. I'd rather you \_\_\_\_\_ me while I'm speaking. I'll answer your questions afterwards.

- ☐ a) didn't interrupt
- ☐ b) wouldn't interrupt
- ☐ c) won't interrupt
- ☐ d) don't interrupt

33. We asked two children for directions but \_\_\_\_\_ of them knew where the hotel was.

- ☐ a) none
- ☐ b) both
- ☐ c) neither
- ☐ d) each

34. That's not my car. Mine's a \_\_\_\_\_ one.

- ☐ a) blue small Japanese
- ☐ b) Japanese small blue
- ☐ c) small blue Japanese
- ☐ d) Japanese blue small

35. Finally, we had to \_\_\_\_\_ to legal threats.

- ☐ a) apply
- ☐ b) resort
- ☐ c) intend
- ☐ d) recur

36. Can you give me a list of \_\_\_\_\_ been invited?

- ☐ a) whose
- ☐ b) the who's
- ☐ c) who's
- ☐ d) whoever that's

37. —Do you know Karen's phone number?  
—No, not off the \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ a) top of my head
- ☐ b) front of my brain
- ☐ c) side of my block
- ☐ d) edge of my crown

38. A white sports car \_\_\_\_\_ outside the bank.

- ☐ a) dropped off
- ☐ b) came off
- ☐ c) drew up
- ☐ d) pushed up



39. He kicked the \_\_\_\_\_ over the goal.

- ☐ a) ball high
- ☐ b) high ball
- ☐ c) ball highly
- ☐ d) ball will height

40. Sheila was unable to participate in the race \_\_\_\_\_ a leg injury.

- ☐ a) owed to
- ☐ b) owing to
- ☐ c) caused by
- ☐ d) because owing

41. He played \_\_\_\_\_ Wimbledon for the first time last year and reached the semi-finals.

- ☐ a) in
- ☐ b) on
- ☐ c) to
- ☐ d) at

42. She paints \_\_\_\_\_ for pleasure, not because she wants to make any money out of it.

- ☐ a) directly
- ☐ b) fully
- ☐ c) singly
- ☐ d) purely

43. If she wasn't so aggressive, we \_\_\_\_\_ get on a bit better.

- ☐ a) can maybe
- ☐ b) might
- ☐ c) may
- ☐ d) shall

44. —So, are you going to buy that flat or not?

—I'm not sure yet. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ about it.

- ☐ a) between two minds
- ☐ b) between two stools
- ☐ c) in two minds
- ☐ d) in two ideas

45. Despite his disability, he tried to lead \_\_\_\_\_ possible.

- ☐ a) as normal life as
- ☐ b) his life as normal as
- ☐ c) so normal life as
- ☐ d) as normal a life as

46. The contract hasn't actually been signed yet, but everything looks positive. I think we can safely say it's \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ a) on the bounce
- ☐ b) in the boot
- ☐ c) touch and go
- ☐ d) in the bag

47. I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ your version of events, but I think that you have interpreted them wrongly.

- ☐ a) discussing
- ☐ b) disapproving
- ☐ c) disputing
- ☐ d) differing

48. You're not a child any more. It's time you faced \_\_\_\_\_ your responsibilities.

- ☐ a) about at
- ☐ b) towards
- ☐ c) on to
- ☐ d) up to

49. We had intended to form a company to market the device. Unfortunately, our plans fell \_\_\_\_\_ at the last moment due to financial difficulties.

- ☐ a) down
- ☐ b) off
- ☐ c) through
- ☐ d) away

50. —Have you fixed that dripping tap I told you about?

—No, I've been busy with other things. I haven't got \_\_\_\_\_ it yet.

- ☐ a) away with
- ☐ b) up to
- ☐ c) round to
- ☐ d) over with