

CHUYÊN ĐỀ 10: TENSES AND THE SEQUENCES OF TENSE

A. SUMMARIES OF TENSES

Thì	Cách dùng	Công thức	Từ nhận biết
1. Thì hiện tại đơn	- diễn tả hành động thường xuyên xảy ra. - diễn tả thói quen. - diễn tả thời gian biểu, lịch trình, thông báo. - diễn tả sự thật, chân lí. - diễn tả nghề nghiệp, sở thích, nguồn gốc, bình phẩm.	V(bare): I/ số nhiều V(s/es): số ít am: I is: số ít are: số nhiều <i>Thành lập phủ định và nghi vấn:</i> * V (do/does): (-): S + do/does + not + V(bare) (?): Do/does + S + V (bare)? * Be (am/ is/ are): (-): S + am/is/ are + not + (?): Am/is/are + S +?	- seldom/ rarely/ hardly - sometimes/ occasionally - often/ usually/ frequently - always/ constantly - ever - never - every
2. Thì quá khứ đơn	- diễn tả hành động đã xảy ra và đã chấm dứt trong quá khứ, không còn liên quan tới hiện tại. - diễn tả hành động xảy ra nối tiếp nhau trong quá khứ. - diễn tả hồi ức, kỉ niệm.	Ved/V(cột 2): was: số ít Be: were: số nhiều <i>Thành lập phủ định và nghi vấn:</i> * V(did): (-): S + did+ not+ V(bare) (?): Did + S +V (bare) +? * Be (was/were): (-): S + was/were + not + (?): Was/were + S +?	- ago - last - yesterday - in + một mốc thời gian trong quá khứ (in 2000...)
3. Thì tương lai đơn	- diễn tả những hành động sẽ xảy ra trong tương lai. - diễn tả những dự đoán. - diễn tả lời hứa.	S + will + V(bare) <i>Thành lập phủ định và nghi vấn:</i> (-): S + will + not + V(bare) (?): Will + S + V (bare)?	- tomorrow - next - soon - in + một khoảng thời gian (in an hour...)
4. Thì hiện tại tiếp diễn	- diễn tả hành động đang xảy ra tại thời điểm nói. - diễn tả hành động sẽ xảy ra trong tương lai (có kế hoạch từ trước). - diễn tả sự thay đổi của thói quen. - diễn tả sự ca thán, phàn nàn.	S+ am/is/are + V-ing <i>Thành lập phủ định và nghi vấn:</i> (-): S + am/is/are + not + V-ing (?): Am/ is/ are + S + V-ing?	- now - at the moment - at present - right now - look /hear (!)
5. Thì quá khứ tiếp diễn	- diễn tả hành động đang xảy ra tại một thời điểm xác định trong quá khứ. - diễn tả hành động đang xảy ra thì có hành động khác xen vào, hành động nào xảy ra trước chia thì quá khứ tiếp diễn, hành động nào xảy ra sau chia thì quá khứ đơn.	S + was/were + V-ing <i>Thành lập phủ định và nghi vấn:</i> (-): S+ was/ were + not + V-ing (?): Was/ were + S+ V-ing?	- giờ + trạng từ quá khứ (at 3 pm yesterday...) - at this/that time + trạng từ quá khứ (at this time last week....)

6. Thì tương tại tiếp diễn	- diễn tả hành động đang diễn ra vào một thời điểm cụ thể trong tương lai. - diễn tả hành động sẽ đang xảy ra trong tương lai thì có hành động khác xen vào, hành động nào xảy ra trước chia thì tương lai tiếp diễn, hành động nào xảy ra sau chia thì hiện tại đơn.	S + will + be + V-ing Thành lập phủ định và nghi vấn: (-): S + will + not + be + V-ing (?): Will + S + be + V-ing?	- giờ + trạng từ tương lai (at 3 pm tomorrow...) - at this/that time + trạng từ tương lai (at this time next week....)
7. Thì hiện tại hoàn thành	- diễn tả hành động xảy ra trong quá khứ nhưng không rõ thời gian. - diễn tả hành động lặp đi lặp lại nhiều lần trong quá khứ. - diễn tả hành động xảy ra trong quá khứ nhưng để lại dấu hiệu hoặc hậu quả ở hiện tại. - diễn tả những trải nghiệm. - diễn tả những hành động xảy ra trong quá khứ nhưng kéo dài tới hiện tại và vẫn còn có khả năng sẽ tiếp diễn trong tương lai.	S + have/ has + V(pp) (have: I / số nhiều has: số ít) Thành lập phủ định và nghi vấn: (-): S + have/ has + not + V(pp) (?): Have/ Has + S + V(pp)?	- for - since - ever - never - so far - recently - lately - before (đứng cuối câu) - up to now/ up to present/ until now - yet - just - already
8. Thì quá khứ hoàn thành	- diễn tả những hành động xảy ra và hoàn thành trước hành động khác trong quá khứ.	S + had + V(pp) Thành lập phủ định và nghi vấn: (-): S + had + not + V(pp) (?): Had + S + V(pp)?	- before/by the time (trước chia quá khứ hoàn thành, sau chia quá khứ đơn). - after (trước chia quá khứ đơn, sau chia quá khứ hoàn thành).
9. Thì tương lai hoàn thành	- diễn tả hành động sẽ được hoàn thành trước khi một hành động khác xảy đến.	S + will + have + V(pp) Thành lập phủ định và nghi vấn: (-): S + will + not + have + V(pp) (?): Will + S + have + V (pp)?	
10. Thì hiện tại hoàn thành tiếp diễn	- nhấn mạnh khoảng thời gian của một hành động đã xảy ra trong quá khứ và tiếp tục tới hiện tại (có thể tiếp diễn trong tương lai).	S + have/has + been + V-ing Thành lập phủ định và nghi vấn: (-): S + have/has + not + been + V-ing (?): Have/has + S + been + V-ing?	- all day/week.... - almost every day this week... - in the past year...
11. Thì quá khứ	nhấn mạnh khoảng thời gian của một hành động đã xảy ra trong quá khứ và kết thúc trước một	S + had + been + V-ing Thành lập phủ định và nghi vấn: (-): S + had + not + been + V-ing (?): Had + S + been + V-ing?	- until then - prior to that time

hoàn thành tiếp diễn	hành động quá khứ khác.		
12. Thì tương lai hoàn thành tiếp diễn	nhấn mạnh khoảng thời gian của một hành động sẽ đang xảy ra trong tương lai và kết thúc trước một hành động tương lai khác.	S + will + have + been + V-ing Thành lập phủ định và nghi vấn: (-): S + will + not + have + been + V-ing (?): Will + S + have + been + V-ing?	

