

IV. REVISION FOR TENSES

Exercise 20 :

Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 1 : While they _____ to Wyoming, their car ran out of gas.

A. drove B. had been driving C. have driven D. were driving

Question 2 : Alice looked much slimmer because she _____ for a few months.

A. had been dieting B. has been dieting C. was dieting D. diets

Question 3 : When she's done the ironing, she _____ the length of the dress for me.

A. is altering B. altered C. will alter D. has altered

Question 4 : You are too slow. I'm sure that by the time you phone them, they _____ that car to someone else.

A. will sell B. will have sold C. are going to sell D. are selling

Question 5 : As soon as they _____ my last book, I _____ you a copy with my autograph.

A. will print - will send B. had printed - will send
C. printed - will be sending D. print - will send

Question 6 : Because the children _____ forward to seeing Harry Potter for so long, I took them even though it was really inconvenient for me.

A. had been looking B. were looking
C. have been looking D. looked

Question 7 : When we _____ at the airport we _____ that we _____ our passports at the office.

A. arrived - had noticed - had left B. arrived - noticed - had left
C. have arrived - noticed - left D. had arrived - have noticed - have left

Question 8 : Generally he _____ to work by car, but today he _____ by bus because his car is in the garage.

A. went - went _____ B. was going - is going
C. goes - is going D. has been going - goes

Question 9 : He _____ for over three hours when he finished the report.

A. will have typed B. was typing C. has been typing D. had been typing

Question 10 : Three days ago her boyfriend _____ her and she _____ continually ever since.

A. left - is crying B. had left - cried
C. left - has been crying D. had left - was crying

Question 11 : This is the first customer we _____ something today.

A. have sold B. sold C. had sold D. were selling

Question 12 : Andrew _____ the plants in the garden right now but I _____ sure that it will rain this afternoon.

A. is watering - was B. is watering - am C. waters - am D. watered - was

Question 13 : She should have informed the police as soon as she _____ that her purse had been stolen.

A. discovers B. would discover C. had discovered D. has discovered

Question 14 : My father _____ to rent a car when one of his friends phoned him to offer his own car for the trip.

A. had decided B. was deciding C. has decided D. decided

Question 15 : When he _____ he _____ on a bed in a room with no windows.

A. had woken up - was lying B. woke up - was lying
C. wakes up - is lying D. woke up - lay

Question 16 : The teacher _____ to the class before the students _____ the problems.

A. will come back - have solved B. had come back - solved
C. came back - have solved D. is coming back - solve

Question 17 : Yesterday on TV they _____ a heavy shower for today, but I _____ even a single drop yet.

A. announced - am not seeing B. announced - didn't see
C. have announced - haven't seen D. announced - haven't seen

Question 18 : You don't have to worry about the children, they _____ all about this by the end of the semester.

A. will be forgetting B. will have forgotten
C. will forget D. are going to forget

Question 19 : I've just noticed that she _____ a haircut. It _____ wonderful.

A. will have - has looked B. had had - looked
C. has had - looks D. had - is looking

Question 20 : While she _____ for her sister outside the supermarket, someone _____ her handbag.

A. had to wait - had stolen B. waited - had been stealing
C. had waited - was stealing D. was waiting - stole

Question 21 : The spokesperson ____ her speech yet when an angry audience member ____ shouting at her.

A. won't finish - begins B. didn't finish - was beginning
C. hadn't finished - began D. doesn't finish - is beginning

Question 22 : This is the forty-second composition paper I ____ so far, and there ____ seventy-five more.

A. will have checked - are going to be B. had checked - were
C. have checked - are D. checked - will be

Question 23 : The carelessness of parents often ____ children to be subject to many household accidents.

A. causes B. have caused C. had caused D. is caused

Question 24 : By the end of the term, I ____ all eight volumes.

A. will be reading B. read C. have read D. will have read

Question 25 : She says she won't phone us until she ____ the information.

