

UNIT 20

GRAMMAR

Exercise 1. Choose the right variant.

1. Five days _____ week I go to work by train.
a) of c) in
b) the d) a
2. While I was skiing I _____ and broke my wrist.
a) fell c) fall
b) was falling d) have fallen
3. I _____ what you are talking about.
a) am not understanding c) didn't understand
b) not understand d) don't understand
4. He has _____ time left.
a) many c) few
b) much d) a few
5. He _____ on his report since morning. He _____ the first two sentences.
a) has been working, has written
b) has worked, wrote
c) had worked, had written
d) was working, wrote
6. I don't care who comes to the party. You can bring _____ you like.
a) whoever c) whenever
b) whatever d) however
7. You need to score _____ 55 % to pass the exam.
a) at c) the latest
b) at least d) the least
8. That's _____ restaurant I've ever been to.
a) worst c) the worst
b) bad d) worse
9. When I was younger I _____ watch a lot of TV.
a) use c) used
b) am used d) used to
10. The road is icy, so drive _____.
a) care c) careful
b) carefully d) carelessly
11. You can't blame me _____ what happened.
a) of c) for
b) on d) in
12. It's no _____ trying to persuade her.
a) point c) use

- b) advantage d) benefit
13. As we approached we _____ smell something burning.
a) can c) may
b) were able d) could
14. It's time we _____ a holiday. We deserve a break.
a) had c) to have
b) have d) are having
15. I don't think you can _____ on him doing this task.
a) rely c) hope
b) expect d) dependent
16. I am going to finish this composition even if I _____ up all night.
a) had to stay c) have to stay
b) 'll have to stay d) 'll stay
17. We've taken on twenty new _____ this year already.
a) employing c) employees
b) employer d) employers
18. How can she afford _____ on holiday twice a year?
a) to go c) go
b) going d) to be going
19. He apologized _____ making such a noise.
a) of c) for
b) against d) from
20. I'd rather you _____ with us.
a) come c) coming
b) to come d) came
21. Did _____ police find _____ person who stole _____ bicycle?
a) the, the, the c) the, a, the
b) a, the, the d) the, the, a
22. The prisoners refused to eat _____.
a) something c) anything
b) some d) nothing
23. _____ he waited _____ nervous he became.
a) long, much c) the longer, the more
b) longer, more d) longest, most
24. _____ he wasn't keen on the idea, he agreed to participate.
a) although c) despite
b) however d) in spite of
25. It is always difficult for older people _____ job.
a) finding c) to find
b) find d) to have found
26.sewage into oceans and rivers is a serious form of pollution.
a) having dumped c) dumped
b) being dumped d) dumping
27. Since ancient times, iron _____ to human beings.
a) is known c) is being known

- b) has been known d) has been knowing
28. The President worked so hard that his _____ away from his desk was rare.
- a) has been c) being
b) was d) to be
29. You'd better _____ from work tomorrow.
- a) not be absent c) not to be absent
b) not to absent d) not absenting
30. Last year floods in Europe destroyed _____ 2,000 buildings.
- a) many c) just as
b) the same as d) as many as
31. Who _____ in the office when I _____ you?
- a) were you talking to, phoned
b) did you talk to, phoned
c) were you talking, phoned
d) talked to, was phoning
32. You'll never jump three metres _____ hard you try.
- a) whoever c) whenever
b) however d) wherever
33. He bought me _____ expensive ring he could find.
- a) at last b) at least
c) the latest d) the least
34. I'll put on an overcoat in case it _____.
- a) is raining c) rains
b) rain d) will rain
35. I'm used _____ my own shirts. I have to look after myself.
- a) ironing c) iron
b) to ironing d) to iron
36. We can't offer you a sandwich because we've run _____ bread.
- a) away from c) out from
b) off with d) out of
37. They want _____ for an interview next week.
- a) she will come c) that she comes
b) her coming d) her to come
38. She carried on dancing in _____ of the pain.
- a) spirit c) split
b) spite d) despite
39. We _____ wear what we liked at school when we were young.
- a) can c) weren't allowed
b) are allowed to d) weren't allowed to
40. I wish we _____ a few more days, I'd like to see more sights.
- a) had had c) had
b) have d) 'll have
41. There was not enough _____ for four in the flat.

- a) room c) area
b) place d) measurement
42. The train _____ have arrived or I would have seen her.
a) mustn't c) should
b) can't d) should not
43. I can't imagine _____ a computer at work now.
a) not having c) have
b) having d) to have
44. The arrested man was suspected _____ robbing a bank.
a) for c) in
b) of d) against
45. I'd rather you _____ the dinner now.
a) cook c) cooking
b) to cook d) cooked
46. We live in _____ old house in _____ middle of _____ village.
a) an, the, the c) an, a, the
b) a, the, the d) an, the, a
47. Did the children enjoy _____ when they were on holiday?
a) themselves c) yourself
b) ourselves d) yourselves
48. _____ goods you sell _____ profit you'll make.
a) many, much c) the more, the more
b) more, more d) much, many
49. They _____ Great Britain several times but this will be their first trip to Ireland.
a) visit c) have visited
b) are visiting d) have been visiting
50. I doubt if she _____ you. You've really changed.
a) recognized c) 'll recognize
b) had recognized d) has recognized

Exercise 2. Choose the right variant.

1. My sister ... interested in medicine ever since she was a child.
a) is c) has been
b) was d) will be
2. When I started working for this company, I ... an architect for six years already.
a) has been c) was
b) had been d) have been
3. I'll take the decision after I ... to the manager.
a) speak c) has spoken
b) will speak d) spoke
4. Look! That window just ... again!
a) has broken c) has been broken

- b) broke d) break
5. This cafe used to be much ... before they opened the new one next door.
- a) popular c) most popular
- b) more popular d) the most popular
6. My company has treated me well, and given me ... chance to succeed.
- a) every c) each
- b) all d) either
7. There may be no need to go to school in the future, since everyone will have a computer ... home.
- a) - c) in
- b) at d) for
8. The pilot ... land the plane on only one engine.
- a) could c) must
- b) was able to d) need
9. ... marriages end in divorce these days.
- a) many c) few
- b) much d) a few
10. You have to learn to accept ... ups and downs of life.
- a) the c) a
- b) - d) this
11. Belarus has always been rich in ... talented and gifted people.
- a) an c) the
- b) a d) -
12. Where ... my scissors? I can't find them.
- a) is c) was
- b) are d) has been
13. I don't believe in ghosts, so I'm not afraid ... them of course.
- a) of c) in
- b) at d) -
14. The two Prime Ministers ... discuss the current economic crisis tomorrow.
- a) can c) has to
- b) may d) are to
15. I think he was lonely because he had ... friends and none of his neighbours ever spoke to him.
- a) few c) many
- b) a few d) much
16. The journey to Paris had taken much ... before they built the Channel Tunnel.
- a) longer c) long
- b) the longest d) longest
17. A small sum of money ... from the cash some days ago and nobody knows who did it.
- a) steal c) is stolen
- b) stole d) was stolen
18. Man ... first in East Africa.
- a) is discovered c) discover
- b) discovered d) was discovered
19. Why are you so dirty? - I ... in the garden.
- a) dig c) was digging

- b) dug d) have been digging
20. Next summer we ... here for 20 years.
a) will live c) will be living
b) will have been living d) are living