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WHEN	diễn tả hành động xảy ra nối tiếp nhau	Trong QUÁ KHỨ: WHEN + S + V (quá khứ đơn), S + V (quá khứ đơn) Eg: When he <u>saw</u> me, he <u>smiled</u> , at me.
		Trong TƯƠNG LAI: WHEN + S + V (hiện tại đơn), S + V (tương lai đơn) Eg: When I <u>see</u> him, I <u>will remind</u> him to call you.
	diễn tả một hành động đang xảy ra thì có hành động khác xen vào	Trong QUÁ KHỨ: WHEN + S + V (quá khứ đơn), S + V (quá khứ tiếp diễn) Eg: When I <u>came</u> to see her, she <u>was cooking</u> dinner.
		Trong TƯƠNG LAI: WHEN + S + V (hiện tại đơn), S + V (tương lai tiếp diễn) Eg: When you <u>come</u> in, your boss <u>will be waiting</u> for you there.
	diễn tả một hành động xảy ra xong trước một hành động khác	Trong QUÁ KHỨ: WHEN + S + V (quá khứ đơn), S + V (quá khứ hoàn thành) Eg: When I <u>arrived</u> at the airport, the plane <u>had taken</u> off
		Trong TƯƠNG LAI: WHEN + S + V (hiện tại đơn), S + V (tương lai hoàn thành) Eg: When you <u>return</u> to the town, they <u>will have finished</u> building a new bridge.
AS SOON AS (ngay khi)	diễn tả hành động xảy ra nối tiếp nhau	Trong QUÁ KHỨ: AS SOON AS + S + V (quá khứ đơn), S + V (quá khứ đơn) Eg: As soon as she <u>saw</u> a mouse, she <u>shouted</u> and ran away.
		Trong TƯƠNG LAI: AS SOON AS + S + V (hiện tại đơn/hiện tại hoàn thành), S + V (tương lai đơn) Eg: I <u>will call</u> you as soon as I <u>have finished</u> / <u>finish</u> the work.
SINCE (từ khi)	diễn tả nghĩa “từ khi”	S + V (hiện tại hoàn thành) + SINCE + V (quá khứ đơn) Eg: We <u>have known</u> each other since we <u>were</u> at high school.
BY + TIME (tính đến)	diễn tả hành động kết thúc tính đến một điểm nào đó trong quá khứ/tương lai	Trong QUÁ KHỨ: BY + trạng từ của quá khứ + S + V (quá khứ hoàn thành) Eg: By last month, we <u>had worked</u> for the company for 9 years.
		Trong TƯƠNG LAI: BY + trạng từ của tương lai + S + V (tương lai hoàn thành) Eg: By next month, we <u>will have worked</u> for the company for 9 years.
AT THIS/ THAT	diễn tả hành động đang xảy ra tại một	Trong QUÁ KHỨ: AT THIS/THAT TIME + trạng từ của quá khứ + S + V (quá khứ tiếp

TIME	thời điểm xác định trong quá khứ/tương lai	diễn) Eg: At this time last week, we <u>were preparing</u> for Tet.
		Trong TƯƠNG LAI: AT THIS/THAT TIME + trạng từ của tương lai + S + V (tương lai tiếp diễn) Eg: At this time next week, we <u>will be having</u> a big party in the garden.
BY THE TIME (vào lúc) cho tới lúc, cho tới khi	diễn tả nghĩa “vào lúc”	Trong QUÁ KHỨ: BY THE TIME + S + V (quá khứ đơn), S + V (quá khứ hoàn thành) Eg: By the time she <u>got</u> home, everyone <u>had gone</u> to bed.
		Trong TƯƠNG LAI: BY THE TIME + S + V (hiện tại đơn), S + V (tương lai hoàn thành) Eg: By the time she <u>gets</u> home, everyone <u>will have gone</u> to bed.
AFTER	diễn tả hành động xảy ra xong rồi mới tới hành động khác	Trong QUÁ KHỨ: AFTER + S + V (quá khứ hoàn thành), S + V (quá khứ đơn) Eg: After she <u>had done</u> her homework, she <u>went</u> out for a walk.
		Trong TƯƠNG LAI: AFTER + S + V (hiện tại hoàn thành), S + V (hiện tại đơn) Eg: After she <u>has done</u> her homework, she <u>goes</u> out for a walk.
BEFORE	diễn tả hành động xảy ra xong trước khi có hành động khác tới	Trong QUÁ KHỨ: BEFORE + S + V (quá khứ đơn), S + V (quá khứ hoàn thành) Eg: Before she <u>went</u> to bed, she <u>had locked</u> all the doors.
		Trong TƯƠNG LAI: BEFORE + S + V (hiện tại đơn), S + V (tương lai hoàn thành) Eg: Hurry up or the film <u>will have ended</u> before we <u>go</u> to the movie.
UNTIL/ TILL	diễn tả nghĩa “cho tới khi”	S + V (tương lai đơn)/ V(bare)/DON'T + V(bare) + UNTIL/TILL + S + V (hiện tại đơn/hiện tại hoàn thành) Eg: I <u>will wait</u> for you until it <u>is</u> possible. <u>Wait</u> here until I <u>come</u> back.

B. PRACTICE EXERCISES

Exercise 1 :

Choose the best word or phrase to complete in the following questions.

Question 1 : We can go out now. It _____ anymore.

- A. isn't raining B. rains C. has rained D. has been raining

Question 2 : What _____ in your spare time? Do you have any hobbies?

- A. have you done B. are you doing C. do you do D. have you been doing

Question 3 : Mary usually _____ me on Fridays, but she didn't call last Friday.

- A. have been calling B. calls C. is calling D. have called

Question 4 : I _____ hungry. Let's have something to eat.

- A. am feeling B. have felt C. feel D. have been feeling

Question 5 : What is that noise? What _____?

- A. have been happening B. is happening
C. have happened D. had happened

Question 6 : It's usually dry here at this time of the year. It _____ much.

- A. isn't raining B. hasn't rained
C. hasn't been raining D. doesn't rain

Question 7 : Look! That man over there _____ the same sweater as you.

- A. has worn B. is wearing C. wears D. have been wearing

Question 8 : I wonder why Jim _____ so nice to me today. He isn't usually like that.

- A. is being B. have been C. is D. have being

Question 9 : Mary wasn't happy with her new job at first, but she _____ to like it now.

A. begins B. have begun C. is beginning D. have been beginning

Question 10 : This is a nice restaurant, isn't it? Is this the first time you _____ here?

A. are B. have been C. are being D. have being

Question 11 : I need a new job. I _____ the same job for too long.

A. are doing B. have done C. have been doing D. do

Question 12 : "You look tired". "Yes, I _____ basketball".

