

GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY REVISION 1

Exercise 1. Circle the best option.

1. I haven't decided yet whether to buy a second-hand car or a new one. I _____ it.

☐ a) 'm thinking about
☐ b) think about it
☐ c) 'm thinking of
☐ d) think of it

2. There was no one in the control room at all, _____ made me suspicious.

☐ a) that
☐ b) the which
☐ c) the what
☐ d) which

3. What a coincidence this is! It's so strange that you _____ be staying in the same hotel as us _____.

☐ a) should
☐ b) must
☐ c) ought to
☐ d) can
the package should have been here by now.
- it's weird that we should be spending the holiday in the same place as last year

4. This sweater is made of _____ wool.

☐ a) pure
☐ b) a pure
☐ c) some pure
☐ d) a piece of pure

5. For years, the government has been _____ corruption within its own party. It's time that that changed.

☐ a) making a fat view of
☐ b) taking a blind look a
☐ c) taking a fat look at
☐ d) turning a blind eye to
= neglect
turn a deaf ear to

6. After _____, one naturally wants to put one's feet up and relax.

☐ a) a hard day's work
☐ b) the hard work of a day
☐ c) a hard-working day
☐ d) a day's hard working
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genitive case

two hours' work/ eight hours' sleep

7. House prices _____ dramatically in recent years.

☐ a) rose
☐ b) were rising
☐ c) have risen
☐ d) are rising

8. The captain's magnificent performance _____ an example to the rest of the team.

☐ a) gave
☐ b) set
☐ c) made
☐ d) laid

9. Not only _____ the accident, he later denied that he had been driving the car.

☐ a) he failed in reporting
☐ b) did he fail to report
☐ c) was he failing in reporting
☐ d) he was failing to report

10. We need someone who is a good _____ engineer as well as an efficient manager. In my opinion, this candidate is _____.

☐ a) neither
☐ b) none
☐ c) not one or other
☐ d) neither one nor other

11. The river has risen to _____ level for this time of year. I've never seen anything like it.

☐ a) an extremely surprised
☐ b) an extremely astonished
☐ c) a surprisingly extreme
☐ d) an extremely surprising

12. Perhaps you'd like _____ dinner with me some evening?

☐ a) to have
☐ b) having
☐ c) that you have
☐ d) our having

13. She has an unbelievable voice. Her singing is absolutely _____.

☐ a) out of this life
☐ b) beyond this world
☐ c) out of this world **=extraordinary**
☐ d) beyond this life

14. I didn't expect _____ you here. You've never accepted any of my invitations before.

☐ a) seeing
☐ b) to see
☐ c) that I see
☐ d) my seeing

15. It's your own fault if you feel terrible this morning. You _____ so much last night.

☐ a) shouldn't have eaten
☐ b) hadn't to eat
☐ c) wouldn't have eaten
☐ d) mightn't have eaten

16. What you are saying is very interesting, but it _____ to our situation.

☐ a) is impertinent
☐ b) has no accordance
☐ c) has no relevance
☐ d) is uninvolved

17. Fiona, _____ students, often works late.

☐ a) as most
☐ b) like most
☐ c) like the most of the
☐ d) as the most of the

18. I _____ endless problems with that car the whole ten years I owned it.

☐ a) had
☐ b) was having
☐ c) have had
☐ d) had had

19. _____ I want is _____ your name.

☐ a) All
☐ b) All what
☐ c) Whatever
☐ d) All whatever
All I want to know is your name

20. It's not my fault! I can't _____ what happened. I mean, I wasn't even there when it occurred!

☐ a) be blamed for
☐ b) blame for
☐ c) be blamed of
☐ d) be blamed by

21. Her meeting with the Dalai Lama was the _____ of her life. After that, nothing was the same for her.

☐ a) turning point
☐ b) turning moment
☐ c) pointed moment
☐ d) critical turn

22. The old man is very ill. To be perfectly frank with you, I don't think he will live _____ the night.

☐ a) during
☐ b) until all
☐ c) through
☐ d) while

23. —Will you be home late tonight? —I'm afraid _____. The meeting won't start until 6.

☐ a) so
☐ b) it's so
☐ c) of it
☐ d) that's it

24. Have you ever thought _____ to somewhere like Canada or Australia to start a new life?

☐ a) on emigrating
☐ b) about emigrating
☐ c) in emigrating
☐ d) to emigrate

25. She took a course in telemarketing _____ improving her employment prospects.

☐ a) with a view to **+ V.ing=in order to do sth**
☐ b) with a regard to
☐ c) in respect of
☐ d) in consideration of

26. If it's all the same to you, I'd rather you _____ television while I'm reading. It's very distracting, you see.

☐ a) aren't watching
☐ b) didn't watch
☐ c) don't watch
☐ d) wouldn't watch

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27. It was essential to submit the plan the following day. Therefore, _____ he was near exhaustion, he went on working late into the night.

