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GRAMMAR TEST 1: TENSES

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

1. Water _____ of hydrogen and oxygen.
a. is consisting b. consists c. has consisted d. will consist
2. Don't give the chocolate to Helen. She _____ it.
a. hates b. is hating c. has hated d. hated
3. The Sun _____ us heat and light.
a. will give b. is giving c. gives d. has given
4. We _____ students, so we _____ to school on weekdays.
a. are/go often b. are/often go
c. are/have often gone d. have been/are often going
5. Every day, Peter _____ at 7 o'clock, _____ breakfast, and then _____ to work at 7.30.
a. has often got/will have/go b. often gets up/has/goes
c. is often getting/having/goes d. has often got up/had/went
6. California _____ in the United Kingdom. It _____ in the US.
a. is not/is b. has not been/is c. will not be/will be d. was not/has been
7. Cats _____ milk, but birds _____.
a. like/do not b. have liked/have not c. are liking/are not d. were liking/were not
8. Every day, Sarah _____ her children to school and then _____ home to prepare lunch.
a. is taking/returning b. takes/returns
c. has taken/returned d. will take/will return
9. The sun _____ the ball of fire in the sky that the Earth _____ round.
a. will be/has gone b. will be/will be going
c. is/goes d. has been/is going
10. Sally _____ really hard for her exams this week.
a. takes b. will be taking c. is taking d. had taken
11. Many people _____ living in Seattle because it _____ continually.
a. are hating/is often raining b. have hated/will often rain
c. hate/often rains d. hated/was often raining
12. The sun _____ in the East and _____ in the West.
a. rises/sets b. is rising/is setting c. has risen/has set d. will rise/will set
13. The secretary _____ on the report for more than three hours. She hopes _____ she may finish it by lunch time.
a. is working b. will be working c. has been working d. had been working
14. Please turn off the stove. The water _____ for more than fifteen minutes.
a. is boiling b. was boiling c. has been boiling d. will be boiling

15. In the 19th century, it _____ two or three months to cross North America _____ by covered wagon.
The trip _____ very rough and often dangerous.
- a. took/ was b. had taken/had been c. took/had been d. had taken/was
16. My grandfather _____ a very exciting life. When he was young, he _____ on the farm in the country, where there _____ a lot of cattle and meadows.
- a. has/has lived/have been b. had/lived/were
c. was having/had lived/had been d. has had/is living/are
17. Mary _____ on the essay for two hours now and she _____ that she _____ it in one more hour.
- a. is working/has hoped/can finish b. has been working/hopes/will finish
c. will have worked/hopes/finishes d. had been working/hoped/would finish
18. I _____ there once a long time ago and _____ back since.
- a. went/have not been b. have gone/will not be
c. was going/am not d. had gone/was not
19. Those drivers _____ for three hours when a heavy storm suddenly _____.
- a. were driving/broke b. drove/ was breaking
c. had driven/was breaking d. had been driving/broke
20. I _____ to visit you yesterday, but you _____ at home.
- a. have come/are not b. had come/were not
c. came/were not d. was coming/have not been
21. What _____ when the accident _____ ?
- a. have you been doing/occurs b. are you doing/will occur
c. will you be doing/has occurred d. were you doing/occurred
22. We _____ TV when it _____ to rain.
- a. are watching/will start b. have watched/will be starting
c. had watched/was starting d. were watching/started
23. I _____ a mystery movie on TV when the electricity _____ out.
- a. will be watching/is going b. watched/was going
c. was watching/went d. have watching/goes
24. While the doctor _____ Mr. Jones, his son _____ outside this morning.
- a. was examining/was waiting b. will be examining/are waiting
c. had been examining/was waiting d. are examining/is going to wait
25. When the boss _____ into the office, his secretary _____, and the accountant _____ on the phones.
- a. was walking/has been typing/has been talking b. had walked/was typing/had talked
c. walked/was typing/was talking d. had been walking/had typed/talked
26. I am busy. I think I _____ my driving test this week.
- a. have not taken b. am not going to take c. will have not taken d. do not take
27. - I called you last night after dinner, but you were not there. Where _____ ?