A. plays B. is playing C. have played D. have been playing

Question 13 : 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

Question 14 : Bod and Alice have been married _____.

A. that 20 years B. since 20 years C. when 20 years D. for 20 years

Question 15 : - I am looking for Paul. You _____ him?

- Yes, he was here a minute ago.

A. Have - seen B. Did - see C. Do - see D. Is - seeing

Question 16 : Unless she _____ extra, she will not complete the work.

A. is paying B. have been paying C. pays D. is paid

Question 17 : 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

Question 18 : All right, you'll try to fix the television! But I _____ you know what you're doing.

A. hope B. have hoped C. is hoping D. have been hoping

Question 19 : Who _____ at the door?

A. knock B. is knocking
C. have been knocking D. have knocked

Question 20 : How long it _____ you to get to the library?

A. does - take B. have - taken C. is - taking D. have - been taking

Question 21 : Many girls want to go to the pub while only a minority _____ to watch TV at home now.

A. is wanting B. want C. will want D. wants

Question 22 : They've faxed me I should stay till they _____ a replacement. Well, last time it took two weeks.

A. found B. will find C. find D. had found

Question 23 : Let's have some tea. It _____ chilly.

A. gets B. is getting C. have gotten D. have been getting

Question 24 : Don't talk to him while he _____.

A. have been reading B. reads C. is reading D. have read

Question 25 : Ann wants to see you. You _____ here for ages!

A. have been B. are C. had been D. are being

Question 26 : - Your house is very beautiful. How long you _____ here?

- Nearly ten years.

A. did - live B. have - been living C. do - live D. is - living

Question 27 : I _____ to the movies for ages. We used to go a lot.

A. haven't gone B. didn't go C. isn't going D. hadn't gone

Question 28 : Why are you putting on your coat? You _____ out?

A. Do - go B. Have - gone C. Had - gone D. Are - going

Question 29 : Look! That plane _____ toward the airport. It is going to land.

A. flies B. have flown C. is flying D. will fly

Question 30 : Ann is very tired. She _____ tennis for three hours.

A. is playing B. will play C. plays D. has been playing

Question 31 : He works in a bank, but he _____ it very much.

A. doesn't enjoy B. haven't enjoyed C. didn't enjoy D. hadn't enjoyed

Question 32 : I _____ well lately. Maybe I should go to the doctor.

A. didn't feel B. won't feel
C. haven't been feeling D. am not feeling

Question 33 : I _____ my homework for two hours, but I _____ yet.

- A. have done - haven't finished B. is doing - isn't finishing
C. will do - will not finish D. have been doing - haven't finished

Question 34 : Let's take our travel chess set in case we _____ bored on the train.

- A. get B. are getting C. got D. have got

Question 35 : We _____ get in touch with our customers by post.

- A. recently B. hardly C. lately D. latterly

Question 36 : We have been married _____.

- A. over twenty years B. over twenty years ago
C. for over twenty years D. since over twenty years

Question 37 : Melanie _____ her hand. It's bleeding heavily.

- A. has cut B. is cutting C. cut D. cuts

Question 38 : "When will Mary be able to leave hospital?" - "Don't be so impatient. We cannot release her before we _____ the last test."

- A. have completed B. will have completed
C. will complete D. completed

Question 39 : The Amazon River _____ into the Atlantic Ocean.

- A. flows B. has flowed C. is flowing D. will flow

Question 40 : My parents live in _____ London. They _____ there _____ all their lives.

- A. are living B. had lived C. have lived D. will live

Question 41 : Where have you been? I _____ for you for the last half hour.

- A. am looking B. have been looking C. will be looking D. look

Question 42 : My brother is an actor. He _____ in several movies.

- A. appeared B. had appeared C. has appeared D. appears

Question 43 : Please don't bother him now. He _____.

- A. is working B. has been working C. had been working D. was working

Question 44 : I _____ an interesting book at the moment. I will lend it to you when I _____ it.

- A. am reading - have finished B. read - am finishing
C. have read - am finishing D. read - will finish

Question 45 : Ha never _____ fishing in the winter but she always _____ it in the summer.

- A. goes - does B. has gone - done C. go - do D. was gone - done

Question 46 : We can win only if we remain united, so we must support them the moment they _____ on strike.

- A. will have gone B. will go C. go D. went

Question 47 : I am sorry. I _____ that fellow's name already.

- A. forgot B. have forgotten
C. have been forgetting D. forget

Question 48 : It usually _____ very much in that part of the United States.

- A. is raining B. rained C. rains D. have rained

Question 49 : Look! A man _____ after the train. He wants to catch it.

- A. runs B. have been running C. will run D. is running

Exercise 2 :

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

Question 1 : Hoang _____ his email four times a week in order not to miss anything important.

- A. checks B. will check C. is checking D. check

Question 2 : Nowadays, people _____ social networks with more and more caution.

- A. uses B. are using C. used D. use

Question 3 : At the moment, my sister _____ her homework, my brother _____ games.

- A. is making - is playing B. is doing - is playing
C. does - plays D. makes - is playing

Question 4 : It's 7.00 p.m. now and we _____ meal together. We usually _____ dinner at that time.

- A. have - eat B. have - are eating C. are having - eat D. are having - are eating

Question 5 : I _____ a bike to school every day but today I _____ to school by bus because it was stolen yesterday.

- A. rode - went B. ride - am going C. ride - go D. is riding - am going

Question 6 : That Hoa _____ in class affects other students around.

- A. always talk B. is always talking C. always talks D. always talking

Question 7 : Hoang and Phong _____ football as they're having class now.

- A. don't play B. are playing C. doesn't play D. aren't playing

Question 8 : Hoa usually _____ charge of doing the washing-up in her family.

- A. takes B. is taking C. take D. will take

Question 9 : Our friends _____ for the fashion show now.

- A. is preparing B. are preparing C. prepares D. prepare

Question 10 : All staff in this restaurant _____ an urgent meeting right now.

- A. are attending B. is attending C. attends D. attend

Question 11 : After the physics lesson, the children know that water _____ at 100 Degrees C.

- A. will boil B. is boiling C. boils D. boil

Question 12 : My mom _____ to the supermarket every Sunday for shopping.

- A. goes B. go C. is going D. are going

Question 13 : Look! Minh _____ on stage. She looks so beautiful.

- A. sings B. are singing C. is singing D. sang

Question 14 : Bich sometimes _____ chicken noodle soup for breakfast.

- A. are having B. is having C. have D. has

Question 15 : Who _____ the guitar in that room, Hoa?

- A. playing B. is playing C. play D. plays

Question 16 : Jenny often _____ jeans and T-shirt at school but she _____ a gorgeous dress today.

