GRAMMAR TEST - VERB TENSES

Present Simple - Present Continuous - Past Simple - Past Continuous

Name: _____ Class: _____ Score: _____

Exercise 1. Choose the correct answer

Present Simple or Present Continuous

1. It sometimes (snows / is snowing) here in January.
2. Look! It (rains / is raining) outside now.
3. It is 7 o'clock. Mum (makes / is making) breakfast.
4. Mum usually (makes / is making) breakfast at 7 o'clock.
5. My father (leaves / is leaving) home at 8 a.m. every day.
6. Be quiet! Dad (talks / is talking) on the phone.
7. We often (watch / are watching) TV after dinner.
8. Look! The children (sit / are sitting) on the sofa and (watch / are watching) TV.
9. Look at Tom! He (does / is doing) his homework.
10. Tom usually (does / is doing) his homework in the evening.
11. It (rains / is raining) heavily now.
12. It often (rains / is raining) in September.
13. Our family usually (has / is having) dinner at 7 p.m.
14. It is 7 p.m. now. Our family (has / is having) dinner.

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Exercise 2. Choose the correct answer

Past Simple or Past Continuous

1. I (went / was going) to the cinema yesterday.
2. At four o'clock yesterday, I (walked / was walking) to the cinema.
3. They (went / were going) home when they met their teacher.
4. Anna (studied / was studying) all evening yesterday.
5. Anna (studied / was studying) when her mother came home.
6. My father (worked / was working) in the garden yesterday.
7. At six o'clock yesterday, my father (worked / was working) in the garden.
8. My sister (read / was reading) a book all evening.
9. The children (did / were doing) their homework at 6 p.m. yesterday.
10. I (didn't play / wasn't playing) the piano yesterday. I (wrote / was writing) a letter instead.
11. At four o'clock yesterday, I (didn't play / wasn't playing) the piano. I (read / was reading) a book.
12. Jack (didn't sleep / wasn't sleeping) when his father came home. He (did / was doing) his homework.
13. When I (walked / was walking) to school yesterday, I saw Ben and Peter. They (talked / were talking) and (ate / were eating) ice cream.
14. The baby (slept / was sleeping) when I entered the room.
15. What (did your father do / was your father doing) from eight to nine yesterday evening?
16. Why (did she cry / was she crying) when you saw her?

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Exercise 3. Choose the correct answer: A, B, C or D

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1. He _____ cartoons every morning.
   A. watches
   B. is watching
   C. watched
   D. was watching

2. I usually _____ to the theatre once a month.
   A. go
   B. am going
   C. went
   D. was going

3. Last month, the ticket prices _____ up.
   A. go
   B. are going
   C. went
   D. were going

4. I _____ there last month because the tickets were too expensive.
   A. don't go
   B. am not going
   C. didn't go
   D. wasn't going

5. The tickets _____ too much last month.
   A. cost
   B. are costing
   C. costs
   D. were costing

6. They _____ a film at the cinema yesterday evening.
   A. watch
   B. are watching
   C. watched
   D. were watching

7. Who _____ to the cinema with them yesterday?
   A. goes
   B. is going
   C. went
   D. was going

8. How often _____ your relatives?
   A. do you visit
   B. are you visiting
   C. did you visit
   D. were you visiting

9. We _____ much money in London last month.
   A. don't spend
   B. aren't spending
   C. didn't spend
   D. weren't spending

10. We _____ a great time in London last month.
    A. have
    B. are having
    C. had
    D. were having

11. She _____ the shopping at 3 p.m. yesterday.
    A. does
    B. is doing
    C. did
    D. was doing

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Exercise 3 (continued)

12. Two years ago, they _____ rich.
    A. are
    B. were
    C. are being
    D. were being

13. They were rich two years ago, but now they _____ poor.
    A. are
    B. were
    C. are being
    D. were being

14. Hurry up! The train _____ at 11:15.
    A. leaves
    B. is leaving
    C. left
    D. was leaving

15. I _____ my parents, so I often listen to them.
    A. love
    B. am loving
    C. loved
    D. was loving

16. I often _____ what my parents tell me.
    A. do
    B. am doing
    C. did
    D. was doing

17. I often do what my parents _____.
    A. say
    B. are saying
    C. said
    D. were saying

18. Kate is in the kitchen. She _____ dinner now.
    A. cooks
    B. is cooking
    C. cooked
    D. was cooking

19. I usually _____ one ice cream.
    A. eat
    B. am eating
    C. ate
    D. was eating

20. Yesterday, I _____ three ice creams.
    A. eat
    B. am eating
    C. ate
    D. was eating

21. Where _____ last autumn?
    A. do you go
    B. are you going
    C. did you go
    D. were you going

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Exercise 3 (continued)

22. When I _____ home yesterday, my sister was talking to Mum.
    A. come
    B. am coming
    C. came
    D. was coming

23. When I came home yesterday, my sister _____ to Mum.
    A. talks
    B. is talking
    C. talked
    D. was talking

24. What _____ now?
    A. do you do
    B. are you doing
    C. did you do
    D. were you doing

25. Where _____ on holiday next summer?
    A. do you go
    B. are you going
    C. did you go
    D. were you going

26. What _____ every day after school?
    A. do you do
    B. are you doing
    C. did you do
    D. were you doing

27. What _____ now?
    A. do you do
    B. are you doing
    C. did you do
    D. were you doing

28. What _____ to get for your next birthday?
    A. do you want
    B. are you wanting
    C. did you want
    D. were you wanting

29. I _____ my friends tomorrow.
    A. meet
    B. am meeting
    C. met
    D. was meeting

30. I _____ there by bus tomorrow.
    A. go
    B. am going
    C. went
    D. was going

31. The bus _____ at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.
    A. leaves
    B. is leaving
    C. left
    D. was leaving

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