

MINI TEST – PAST TENSES**I. Put the verbs in the correct tenses: Past Simple / Past Continuous / Past Perfect / Past Perfect Continuous.**

- Sue (be) late for work because she (oversleep).
- I (walk) down the street when I (bump) into Mary. I (not see) her for ages.
- What exactly you (do) yesterday at 7 pm?
- Alice (cook) for two hours before the guests (arrive).
- How long you (wait) before they (come)?
- The police (arrest) him because he (rob) the bank.
- After we (leave) the office, we (head) for a pub.
- Grandma (have) a nap while I (read) a magazine.
- Our neighbours (have) a barbecue yesterday.
- I (wake) up in the middle of the night when my neighbours upstairs (start) an argument.

II. Choose the best answer.

- She never ____ to eat soup.
A. didn't like B. like C. had liked D. would not like E. liked
- "I'll drink tea from this tin mug." "Where ____ you ____ it?"
A. did/find B. do/find C. did/found D. were/found E. are/found
- It was dark and cold. At one moment he thought that he ____ his way.
A. lost B. will lose C. had lost D. was lost E. loses
- I didn't know anyone in the city where I ____ to get.
A. did try B. was trying C. would try D. have tried E. shall try
- Why ____ you go to the plant? -I ____ no time.
A. do/had B. will/have C. did/hadn't D. didn't/hadn't E. didn't/had
- A policeman ____ me crossing the street yesterday.
A. seen B. saw C. has seen D. will see E. had seen
- Arthur ____ all his exams by 5 o'clock yesterday.
A. passed B. passes C. has passed D. has been passed E. had passed
- He evidently ____ his shoes for a very long time. They were worn-out.
A. were wearing B. are wearing C. had been wearing
D. was wearing E. had been worn
- So, the invisible man ____ into the shop and ____ down.
A. comes/walked B. didn't come/walk C. came/walked

- D. will come/walked E. comes/would walk
10. -We were at the theatre 2 days ago. The performance was excellent. -Who ____ the leading part?
- A. did play B. play C. played D. would play E. has played
11. One day the boys found a man in the forest. He ____
- A. will die B. had been dying C. had died D. was dying E. die
12. His father ____ a doctor and he ____ to make his son a doctor, too.
- A. was/wants B. were/wanted C. will be/would want
- D. was/wanted E. were/wanted
13. During his school years Cronin ____ great interest in literature.
- A. take B. took C. has taken D. had taken E. would take
14. He ____ the box yesterday, because he had to do it.
- A. would open B. had opening C. have opened D. opens E. opened
15. While the gentlemen ____ the recent events, the ladies ____ about the weather.
- A. discuss/talk B. are discussing/was talking C. being discussed/being talked
- D. were discussing/were talking E. have discussed/have talked
16. She ____ you a letter three weeks ago.
- A. had sent B. has sent C. sent D. send E. was sending
17. When he ____ home I ____ him the book.
- A. came /shall show B. comes/showed C. has come/has shown
- D. came/showed E. was coming/shall show
18. They ____ breakfast at 7 and ____ home at eight.
- A. have/left B. had/left C. had/leave D. have/leaves E. had/had left
19. Long ago people ____ little about those minerals.
- A. had known B. knowed C. will know D. knew E. have known
20. The dentist ____ two of his teeth. One of them ____ quite good.
- A. pulls out/are B. pull out/was C. pulled out/was
- D. pull out/was E. pulled out/were

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