- ☐ a) whereas
- ☐ b) while
- ☐ c) however
- ☐ d) though

28. The bridge was collapsing and the train was plunging into the ravine. But Superman arrived _____, as usual, caught the train in his arms of steel and carried it to safety.

- ☐ a) in the nick of time = **exactly in time**
- ☐ b) in the fullness of time
- ☐ c) on the spur of the moment
- ☐ d) in the heat of the moment

29. _____ Vincent felt angry. The vandals had scratched his new car badly.

- ☐ a) It isn't to wonder
- ☐ b) It's not a wonder
- ☐ c) It isn't wonderful
- ☐ d) It's no wonder = **undoubtedly**

30. She listened _____ Roger read to her in a low voice.

- ☐ a) meanwhile
- ☐ b) at the same time
- ☐ c) while
- ☐ d) whereas

31. We had arranged to meet at 8 o'clock but he didn't _____ until half an hour later.

- ☐ a) show off
- ☐ b) stick up
- ☐ c) turn up
- ☐ d) put in

32. You and your big mouth! It was supposed to be a secret. You _____ told her!

- ☐ a) shouldn't have
- ☐ b) ought to haven't
- ☐ c) musn't have
- ☐ d) needn't to

33. She suggested _____ to lunch on Sunday.

- ☐ a) us to come
- ☐ b) us that we come
- ☐ c) to us that we should come
- ☐ d) to us our coming

34. Experts are _____ into the cause of the explosion.

- ☐ a) seeking
- ☐ b) researching
- ☐ c) inquiring
- ☐ d) investigating

35. _____ at the hotel when there was a power cut.

- ☐ a) We had arrived hardly
- ☐ b) Hardly had we arrived
- ☐ c) Hardly we had arrived
- ☐ d) Scarcely we had arrived

36. In the next lesson, I _____ you how to prepare chicken in a lemon sauce.

- ☐ a) will have shown
- ☐ b) show
- ☐ c) will be showing
- ☐ d) am showing

37. Kim asked Ben _____ to come to dinner.

- ☐ a) if he'd like
- ☐ b) will he like
- ☐ c) would he like
- ☐ d) if he liked

38. The next morning the battery was dead and Marian couldn't _____.

- ☐ a) make the car started
- ☐ b) have the car started
- ☐ c) get the car started
- ☐ d) have the car start

39. They've made us a lot of promises but I don't trust them. As far as I'm concerned, a bird in the hand is worth _____.

- ☐ a) two in the bush
- ☐ b) two birds flying
- ☐ c) two in the tree
- ☐ d) a whole flock flying

40. Because he had to go back to work, Tom could stay with us _____ two weeks.

- ☐ a) during only
- ☐ b) for only
- ☐ c) only during
- ☐ d) throughout only

41. I climbed the slippery stairs with great care. _____, I nearly fell twice.

- ☐ a) Even though
- ☐ b) Even thus
- ☐ c) Thus
- ☐ d) Even so

42. —Do you ever wish you _____ to university?
—Yes, but my parents couldn't afford it.

- ☐ a) went
- ☐ b) would go
- ☐ c) were going
- ☐ d) had gone

43. It _____ to be seen whether I have made the right decision or not.

- ☐ a) continues
- ☐ b) remains
- ☐ c) stands
- ☐ d) keeps

44. Where were you? I thought you _____ for me.

- ☐ a) will wait
- ☐ b) will have waited
- ☐ c) were going to wait
- ☐ d) are waiting

45. When I came back from Columbia, the _____ empty my suitcase.

- ☐ a) made me to
- ☐ b) made that I
- ☐ c) obliged me
- ☐ d) made me

46. _____ to make a decision right away. Take a few days and think the matter over first.

- ☐ a) There isn't a need
- ☐ b) It's not needful
- ☐ c) It isn't needed
- ☐ d) There's no need

47. Physically, I _____ after my mother, but my sister doesn't look anything like her.

- ☐ a) run
- ☐ b) put
- ☐ c) take
- ☐ d) look

48. The room was so _____ and airless that several people _____ and had to be revived.

- ☐ a) dropped out
- ☐ b) passed away
- ☐ c) dropped away
- ☒ d) passed out

49. The dentist told me that when the effect of the anaesthetic _____, I might feel a little pain. But it was more than a little.

