

Test 2c

Choose the correct answer — a, b, c or d — to complete the following texts. Only one answer is correct.

1. As soon as he saw the man behind the desk, he realised he _____ to the wrong room.
☐ a) came
☐ b) had come
☐ c) was coming
☐ d) had been coming
2. _____ one cigarette when he reached for the packet and took another.
☐ a) Hardly had he finished
☐ b) Only he had finished
☐ c) Not only he had finished
☐ d) He had finished hardly
3. Henry beat me at tennis. But he _____ if he hadn't cheated so much with the line calls.
☐ a) couldn't do it
☐ b) couldn't have done it
☐ c) wouldn't do it
☐ d) wasn't able to do it
4. Parker has always had a tendency to _____ the importance of minor problems.
☐ a) augment
☐ b) multiply
☐ c) exaggerate
☐ d) heighten
5. Jim's changed a lot since he was promoted. I think the power has _____ his head.
☐ a) gone to
☐ b) gone over
☐ c) shaken
☐ d) taken it into
6. Their predictions were not _____ by subsequent events. In fact, the very opposite occurred.
☐ a) carried out
☐ b) borne off
☐ c) borne out
☐ d) carried off
7. Don't take what he says too seriously. He's only _____.
☐ a) feeling your foot
☐ b) taking your hair
☐ c) pulling your leg
☐ d) knocking your knee
8. —Which one of these two umbrellas is yours?
—_____. That's mine over there.
☐ a) None
☐ b) Neither
☐ c) Not one or other
☐ d) Not one or another
9. The play _____ until 8:30, so I think we have time to eat something first.
☐ a) won't be starting
☐ b) isn't starting
☐ c) shall not start
☐ d) mightn't start
10. The next morning David started out on what _____ to be a very eventful journey.
☐ a) resulted
☐ b) arose
☐ c) turned
☐ d) proved
11. Arriving very early in the morning, we had the whole beach to _____.
☐ a) us only
☐ b) us alone
☐ c) ourselves
☐ d) only us
12. They managed to find their way out of the jungle _____ not having a map or compass.
☐ a) despite of
☐ b) even though
☐ c) nevertheless
☐ d) in spite of

13. I don't know how I'm going to tell my dad that I failed my maths exam. He's going to _____.

- ☐ a) go through the walls
- ☐ b) hop to the ceiling
- ☐ c) shoot out the window
- ☐ d) hit the roof

14. I got a huge surprise last week. My cousin from Australia arrived on my doorstep, completely _____. He was the last person in the world I expected to see.

- ☐ a) in the red
- ☐ b) red, white and blue
- ☐ c) in a blue moon
- ☐ d) out of the blue

15. It's your mother's birthday next week. _____ her a present!

- ☐ a) Remember to buy
- ☐ b) Remember buying
- ☐ c) Recall to buy
- ☐ d) Recall buying

16. He often gives the impression that he doesn't care about his work. But appearances can be _____, you know. Ken's a really hard worker.

- ☐ a) deceptive
- ☐ b) tricky
- ☐ c) deceitful
- ☐ d) fraudulent

17. Her _____ just slouched in front of the television while she did all the work.

- ☐ a) brother good-for-nothing
- ☐ b) good-for-nothing brother
- ☐ c) good for nothing brother
- ☐ d) good brother for nothing

18. I see a lot of young people with this new hair style. It seems to be _____.

- ☐ a) piling up
- ☐ b) bringing off
- ☐ c) catching on
- ☐ d) coming off

19. Jimmy doesn't like my cooking, but it doesn't bother me. _____, I say.

- ☐ a) Everyone to his own
- ☐ b) Each to his own
- ☐ c) Each one his own
- ☐ d) Everyone's his own

20. Because of the awful weather, the play was poorly attended, but _____ people who came had an excellent evening.

- ☐ a) the few
- ☐ b) a few
- ☐ c) few
- ☐ d) the less

21. —Do you think the Chancellor will increase taxes on alcohol and cigarettes again?
—I _____. In my view, they're expensive enough already.

- ☐ a) hope not
- ☐ b) don't hope so
- ☐ c) hope it's not
- ☐ d) don't hope it's so

22. I get on well with my mother-in-law. We _____ on most things.

- ☐ a) are all eyes
- ☐ b) keep our eyes peeled
- ☐ c) see eye to eye
- ☐ d) meet each other's eyes

23. He has been with the company for thirty years, but the management has now decided to _____ with his services.

- ☐ a) discard
- ☐ b) dispense
- ☐ c) disuse
- ☐ d) dismiss

24. If Hilary hadn't looked out the window at that moment, she _____ the thieves trying to break into her car.

- ☐ a) wouldn't have spotted
- ☐ b) didn't spot
- ☐ c) hadn't spotted
- ☐ d) wouldn't have been spotting

25. It's been more than ten years since we had the living room _____. I'm fed up looking at it. Let's redecorate it completely.

