MINI TEST – PAST TENSES

I. Put the verbs in the correct tenses: Past Simple / Past Continuous / Past Perfect / Past Perfect Continuous.

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

II. Choose the best answer.

1. She never ___ to eat soup.

A. didn't like B. like C. had liked D. would not like E. liked

2. "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

3. 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

4. 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

5. -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

6. A policeman ___ me crossing the street yesterday.

A. seen B. saw C. has seen D. will see E. had seen

7. Arthur ___ all his exams by 5 o'clock yesterday.

A. passed B. passes C. has passed D. has been passed E. had passed

8. 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

9. So, the invisible man ___ into the shop and ___ down.

A. comes/walked B. didn't come/walk C. came/walked

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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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