

PRACTICE

Exercise 1: Choose the correct answer.

1. I do not have enough money _____ this book.
A. buy B. to buy C. buying D. bought
2. It is no use _____ to school if you _____ to work hard.
A. going / do not ready B. to go / do not ready
C. going / are not ready D. go / are not ready
3. They spent all day _____ and _____ on the beach.
A. to swim / sunbathing B. to swim / to sunbathe
C. swimming / to sunbathe D. swimming / sunbathing
4. We were made _____ all the cleaning in the house.
A. to do B. do C. doing D. done
5. We regret _____ you that you have exceeded your overdraft facility.
A. to inform B. informing C. to tell to D. telling
6. Why don't you try _____ the key anti-clockwise?
A. to turn B. on turning C. turning D. turn
7. We don't allow _____ in the classrooms.
A. that students smoke B. smoke
C. students to smoke D. to smoking
8. I really must _____ on with my work now.
A. to get B. getting C. get D. to getting
9. Why don't you do what you're told, instead of _____ such a song and dance about it?
A. to make B. making C. made D. make
10. I rashly posted the parcel without _____ it.
A. weighing B. weigh C. weighed D. to weigh
11. Can you please _____ me a little about yourself?
A. to tell B. telling C. tell D. going to tell
12. How can you waste all that money on _____?
A. gamble B. to gamble C. gambling D. the gamble
13. "My watch is broken." "Why don't you _____"
A. have it repair B. have it repairing C. have it for repair D. have it repaired
14. Yesterday we did nothing but _____.
A. talking B. talked C. talk D. had talked
15. Instead of _____ a new car, she'll have her old one _____.
A. to buy / repaired B. buying / to repair C. buying / be repaired D. buying /
16. I tried _____ the bus, but I missed it.
A. catching B. to catch C. catch D. catch up
17. I'm sorry I haven't got any money ____ you. Why don't you try _____ Peter?
A. to lend / to ask B. lending / asking C. to lend / asking D. lending / to ask
18. After _____ asleep, I saw a strange person at the foot of the bed.
A. fall B. falling C. fell D. fallen
19. After all this time, John should take the bull by the horns and ask Mary _____ him.
A. to marry B. marry C. marrying D. married
20. He told me _____ early.
A. to try to come B. to try coming C. try to come D. try coming

Exercise 2. Gerund or Infinitive – Fill in the correct form.

1. They are likely _____ up at any time. (show)
2. The man denied _____ the crime. (commit)

3. Their memories of _____ in Africa will stay with them forever. (travel)

4. He has always been afraid of _____. (fly)

5. _____ is good for your health. (swim)

