Grammar MCQs – 12 English Tenses

Choose the letter A, B, C, or D to indicate the correct answer to each of the following questions.

Question 1. Every weekend, many teenagers in our local community _____ voluntary activities to help elderly people who live alone and need daily support.

A. join
B. joined
C. are joining
D. have joined

Question 2. At the moment, several young volunteers _____ colourful murals on old walls to make the neighbourhood more attractive for both residents and visitors.

A. paint
B. painted
C. are painting
D. have painted

Question 3. Since the city introduced more cycling lanes last year, many office workers _____ bicycles instead of driving to work.

A. choose
B. chose
C. have chosen
D. had chosen

Question 4. By the time the village festival began, local people _____ all the traditional food stalls and decorated the main square beautifully.

A. prepared
B. prepare
C. had prepared
D. have prepared

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Question 5. When we visited the pottery village yesterday afternoon, local craftsmen _____ visitors how to shape clay into beautiful handmade products.

A. taught
B. teach
C. were teaching
D. have taught

Question 6. By the end of next month, the city government _____ a new public library to encourage teenagers to develop better reading habits.

A. opens
B. opened
C. will have opened
D. will be opening

Question 7. This time next Sunday, thousands of runners _____ in the annual charity marathon to raise money for disadvantaged children.

A. participate
B. participated
C. will be participating
D. have participated

Question 8. My younger brother usually _____ his homework before he spends time playing online games with his classmates.

A. finishes
B. finished
C. is finishing
D. has finished

Question 9. While many students _____ for the final examination last night, their teachers were preparing the classrooms for the next day's tests.

A. studied
B. study

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C. were studying
D. have studied

Question 10. Before Lan entered the English speaking contest, she _____ her presentation dozens of times at home with her parents.

A. practised
B. had practised
C. has practised
D. practises

Question 11. More international visitors _____ the ancient town every year because they want to experience its unique culture and traditional architecture.

A. visit
B. visited
C. are visiting
D. have visited

Question 12. Scientists _____ several effective methods to reduce plastic pollution over the past decade, but more effort is still needed worldwide.

A. discover
B. discovered
C. have discovered
D. had discovered

Question 13. If everyone uses reusable shopping bags, we _____ a significant amount of plastic waste in our daily lives.

A. reduce
B. reduced
C. will reduce
D. have reduced

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Question 14. At present, many schools _____ healthier lunches because they want students to develop better eating habits from an early age.

A. provide
B. provided
C. are providing
D. have provided

Question 15. By 2050, experts believe that many countries _____ cleaner sources of energy to replace fossil fuels completely.

A. develop
B. developed
C. will have developed
D. are developing

Question 16. Since Mai joined the English club two years ago, she _____ much more confidently in international competitions.

A. speaks
B. spoke
C. has spoken
D. had spoken

Question 17. Last Saturday morning, hundreds of students _____ rubbish along the beach when a group of foreign tourists decided to join them.

A. collected
B. collect
C. were collecting
D. have collected

Question 18. The tour guide explained that thousands of visitors _____ the cave before scientists discovered several rare species living inside it.

A. visited
B. had visited

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C. have visited
D. visit

Question 19. Many young people _____ regular exercise because they understand that good physical health also improves their mental well-being.

A. take
B. took
C. are taking
D. have taken

Question 20. By this time tomorrow afternoon, our class _____ a presentation about the importance of protecting local cultural heritage.

A. gives
B. gave
C. will be giving
D. has given

Question 21. My grandparents _____ in the same traditional village for more than sixty years, and they still enjoy the peaceful lifestyle there.

A. live
B. lived
C. have lived
D. had lived

Question 22. While tourists _____ photos of the waterfall, the guide introduced some interesting stories about its history and local legends.

A. took
B. take
C. were taking
D. have taken

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Question 23. Before online learning became popular, most students _____ printed dictionaries whenever they needed to look up unfamiliar English words.

A. use
B. used
C. had used
D. have used

Question 24. More universities _____ courses entirely in English because they hope to attract students from different countries around the world.

A. offer
B. offered
C. are offering
D. have offered

Question 25. When my father was a teenager, he _____ nearly five kilometres to school every day because there were very few buses in the area.

A. walks
B. walked
C. was walking
D. has walked

Question 26. By the time we reached the airport, our flight _____ because of extremely bad weather conditions.

A. delayed
B. delays
C. had been delaying
D. had been delayed

Question 27. At the moment, many scientists _____ closely with local communities to find practical solutions to environmental problems.

A. work
B. worked

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C. are working
D. have worked

Question 28. By the end of this English course, students _____ more than two thousand academic words and useful expressions.

A. learn
B. learned
C. will have learned
D. have learned

Question 29. Every year, the local museum _____ thousands of historical objects that help visitors understand the region's rich cultural heritage.

A. displays
B. displayed
C. is displaying
D. has displayed

Question 30. Since the community centre introduced free evening classes, many adults _____ their English skills to communicate more effectively with foreign visitors.

A. improve
B. improved
C. have improved
D. had improved

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