Your name: _____ **Date:** _____

PRACTICE: PAST SIMPLE, PAST PERFECT & PRESENT PERFECT

I. Complete the following sentences using the PAST SIMPLE, PAST PERFECT & PRESENT PERFECT forms of the verbs in brackets.

1. Last night I _____ (lose) my keys – I had to call my flatmate to let me in.

2. I _____ (lose) my keys – can you help me look for them?

3. I _____ (know) my great-grandmother for a few years – she died when I was eight.

4. I _____ (know) Julie for three years – we still meet once a month.

5. Before Sarah arrived, Eric _____ (go) home.

6. After Angelia _____ (eat) the cake, she began to feel sick.

7. Jessica: When (Joe and Carol/meet) _____ each other?

Mei: They first _____ (meet) when they _____ (be) in high school.

8. I _____ (see) Julie three times this week!

9. She _____ (live) in London since 1994.

10. She _____ (live) in London when she was a child.

11. When Jane arrived at the theatre, the film _____ (start).

12. The last time I (go) _____ to Brighton was in August.

13. Of course I can ride a bike. But I (not/ride) _____ one for years.

14. The tornado knocked down the tree that we _____ (plant).

15. I (work) _____ for a computer company since I (graduate) _____ from university.

16. We (post) _____ the parcel three weeks ago. If you still _____ (not/receive) it, please inform us immediately.

17. We weren't hungry. We _____ (just have) lunch.

18. By the time my sister came home, I _____ (go) to bed.

19. The man sitting next to me on the plane was very nervous. He _____ (never/fly) before.

20. Your car looks very clean. _____ (you/wash) it?

II. Choose the correct answer.

21. By the 1960s, most of Britain's old colonies _____ independent.

A. become B. became C. have become D. had become

22. The war _____ out three years ago.

A. break B. broke C. has broken D. is breaking

23. Almost everybody _____ by the time we arrived.

A. had left B. left C. have been leaving D. leaves

24. The teacher asked the boy why he _____ his homework.

A. hadn't done B. haven't been doing C. hasn't done D. haven't done

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25. This is a nice restaurant, isn't it? Is this the first time you _____ here?
A. are B. have been C. were D. had been
26. I would like to see Tina again. It's been a long time _____.
A. that I didn't see her B. for I didn't see her C. since I saw her D. until I saw her
27. She _____ the letter when she _____ she _____ it to the wrong address.
A. posted – had realized – sent B. had posted – realized – had sent
C. was posting – realized – had sent D. have posted – had realized – had sent
28. Bod and Alice have been married _____.
A. that 20 years B. since 20 years C. when 20 years D. for 20 years
29. At first I thought I _____ the right thing, but soon I realized that I _____ a serious mistake.
A. had done – had made B. did – had made C. had done – made D. have done – have made
30. Megan: I am looking for Paul. _____ him? **Josh:** Yes, he was here a minute ago.
A. Have you seen B. Did you see C. Do you see D. Are you seeing
31. The house at the end of the street which _____ empty for years has been sold.
A. is B. have been C. is being D. has been
32. The house was very quiet when I _____ home. Everybody _____ to bed.
A. had gotten – had gone B. got – went C. had gotten – went D. got – had gone
33. It was raining hard, but by the time the class _____ over, the rain _____.
A. was – stopped B. had been – stopped C. has been – stopped D. was – had stopped
34. _____ month I went to Paris.
A. This B. That C. Last D. Next
35. John: "Was there anyone at the office yesterday?" **Quang:** "No, _____."
A. they weren't B. there isn't C. there wasn't D. they didn't
36. Alice _____ back from America last month.
A. come B. came C. comes D. coming
37. Karen didn't want to come to the cinema with us because she _____ the film.
A. had already seen B. already had seen C. had seen already D. have already seen
38. When I saw that Mike was having trouble, I _____ him. He _____ very appreciative.
A. helped – was B. had helped – had been C. had helped – was D. helped – has been
39. Wiwi have been a vegetarian _____ three years.
A. for B. since C. after D. before
40. _____ a good book lately?
A. Did you read B. Have you read C. Has you read D. Didn't you read

III. Finish the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one, beginning with the given words:

41. They have learned English for 2 years.

➔ They started _____

42. The last time we saw Mike was on Saturday.

➔ We have _____

43. I started living here two months ago.

➔ I've_____

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44. It is six months since I last went swimming.

➔ They started _____

45. I haven't done gardening for three months.

➔ The last time _____

47. I haven't gone to the theatre for three weeks.

➔ The last time _____

48. I started learning English five years ago.

➔ I have _____

49. The last time Mary met Tom was four years ago.

➔ Mary _____

50. It's a long time since he last called me.

➔ He _____

51. John took up a job. He left school.

➔ As soon as _____

52. Maria finished the meal. And I arrived.

➔ By the time _____

53. I couldn't go out. I broke my leg.

➔ Because I _____

54. Susan fell in love with Jack. She told her parents.

➔ After Susan _____

55. I was in Paris for a week. I met Ann there.

➔ When I _____

IV. Make sentences using the words and phrases given. Remember to put the verbs in their correct form by using Past Perfect, Past Simple or Present Perfect.

56. In the past/ only/ number/ children/ can/play/ a musical instrument/ because/parents/ not have/ amount/ money/ let/kids/ take/ instrument classes.

➔ _____

57. Who/had/you/invited/party/before/it/be/cancel?

➔ _____

58. Jim/not work/Fridays/since/he/join/company.

➔ _____

59. You/ not study/ French for ten years.

➔ _____

60. How long/ have/ she/ live in London?

➔ _____

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