- ☐ a) dropped off
- ☐ b) went out
- ☐ c) wore off
- ☐ d) turned out

50. When I first met him, he _____ as a very indecisive person. He didn't seem to know what he wanted at all.

- ☐ a) went across
- ☐ b) passed off
- ☐ c) showed himself as
- ☐ d) passed across

Exercise 2. Circle the best option.

1. All right, then, you try to fix the television! But _____ what you're doing.

☐ a) I hope you know
☐ b) I'm hoping you know
☐ c) I hope you knew
☐ d) I wish you knew

2. I watched the play until the end of the first act, _____ I felt I had seen enough. I got up and left.

☐ a) at which point
☐ b) until when
☐ c) at that point
☐ d) at what point

3. —You _____ like to look over these papers if you have time.
 —Yes, just leave them on my desk, please.

☐ a) might
☐ b) should
☐ c) ought to
☐ d) could

4. What did he tell you? Did he give you _____ that we can use?

☐ a) any informations
☐ b) some informations
☐ c) any information
☐ d) any piece of information

5. I don't want to decide until I know all the facts. Until then, I intend to _____.

☐ a) keep a broad mind
☐ b) be in two minds
☐ c) keep an open mind
☐ d) keep a broad mentality

6. He returned home after a _____ in Cyprus.

☐ a) weekly holiday
☐ b) week's holiday = one-week holiday
☐ c) holiday of a week
☐ d) weeks' holiday

7. The company _____ many problems in its 50-year history, but it is flourishing now.

☐ a) faced
☐ b) was facing
☐ c) has faced
☐ d) has been facing

8. I gave them _____ time to make a decision.

☐ a) spacious
☐ b) lavish
☐ c) extensive
☐ d) ample = much

9. Rarely _____ have been faced with such a daunting problem.

☐ a) a minister can
☐ b) can a minister
☐ c) should a minister
☐ d) a minister should

10. Frank and Bill both applied for the job. _____ was successful although both had the right qualifications.

☐ a) Neither
☐ b) None
☐ c) Not one or other
☐ d) Neither one nor another

11. Following the storm, the electricity company will be working all-out to repair the _____.

☐ a) damage caused
☐ b) caused damage
☐ c) damage provoked
☐ d) provoked damage

12. Let's not rush into this. I _____ my parents before we do anything.

☐ a) would rather talk to
☐ b) 'd rather that I talk to
☐ c) 'd rather that I talked to
☐ d) had rather talk with

13. I have _____ about that film. The photography and special effects were outstanding, but the acting was pathetic.

☐ a) jumbled sentiments
☐ b) contrasted feelings
☐ c) mixed feelings
☐ d) contrasted sentiments

14. —It's your car, not mine. You don't expect _____ it, do you?

—Well, yes, actually I was rather hoping you would.

☐ a) me cleaning
☐ b) that I clean
☐ c) me to clean
☐ d) that I would clean

15. This is very strange. The parcel we sent you _____ have arrived by now. Perhaps it's got lost in the post.

☐ a) may
☐ b) should
☐ c) can
☐ d) ought

16. The former porn-movie star said that she _____ the opportunity to demonstrate that she was entirely capable of playing a serious role in a serious film.

☐ a) greeted
☐ b) cheered
☐ c) welcomed
☐ d) rejoiced

17. _____ Paul, Jane really enjoys gardening.

☐ a) Not like
☐ b) Different from
☐ c) Unlike
☐ d) Different to

18. She _____ very badly whenever she stayed in hotels or other people's homes.

☐ a) was sleeping
☐ b) slept
☐ c) had slept
☐ d) could sleep

19. _____ you don't want to come with us, you'll have to stay with your grandparents.

☐ a) Whereas
☐ b) However
☐ c) While
☐ d) Since = as/because

20. He _____ an excellent guide.

☐ a) is said to be
☐ b) is they say
☐ c) says to be
☐ d) it is said is

21. At first I thought it was a good idea. But then I began to have _____.

☐ a) second doubts
☐ b) second thoughts
☐ c) doubtful seconds
☐ d) thoughtful doubts

22. Lots of people are interested _____ money.

☐ a) of making
☐ b) in making
☐ c) to make
☐ d) for making

23. Gemma will be coming home next week. At least we hope _____.

☐ a) so
☐ b) it
☐ c) it's so
☐ d) it's it

24. I'd been driving for several hours, so I decided to stop _____ a cup of coffee.

☐ a) having stop doing sth
☐ b) to have stop to do sth
☐ c) for having
☐ d) that I have

25. If you wash that pullover in boiling water, it will _____.

☐ a) crumple
☐ b) shrink
☐ c) contract
☐ d) dwindle

26. Listen here, young man. It's high time you _____ working a bit more seriously. Don't you realise that you've already wasted the first five weeks of term?