A. has B. is having C. will have D. had

Question 26 : When we ____ out, the chest cavity ____ smaller.

A. breathe - became B. breathe - becomes
C. will breathe - will become D. will breathe - becomes

Question 27 : Our local grocers said he ____ the groceries as soon as he ____ my order.

A. had sent - had received B. will have sent - has received
C. has sent - receives D. sent - had received

Question 28 : He ____ the mayor of the town for seven years until his death last year.

A. would have been B. has been C. had been D. will have been

Question 29 : My father asked me if I ____ an increase in salary the following month.

A. am getting B. was getting C. am going to get D. will get

Question 30 : As we ____ tired of waiting, we ____ to go without them.

A. are - are deciding B. were - have decided
C. are - decided D. were - decided

Question 31 : That cat ____ you if you pull its tail.

A. scratches B. has scratched C. will scratch D. is going to scratch

Question 32 : I see you have a saw in your hands. you ____ the dry tree branches?

A. Will - cut off B. Are - going to cut off

C. Do - cut off

D. Will - be cutting off

Question 33 : I _____ coal into the stove. That's why my hands are all dirty.

A. had put

B. was putting

C. had been putting

D. have been putting

Question 34 : The committee _____ a report when it _____ all the available information.

A. will submit - has collected

B. submits - collected

C. will submit - will collect

D. will submit - collected

Question 35 : The patient _____ after he _____ ill for a long time.

A. died - has been

B. dies - had been

C. died - had been

D. will die - will be

Question 36 : By the time the security guards _____ what _____, the gang _____ already _____ inside the bank.

A. realized - was happening - had - been

B. will have realized - will be happening - were

C. had realized - happened - are

D. have realized - happened - were

Question 37 : Although he _____ to listen to the teacher, he _____ of the football match all the time.

A. has pretended - thought

B. pretended - was thinking

C. pretended - has thought

D. pretends - was thinking

Question 38 : He _____ so much money that he _____ what to do with it.

A. earned - hadn't known

B. earns - didn't know

C. earns - doesn't know

D. has earned - didn't know

Question 39 : "You've just missed the last bus." - "Never mind, I _____."

A. will walk

B. will be walking

C. walk

D. am walking

Question 40 : Ben and Claire _____ to pay us a visit as soon as they _____ in their new apartment.

A. promise - settled

B. have been promising - were settling

C. promised - are settling

D. have promised - have settled

Question 41 : Ford _____ his friends, some of whom earn more money than he does.

A. won't envy

B. didn't envy

C. doesn't envy

D. hasn't envied

Question 42 : They _____ it unless they _____ there is no other way.

A. aren't doing - will be thinking

B. don't do - will think

C. haven't done - thought

D. won't do - think

Question 43 : In spite of the fact that he _____ his cousin, he _____ drinking

A. warned - doesn't stop

B. warned - didn't stop

C. warned - hadn't stopped

D. has warned - didn't stop

Question 44 : She _____ French since she _____ to Illinois.

A. had studied - came B. has studied - has come
C. has been studying - came D. studied - came

Question 45 : Henry was packing the suitcases while his wife _____ the room.

A. was tidying B. tidies C. has been tidying D. had tidied

Question 46 : Christine _____ as a nurse for seven years, then she became a teacher.

A. has worked B. has been working C. was working D. worked

Question 47 : Although she lives in Tokyo, she _____ the Royal Palace.

A. didn't visit B. has never visited C. is not visiting D. hadn't visited

Question 48 : Before we knew what was happening, the roof _____.

A. has fallen in B. will fall in C. had fallen in D. had been falling in

Question 49 : They _____ how deeply the rows between his parents _____ the child.

A. didn't realize - had affected B. didn't realize - have affected
C. don't realize - affected D. will never realize - had affected

Question 50 : These statistics _____ that life expectancy _____ quite significantly

longer in cold climates than that in warm ones.

A. show - was B. show - is C. showed - is D. showed - will be