- ☐ a) made up
- ☐ b) counted up
- ☐ c) brought off
- ☐ d) done up

26. The meeting might go on for several hours, _____ I'll not be home in time for dinner, I'm afraid.

- ☐ a) at which point
- ☐ b) by which time
- ☐ c) in which case
- ☐ d) with which time

27. Most of my mates go for a drink after work, but I don't. Going to the pub isn't really my _____.
☐ a) glass of beer
☐ b) slice of cake
☐ c) cup of tea
☐ d) bread and butter
28. In the _____ of any real evidence against the three men, the case had to be dropped.
☐ a) scarcity
☐ b) absence
☐ c) lack
☐ d) want
29. _____ early for her appointment, Betty began to leaf through the pile of old magazines.
☐ a) Having arrived
☐ b) By arriving
☐ c) Because arriving
☐ d) Once arrived
30. —How's the new job going, Tom?
 —Fine, thanks. But everything's very new. It'll take me a couple of weeks to _____, I expect.
☐ a) put my foot in it
☐ b) put my foot down
☐ c) get cold feet
☐ d) find my feet
31. —They're very happy with their new flat.
 —They _____. It's a beautiful place to live.
☐ a) should be
☐ b) should
☐ c) will
☐ d) could be
32. I hate work. If only I _____ have to go!
☐ a) won't
☐ b) didn't
☐ c) don't
☐ d) wouldn't
33. —Tell me, is Phyllis a nurse or a dentist?
 — _____. She's a psychiatrist.
☐ a) None
☐ b) Not one or other
☐ c) Nor one nor other
☐ d) Neither
34. I've just bought a _____ table.
☐ a) lovely wooden coffee
☐ b) wooden lovely coffee
☐ c) lovely coffee wooden
☐ d) wooden coffee lovely
35. Many of our procedures are _____ on those used in Japanese companies.
☐ a) moulded
☐ b) modelled
☐ c) adapted
☐ d) formed
36. _____ one of you broke the window will have to pay for it.
☐ a) Whoever
☐ b) Whichever
☐ c) Whatever
☐ d) What
37. The children were no trouble at all. They were _____.
☐ a) like gold dust
☐ b) as good as gold
☐ c) golden boys
☐ d) glittering like gold
38. Why don't you _____ and see us the next time you're in the area?
☐ a) draw up
☐ b) drop off
☐ c) drop in
☐ d) end up

39. Realising he would arrive _____ for the meeting, he phoned to warn the others.

- ☐ a) late
- ☐ b) lately
- ☐ c) with delay
- ☐ d) delayed

40. I couldn't hear myself thinking _____ all the noise in the room.

- ☐ a) because
- ☐ b) what for
- ☐ c) for
- ☐ d) for that

41. Talks are to be held _____ Downing Street.

- ☐ a) in
- ☐ b) on
- ☐ c) to
- ☐ d) at

42. In spite of his _____ as a player, he has had a long and successful career.

- ☐ a) shortages
- ☐ b) disabilities
- ☐ c) deficiencies
- ☐ d) snags

43. If the train hadn't been late, I _____ it.

- ☐ a) wouldn't catch
- ☐ b) wouldn't be able to catch
- ☐ c) wouldn't manage to catch
- ☐ d) couldn't have caught

44. Seeing that he had failed the exam, he went to the nearest pub to drown his _____.

- ☐ a) pains
- ☐ b) griefs
- ☐ c) troubles
- ☐ d) sorrows

45. _____ fifty planes an hour land at Heathrow.

- ☐ a) As many as
- ☐ b) As much as
- ☐ c) So many as
- ☐ d) As many that

46. If I were you, I'd take out some travel insurance, just to be _____.

- ☐ a) safer than sorry
- ☐ b) on the safe side
- ☐ c) for safety first
- ☐ d) in the safe seat

47. Since they had stopped serving meals, we had to _____ ourselves with sandwiches.

- ☐ a) settle
- ☐ b) content
- ☐ c) please
- ☐ d) make do

48. If the worst comes to the worst, we've got our savings to _____.

- ☐ a) fall back on
- ☐ b) fall down on
- ☐ c) rest upon
- ☐ d) rest off on

49. A six-month suspended sentence! He was lucky to _____ so lightly.

- ☐ a) get out
- ☐ b) come off
- ☐ c) get off
- ☐ d) come out

50. It was a good idea but I'm afraid it didn't quite _____.

- ☐ a) come off
- ☐ b) come up
- ☐ c) rise up
- ☐ d) rise off

Test 2d

Choose the correct answer — *a, b, c* or *d* — to complete the following texts. Only one answer is correct.

