

CHAPTER 4 : TENSES (THE SEQUENCE OF TENSES)

❖ CƠ SỞ LÝ THUYẾT

🌟 Các thì cơ bản

| Thì Dạng | SIMPLE PRESENT (Hiện tại đơn) | SIMPLE PAST (Quá khứ đơn) |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Khẳng định | S + V[-s/es] | S + V-ed/V cột 2 |
| Phủ định | S + don't / doesn't + V1 | S + didn't + V1 |
| Nghi vấn | Do / Does + S + V1 ...? | Did + S + V1 ...? |
| Dấu hiệu nhận biết | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - always, usually, occasionally, often, ... - every: every day, every year, every Sunday - once a day, twice..., 3 times... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - yesterday - last + time: last week, last Sunday... - time+ ago : two months ago, five years ago... - in the past, in + year (past): in 1990, ... |

| Thì Dạng | PRESENT CONTINUOUS (Hiện tại tiếp diễn) | PAST CONTINUOUS (Quá khứ tiếp diễn) |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Khẳng định | S + am / is / are + V-ing | S + was / were + V-ing |
| Phủ định | S + am not / isn't / aren't + V-ing | S + wasn't / weren't + V-ing |
| Nghi vấn | Am / Is / Are + S + V-ing ...? | Was / Were + S + V-ing ...? |
| Dấu hiệu nhận biết | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - now, at present - at the moment - Sau câu mệnh lệnh : Vd: Keep silent! The baby is sleeping. Look! He is running. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At that moment - When / As + S + (simple past), S + was/ were V-ing Vd: When I came, she was crying. - While : Vd: A dog crossed the road while I was driving. |

| Thì Dạng | PRESENT PERFECT (Hiện tại hoàn thành) | PAST PERFECT (Quá khứ hoàn thành) |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| Khẳng định | S + has / have + V-ed/V cột 3 | S + had + V-ed/V cột 3 |
| Phủ định | S + hasn't / haven't + V-ed/ V cột 3 | S + hadn't + V-ed/ V cột 3 |
| Nghi vấn | Has / Have + S + V-ed/ V cột 3 ...? | Had + S + V-ed/ V cột 3...? |
| Dấu hiệu nhận biết | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - just, already, ever, yet, recently, lately,... - since, for : since 1995, for 9 years - so far, up to now, It is the first time..... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - after + S + had V_{3/ED}, (simple past) - before + (simple past), S + had V_{3/ED} - By the time + S + V(simple past) , S + had V_{3/ED}: cho đến lúc..... |

| Thì Dạng | SIMPLE FUTURE (Tương lai đơn) | FUTURE PERFECT (Tương lai hoàn thành) |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Khẳng định | S + will + V 1 | S + will have+ V-ed/ V cột 3 |
| Phủ định | S + won't + V 1 | S + won't have + V-ed/ V cột 3 |
| Nghi vấn | Will + S + V 1? | Will + S + have + V-ed/ V cột 3...? |

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| Dấu hiệu nhận biết | - tomorrow - next + time : next week, next Monday,.... - in the future | - by the end of this month - by the time+S+ V (simple present), S + will have V _{3/ED} |
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| Thì Dạng | NEAR FUTURE (Tương lai gần) | FUTURE CONTINUOUS (Tương lai tiếp diễn) |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Khẳng định | S + am/is/are going to + V 1 | S + will be + ving |
| Dấu hiệu nhận biết | - Diễn tả 1 kế hoạch, dự định. - Diễn tả 1 dự đoán có căn cứ | - Diễn tả 1 sự việc đang xảy ra ở tương lai. |

✚ Sự phối hợp về thì

Một số cách hòa hợp thì giữa mệnh đề chính và mệnh đề thời gian

| Main clause (Mệnh đề chính) | Adverbial clause of time (Mệnh đề trạng ngữ chỉ thời gian) |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Hiện tại | Hiện tại |
| Quá khứ | Quá khứ |
| Tương lai | Hiện tại |

- TLĐ + until / when / as soon as + HTĐ**
 - I will wait here until she **comes** back.
- TLĐ + after + HTHT**
 - He **will go** home after he has finished his work.
- TLHT + by / by the time / before + HTĐ**
 - He **will have left** by the time you **arrive**
- while / when / as + QKTD, QKĐ**
 - While I was going to school, I met my friend.
- QKĐ + while / when / as + QKTD**
 - It **started** to rain while the boys **were playing** football.
- QKTD + while + QKTD**
 - Last night, I was doing my homework while my sister was playing games.
- HTHT + since + QKĐ**
 - I **have worked** here since I **graduated**
- QKĐ + since then + HTHT**
 - I **graduated** in 2002 since then I **worked** here.
- QKHT + by / by the time / before + QKĐ**
 - He **had left** by the time I came.
- Before + QKĐ + QKHT**
 - Before she **had** dinner, she **had written** letter
- After + QKHT, QKĐ**
 - After I had finished my homework, I **went** to bed.
- QKĐ + after + QKHT**
 - I **went** to bed after I **had finished** my work.