6. Would you mind _____ me the sugar. (pass)

7. She promised _____ the report as soon as possible. (read)

8. I had a hard time _____ the situation to my husband. (explain)

9. She had some problems _____ without glasses. (read)

10. Paul gave up _____ five years ago. (smoke)

11. Most teachers insist on their pupils _____ (do) the homework.

12. She has often made me _____. (cry)

13. I expect _____ (hear) from you by Monday.

14. It's no use _____ (pretend) _____. (like) her food.

15. How old were you when you learnt _____ (drive) ?

16. I don't mind _____ (walk) home but I'd rather _____ (get) a taxi.

17. I can't make a decision. I keep _____. (change) my mind.

18. We had to keep him from _____. (fall) off the cliff.

19. He had made his decision and refused _____. (change) his mind.

20. It was a good holiday. I enjoyed _____. (be) by the sea.

21. Do you feel like (go)_____ to the theatre on Friday?

22. I spent a lot of time (make)_____ a birthday cake for him.

23. He agreed (see)_____ me at ten o'clock

24. They promised (read) _____ my report today

25. I suggest (pay) _____ by check, it's safer than cash

26. He offered (make) _____ dinner for us.

27. He put off (see) _____ her until very late in the afternoon.

28. I refused (pay) _____ for the repairs.

29. I've finished (read) _____ that book at last!

30. We decided (go) _____ to the cinema instead

31. I enjoyed the play. The (act)_____ was very good.

32. I love going to her class, her (teach) _____ is never boring.

33. He's my favourite writer, his (write) _____ is wonderful.

34. His (complain)_____ is getting on my nerves. He's never happy.

35. They have terrible debts. Their (spend) _____ is out of control

36. It's a very fit team. Their (train)_____ is very intensive.

37. I can still remember (visit)_____ my grandparents fifty years ago.

38. Please, remember (feed)_____ the dog while I'm away

39. I'll never forget (see)_____ that van Gogh exhibition in New York

40. Don't forget (post) _____ my letters, please.

41. I regret (lend)_____ him the money. He never paid it back.

42. We regret (inform)_____ you that your application has been refused.

43. I'll just finish (clean) _____ the kitchen then I'll stop.

44. She suggested (have)_____ dinner at her house.

45. She doesn't mind (do)_____ the boring jobs.

46. He keeps (ask)_____ me to go out with him.

47. He has given up (smoke)_____.

48. He's very good at (get)_____ me to do what he wants

49. He insisted on (be)_____ refunded immediately.

50. He failed. He's very bad at (do)_____ exams.

Exercise 3. Choose the correct answer

1. She apologised _____ waiting so long.
A. for keeping me B. for me C. for me keeping D. to me for
2. Her mother prevented her _____ going out tonight.
A. about B. against C. at D. from
3. She insisted _____ talking to her lawyer.
A. in B. for C. on D. of
4. He is not good _____ maths. He is incapable _____ calculating.
A. at – of B. for – of C. on - for D. on – of
5. It is no use _____ a girl that she doesn't need to lose any weight.
A. convince B. convincing C. to convince D. to convincing
6. I have much homework that I ought _____.
A. do B. to doing C. doing D. to do
7. She did a funny little curtsey which Josh and Silver couldn't help _____ at.
A. laugh B. laughing C. to laugh D. to laughing
8. We are looking forward _____ out at the weekend.
A. go . B. going C. to go D. to going
9. You should give up _____ your sister.
A. being bullied B. bullied C. bullying D. to bully
10. She is used _____ to loud music.
A. listen B. listening C. to listen D. to listening
11. I'm in a difficult position. What do you advise me _____.
A. do B. doing C. to do D. to doing
12. It's a nice day. Does anyone fancy _____ for a walk?
A. having gone B. going C. to go D. went
13. I wish that dog would stop _____. It's driving me mad.
A. bark B. barking C. being barked D. to bark
14. He never says anything that is worth _____.
A. listen B. listening C. to listen D. to listening
15. Carol's parents always encouraged her _____ hard at school.
A. being studied B. study C. studying D. to study
16. They promised _____ me _____ for the party.
A. to help prepare B. to help/preparing C. helping/preparing D. helping/to prepare
17. She is afraid of the dentist, so she always puts off _____ till the last possible moment.
A. to go B. going C. go D. gone
18. I don't regret _____ her what I thought, even if it upsets her.
A. tell B. to tell C. to have told D. telling
19. I simply couldn't resist _____. you to tell you the good news!
A. phoning B. to phone C. phone D. phoned
20. They were expected _____ back by eleven.
A. being B. been C. have D. to be
21. We'll get Robert _____. it.
A. delivers B. delivering C. to deliver D. deliver
22. Let's not waste time _____. about this.

A. argue B. arguing C. having argued D. to have argued

23. I went to the airport _____ to meet her, but she didn't arrive.
 A. expecting B. to expect C. to be expected D. to have expected

24. _____ that I would be late for school, I took a taxi instead of a bus.
 A. Thinking B. Thought C. To think D. To be thinking

25. I tried _____ her flowers but it didn't have any effect.
 A. to send B. sending C. sent D. to be sent

26. I insist on _____ this small present as a token of my appreciation.
 A. your accepting B. you to accept C. yours accepting D. you accept

27. Susan hoped _____ to Terry's party.
 A. for being invited B. to be invited C. she will be invited D. being invited

28. The universe is supposed _____ all the time.
 A. to expand B. expanding C. to be expanding D. to have expanded

29. You should avoid _____ to the downtown area during the rush hour.
 A. traveling B. to travel C. traveled D. to traveling

30. I greatly regret _____ those boots when they were so cheap.
 A. not having bought B. not to have bought C. not to buy D. didn't buy

31. He is very skillful at _____ animal noises.
 A. being made B. to make C. made D. making

32. Some people are against children _____ to school before they are six.
 A. being sent B. to send C. to be sent D. having been sent

33. Who is responsible _____ the garbage – the husband of the wife ?
 A. to take out B. for take out C. for taking out D. with taking out

34. "It's difficult to make money as an artist."
 – "Have you considered _____ a course in business for artists ?"
 A. to take B. about taking C. your taking D. taking

35. _____ a foreign language well is a long process.
 A. Learn B. Learning C. To learning D. Having learned

36. What do you enjoy _____ in your free time ?
 A. doing B. do C. to do D. done

37. She was worried about _____ by thieves.
 A. being robbed B. robbing C. being rob D. be robbing

38. "Why have you decided to go back to school ?"
 – "I'm tired _____ as a secretary."
 A. for work B. to work C. of working D. about working

39. "How do you like American food ?"
 – "Well, it's not bad. Now I _____ hamburgers."
 A. used to eat B. am used to eat C. used to eating D. am used to eating

40. We insisted _____ by the manager.
 A. to be seen B. to see C. on being seen D. on seeing