1. This isn't the first time people _____ taken aback by his outrageous behaviour.
☐ a) were
☐ b) are
☐ c) have been
☐ d) had been
2. Not only _____ wine on the carpet, but she also broke six glasses.
☐ a) she spilled
☐ b) she had spilled
☐ c) did she spill
☐ d) she was spilling
3. You're the one who left the map in the car! If you _____ it with you, we wouldn't be lost.
☐ a) had brought
☐ b) should have brought
☐ c) brought
☐ d) might have brought
4. Police have not yet revealed the _____ details of the case.
☐ a) total
☐ b) whole
☐ c) overall
☐ d) full
5. She must be suffering a great deal, but she puts a _____ on it.
☐ a) courageous face
☐ b) good head
☐ c) strong heart
☐ d) brave face
6. The crisis was _____ by the Finance Minister's sudden and wholly unexpected resignation.
☐ a) brought out
☐ b) brought about
☐ c) factored on
☐ d) borne out
7. When the police want you to confess to something, they always tell you how good you'll feel once you _____.
☐ a) open up your breast
☐ b) hand it off your heart
☐ c) bring it off your breast
☐ d) get it off your chest
8. When you reach the fork in the road, you can go _____. They both lead to the village.
☐ a) either way
☐ b) the two ways
☐ c) the both ways
☐ d) each way
9. Do you think you _____ that report by the end of the week?
☐ a) 'll have finished
☐ b) 'll be finishing
☐ c) might be finishing
☐ d) 're finishing
10. I think you're being _____ pessimistic.
☐ a) abundantly
☐ b) unduly
☐ c) worthlessly
☐ d) undeservedly
11. The two men hated _____ with such passion that it was hard to see how they could ever be reconciled.
☐ a) one another
☐ b) one the other
☐ c) themselves
☐ d) the one the other
12. _____ difficult it may seem now, you'll be glad you did it in the end.
☐ a) Whatever
☐ b) However
☐ c) No matter what
☐ d) Although

13. —Why's Maria so angry?
—I have no idea. I asked her if I could leave early and she came down on me like _____.
☐ a) a ten-ton truc
☐ b) a steamroller
☐ c) a ton of bricks
☐ d) a bag of cement
14. If you can't afford to live on your own, you may just have to _____ and ask your parents if you can return to live with them for a while.
☐ a) gulp down the bait
☐ b) drink the cold waters
☐ c) quaff your self-regard
☐ d) swallow your pride
15. —The photocopier doesn't seem to be working.
—Why don't you try _____?
☐ a) to plug it in
☐ b) plugging it in
☐ c) plugging in it
☐ d) to plug in it
16. What is the best _____ of action?
☐ a) path
☐ b) course
☐ c) measure
☐ d) policy
17. The woman they interviewed was quite calm and spoke in a _____ about the explosion.
☐ a) fact of the matter way
☐ b) matter-of-fact way
☐ c) matter of fact way
☐ d) way as a matter of fact
18. Before the end of the meeting, I feel I ought to _____ another small matter.
☐ a) plant down
☐ b) bring up
☐ c) raise up
☐ d) bring off
19. —Did you take all these marvellous photos yourself?
—That's right. _____ of them.
☐ a) Each and all
☐ b) All and each
☐ c) Each and every one
☐ d) All and every
20. It will take _____ time, but I'm sure you'll be able to learn how to read Japanese eventually
☐ a) little
☐ b) not less
☐ c) much
☐ d) a little
21. —Do you still smoke?
—I have to admit _____. I've tried to give it up several times, but without success.
☐ a) so
☐ b) it's so
☐ c) I do
☐ d) it is
22. Sorry, I'm afraid I have to cancel our lunch engagement. I'm up to my _____ in work at the moment.
☐ a) eyes
☐ b) head
☐ c) nose
☐ d) brow
23. Rodney isn't exactly keen on exercise, but he isn't _____ to the occasional walk in the country.
☐ a) repugnant
☐ b) reluctant
☐ c) contrary
☐ d) averse
24. If the driver _____ his seat belt, he might be alive today.
☐ a) was wearing
☐ b) had been wearing
☐ c) wears
☐ d) wore
25. The government has recently _____ a great deal of criticism for sending troops to the area.
☐ a) come in for
☐ b) gone out with
☐ c) sat down to
☐ d) carried away with
26. I hadn't seen Laura for nearly ten years, _____ I'd got married and had three children. I was amazed to see that she hadn't changed at all.
☐ a) at which point
☐ b) during which time
☐ c) in which case
☐ d) at which time