- I _____ overtime at the fitness center.

- a. has you been/had worked b. were you/have worked
c. were you/was working d. you were/worked

27. For the last hundred years, traveling _____ much easier and very comfortable. Now you _____ from New York to Los Angeles in a matter of hours.

- a. becomes/fly b. had become/flew
c. will have become/will fly d. has become/can fly

29. John _____ for his girlfriend for two hours but she _____. At last, he _____ to the movies without her.

- a. has been waiting/does not come/has gone b. will wait/has not come/will go
c. is waiting/will not come/is going d. had been waiting/did not come/went

30. By the time we _____ the letter, Tom _____ for Paris.

- a. receive/will have left b. had received/left
c. have received/will left d. received/leaves

31. By this time tomorrow, we _____ on the beach of Hawaii, where we _____ before.

- a. are going to lie/are never b. have been lying/ will never be
c. will be lying/have never been d. are lying/were never

32. After the boy _____ that the wallet full of money, he _____ to the police and _____ it in.

- a. will find/immediately goes/turns b. has found/-will immediately go/turn
c. was finding/went/would return d. had found/immediately went/turned

33. Sandy _____ TV in the living room at the moment. At this time yesterday, she _____ television. That is all she _____ doing the most.

- a. watches/also watched/is enjoying b. is watching/was also watching/enjoys
c. is going to watch/has also watched/has enjoyed d. will be watching/had also watched/will enjoy

34. Jeans which _____ by Levi Strauss in 1850 _____ one of the most popular kinds of clothes in our present time.

- a. are first made/have been b. were first made/were
c. were first made/are d. had been made/would be

35. He _____ his boss at this time tomorrow.

- a. is meeting b. has meet c. was meeting d. will be meeting

36. - How much is this book?

- \$10.

- OK. I _____ it.

- a. will take b. take c. have taken d. took

37. What _____ since 8 am up to now?

- a. you have been doing b. have you been doing
c. have been you doing d. have been doing you

38. Computers _____ in use since 1946.

- a. are b. were c. have been d. had been

39. _____ to Paris before?

- a. Are you ever b. Have you ever been c. Will you ever be d. Had you ever been

40. Mr. Pike _____ lunch at home with his wife, but today he _____ lunch with his friends. Mrs. Pike _____ to London since two days ago.

- a. is usually having/has/went b. has usually had/has/is going
c. usually has/is having/has gone d. will have/has had/goes

41. The students _____ chapter 5 next week, so they _____ to prepare for it now.

- a. have studied/will read b. are studying/have read
c. will study/read d. will be studying/are reading

42. By the time John _____ to help, we _____ the work.

- a. comes/finished b. comes/will have finished c. will come/will have d. came/have finished

43. Mary sometimes _____ to turn off the computer before she _____ home.

- a. forgot/had gone b. has forgot/is going c. is forgetting/has gone d. forgets/goes

44. They _____ good preparations before they _____ their final examination yesterday.

- a. made/had taken b. had made/took c. have made/take d. will have made/have taken

45. He _____ a birthday party tomorrow for his daughter who _____ three.

- a. is having/turns b. will have had/will turn
c. is going to have/has turned d. has had/is going to turn

46. When Susan _____ yesterday, Peter _____ dinner. He _____ cooking very much and often _____ the meals himself.

- a. phoned/was cooking/likes/prepares b. had phoned/cooked/liked/prepared
c. was phoning/was cooking/has liked/is preparing d. has phoned/is cooking/is liking/preparing

47. They _____ finish their work because they _____ Los Angeles next Sunday.

- a. are needing/visit b. need/are going to-visit
c. have needed/are visiting d. needed/have visited

48. At present Mary _____ her clothes. She _____ the clothes on Sundays.

- a. is washing/often washes b. was washing/has often washed
c. has washed/is often washing d. washes/often washed

49. I _____ that movie before last night.

- a. did not see b. has not seen c. had not seen d. will see

50. I _____ Lisa at the museum when I _____ to restaurant but she _____ me.

- a. was seeing/was going/had not. seen b. had seen/went/was not seeing
c. have seen/have gone/does not see. d. saw/was going/did not see