☐ a) started
☐ b) start
☐ c) are starting
☐ d) have started

27. He's incapable of seeing anyone's point of view but his own. _____ what you say, he just stubbornly refuses to listen.

- ☐ a) Regardless
- ☐ b) Whereas
- ☐ c) No matter
- ☐ d) Even though

28. A 10% pay increase is quite out of the _____. We can barely afford the 2% we're offering you now.

- ☐ a) blue
- ☐ b) matter
- ☐ c) affair
- ☐ d) question

out of the question
= impossible

29. Following the success of his last two films, _____ that Cameron's latest blockbuster is another box-office winner.

- ☐ a) it's no surprise = it's not surprising
- ☐ b) it isn't to surprise
- ☐ c) it's no astonishment
- ☐ d) it isn't to amaze

30. I bought a computer game which had very advanced graphics. _____, I soon became bored with it.

- ☐ a) Even though
- ☐ b) So even
- ☐ c) Even so
- ☐ d) Hence

31. The sky is already dark. It must be _____ for 8 o'clock.

- ☐ a) closing on
- ☐ b) getting up
- ☐ c) getting on = almost
- ☐ d) closing up

32. The plane is late. It _____ by now.

- ☐ a) had to land
- ☐ b) could land
- ☐ c) must have landed
- ☐ d) should have landed

33. He admitted _____ seriously ill and would need an operation.

- ☐ a) to me that he was
- ☐ b) me that he was
- ☐ c) to me being
- ☐ d) me being

34. My ex-wife carried on talking to my boss, without even _____ in my direction.

- ☐ a) blinking
- ☐ b) squinting
- ☐ c) glimpsing
- ☐ d) glancing

35. Not until my secretary phoned me _____ out about the merger.

- ☐ a) had I found
- ☐ b) I found
- ☐ c) I had found
- ☐ d) did I find

36. Next January, I _____ in this company for 4 years.

- ☐ a) am working
- ☐ b) 'll work
- ☐ c) have worked
- ☐ d) 'll have been working

37. Tom's mother forbade _____ in bed.

- ☐ a) that he smoked
- ☐ b) him to smoke
- ☐ c) him smoking
- ☐ d) that he would smoke

38. I was having difficulty reading, so I decided to go to an optician and _____.

- ☐ a) make my eyes tested
- ☐ b) test my eyes
- ☐ c) get my eyes tested
- ☐ d) test the eyes for me

39. Do me this favour and I'll not forget it. You scratch my back and I'll _____ yours.

- ☐ a) rub
- ☐ b) scratch
- ☐ c) scrape
- ☐ d) scrub

40. We're not doing anything _____ the weekend. Why don't you come and see us?

- ☐ a) over
- ☐ b) during
- ☐ c) throughout
- ☐ d) by

41. The building had been extremely well constructed _____ was very difficult to demolish.

- ☐ a) and alternatively
- ☐ b) and consequently
- ☐ c) but nevertheless
- ☐ d) but however

42. Michael acts as if he _____ all the answers, but what can he possibly know?

- ☐ a) was knowing
- ☐ b) know
- ☐ c) knew
- ☐ d) had known

43. It was such a funny sight that I couldn't _____ face.

- ☐ a) keep a straight
- ☐ b) maintain a straight
- ☐ c) keep a smooth
- ☐ d) maintain a serious

44. I never thought I _____ my holidays in hospital, but here I am.

- ☐ a) will spend
- ☐ b) was spending
- ☒ c) would be spending
- ☐ d) had spent

45. —Did you repair the car yourself?

— No, I _____ at the garage.

- ☐ a) had it made
- ☐ b) made it done
- ☐ c) got it made
- ☐ d) had it done

46. _____ surprise that Montgomery won the battle. He was the better general and he was commanding seasoned troops.

- ☐ a) It's no
- ☐ b) It's not the
- ☐ c) There's no
- ☐ d) There isn't a

47. The concert had to be _____ when the lead guitarist fell ill the day before.

- ☐ a) called out
- ☐ b) shut down
- ☐ c) shut off
- ☐ d) called off = cancel

48. I must _____ now. I think I can smell something burning in the kitchen.

- ☐ a) ring up
- ☐ b) hang about
- ☐ c) ring off = stop talking on the phone
- ☐ d) cut off

49. The government has decided to _____ smoking in public places.

- ☐ a) crack up on
- ☐ b) back down with
- ☐ c) back up with
- ☐ d) crack down on = to be strict in dealing with sth

50. As the robbers drove off, the bank manager shouted, "You'll never _____ with this. The police will catch you in the end!"

- ☐ a) get away
- ☐ b) get off
- ☐ c) get on
- ☐ d) get up