

**Choose a, b, c, or d that best completes the sentence.**

26. The secretary .....on the report for more than three hours. She hopes she may finish it by the lunch time.  
a. is working                      b. will be working                      c. has been working                      d. had been working.
27. 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
28. 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
29. 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
30. 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
31. 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
32. 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
33. 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
34. 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
35. 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
36. 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
37. 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
38. 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
39. The guard.....to his iPod, so he.....the fire alarm.  
a. had listened / was not hearing                      b. was listening / did not hear

- c. listened / had not heard  
d. was listening / was not hearing
40. The Titanic.....the Atlantic when it.....an iceberg.  
a. was crossing / struck  
b. crossed / was striking  
c. had crossed / was striking  
d. crossed / had struck
41. We were late because we had some car problems. By the time we .....to the train station, Susan .....for us for more than two hours.  
a. got / had been waiting  
b. had got / were waiting  
c. had been getting / waited  
d. were getting / waited
42. Mike .....to sit down because he.....all day at work.  
a. had been wanting / was standing  
b. had wanted / stood  
c. wanted / had been standing  
d. was wanting / had stood
43. The motorcycle.....to George for years before Tina.....it last week.  
a. belonged / had bought  
b. was belonging / has bought  
c. had belonged / bought  
d. had been belonging / bought
44. No matter what.....next, I.....you.  
a. will happen / support  
b. happened / would have supported  
c. happens / will support  
d. is happening / have supported
45. Wait a minute. I.....this box for you.  
a. am carrying  
b. will carry  
c. carry  
d. am going to carry
46. I.....he.....  
a. do not think / will come  
b. am not thinking / will come  
c. have not thought / comes  
d. will not think / comes
47. At this time tomorrow, Peter .....for the graduation examination, so now he.....very nervous although he.....hard for more than 3 years.  
a. will sit / has been feeling / was learning  
b. will be sitting / feels / has been learning  
c. sits / will feel / is learning  
d. will have sat / is feeling / learns
48. By this time next summer, you.....your studies and.....a job  
a. will be completing / will find  
b. had completed / would find  
c. have completed / find  
d. will have completed / found
49. By the time I.....to the office, the meeting.....without me. My boss.....furious with me and I.....  
a. will get / begins / is / am fired  
b. am getting / will begin / is going to be / will be fired  
c. got / had already begun / was / was fired  
d. have got / began / has been / am firing
50. By the time he.....next month, he.....for our company for ten years.  
a. retires / will have been working  
b. will retire / has been working  
c. has retired / is working  
d. would retired / was working