Đổi thì quá khứ đơn sang hiện tại hoàn thành

a. S + last + QKĐ+ thời gian + ago.

=>S + HTHT (phủ định)+ for + thời gian

=>It's / It has been + thời gian + since + S + last + QKĐ.....

=>The last time + S + QKĐ.... + was + thời gian + ago.

b. This is the first time + S + HTHT khẳng định....

=> S + have/ has never V3/ed+ before

c. S + began / started + V-ing + ---

=> S + have / has + V3/-ed + for / since ---

❖ BÀI TẬP ÁP DỤNG

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer.

1. The phone_____ constantly since Jack won the first prize this morning.
a. has been ringing b. rang c. had rung d. had been ringing
2. The earth_____ on the sun for its heat and light.
a. is depend b. depending c. has depend d. depends
3. I don't feel good. I _____ home from work tomorrow.
a. am staying b. stay c. will have stayed d. stayed
4. In the last two decades, space exploration_____ great contributions to weather forecasting.
a. is making b. has made c. made d. makes
5. On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong _____ down onto the moon, the first person ever set foot on another planet.
a. was stepping b. stepped c. has stepped d. was step
6. The wedding party_____ at the Rex Hotel.
a. is b. is being c. will be d. is going to be
7. How many languages_____ John speak?
a. do b. does c. did d. will
8. Hurry! The train_____ I don't want to miss it.
a. comes b. is coming c. came d. has come
9. Angelina Jolie is a famous actress. She _____ in several film.
a. appears b. is appearing c. appeared d. has appeared
10. I saw Maggie at the party. She _____ in several film.
a. wears b. wore c. was wearing d. has worn
11. What time_____ the next train leave?
a. does b. will c. shall d. would
12. Monica_____ with her sister at the moment until she finds a flat.
a. stays b. is staying c. will stay d. is going to stay
13. After I_____ lunch, I looked for my bag.
a. had b. had had c. have has d. have had
14. By the end of next year, George_____ English for 2 years.
a. will have learned b. will learn c. has leaned d. would learn
15. The man got out of the car,_____ round to the back and opened the boot.
a. walking b. walked c. walks d. walk
16. For several years his ambition _____ to be a pilot.
a. is b. has been c. was d. had been
17. Henry_____ into the restaurant when the writer was having dinner.
a. was going b. went c. has gone d. did go
18. He will take the dog out for a walk as soon as he _____ dinner.
a. finish b. finishes c. will finish d. shall have finished
19. Before you asked, the letter_____
a. was written b. had been written c. had written d. has been written

20. She _____ English at RMIT these days.
a. studies b. is studying c. will study d. is going to study
21. She's at her best when she _____ big decisions.
a. is making b. makes c. had made d. will make
22. We _____ next vacation in London.
a. spend b. are spending c. will spend d. are going to spend
23. Robert _____ tomorrow morning on the 10:30 train.
a. arrived b. is arriving c. has arrived d. would arrive
24. Look! The bus _____
a. left b. has left c. leaves d. is leaving
25. Mike _____ one hour ago.
a. phoned b. was phoning c. had phoned d. has phoned
26. I shall be glad when he _____
a. had gone b. did go c. went d. had gone
27. Ask her to come and see me when she _____ her work.
a. finish b. has finished c. finished d. finishing
28. After you finish your work, you _____ a break.
a. should take b. have taken c. might have taken d. takes
29. Oil _____ if you pour it on water
a. floated b. floats c. will be floated d. float
30. When he returned home, he found the door _____.
a. unlocking b. unlocked c. to be unlocked d. have unlocked
31. That dancing club _____ north of the city
a. lays b. lies c. locates d. lain
32. Almost everyone _____ for home by the time we arrived.
a. leave b. left c. leaves d. had left
33. By the age of 25, he _____ two famous novels.
a. wrote b. writes c. has written d. had written
34. While her husband was in the army, Janet _____ to him twice a week.
a. was writing b. wrote c. was written d. had written
35. I couldn't cut the grass because the machine _____ a few days previously.
a. broken down b. has been broken c. had broke down d. breaks down
36. We _____ English this time last week.
a. learned b. were learning c. have learned d. had learned
37. Is it raining? - No, it isn't but the ground is wet. It _____
a. rained b. had rained c. has rained d. has been raining
38. Her family _____ to America before 1975.
a. went b. have gone c. had gone d. would go
39. When I arrived at the party, Martha _____ home already.
a. went b. have gone c. had gone d. would go
40. Henry _____ for 10 years when he finally gave it up.
a. has smoked b. has been smoking c. had smoked d. had been smoking'
41. Yesterday morning I got up and looked out of the window. The sun was shining but the ground was very wet. It _____