- A. wears - is wearing B. is wearing - wears

- C. wear - is wearing D. wears - wears

Question 17 : First thing in the morning, I _____ a cup of milk tea.

- A. has B. am having C. have D. will have

Question 18 : Ms. Kim _____ very well when she's under pressure.

- A. not work B. don't work C. isn't working D. doesn't work

Question 19 : I'm sorry. Lan is busy now. She _____ her document on the second floor.

- A. are checking B. check C. checks D. is checking

Question 20 : Hurry up, Linh. Other friends _____ for us.

- A. are waiting B. waits C. wait D. is waiting

Question 21 : My clothes are not in the room. They _____ them away.

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

Question 22 : She _____ for 10 hours! You must wake her up.

- A. sleeps B. is sleeping C. has been sleeping D. slept

Question 23 : David _____ the TV set at the moment. He _____ at it for one hour or so.

- A. is repairing/ has worked B. repairs/has been working

- C. has repaired/has been working D. repairs/worked

Question 24 : David _____ his hands. He just _____ the TV set.

- A. washes/has just repaired B. is washing/has just been repairing

- C. is washing/ has just repaired D. has washed/ has just repaired

Question 25 : Why _____? _____ you his anecdotes?

- A. are you laughing/has Jim told B. are you laughing/has Jim been telling

- C. have you laughed/ has Jim told D. have you laughed/ has Jim been telling

Exercise 3 :

Choose the best word or phrase to complete in the following questions.

Question 1 : She passed her examination because she _____ very hard.

- A. studied B. was studying C. had been studying D. studies

Question 2 : You _____ out last night or were you tired?

- A. Did - went B. Had - gone C. Did - go D. Had - been going

Question 3 : This time yesterday I _____ tennis with my classmates.

- A. played B. was playing C. had played D. would play

Question 4 : Nicole _____ television a lot when she _____ sick last year.

- A. watched - was B. had watched - had been
C. was watching - was D. had been watching - was

Question 5 : Mary _____ home when she met Dave.

- A. came B. had come C. had been coming D. was coming

Question 6 : The doorbell _____ while I _____ a shower.

- A. was ringing - took B. rang - was taking
C. had rung - took D. had been ringing - took

Question 7 : When I was young, I _____ to be a pilot.

- A. wanted B. had wanted C. would want D. wants

Question 8 : The war _____ out three years ago.

- A. was breaking B. had broken C. broke D. have been breaking

Question 9 : When he was young, he _____ in the army.

- A. had been serving B. serves C. have served D. served

Question 10 : She often goes to school by bike but yesterday she _____ by bus.

- A. travelled B. have been travelling
C. had travelled D. travels

Question 11 : He _____ a cup of coffee every morning many years ago.

- A. have been drinking B. drank
C. had drunk D. was drinking

Question 12 : Yesterday she _____ to pay me for my helping her but I didn't accept.

- A. will offer B. was offering C. had offered D. offered

Question 13 : There _____ a lot of grass in the garden last summer.

- A. had been B. were C. have been D. will be

Question 14 : It's time we _____ something to help him.

- A. will do B. had done C. did D. was doing

Question 15 : Mr Brown _____ in Paris when the Second World War broke out.

- A. lived B. was _____ living C. had lived D. will live

Question 16 : I and my mom _____ comic at this time last night.

- A. read B. had been reading C. have read D. were reading

Question 17 : At 10.p.m last night, my younger brother _____ games online.

- A. had been playing B. was playing C. will be playing D. have been playing

Question 18 : People _____ all trees along the streets at this time two years ago.

- A. are planting B. will have been planting
C. were planting D. will be planting

Question 19 : She _____ her homework at this time yesterday morning?

- A. Was-doing B. Had - been doing C. Do-do D. Will - be doing

Question 20 : They _____ dinner when we _____.

- A. had - was coming B. had had - came
C. come - will be coming D. were having - came

Question 21 : At 8.am yesterday they _____ dinner while we _____ TV.

- A. will be having - will be watching B. were having - were watching
C. are having - are watching D. will have had - will have watched

Question 22 : When I went out, the sun _____.

- A. will be shining B. is shining C. was shining D. had been shining

Question 23 : We _____ to the station when it _____ to rain.

- A. were walking - began B. had been walking - began
C. have been walking - begins D. will be walking - begin

Question 24 : The servant dropped two cups while she _____ up last night.

- A. is washing B. had been washing
C. have been washing D. was washing

Question 25 : Almost everybody _____ by the time we arrived.

- A. have been leaving B. had left C. was leaving D. have left

Question 26 : The secretary _____ until she _____ her work.

- A. hadn't left - finish B. don't leave - had finished
C. didn't leave - had finished D. wasn't leaving - finished

Question 27 : The teacher asked the boy why he _____ his homework.

- A. have done B. did C. have been doing D. hadn't done

Question 28 : 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

Question 29 : Hardly _____ a mile when it had a flat tyre.

- A. had the car gone B. did the car go C. had the car go D. do the car go

Question 30 : The weather _____ far worse than we _____.

- A. is - have expected B. was - was expected
C. was - have been expecting D. was - had expected

Question 31 : They _____ for five years when they finally had a child.

- A. will have been married B. had been married
C. have married D. will be marrying

Question 32 : When she _____ her work, she _____ to the cinema.

- A. finished - had gone B. was finishing - had been going
C. had finished - went D. had been finishing - was going

Question 33 : At the time of our first meeting there was a considerable difference between me and him; he _____ articles in magazines for over five years while I was practically unknown.

- A. had been publishing B. was publishing
C. has been publishing D. published

Question 34 : The house _____ to the ground by the time the firemen _____

- A. burned - had arrived B. had burned - arrived
C. was burning - arrived D. burned - was arriving

Question 35 : I _____ the accident when I was waiting for the taxi.

- A. saw B. was seeing C. had been seeing D. have seen

Question 36 : I agree that while the soup was OK, the meat was too dry - we _____ it about 20 minutes too long.

- A. had roasted B. roast C. had roast D. have been roasting

Question 37 : At this time last night while people were talking to each other, he _____ his book.

- A. was reading B. is reading C. have read D. reads

Question 38 : While we _____ in the park, Mary fell over.

- A. ran B. are running C. had been running D. were running

Question 39 : _____ I was listening to music, I heard the doorbell.

- A. When B. While C. If D. Because

Question 40 : How long _____ English before she went to London?

- A. did she learn B. had she been learning
C. have she learnt D. was she learning

Question 41 : They _____ at the station for 90 minutes when the train finally arrived.

- A. were waiting B. will be learning C. had been waiting D. are learning

Question 42 : We _____ for her ring for two hours and then we found it in the bathroom.

