THE SEQUENSE OF TENSE

Choose the best answer

1. When I last saw him, he_____in London.
   A. is living B. has been living C. was living D. lived
2. By the time he arrives here tomorrow, they_____for London.
   A. would have left B. will have left C. will left D. are leaving
3. Mr. Pike_____English at our school for 20 years before he retired last year.
   A. had been teaching B. has been teaching
   C. was teaching D. is teaching
4. When I_____to the airport, I realized that I_____my passport at home.
   A. got/had left B. got/left C. had got/had left D. got/was left
5. Call me as soon as you_____your test results.
   A. get B. will get C. will have got D. got
6. I_____to Greece until Sally and I went there last summer.
   A. have never been B. had never been C. was never being D. were never
7. I_____ along the street when I suddenly heard footsteps behind me.
   A. was walking B. am walking C. walk D. walked
8. The boy fell while he_____down the stairs.
   A. run B. running C. was running D.runs
9. I will come and see you before I_____for America.
   A. leave B. will leave C. have left D. left
10. When the first child was born, they _____ for three years.
    A. have been married B. had been married
    C. will be married D. will have been married
11. It_____a long time since we were apart. I did not recognize her.
    A. is B. has been C. was D. had been
12. In one year's time, she_____for this company for 15 years.
    A. will be working B. will have been working
    C. will work D. has worked
13. His health has improved a lot since he_____doing exercises regularly.
    A. starts B. started C. has started D. had started
14. She hurt herself while she_____hide-and-seek with her friends.
    A. is playing B. had played C. played D. was playing
15. What_____at 9 o'clock last night? I phoned you but couldn't get through to you.
    A. did you do B. were you doing C. would you do D. had you done
16. It is raining heavily with rolls of thunder. We_____ such a terrible thunderstorm.
    A. would never see B. had never seen C. have never seen D. never see
17. My brother usually _____me for help when he has any difficulties with his homework.
    A. ask B. asks C. asked D. has asked
18. Only after she_____from a severe illness did she realize the importance of good health.
    A. would recover B. has recovered
    C. had recovered D. was recovering
19. Only after the bus_____for a few miles did Jane realize she was on the wrong route.
    A. was running B. had run C. has run D. runs
20. The children_____to bed before their parents came home from work.

A. were all going B. had all gone C. had all been going D. have all gone

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