- a. rained b. has been raining c. had rained d. had been raining
42. We _____ our examination next month.
a. have b. shall have c. will have had d. will be having
43. Look that those black clouds! It _____
a. is going to rain b. will rain c. would rain d. can rain
44. We _____ English this time next Monday.
a. learn b. will learn c. are learning d. will be learning
45. We _____ this course before the final examination.
a. are going to finish b. have finished c. will finish d. will have finished
46. I _____ "Chicken soup for the soul" but I haven't finished it yet.
a. read b. am reading c. have been reading d. was reading
47. Alan took a photograph of Sandra while she _____
a. didn't look b. wasn't looking c. hasn't looked d. hadn't looked
48. I _____ my key. Can you help me look for it?
a. lose b. lost c. had lost d. have lost
49. Last night Tina _____ in bed when suddenly she heard a scream.
a. read b. was reading c. had read d. had read
50. We _____ a part next week. Would you like to come?
a. have b. will have c. are having d. will have had
51. The Red River _____ very fast today-much faster than yesterday.
a. flows b. is flowing c. will flow d. is going to flow
52. While mother _____ dinner the phone rang.
a. cooked b. had cooked c. has cooked d. was cooking
53. Fish _____ on earth for ages and ages.
a. existed b. are existing c. exist d. have existed
54. When boarding the plane, many passengers were annoyed because they _____ waiting in the airport for three and a half hours.
a. are b. were c. have been d. had been
55. If coastal erosion continues to take place at the present rate, in another fifty years this beach _____ any more.
a. doesn't exist b. isn't going to exist c. isn't existing d. won't be existing
56. Their football team _____ a championship until last season.
a. had never won b. is never winning
c. had never been winning d. had never won
57. By the end of this year, Tom _____ English for three years.
a. will be studying b. has studied c. will have studied d. has been studying
58. In one year's time, I _____ in this school for 15 years.
a. will be working b. will work c. will have studied d. has been studying'
59. They _____ this course by next June.
a. have finished b. will finish c. are going to finish d. will have finished
60. She will go abroad as soon as she _____ this English course.
a. has completed b. will complete c. will have completed d. completed
61. The child _____ before the doctor arrived.
a. died b. had died c. has died d. was dying

62. We cleaned up the room as soon as the guests_____
 a. had left b. has left c. left d. were leaving
63. The secretary_____ the report by 10:00 yesterday.
 a. hasn't finished b. hasn't finished c. didn't finish d. would finish
64. Jane's eyes are red. She_____
 a. cried b. has cried c. has been crying d. had cried
65. This room is dirty. Someone_____ in here.
 a. smoked b. has smoked c. had been smoking d. has been smoking
66. Arsenal_____ next Monday.
 a. wins b. will win c. would win d. is winning
67. it_____ rain tomorrow.
 a. rains b. will rain c. is going to rain d. is raining
68. I'll come and see you before I _____ for America.
 a. leave b. will leave c. have left d. shall leave
69. The little girl asked what_____ to her friend.
 a. has happened b. happened
 c. had happened d. would have been happened
70. John_____ a book when I saw him.
 a. is reading b. read c. was reading d. reading
71. He said he_____ return later.
 a. will b. would c. can d. would be'
72. Jack_____ he door.
 a. has just opened b. open c. will have opened d. opening
73. I have been waiting for you_____
 a. since early morning b. since 9 a.m
 c. for two hours d. all are correct
74. My sister_____ for you since yesterday.
 a. is looking b. was looking c. has been looking d. looked
75. Jack_____ the door.
 a. has just painted b. paint c. will have painted d. painting
76. The train_____ half an hour ago.
 a. has been leaving b. left c. has left d. had left
77. We_____ Doris since last Sunday.
 a. don't see b. haven't seen c. didn't see d. hadn't seen
78. When I last saw him, he_____ in London.
 a. has lived b. is living c. was living d. has been living
79. She is tired now. She_____ for a long time.
 a. has been learning b. has learned c. learns d. learned
80. They will have gone home before you_____ to meet them.
 a. came b. come c. will come d. are coming

Rewrite each of the following sentences with the given words in such a way that it means the same as the sentence printed above it.

1. This is the first time he went abroad.

=> He hasn't.....

2. She started driving 1 month ago.
=> She has.....
3. We began eating when it started to rain.
=> We have.....
4. I last had my hair cut when I left her.
=> I haven't.....
5. It is a long time since we last met.
=> We haven't.....
6. When did you have it ?
=> How long?
7. This is the first time I had such a delicious meal .
=> I haven't.....
8. I haven't seen him for 8 days.
=> The last.....
9. I haven't taken a bath since Monday.
=> It is.....
10. Samuel started keeping a diary in 1997
=> Samuel has.....
11. We started learning English five years ago.
=> We have
12. I began living in Ho Chi Minh City when I was 8.
=> I have.....
13. She has taught the children in this remote village for five months
=> She started
14. He has written to me since April.
=> The last time.....
15. She hasn't had a swim for five years
=> She last
16. They last talked to each other two months ago
=> They haven't
17. The last time she saw her elder sister was in 1999
=> She hasn't
18. She hasn't written to me for years
=> It's years.....
19. Robert and Catherine have been married for ten years
=> It's ten years
20. We have not jogged since August.
=> The.....