

## UNIT 6. GRAMMAR AND WRITING

### REVISION ON TENSES

#### I. Choose the best answer among A, B, C, or D.

1. Jack \_\_\_\_\_ the door.  
A. has just painted                      B. paint                      C. will have painted                      D. painting
2. He has been selling motorbikes \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. ten years ago                      B. since ten years                      C. for ten years ago                      D. for ten years
3. A law was \_\_\_\_\_ passed that give tax benefits to landowners who sell their land to the government.  
A. late                      B. hardly                      C. recently                      D. repeatedly
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ there when our father died.  
A. still lived                      B. lived still                      C. was still lived                      D. were still living
5. By Christmas, I \_\_\_\_\_ for Mr. Smith for six years.  
A. shall have been working                      B. shall work                      C. have been working                      D. shall be working
6. The little girl asked what \_\_\_\_\_ to her friend.  
A. has happened                      B. happened                      C. had happened                      D. would have been happened
7. He said he \_\_\_\_\_ return  
A. will                      B. would                      C. can                      D. would be
8. Almost everyone \_\_\_\_\_ for home by the time we arrived.  
A. leave                      B. left                      C. leaves                      D. had left
9. By the age of 25, he \_\_\_\_\_ two famous novels.  
A. wrote                      B. writes                      C. has written                      D. had written
10. While her husband was in the army, Mary \_\_\_\_\_ to him twice a week.  
A. was reading                      B. wrote                      C. was written                      D. had written
11. I couldn't cut the grass because the lawn mower \_\_\_\_\_ a few days previously.  
A. broke down                      B. has been broken                      C. had broken down                      D. breaks down
12. I have never played badminton before. This is the first time I \_\_\_\_\_ to play.  
A. try                      B. tried                      C. have tried                      D. am trying
13. Since \_\_\_\_\_, I have heard nothing from him.  
A. he had left                      B. he left                      C. he has left                      D. he was left
14. By the end of next year, George \_\_\_\_\_ English for two years.  
A. will have learned                      B. will learn                      C. has learned                      D. would learn
15. The man got out of the car, \_\_\_\_\_ round to the back and opened the book.  
A. walking                      B. walked                      C. walks                      D. walk
16. He will take the dog out for a walk as soon as he \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.  
A. finish                      B. finishes                      C. will finish                      D. finishing
17. Ask her to come and see me when she \_\_\_\_\_ her work.  
A. finish                      B. has finished                      C. finished                      D. finishing
18. Last week, my professor promised that he \_\_\_\_\_ today.  
A. would come                      B. will come                      C. comes                      D. coming
19. "Any news from Tess?" "Yes. She \_\_\_\_\_ on the 9.15 train tomorrow"

- A. will have been arriving      B. arriving      C. will have arrived      D. arrives
20. A shortage of workers \_\_\_\_\_ in certain areas of the city this year.
- A. is being predicted      B. predicted      C. predicting      D. predicts

## II. Choose the underlined part in each sentence (A, B, C, or D) that needs correcting and correct it.

1. After Mrs. Wang had returned to her house from work, she was cooking dinner.

A      B      C      D

Ex”      D → cooked

2. Jimmy threw the ball high in the air, and Betty catching it when it came down

A      B      C      D

→

3. Linda has worn her new yellow dress only once since she buys it.

A      B      C      D

→

4. Last week Mark told me that he got very bored with his present job and is looking for a new one.

A      B      C      D

→

5. Having fed the dog, he was sat down to his own meal.

A      B      C      D

→

6. When I turned on my computer, I was shocked to find some junk mail, and I just delete it all.

A      B      C      D

→

7. They are going to have to leave soon and so do we.

A      B      C      D

→

8. The boss laughed when the secretary has told him that she really needed a pay rise.

A      B      C      D

→

9. The telephone rang several times and then stop before I could answer it.

A      B C      D

→

10. Debbie, whose father is an excellent tennis player, has been playing tennis since ten years.

A      B      C      D

→

11. I have seen lots of interesting places when I went on holiday last summer

A      B      C      D

→

12. When my cat heard a noise in the bushes, she stopped moving and listen intently

A      B      C      D

→

13. I think it's time you must change your way of living.

A                      B                      C      D



14. Roger felt the outside of his pocket to make sure his wallet is still there.

A                      B                      C              D



15. When I'm shopping in the supermarket, I ran into an old friend who I hadn't met for five years.

**III. Rewrite the following sentences as suggested**

1. It is the most interesting novel I've ever read.

I have \_\_\_\_\_

2. We haven't met since 1981.

It was in 1981 that \_\_\_\_\_

3. I came to London ten years ago.

I have \_\_\_\_\_

4. They haven't seen their uncle for ten years.

It's \_\_\_\_\_

5. Steve started learning the violin a month ago.

Steve \_\_\_\_\_

6. I haven't been to a Chinese restaurant for ages.

It's age \_\_\_\_\_

7. The last time Nancy came here was in 1986.

Nancy hasn't \_\_\_\_\_

8. It's a long time since our last conversation.

We \_\_\_\_\_

9. Julia cleaned the house. Then she went shopping.

After \_\_\_\_\_

10. Jim met his old friends there during his travel to London.

While \_\_\_\_\_

11. I only recognized him when he came into the light.

Not until \_\_\_\_\_

12. My mother was the most warm-hearted person I've ever known.

I've \_\_\_\_\_

13. The workers only called off the strike after a new pay offer.

Only after \_\_\_\_\_

14. Everyone started complaining the moment the announcement was made.

No sooner \_\_\_\_\_

15. Immediately after his appointment to the post, the new editor fell ill.

No sooner \_\_\_\_\_

16. You must submit articles for the magazine by June 18<sup>th</sup>.

The final date \_\_\_\_\_

17. Since we had nothing else to do, we decided to go for a walk.

Having \_\_\_\_\_

18. This is the best essay I have ever written.

Never \_\_\_\_\_

19. As he gets older, he seems to be more forgetful.

The older \_\_\_\_\_

20. If you work harder now, you won't have to do so much later.

The harder \_\_\_\_\_

21. He could not beat Mike because he was not patient enough.

Had he \_\_\_\_\_

22. I have never heard such a silly question.

That's the \_\_\_\_\_

23. Our twenty fifth wedding anniversary is at the end of next year.

By the end of \_\_\_\_\_

24. Harry left before we reached the hotel.

By the time \_\_\_\_\_

25. The workers only called off the strike after a new pay offer.

Only after \_\_\_\_\_