27. This is the new mp4 player. We've only got one left in the shop. They've been selling like _____.
☐ a) honey doughnuts
☐ b) tasty pastry
☐ c) smart tarts
☐ d) hot cakes
28. Last year our company had record sales. We _____ all our competitors.
☐ a) excelled
☐ b) outweighed
☐ c) outdid
☐ d) overdid
29. _____, the boy was able to squeeze through the narrow opening in the fence.
☐ a) Out of slimness
☐ b) Being slim
☐ c) Because being slim
☐ d) Slimly
30. —I hope those drunks aren't going to cause any trouble.
 —Don't worry. I'll call the police if they _____.
☐ a) get their hand in
☐ b) do a hand's turn
☐ c) give a big hand
☐ d) get out of hand
31. Henry isn't a very good footballer now and, in my opinion, _____.
☐ a) he never wil
☐ b) he will be never
☐ c) he never will be
☐ d) never will he
32. It's time you _____ up your mind.
☐ a) make
☐ b) have made
☐ c) made
☐ d) should make
33. We're having a cocktail party for _____ close friends next Friday.
☐ a) a few
☐ b) few
☐ c) some small
☐ d) a little
34. There was a _____ rug beside the bed.
☐ a) soft lovely woollen
☐ b) lovely soft woollen
☐ c) woollen soft lovely
☐ d) soft woollen lovely
35. It suddenly _____ her mind that she had promised to go out with someone else.
☐ a) struck
☐ b) hit
☐ c) crossed
☐ d) touched
36. _____ wins the contract to build the tunnel will have a very difficult task to perform.
☐ a) The who that
☐ b) Who that
☐ c) Whoever that
☐ d) Whoever
37. If I do the shopping when I take your mother home, I'll kill two birds _____.
☐ a) at one shot
☐ b) with one bullet
☐ c) on one fire
☐ d) with one stone
38. All the hotels were full. We _____ sleeping in the car.
☐ a) finished up
☐ b) closed down
☐ c) ended up
☐ d) wound down

39. John looked up and smiled at me _____.

- ☐ a) friendly
- ☐ b) in a friendly way
- ☐ c) with a friendly manner
- ☐ d) with friendliness

40. _____ the snow and the fog, I wasn't able to get to the airport on time.

- ☐ a) For
- ☐ b) What with
- ☐ c) Because
- ☐ d) Owing with

41. Archie owns a hardware shop _____ the corner of Church Street and Bridge Street.

- ☐ a) in
- ☐ b) on
- ☐ c) at
- ☐ d) around

42. I contacted him with a _____ to setting a date for the meeting.

- ☐ a) regard
- ☐ b) view
- ☐ c) purpose
- ☐ d) aim

43. If _____ a train strike on Monday, I mightn't be able to come.

- ☐ a) there'll be
- ☐ b) there was
- ☐ c) there had been
- ☐ d) there's

44. We should _____ this great opportunity.

- ☐ a) do the most of
- ☐ b) make the best of
- ☐ c) make the most of
- ☐ d) make the best from

45. The difference was _____ not to be worth arguing about.

- ☐ a) as small as
- ☐ b) so small as
- ☐ c) so small like
- ☐ d) as small that

46. Why don't you stop _____ and say what you think. Just get to the point, will you?

- ☐ a) bashing about the bush
- ☐ b) beating about the bush
- ☐ c) beating the bush
- ☐ d) bashing the bush

47. Serious crimes are occasionally committed in the area, but they are _____ incidents, not part of a widespread problem.

- ☐ a) solitary
- ☐ b) detached
- ☐ c) isolated
- ☐ d) unique

48. —What's going on between you and Helen? Have you two _____ with each other again?

—No, we're just not speaking to each other, that's all.

- ☐ a) fallen in
- ☐ b) fallen out
- ☐ c) dropped out
- ☐ d) dropped in

49. —How old do you think Perkins is?

—Oh, he must be getting _____ eighty, I'd say.

- ☐ a) away with
- ☐ b) about at
- ☐ c) down to
- ☐ d) on for

50. Many people were astonished when George W. Bush was elected for a second term. They just couldn't _____.

- ☐ a) get over it
- ☐ b) get it over
- ☐ c) get it over with
- ☐ d) make it over