- A. had been looking B. were looking C. will be learning D. have been learning

Question 43 : Frank Sinatra caught the flu because he _____ in the rain too long.

- A. was singing B. will be learning C. is singing D. had been singing

Question 44 : When police were investigating the road accident, they discovered that the driver _____ two road accidents before.

- A. had been involved in B. had been being involved in
C. will be involving in D. will have involved in

Question 45 : They _____ anyone while they were walking home because it was raining.

A. weren't seeing B. hadn't see C. didn't see D. weren't seen

Question 46 : Although at that time my knowledge of German was very poor, I _____ most of what they said.

A. understood B. have understood
C. managed to understand D. didn't understand

Question 47 : We watched the film The Godfather last night. We had seen the film about 3 times before but we watched it again because John _____ it.

A. had been seeing B. had never seen C. have never seen D. have been eating

Question 48 : We _____ for nearly 100 kilometres before we finally found a service station we could stop at.

A. had driven B. have been driving C. had been driving D. have driven

Question 49 : I _____ a student in Moloxop School in 1998.

A. was B. were C. to be D. to was

Question 50 : When I got home I realised that while I _____ someone had stolen my wallet.

A. had walked B. have been walking C. have walked D. had been walking

Exercise 4 :

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

Question 1 : We _____ to the hospital to visit Mike when he _____ to say that he was fine.

A. were driving - was calling B. drove - called
C. were driving - called D. drove - was calling

Question 2 : What _____ to you on Sunday night?

A. happen B. happened C. was happening D. would happen

Question 3 : Last night, we _____ for you for ages but you never _____ up.

A. waited - showed B. would wait - showed
C. were waiting - were showing D. waited - was showing

Question 4 : We _____ our quality time when the unexpected guest _____.

A. had - came B. were having - came
C. had been having - came D. have had - would have come

Question 5 : Since they _____ us they _____ to visit us last Sunday, we _____ forward to the day.

A. were telling - came - looked B. would tell - would visit - would look
C. told - would come - were looking D. tell - are coming - will look

Question 6 : I _____ out last night but at the last minute I _____ that I had a quiz this morning

A. was going - realized B. went - realized
C. had gone - would realize D. would go — have realized

Question 7 : She hasn't paid as much attention to her children as she _____ since she _____ working.

A. does - starts B. did - started
C. was doing - was starting D. has done - would start

Question 8 : My brother _____ at the road when he _____ into a hole.

A. wasn't looking - was falling B. didn't look - has fallen
C. wasn't looking - fell D. won't look - fall

Question 9 : Magellan _____ the first European who _____ through the strait.

A. was - was sailing B. was being - was sailing
C. had been - sailed D. was - sailed

Question 10 : The first self-sufficient village in Britain _____ the Norman's idea.

They were some strange invaders who _____ to change the country in a better way.

A. was - hoped B. is - have hoped
C. have been - were hoping D. was being - had hoped

Question 11 : Linda only _____ the film after she _____ the book.

A. understood - read B. understood - had read
C. had understood - read D. understood - was reading

Question 12 : _____ you ever _____ on TV before you _____ in this reality show?

A. Had ... appeared - took part

B. Have ... appeared - took part

C. Did ... appear - had taken part

D. Would ... appear - took part

Question 13 : I wasn't sure how Belinda would react because I _____ her long.

A. didn't know

B. wasn't knowing

C. hadn't been knowing

D. hadn't known

Question 14 : I wanted to say goodbye to Jerry, but he _____.

A. was already left

B. already left

C. had already been leaving

D. had already left

Question 15 : When we _____ to the airport, I realized that I _____ my passport at home.

A. got - had left

B. got - was left

C. got - left

D. had got - had left

Question 16 : He _____ the umbrella in his right hand trying to keep his balance.

A. hold

B. held

C. has been holding

D. has held

Question 17 : When I met Walters about two years before his death he didn't seem satisfied. He _____ no major book since he settled in Uganda.

A. has published

B. could have published

C. published

D. had published

Question 18 : Throughout the campaign we _____ our candidate's photographs on the walls of public buildings, hoping to attract women's votes.

A. have been hanging

B. hanged

C. hung

D. have hung

Question 19 : Many of the people who attended Major Gordon's funeral _____ him for many years.

A. didn't see

B. wouldn't see

C. haven't seen

D. hadn't seen

Question 20 : Seeing Peter's handwriting on the envelope, she _____ the letter without reading it. She has not mentioned it ever since.

A. was tearing

B. tore

C. had tom

D. has tom

Question 21 : We were both very excited about the visit, as we _____ each other for ages.

A. never saw

B. didn't see

C. hadn't seen

D. haven't seen

Question 22 : What made you think he _____ in the Royal Air Force?

A. must have to be

B. had been

C. was being

D. had had to be

Question 23 : Without turning my head in the direction of the gate I _____ a small object just under the fence.

A. spotted

B. had spotted

C. have spotted

D. was spotted

Question 24 : With just one exception, the report says, each of the trees that was cut down _____ very expensive treatment for periods of up to ten years.

A. had to be undergone

B. was undergone

C. has undergone

D. had undergone

Question 25 : They _____ married for two years or so when Roy employed a very attractive Indian secretary in his Glasgow office.

A. only have been

B. were only

C. have only been

D. had only been

Question 26 : I know too little Dutch to have understood what they were talking about. What I _____ was that their boss would be there the next morning.

A. understood

B. didn't understand

C. have understood

D. could have understood

Question 27 : The driver _____ violently and managed to stop the car just inches from the body lying on the road.

A. was braking

B. has braked

C. braked

D. had braked

Question 28 : They stopped to take a rest because they _____ long enough.

A. have worked

B. had been working

C. worked

D. were working

Question 29 : The performance _____ at 7 o'clock and _____ for three hours. We all _____ it.

A. had begun/lasted/enjoyed

B. began/had lasted/enjoyed

C. began/lasted/enjoyed

D. began/lasted/enjoy

Question 30 : By the time you _____ cooking, they had done their homework.

A. finished B. had finished C. finish D. were finishing

Exercise 5:

Choose the best word or phrase to complete in the following questions.

Question 1 : He _____ to the theatre tonight. He has got a free ticket.

A. goes B. is going C. went D. will go

Question 2 : Not a cloud in the sky. It _____ another warm day.

A. may be B. will be C. is D. is going to be

Question 3 : When I retire, I _____ to Barbados to live.

A. am going to come back B. will come back
C. shall come back _____ D. am coming back

Question 4 : What time _____ tomorrow?

A. are you going to leave B. do you leave
C. will you leave D. would you leave

Question 5 : Who _____ the next World Cup?

A. is going to win B. is wining C. will win D. win

Question 6 : The traffic is terrible. We _____ our flight.

