

GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY REVISION 1

Exercise 1. Circle the best option.

1. I haven't decided yet whether to buy a second-hand car or a new one. I _____ it.

- a) I'm thinking about
- b) think about it
- c) I'm thinking of
- d) think of it

2. There was no one in the control room at all, _____ made me suspicious.

- a) that
- b) the which
- c) the what
- d) which

3. What a coincidence this is! It's so strange that you _____ be staying in the same hotel as us. **should:**

- a) should **the package should have been here by now.**
- b) must **been here by now.**
- c) ought to **- it's weird that we should be spending the holiday in the same place as last year.**
- d) can

4. This sweater is made of _____ wool.

- a) pure
- b) a pure
- c) some pure
- d) a piece of pure

5. For years, the government has been _____ corruption within its own party. It's time that that changed.

- a) making a fat view of
- b) taking a blind look a
- c) taking a fat look at
- d) turning a blind eye to = **neglect turn a deaf ear to**

6. After _____, one naturally wants to put one's feet up and relax. **'s**

- a) a hard day's work **genitive case**
- b) the hard work of a day
- c) a hard-working day
- d) a day's hard working

two hours' work/ eight hours' sleep

7. House prices _____ dramatically in recent years.

- a) rose
- b) were rising
- c) have risen
- d) are rising

8. The captain's magnificent performance _____ an example to the rest of the team.

- a) gave
- b) set
- c) made
- d) laid

9. Not only _____ the accident, he later denied that he had been driving the car.

- a) he failed in reporting
- b) did he fail to report
- c) was he failing in reporting
- d) he was failing to report

10. We need someone who is a good engineer as well as an efficient manager. In my opinion, this candidate is _____.

- a) neither
- b) none
- c) not one or other
- d) neither one nor other

11. The river has risen to _____ level for this time of year. I've never seen anything like it.

- a) an extremely surprised
- b) an extremely astonished
- c) a surprisingly extreme
- d) an extremely surprising

12. Perhaps you'd like _____ dinner with me some evening?

- a) to have
- b) having
- c) that you have
- d) our having

13. She has an unbelievable voice. Her singing is absolutely _____.

- a) out of this life
- b) beyond this world
- c) out of this world = **extraordinary**
- d) beyond this life

14. I didn't expect _____ you here. You've never accepted any of my invitations before.

- a) seeing
- b) to see
- c) that I see
- d) my seeing

15. It's your own fault if you feel terrible this morning. You _____ so much last night.

- a) shouldn't have eaten
- b) hadn't to eat
- c) wouldn't have eaten
- d) mightn't have eaten

16. What you are saying is very interesting, but it _____ to our situation.

- a) is impertinent
- b) has no accordance
- c) has no relevance
- d) is uninvolved

17. Fiona, _____ students, often works late.

- a) as most
- b) like most
- c) like the most of the
- d) as the most of the

18. I _____ endless problems with that car the whole ten years I owned it.

- a) had
- b) was having
- c) have had
- d) had had

19. _____ I want is **to know** your name.

- a) All
- b) All what
- c) Whatever
- d) All whatever

**All I want to know
is your name.**

20. It's not my fault! I can't _____ what happened. I mean, I wasn't even there when it occurred!

- a) be blamed for
- b) blame for
- c) be blamed of
- d) be blamed by

21. Her meeting with the Dalai Lama was the _____ of her life. After that, nothing was the same for her.

- a) turning point
- b) turning moment
- c) pointed moment
- d) critical turn

22. The old man is very ill. To be perfectly frank with you, I don't think he will live _____ the night.

- a) during
- b) until all
- c) through
- d) while

23. —Will you be home late tonight?
—I'm afraid _____. The meeting won't start until 6.

