

14. INVERSION

✎ Choose the best answer to complete each of the following sentences

1. Never _____ me again.
A. will she love B. she loves C. she won't love D. she will love
2. Not only _____ but she is also intelligent.
A. she is beautiful B. beautiful she is C. is she beautiful D. beautiful is she
3. No sooner _____ out than it rained.
A. did I go B. I went C. had I gone D. I had gone
4. Seldom _____ the guitar.
A. he plays B. does he play C. he doesn't play D. he does play
5. Hardly _____ a word when her son came back.
A. couldn't she say B. she could say C. she couldn't say D. could she say
6. Often _____ a meeting.
A. do we have B. we do have C. have we D. we have
7. Many a time _____ he wants to marry me.
A. said he B. he said C. has he said D. he has said
8. Only at weekend _____ my kids to Water Park.
A. I don't take B. do I take C. I take D. I do take
9. So old _____ that she couldn't dance.
A. she wasn't B. she was C. wasn't she D. was she
10. _____ here yesterday, you would have met me.
A. Were you B. You were C. Had you been D. You had been
11. On the battle field _____.
A. the tanks did lie B. the tanks lay C. did the tanks lie D. lay the tanks
12. Nowhere _____ such cooperative staff.
A. you can find B. you found C. you could find D. can you find
13. Never before _____ in an earnest attempt to resolve their differences.
A. have the leaders of these two countries met
B. the leaders of these two countries have meet
C. have the leaders of these two countries meet
D. met the leaders of these two countries
14. Only by studying hard _____ this exam.
A. can you pass B. you can pass C. pass you can D. can pass you
15. Seldom _____ a newspaper.
A. buy Anna B. does Anna buy C. bought Anna D. Anna does buy
16. Not only _____ at the post office, _____ at the grocery store.
A. does Mary work / but she also works
B. works Mary / but she also works
C. does Mary work / but does she also work
D. works Mary / but does she also work
17. No sooner _____ the house than the phone started to ring.
A. had she entered B. she had entered C. entered she D. had entered she
18. Beside the roadside _____.
A. a horse stood B. does a horse stand
C. did a horse stand D. stood a horse

19. Only after they send you an application _____.
A. can you apply B. you can apply C. do you apply D. did you apply
20. At no time _____ greater opportunities.
A. did women had B. has women had C. does women have D. have women had
21. Not once _____ into her eyes.
A. he looked B. does he looked C. did he look D. looked he
22. On no account _____ in the office be used for personal materials.
A. the photocopy machines B. should the photocopy machines
C. the photocopy machines should D. does the photocopy machines
23. Rarely _____ permission to return to homes contaminated during a toxic waste accident.
A. is people given B. do people given C. people given D. are people given
24. In front of the gate _____ the guard.
A. did B. does C. did stand D. stood
25. Only on rare occasions _____ to the theatre.
A. do they go B. they went C. go they D. went they
26. Only once a day _____ home.
A. does Mary leave B. left Mary
C. Mary leaves D. will Mary left
27. On the island _____ the only presentation of the Indian' handicraft.
A. remains B. does it remain C. did it remain D. remain it
28. _____ an emergency arise, call 911.
A. Can B. Does C. Should D. Will
29. _____ has the work been so easy.
A. Never B. Only by C. when D. For
30. Little _____ what is in store for him.
A. he knows B. does he know C. knows he D. knew he
31. _____ the reservoir, the ancient village couldn't have been discovered.
A. Had the drought not lowered B. If had the drought not lowered
C. The drought had not lowered D. Not had the drought lowered
32. Up _____ when it saw its master.
A. jumped the dog B. did the dog jump
C. the dog jumped D. does the dog jump
33. _____ have playing cards been used for card games but also for fortune- telling.
A. Not as much B. Not only C. But also D. Never
34. _____ he driving too fast, but recklessly as well.
A. Not only was B. Neither was C. Was not only D. Was either
35. Only once _____ late to school.
A. he came B. did he came C. came he D. did he come
36. Such _____ that he would stop at nothing.
A. his ambition was B. did his ambition
C. does his ambition D. was his ambition
37. Scarcely _____ the expense of new equipment _____ problem.
A. should / considered B. did / be considered
C. should / be considered D. was / be considered
38. Down _____ for three days last week.
A. the rain poured B. did the rain pour

1. Her grief was so great that she almost fainted.
→ So.....
2. He got down to writing the letter as soon as he returned from his walk.
→ No sooner.....
3. She had hardly begun to speak before people started interrupting her.
→ Hardly.....
4. I only realized what I had missed when they told me about it later.
→ Only when.....
5. You won't find a more dedicated worker anywhere than Mrs. John.
→ Nowhere.....
6. The outcome of the election was never in doubt.
→ At no time.....
7. He forgot about the gun until he got home.
→ Not until.....
8. The only way you can become a good athlete is by training hard everyday.
→ Only by.....
9. John didn't celebrate until he received the offer of promotion in writing.
→ Not until
10. It was only when I left home that I realized how much my father meant to me.
→ Only when
11. Alice and Charles did not decide to move to a bigger house until after the birth of their second child.
→ Only when
12. Just as she put the phone down, it rang again.
→ Scarcely
13. It isn't worth considering his suggestion for a moment.
→ Not for a moment
14. She was so disgusted at her behaviour that he severed all contract with her.
→ Such
15. If you had given it on time, you would have got a high mark.
→ Had
16. We stepped outside the front door, and it began to rain
→ No sooner
17. The film had never before laid on such a sumptuous celebration.
→ Never
18. He is my friend as well as yours.
→ Not only
19. As soon as they arrived on the beach, it started to rain.
→ Hardly
20. He seldom gave his wife a present.

→ Seldom