PHRASAL VERBS

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

1. - Look _____! There is a car coming.
   - The driver should slow _____ when he is coming round the bend.
   a. up / in b. out / down c. for / on d. into / off
2. Could you please turn _____ the stereo? The music is interesting.
   a. up b. off c. round d. to
3. How can you put _____ with your brother? He is talkative and unreliable.
   a. on b. up c. off d. at
4. I think I should take _____ golf this year. I will try my best to go _____ with my plan.
   a. of / to b. from / for c. up / ahead d. on / off
5. She had to hang _____ because someone else wanted to use the phone.
   a. off b. in c. for d. up
6. I must go _____ a diet. I put _____ a lot of weight while I was on vacation.
   a. through / off b. round / away c. for / with d. on / on
7. What do the initials USA stand _____?
   a. up b. on c. for d. with
8. Livy's getting _____ very well in Russian. She takes _____ practicing the language every day.
   a. up / off b. on / to c. through / in d. in / up
9. The airhostess asked the passengers to do _____ the seat-belt before the plane took _____.
   a. up / off b. on / away c. over / in d. for / up
10. The fireworks went _____ in all their colors and lit _____ the sky.
    a. off / up b. upon / beyond c. among / in d. up / of
11. So many people were absent that we had to call _____ the meeting.
    a. on b. with c. off d. in
12. He came _____ some of his old love letters in his wife's drawer.
    a. forward b. along c. across d. up
13. I had to stand _____ for the boss while she went _____.
    a. of / round b. up / over c. in / away d. on / ahead
14. Don't worry, the pain should wear _____ fairly soon. You will get _____ your illness.
    a. on / through b. off / over c. for / with d. in / for
15. I have to send _____ a tow truck because my car broke _____.
    a. for / down b. under / of c. up / into d. in / off
16. I do not remember where I _____ her number down; it is on a little piece of paper somewhere.
    a. got b. wrote c. kept d. sat
17. The boy _____ off his jacket and _____ it away.
    a. sent / took b. hung / handed c. got / showed d. took / put
18. I managed to _____ to the diet and _____ off sweet foods.
    a. take / eat b. write / call c. go / look d. stick / keep
19. Whenever I lit a cigarette, my wife said, "____ it out! You cannot smoke in the house."
    a. put b. turn c. light d. hand

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20. My mother often complains, "You're so messy. I always have to ____ up after you."
a. put b. go c. clean d. keep

21. _____ rid of those old shoes. They are _____ out.
a. Take / turning b. Call / putting c. Get / wearing d. Go / taking

22. If you _____ down something, you try to make people believe that it is not particularly important.
a. play b. go c. cut d. call

23. Did you have to _____ through an entrance examination?
a. hope b. get c. take d. hold

24. He _____ upon himself the responsibility for protecting her.
a. looked b. took c. cleaned d. handed

25. I was late for work because my alarm clock did not _____ off.
a. turn b. put c. send d. go

26. The stain will _____ out if you wash it.
a. come b. keep c. shake d. turn

27. You made me disappointed. I would like you did not _____ me down any more.
a. hold b. slow c. let d. go

28. I don't know why their marriage is _____ up. They end in divorce.
a. approving b. going c. breaking d. putting

29. After two hours of hard work, we decided to _____ off for a little cup of coffee.
a. get b. look c. put d. break

30. When Mary sees blood, she _____ out, so she cannot _____ up medicine.
a. keeps / get b. passes / take c. holds / show d. walks / turn

Choose a, b, c, or d that has the closest meaning to the underlined part.

31. Let's <u>put off</u> that meeting to next Monday.
a. postpone b. arrange c. start d. decide

32. They <u>turned down</u> my suggestion, which made me upset.
a. refused b. agreed c. accepted d. supposed

33. I <u>ran into</u> my cousin, Peter, when I was on the way to school yesterday.
a. phoned b. met c. called d. waved

34. Peter <u>went through</u> the test paper and <u>crossed out</u> two wrong answers.
a. handed / chose b. dropped / discovered
c. finished / wrote d. read carefully / deleted

35. The party <u>kicks off</u> at 8 o'clock.
a. prepares b. cancels c. ends d. starts

36. What time will the train <u>get in</u>?
a. brake b. run c. arrive d. leave

37. I sometimes <u>drop off</u> on the sofa.
a. sleep b. drink c. eat d. buy

38. Professor Pike promised to <u>talk over</u> the exam after he returned the results.
a. discuss b. omit c. end d. begin

39. My family was able to <u>get by</u> on very little money when I was young.
a. survive b. depend c. spend d. earn

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40. Mr. Pike was very good at making up stories for his children.
a. telling b. reading c. inventing d. remembering

41. I can put you up at my flat if you like.
a. give you a lift to home b. give you somewhere to sleep
c. give you a meal d. give you some work to do

42. My boss is always picking on me these days.
a. asking me to do things b. helping me
c. criticizing me d. playing games with me

43. None of these countries has found a way to get around the problem of inflation.
a. create b. invent c. cause d. overcome

44. I have been snowed under at work recently.
a. The weather has been very bad b. I have been very busy with my work
c. It has been very cold in the office d. My boss has been causing problems

45. When he came to, his wallet and bike were nowhere to be found.
a. arrived home b. climbed the stairs
c. went to work d. recover consciousness

46. Carlos hung up on his sister because he was so tired of listening to her whining on the phone.
a. visited b. ended a phone call c. came to see d. reprimanded

47. The company has been taking on new staff, including part-time workers.
a. sacking b. limiting c. employing d. dismissing

48. Terri was able to catch on to the most complex problems in calculus before anyone else.
a. realize b. change c. invent d. submit

49. Let me explain to you how the things came about.
a. ended b. happened c. blew d. are solved

50. We are becoming older and older as years go by.
a. stop b. change c. come d. pass

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