- a) so
- b) it's so
- c) of it
- d) that's it

24. Have you ever thought _____ to somewhere like Canada or Australia to start a new life?

- a) on emigrating
- b) about emigrating
- c) in emigrating
- d) to emigrate

25. She took a course in telemarketing _____ improving her employment prospects.

- a) with a view to + **V.ing** in order to **do sth**
- b) with a regard to
- c) in respect of
- d) in consideration of

26. If it's all the same to you, I'd rather you _____ television while I'm reading. It's very distracting, you see.

- a) aren't watching
- b) didn't watch
- c) won't watch
- d) wouldn't watch

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27. It was essential to submit the plan the following day. Therefore, _____ he was near exhaustion, he went on working late into the night.

- a) whereas
- b) while
- c) however
- d) though

28. The bridge was collapsing and the train was plunging into the ravine. But Superman arrived _____, as usual, caught the train in his arms of steel and carried it to safety.

- a) in the nick of time = **exactly in time**
- b) in the fullness of time
- c) on the spur of the moment
- d) in the heat of the moment

29. _____ Vincent felt angry. The vandals had scratched his new car badly.

- a) It isn't to wonder
- b) It's not a wonder
- c) It isn't wonderful
- d) It's no wonder = **undoubtedly** = **doubtlessly**

30. She listened _____ Roger read to her in a low voice.

- a) meanwhile
- b) at the same time
- c) while
- d) whereas

31. We had arranged to meet at 8 o'clock but he didn't _____ until half an hour later.

- a) show off
- b) stick up
- c) turn up
- d) put in

32. You and your big mouth! It was supposed to be a secret. You _____ told her!

- a) shouldn't have
- b) ought to haven't
- c) musn't have
- d) needn't to

33. She suggested **doing sth** to lunch on Sunday.

- a) us to come
- b) us that we come
- c) to us that we should come
- d) to us our coming

34. Experts are _____ into the cause of the explosion.

- a) seeking
- b) researching
- c) inquiring
- d) investigating

35. _____ at the hotel when there was a power cut.

- a) We had arrived hardly
- b) Hardly had we arrived
- c) Hardly we had arrived
- d) Scarce we had arrived

36. In the next lesson, I _____ you how to prepare chicken in a lemon sauce.

- a) will have shown
- b) show
- c) will be showing
- d) am showing

37. Kim asked Ben _____ to come to dinner.

- a) if he'd like
- b) will he like
- c) would he like
- d) if he liked

38. The next morning the battery was dead and Marian couldn't _____.

- a) make the car started
- b) have the car started
- c) get the car started
- d) have the car start

39. They've made us a lot of promises but I don't trust them. As far as I'm concerned, a bird in the hand is worth _____.

- a) two in the bush
- b) two birds flying
- c) two in the tree
- d) a whole flock flying

40. Because he had to go back to work, Tom could stay with us _____ two weeks.

- a) during only
- b) for only
- c) only during
- d) throughout only

41. I climbed the slippery stairs with great care. _____, I nearly fell twice.

- a) Even though
- b) Even thus
- c) Thus
- d) Even so

42. —Do you ever wish you _____ to university?
—Yes, but my parents couldn't afford it.

- a) went
- b) would go
- c) were going
- d) had gone

43. It _____ to be seen whether I have made the right decision or not.

- a) continues
- b) remains
- c) stands
- d) keeps

44. Where were you? I thought you _____ for me.

- a) will wait
- b) will have waited
- c) were going to wait
- d) are waiting

45. When I came back from Columbia, the **customs officer** _____ empty my suitcase.

- a) made me to
- b) made that I
- c) obliged me
- d) made me

46. _____ to make a decision right away. Take a few days and think the matter over first.

- a) There isn't a need
- b) It's not needful
- c) It isn't needed
- d) There's no need

47. Physically, I _____ after my mother, but my sister doesn't look anything like her.

- a) run
- b) put
- c) take
- d) look

48. The room was **so hot and airless** that several people _____ and had to be revived.

- a) dropped out
- b) passed away
- c) dropped away
- d) passed out

49. The dentist told me that when the effect of the anaesthetic _____, I might feel a little pain. But it was more than a little.