A. miss B. will miss C. are missing D. are going to miss

Question 7 : I _____ my books for my readers in a book exhibition at this time tomorrow.

A. am going to sign B. will be signing C. will sign D. will have been signing

Question 8 : We _____ her the truth when she _____ home.

A. are going to tell - will come B. are telling - comes
C. will tell - will come D. will tell - comes

Question 9 : In two months' time, Raymond _____ from the college with a degree and will be expecting a respected and well-paid job.

A. will be graduating B. has graduated
C. will have graduated D. has been graduating

Question 10 : They _____ our winter house by the time we _____ from our summer house.

A. painted - had returned B. will have painted - return
C. will be painting - have returned D. have been painting - have returned

Question 11 : A: Can you join us for a picnic tomorrow?

B: Thanks, but I _____ to the cinema with Anna.

A. go B. will go C. am going D. have gone

Question 12 : Next Saturday at this time, we _____ on the beach in Mexico.

A. will relax B. relax C. will be relaxing D. are going to relax

Question 13 : Let's take her some pizza and Coke. I'm sure she will be tired when we get home, because she _____ the flat all afternoon.

A. will have been cleaning B. will be cleaning
C. is going to clean D. have been cleaning

Question 14 : In six months' time, she _____ from the university.

A. is going to graduate B. will be graduating
C. will graduate D. will have graduated

Question 15 : If you need to reach us, we _____ at the Fairmont Hotel that time.

A. have been staying B. are staying C. will be staying D. had been staying

Question 16 : We _____ you as soon as we arrive in Paris.

A. will call B. call C. have called D. would call

Question 17 : You _____ yourselves in the Caribbean, while we're stuck here in New York with this cold weather.

A. are staying B. will be enjoying C. have been staying D. had been staying

Question 18 : Susan _____ credit card payments until her debt is all paid off.

A. make B. have made C. are made D. will make

Question 19 : The sky is very black. It _____.

A. snows B. is snowing C. is going to snow D. will snow

Question 20 : But all these things _____ if you marry me.

A. will happen only B. will only happen C. happen D. are going to happen

Question 21 : I haven't made up my mind yet. But I think I _____ something nice in my mum's wardrobe.

A. am going to B. will find C. am finding D. was finding

Question 22 : My horoscope says that I _____ an old friend this week.

A. meet B. will meet C. am meeting D. meets

Question 23 : At this time next Friday evening Mrs. Almanac _____ refreshments for her son's engagement party and _____ her future daughter-in-law.

A. will prepare - will be helping B. will be preparing - will be helping

C. will be preparing - will help D. will prepare - will have helped

Question 24 : By the end of next year, George _____ English for 2 years.

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

Question 25 : When will you send the message? - We _____ it by Friday.

A. will deliver B. am going to deliver

C. will be delivering D. will have delivered

Question 26 : Can we start the party at 3 o'clock? - I don't think so. All our guests _____ by then. I'm afraid.

A. won't have arrived B. don't arrive C. haven't arrived D. didn't arrive

Question 27 : - What does a blonde say when she sees a banana skin lying just a few metres in front of her? - Oh dear! I _____.

A. to slip B. will slip C. am slipping D. am going to slip

Question 28 : Here is the weather forecast. Tomorrow _____ dry and sunny.

A. is going to be B. will be C. is D. would be

Question 29 : Can I have a look at your photos tomorrow? - No, I'm sorry. I _____ them by tomorrow.

A. will not develop B. shall not develop

C. will not have developed D. am developing

Question 30 : I know by the time they come to my house this evening, I _____ out for a walk.

A. will have gone B. will go C. will be going D. shall go

Question 31 : These machines _____ very well by the time you come back next month.

A. will be working B. are going to work C. will have worked D. are working

Question 32 : I hope they _____ building the road by the time we come back next summer.

A. are finishing B. will be working C. are going to work D. will have finished

Question 33 : By 2020, the number of schools in our country _____.

A. will double B. will have doubled C. are doubling D. shall double

Question 34 : They _____ the classroom by the end of the hour.

A. are going to leave B. will be leaving C. will have left D. are leaving

Question 35 : They _____ pingpong when their father comes back home.

A. will play B. will be playing C. play D. would play

Question 36 : I'm going on holiday on Saturday. This time next week I _____ on a beach in the sea.

A. will lie B. am lying C. will be lying D. should be lying

Question 37 : At 8 o'clock this evening my friends and I _____ a famous film at the cinema.

A. were watching B. will be watching C. have been watching D. watched

Question 38 : They _____ their presentation at this time tomorrow morning.

A. are making B. are going to make C. will be making D. will make

Question 39 : When they _____ tomorrow, we _____ in the sea.

A. come - swim B. are coming - swim

C. are coming - are swimming D. come - will be swimming

Question 40 : She _____ from the excursion by 6 o'clock.

A. will have returned B. is going to return

C. is returning D. will be returning

Question 41 : We _____ working for ten days when they pay our wages tomorrow.

A. were going to be B. are going to C. will be D. will have been

Question 42 : By the end of next month, I _____ the project to the committee.

A. will have presented B. will present

C. will be presenting

D. will have been presenting

Question 43 : She _____ the movie before you bring the DVD.

A. is seeing

B. will be seeing

C. is going to see

D. will have seen

Question 44 : When you look through the small window, you _____ that the safe is in its usual place.

A. would discover

B. discovered

C. will be discovering

D. will discover

Question 45 : Tell him I _____ anything with him until I have spoken with my wife.

A. won't discuss

B. haven't discussed

C. don't discuss

D. didn't discuss

Question 46 : When I finish this course, I _____ to the next level.

A. have gone

B. will go

C. went

D. would go

Question 47 : She is really worried that she _____ to the exam because she doesn't have her identity card on her.

A. haven't admitted

B. is not admitting

C. hadn't been admitted

D. won't be admitted

Question 48 : My mom _____ for two days by the time I see her.

A. will have been travelling

B. has been travelling

C. will has been travelling

D. has been travelled

Question 49 : That cat _____ you if you pull its tail.

A. scratches

B. has scratched

C. will scratch

D. is going to scratch

Question 50 : I _____ Alex your letter when I see her tomorrow.

A. will send

B. am going to send

C. are sending

D. shall send

Question 51 : - What are your plans for the holiday?

- I _____ my grandparents and then go trekking in Sapa.

A. am going to visit

B. shall go

C. will go to visit

D. will go

Exercise 6 :

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

Question 1 : While they _____ to Wyoming, their car ran out of gas.

A. drove

B. had been driving

C. have driven

D. were driving

Question 2 : Alice looked much slimmer because she _____ for a few months.

