

23. The water in those rivers _____ polluted.
 A. are B. is C. been D. being
24. Collecting old coins and paper notes _____ one of my hobbies.
 A. being B. were C. are D. is
25. A number of workers _____ asked for a rise since last month.
 A. have B. has C. having D. to have
26. The number of pupils getting poor marks since the beginning of the semester _____ appalling.
 A. to be B. have been C. are D. is
27. Five thousand pounds _____ stolen in the robbery last night.
 A. being B. were C. are D. was
28. His silence _____ he agrees with us.
 A. means B. mean C. meaning D. to mean
29. Mr. Thomson with his wife and his three children _____ abroad.
 A. to be B. have been C. are D. is
30. One of the girls who _____ working in this department _____ my niece.
 A. is/being B. is/is C. are/ is D. was/were
31. There _____ only a few people at the meeting last night.
 A. been B. were C. are D. was
32. The English _____ to drink tea.
 A. likes B. to like C. like D. has liked
33. Everybody _____ trying to do their best at present.
 A. to be B. have been C. are D. is
34. Both of the girls _____ pretty, but neither of them is intelligent.
 A. to be B. has been C. are D. is
35. Jim as well as I _____ always busy doing English homework.
 A. am B. has been C. are D. is
36. The study of languages _____ very interesting.
 A. is B. were C. are D. to be
37. Neither Daisy nor I _____ glad to do that.
 A. am B. has been C. are D. is
38. That you take a computer course _____ very necessary.
 A. been B. have been C. are D. is
39. Mumps usually _____ a mild fever.
 A. cause B. causes C. causing D. to cause
40. The police _____ come to the site of the accident.
 A. have B. has C. having D. to have
41. More and more information about the accidents _____ being collected at the moment.
 A. are B. were C. is D. have known
42. A number of students _____ in the exam.
 A. fail B. failing C. to fail D. fails
43. Half of the money _____ to Mr. Lam.
 A. belongs B. belong C. to belong D. belonging
44. The pilot along with his passengers _____ rescued last night.
 A. am B. have been C. was D. is

45. Two days ____ fast when it comes to your deadline.
A. going B. to go C. have gone D. goes
46. Many of the girls in this school ____ uniform.
A. don't wear B. doesn't wear C. has worn D. worn
47. Three kilos of potatoes ____ too much for a meal.
A. is B. are C. were D. be
48. Some of the glass in the classroom ____ broken.
A. is B. were C. been D. to be
49. What we need most ____ books.
A. is B. were C. are D. to be
50. The English ____ proud and independent people.
A. is B. being C. are D. to be
51. The United States ____ a population of 250 million.
A. has B. have C. to have D. having
52. The young ____ the future in their hands.
A. have B. has C. not have D. has not
53. Either John or his children ____ breakfast each morning.
A. make B. makes C. making D. to make
54. Since then, no one ____ ever known the truth.
A. has B. hasn't C. have D. haven't
55. These pictures, as well as the painting, ____ the room.
A. brightens B. brightening C. brighten D. to brighten
56. Gymnastics ____ my favorite sport.
A. being B. are C. were D. is
57. Hurry up! Everyone ____ waiting for us.
A. is B. are C. has been D. was
58. What he told his friends ____ to be of no importance now.
A. to seem B. seem C. seems D. seemed
59. Measles ____ cured without much difficulty nowadays.
A. being B. was C. are D. is
60. Neither the moon nor stars ____ visible in this dark night.
A. to be B. are C. was D. is
61. Wheat ____ used to make flour.
A. were B. are C. be D. is
62. Fortunately, the news ____ as bad as we thought.
A. was not B. are not C. be not D. were not
63. I don't like the hot weather. Thirty degrees ____ too warm for me.
A. was B. are C. being D. is
64. Not only a dog but also two cats ____ at home in his garage.
A. was B. are C. been D. is
65. Both a poem and a short story ____ been written by the young author.
A. has B. to have C. have D. having
66. To solve these problems ____ very difficult.
A. seem B. seems C. to be D. seeming
67. Jim as well as the twins ____ sure to receive the scholarship.
A. were B. are C. been D. is

68. Neither the animals nor their keeper ____ prepared for the storm.
A. was B. were C. wasn't D. aren't
69. A number of spectators ____ seriously injured in the accident last Monday.
A. are B. was C. is D. were
70. The number of road accidents ____ increasing.
A. were B. to be C. are D. is
71. The American ____ trust the news.
A. don't B. doesn't C. not done D. not to do
72. The morning news ____ on at 6 o'clock every day.
A. to be B. was C. are D. is