- a) dropped off
- b) went out
- c) wore off
- d) turned out

50. When I first met him, he _____ as a very indecisive person. He didn't seem to know what he wanted at all.

- a) went across
- b) passed off
- c) showed himself as
- d) passed across

Exercise 2. Circle the best option.

1. All right, then, you try to fix the television! But _____ what you're doing.

- a) I hope you know
- b) I'm hoping you know
- c) I hope you knew
- d) I wish you knew

2. I watched the play until the end of the first act, _____ I felt I had seen enough. I got up and left.

- a) at which point
- b) until when
- c) at that point
- d) at what point

3. —You _____ like to look over these papers if you have time.

—Yes, just leave them on my desk, please.

- a) might
- b) should
- c) ought to
- d) could

4. What did he tell you? Did he give you _____ that we can use?

- a) any informations
- b) some informations
- c) any information
- d) any piece of information

5. I don't want to decide until I know all the facts. Until then, I intend to _____.

- a) keep a broad mind
- b) be in two minds
- c) keep an open mind
- d) keep a broad mentality

6. He returned home after a _____ in Cyprus.

- a) weekly holiday
- b) week's holiday = **one-week holiday**
- c) holiday of a week
- d) weeks' holiday

7. The company _____ many problems in its 50-year history, but it is flourishing now.

- a) faced
- b) was facing
- c) has faced
- d) has been facing

8. I gave them _____ time to make a decision.

- a) spacious
- b) lavish
- c) extensive
- d) ample **=much**

9. Rarely _____ have been faced with such a daunting problem.

- a) a minister can
- b) can a minister
- c) should a minister
- d) a minister should

10. Frank and Bill both applied for the job. _____ was successful although both had the right qualifications.

- a) Neither
- b) None
- c) Not one or other
- d) Neither one nor another

11. Following the storm, the electricity company will be working all-out to repair the _____.

- a) damage caused
- b) caused damage
- c) damage provoked
- d) provoked damage

12. Let's not rush into this. I _____ my parents before we do anything.

- a) would rather talk to
- b) 'd rather that I talk to
- c) 'd rather that I talked to
- d) had rather talk with

13. I have _____ about that film. The photography and special effects were outstanding, but the acting was pathetic.

- a) jumbled sentiments
- b) contrasted feelings
- c) mixed feelings
- d) contrasted sentiments

14. —It's your car, not mine. You don't expect _____ it, do you?

—Well, yes, actually I was rather hoping you would.

- a) me cleaning
- b) that I clean
- c) me to clean
- d) that I would clean

15. This is very strange. The parcel we sent you _____ have arrived by now. Perhaps it's got lost in the post.

- a) may
- b) should
- c) can
- d) ought

16. The former porn-movie star said that she _____ the opportunity to demonstrate that she was entirely capable of playing a serious role in a serious film.

- a) greeted
- b) cheered
- c) welcomed
- d) rejoiced

17. _____ Paul, Jane really enjoys gardening.

- a) Not like
- b) Different from
- c) Unlike
- d) Different to

18. She _____ very badly whenever she stayed in hotels or other people's homes.

- a) was sleeping
- b) slept
- c) had slept
- d) could sleep

19. _____ you don't want to come with us, you'll have to stay with your grandparents.

- a) Whereas
- b) However
- c) While
- d) Since = **as/because**

20. He _____ an excellent guide.

- a) is said to be
- b) is they say
- c) says to be
- d) it is said is

21. At first I thought it was a good idea. But then I began to have _____.

- a) second doubts
- b) second thoughts
- c) doubtful seconds
- d) thoughtful doubts

22. Lots of people are interested _____ money.

- a) of making
- b) in making
- c) to make
- d) for making

23. Gemma will be coming home next week. At least we hope _____.

- a) so
- b) it
- c) it's so
- d) it's it

24. I'd been driving for several hours, so I decided to stop _____ a cup of coffee.

- a) having **stop doing sth**
- b) to have **stop to do sth**
- c) for having
- d) that I have

25. If you wash that pullover in boiling water, it will _____.

- a) crumple
- b) shrink
- c) contract
- d) dwindle

26. Listen here, young man. It's high time you _____ working a bit more seriously. Don't you realise that you've already wasted the first five weeks of term?