A. had been dieting

B. has been dieting

C. was dieting

D. diets

Question 3 : When she's done the ironing, she _____ the length of the dress for me.

A. is altering

B. altered

C. will alter

D. has altered

Question 4 : You are too slow. I'm sure that by the time you phone them, they _____ that car to someone else.

A. will sell

B. will have sold

C. are going to sell

D. are selling

Question 5 : As soon as they _____ my last book, I _____ you a copy with my autograph.

A. will print - will send

B. had printed - will send

C. printed - will be sending

D. print - will send

Question 6 : Because the children _____ forward to seeing Harry Potter for so long, I took them even though it was really inconvenient for me.

A. had been looking

B. were looking

C. have been looking

D. looked

Question 7 : When we _____ at the airport we _____ that we _____ our passports at the office.

A. arrived - had noticed - had left

B. arrived - noticed - had left

C. have arrived - noticed - left

D. had arrived - have noticed - have left

Question 8 : Generally he _____ to work by car, but today he _____ by bus because his car is in the garage.

A. went - went

B. was going - is going

C. goes - is going

D. has been going - goes

Question 9 : He _____ for over three hours when he finished the report.

A. will have typed

B. was typing

C. has been typing

D. had been typing

Question 10 : Three days ago her boyfriend _____ her and she _____ continually ever since.

A. left - is crying

B. had left - cried

C. left - has been crying

D. had left - was crying

Question 11 : This is the first customer we _____ something today.

- A. have sold B. sold C. had sold D. were selling

Question 12 : Andrew _____ the plants in the garden right now but I _____ sure that it will rain this afternoon.

- A. is watering - was B. is watering - am C. waters - am D. watered - was

Question 13 : She should have informed the police as soon as she _____ that her purse had been stolen.

- A. discovers B. would discover C. had discovered D. has discovered

Question 14 : My father _____ to rent a car when one of his friends phoned him to offer his own car for the trip.

- A. had decided B. was deciding C. has decided D. decided

Question 15 : When he _____ he _____ on a bed in a room with no windows.

- A. had woken up - was lying B. woke up - was lying
C. wakes up - is lying D. woke up - lay

Question 16 : The teacher _____ to the class before the students _____ the problems.

- A. will come back - have solved B. had come back - solved
C. came back - have solved D. is coming back - solve

Question 17 : Yesterday on TV they _____ a heavy shower for today, but I _____ even a single drop yet.

- A. announced - am not seeing B. announced - didn't see
C. have announced - haven't seen D. announced - haven't seen

Question 18 : You don't have to worry about the children, they _____ all about this by the end of the semester.

- A. will be forgetting B. will have forgotten
C. will forget D. are going to forget

Question 19 : I've just noticed that she _____ a haircut. It _____ wonderful.

- A. will have - has looked B. had had - looked
C. has had - looks D. had - is looking

Question 20 : While she _____ for her sister outside the supermarket, someone _____ her handbag.

- A. had to wait - had stolen B. waited - had been stealing
C. had waited - was stealing D. was waiting - stole

Question 21 : The spokesperson _____ her speech yet when an angry audience member _____ shouting at her.

- A. won't finish - begins B. didn't finish - was beginning
C. hadn't finished - began D. doesn't finish - is beginning

Question 22 : This is the forty-second composition paper I _____ so far, and there _____ seventy-five more.

- A. will have checked - are going to be B. had checked - were
C. have checked - are D. checked - will be

Question 23 : The carelessness of parents often _____ children to be subject to many household accidents.

- A. causes B. have caused C. had caused D. is caused

Question 24 : By the end of the term, I _____ all eight volumes.

- A. will be reading B. read C. have read D. will have read

Question 25 : She says she won't phone us until she _____ the information.

- A. has B. is having C. will have D. had

Question 26 : When we _____ out, the chest cavity _____ smaller.

- A. breathe - became B. breathe - becomes
C. will breathe - will become D. will breathe - becomes

Question 27 : Our local grocers said he _____ the groceries as soon as he _____ my order.

- A. had sent - had received B. will have sent - has received
C. has sent - receives D. sent - had received

Question 28 : He _____ the mayor of the town for seven years until his death last year.

- A. would have been B. has been C. had been D. will have been

Question 29 : My father asked me if I _____ an increase in salary the following month.

- A. am getting B. was getting C. am going to get D. will get

Question 30 : As we _____ tired of waiting, we _____ to go without them.

A. are - are deciding

B. were - have decided

C. are - decided

D. were - decided

Question 31 : That cat _____ you if you pull its tail.

A. scratches

B. has scratched

C. will scratch

D. is going to scratch

Question 32 : I see you have a saw in your hands. you _____ the dry tree branches?

A. Will - cut off

B. Are - going to cut off

C. Do - cut off

D. Will - be cutting off

Question 33 : I _____ coal into the stove. That's why my hands are all dirty.

A. had put

B. was putting

C. had been putting

D. have been putting

Question 34 : The committee _____ a report when it _____ all the available information.

A. will submit - has collected

B. submits - collected

C. will submit - will collect

D. will submit - collected

Question 35 : The patient _____ after he _____ ill for a long time.

A. died - has been

B. dies - had been

C. died - had been

D. will die - will be

Question 36 : By the time the security guards _____ what _____, the gang _____ already _____ inside the bank.

A. realized - was happening - had - been

B. will have realized - will be happening - were

C. had realized - happened - are

D. have realized - happened - were

Question 37 : Although he _____ to listen to the teacher, he _____ of the football match all the time.

A. has pretended - thought

B. pretended - was thinking

C. pretended - has thought

D. pretends - was thinking

Question 38 : He _____ so much money that he _____ what to do with it.

A. earned - hadn't known

B. earns - didn't know

C. earns - doesn't know

D. has earned - didn't know

Question 39 : "You've just missed the last bus." - "Never mind, I _____."

A. will walk

B. will be walking

C. walk

D. am walking

Question 40 : Ben and Claire _____ to pay us a visit as soon as they _____ in their new apartment.

A. promise - settled

B. have been promising - were settling

C. promised - are settling

D. have promised - have settled

Question 41 : Ford _____ his friends, some of whom earn more money than he does.

A. won't envy

B. didn't envy

C. doesn't envy

D. hasn't envied

Question 42 : They _____ it unless they _____ there is no other way.

A. aren't doing - will be thinking

B. don't do - will think

C. haven't done - thought

D. won't do - think

Question 43 : In spite of the fact that he _____ his cousin, he _____ drinking

A. warned - doesn't stop

B. warned - didn't stop

C. warned - hadn't stopped

D. has warned - didn't stop

Question 44 : She _____ French since she _____ to Illinois.