- a) started
- b) start
- c) are starting
- d) have started

27. He's incapable of seeing anyone's point of view but his own. _____ what you say, he just stubbornly refuses to listen.

- a) Regardless
- b) Whereas
- c) No matter
- d) Even though

28. A 10% pay increase is quite out of the _____. We can barely afford the 2% we're offering you now.

- a) blue
- b) matter
- c) affair
- d) question **out of the question** = impossible

29. Following the success of his last two films, _____ that Cameron's latest blockbuster is another box-office winner.

- a) it's no surprise = **it's not surprising**
- b) it isn't to surprise
- c) it's no astonishment
- d) it isn't to amaze

30. I bought a computer game which had very advanced graphics. _____ I soon became bored with it.

- a) Even though
- b) So even
- c) Even so
- d) Hence

31. The sky is already dark. It must be _____ for 8 o'clock.

- a) closing on
- b) getting up
- c) getting on = **almost**
- d) closing up

32. The plane is late. It _____ by now.

- a) had to land
- b) could land
- c) must have landed
- d) should have landed

33. He admitted _____ seriously ill and would need an operation.

- a) to me that he was
- b) me that he was
- c) to me being
- d) me being

34. My ex-wife carried on talking to my boss, without even _____ in my direction.

- a) blinking
- b) squinting
- c) glimpsing
- d) glancing

35. Not until my secretary phoned me _____ out about the merger.

- a) had I found
- b) I found
- c) I had found
- d) did I find

36. Next January, I _____ in this company for 4 years.

- a) am working
- b) 'll work
- c) have worked
- d) 'll have been working

37. Tom's mother forbade _____ in bed.

- a) that he smoked
- b) him to smoke
- c) him smoking
- d) that he would smoke

38. I was having difficulty reading, so I decided to go to an optician and _____.

- a) make my eyes tested
- b) test my eyes
- c) get my eyes tested
- d) test the eyes for me

39. Do me this favour and I'll not forget it. You scratch my back and I'll _____ yours.

- a) rub
- b) scratch
- c) scrape
- d) scrub

40. We're not doing anything _____ the weekend. Why don't you come and see us?

- a) over
- b) during
- c) throughout
- d) by

41. The building had been extremely well constructed _____ was very difficult to demolish.

- a) and alternatively
- b) and consequently
- c) but nevertheless
- d) but however

42. Michael acts as if he _____ all the answers, but what can he possibly know?

- a) was knowing
- b) know
- c) knew
- d) had known

43. It was such a funny sight that I couldn't _____ face.

- a) keep a straight
- b) maintain a straight
- c) keep a smooth
- d) maintain a serious

44. I never thought **hi** _____ my holidays in hospital, but here I am.

- a) will spend
- b) was spending
- c) could be spending
- d) had spent

45. —Did you repair the car yourself?

- No, I _____ at the garage.
- a) had it made
- b) made it done
- c) got it made
- d) had it done

46. _____ surprise that Montgomery won the battle. He was the better general and he was commanding seasoned troops.

- a) It's no
- b) It's not the
- c) There's no
- d) There isn't a

47. The concert had to be _____ when the lead guitarist fell ill the day before.

- a) called out
- b) shut down
- c) shut off
- d) called off = **cancel**

48. I must _____ now. I think I can smell something burning in the kitchen.

- a) ring up
- b) hang about
- c) ring off = **stop talking on the phone**
- d) cut off

49. The government has decided to _____ smoking in public places.

- a) crack up on
- b) back down with
- c) back up with
- d) crack down on = **to be strict in dealing with sth**

50. As the robbers drove off, the **bank** manager shouted, "You'll never _____ with this. The police will catch you in the end!"

- a) get away
- b) get off
- c) be a
- d) in