A. had studied - came

B. has studied - has come

C. has been studying - came

D. studied - came

Question 45 : Henry was packing the suitcases while his wife _____ the room.

A. was tidying

B. tidies

C. has been tidying

D. had tidied

Question 46 : Christine _____ as a nurse for seven years, then she became a teacher.

A. has worked

B. has been working

C. was working

D. worked

Question 47 : Although she lives in Tokyo, she _____ the Royal Palace.

A. didn't visit

B. has never visited

C. is not visiting

D. hadn't visited

Question 48 : Before we knew what was happening, the roof _____.

A. has fallen in

B. will fall in

C. had fallen in

D. had been falling in

Question 49 : They _____ how deeply the rows between his parents _____ the child.

A. didn't realize - had affected

B. didn't realize - have affected

C. don't realize - affected

D. will never realize - had affected

Question 50 : These statistics _____ that life expectancy _____ quite significantly longer in cold climates than that in warm ones.

- A. show - was B. show - is C. showed - is D. showed - will be

Exercise 7 :

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

Question 1 : She _____ the letter a few moments before my call came through.

- A. has just opened B. had just opened C. just opened D. just opens

Question 2 : As soon as the boys _____ the hall they _____ to speak about books and writers.

- A. entered/begun B. were entering/began
C. entered/began D. had entered/began

Question 3 : While we _____ dinner at a restaurant someone came to the house and _____ this note.

- A. had had/ left B. were having/left C. had/left D. were having/had left

Question 4 : By the end of this year we _____ a new house.

- A. will buy B. will be buying C. will have bought D. had bought

Question 5 : "You always _____ mistakes, you need _____ the instructions more carefully."

- A. make/read B. are always making/read
C. make/to read D. are always making/to read

Question 6 : Those students who _____ the exam are going to take another one held in August.

- A. have failed B. failed C. had failed D. were failing

Question 7 : I _____ your brother this afternoon at Green Street.

- A. met B. had met C. was meeting D. have met

Question 8 : She said she met you once at the Hilton last year. _____ since then?

- A. Have you met her B. Did you meet her C. Were you met her D. Had you met her

Question 9 : Mr. Edwards _____ history for 35 years, and is retiring soon.

- A. teaches B. is teaching C. taught D. has been teaching

Question 10 : I'm tired. I _____ the house since 9 this morning.

- A. am cleaning B. was cleaning C. had been cleaning D. have been cleaning

Question 11 : I can't believe that you _____ all the three exercises. You just started five minutes ago.

- A. have finished B. have been finishing
C. finished D. are finishing

Question 12 : "How's Peter doing?" "I don't know. I _____ from him for months."

- A. have to hear B. haven't heard C. didn't hear D. don't hear

Question 13 : Their children _____ lots of new friends since they _____ to that town.

- A. have made - moved B. were making - have moved
C. made - are moving D. made - have been moving

Question 14 : He _____ a cigarette and _____ to the window.

- A. lighted/walked B. lit/was walking
C. was lighted/was walking D. lit/had walked

Question 15 : "You _____ here before?" "Yes, I _____ my holidays here last year.

- A. Were/spent B. Have you been/spent
C. Were/had spent D. Have you been/have spent

Question 16 : "You have just missed the last train." "Never mind, I _____."

- A. will walk B. was walking C. am walking D. am going to walk

Question 17 : I _____ my sister in April as planned.

- A. have seen B. will see C. am going to see D. see

Question 18 : Then about a year ago, he _____ and I _____ from him since.

- A. has disappeared/haven't never heard B. has disappeared/never heard
C. disappeared/ have never heard D. was disappeared/had never heard

Question 19 : After the guests _____ she went back into the living-room and _____ off the light.

- A. left/switched B. had left/switched
C. had left/had switched D. had left/was switching

Question 20 : When Alice gets here, you _____ her to her room?

- A. will you show B. did you show C. have you shown D. are you showing

Question 21 : As Hugh and I _____ down the steps we nearly _____ into my father.

A. came/ran B. were coming/ran C. had come/ran D. came/were running

Question 22 : If you want to see us, come to Tom's on Sunday. We _____ for you there at midday.

A. will wait B. will be waiting C. will have waited D. will have been waiting

Question 23 : Come in, please. I _____ for you long.

A. have waited B. had waited C. have been waiting D. waited

Question 24 : For a moment after their son _____ the room, Mr and Mrs Smith merely _____ and _____ at each other.

A. had left/had stood/looked

B. had left/stood/looked

C. left/stood/looked

D. had left/had stood/had looked

Question 25 : When we _____ in London tonight, it _____.

A. arrived/was probably raining

B. arrive/ will be probably raining

C. arrived/had been probably raining

D. arrive/ will have probably rained

Question 26 : I'm afraid I must ask you both what _____ yesterday at 10:20 p.m.

A. did you do

B. had you done

C. you were doing

D. were you doing

Question 27 : There _____ great changes in our village in the past few years.

A. have been

B. had been

C. was

D. has been

Question 28 : The noise from the trains _____ me terribly last night.

A. was annoyed

B. annoyed

C. has annoyed

D. had annoyed

Question 29 : Listen to this! I think this news _____ you.

A. surprises

B. will surprise

C. surprised

D. would surprise

Question 30 : By the end of this month, I hope I _____ 200 pages of my new novel.

A. had written

B. will have written

C. will have been writing

D. have written

B. PRACTICE MORE EXERCISES

Exercise 1: Give the correct forms of the verbs in the blankets.

Question 1: When I _____ (see) you tomorrow, I _____ (tell) you my news.

Question 2: By the end of the month the estate agent _____ (sell) twenty houses.

Question 3: When I _____ (wait) for the bus, I saw my close friend.

Question 4: _____ She _____ (study) English since she _____ (be) four years old.

Question 5: _____ We _____ (study) while they are going out.

Question 6: As soon as we _____ (get) there, we _____ (phone) for a taxi.

Question 7: _____ He _____ (see) 10 mice when he _____ (come) into the room.

Question 8: We went home when we _____ (finish) our work.

Question 9: When I was going to the door, the phone _____ (ring).

Question 10: I will go to the library before I _____ (do) the shopping.

Question 11: At this time last night, I _____ (learn) while my father _____ (watch) TV

Question 12: He _____ (watch) TV when I come to see him.

Question 13: He _____ (live) in New York for 4 years before he _____ (move) to New York.

Question 14: We _____ (send) a report as soon as we _____ (finish) our work.

Question 15: We _____ (wait) here until the rain _____ (stop).

Question 16: He will go home as soon as he _____ (finish) his work.

Question 17: At 11:30 tomorrow, we _____ (have) lunch in our friend's house.

Question 18: His health has improved since he _____ (return) from the hills.

Question 19: The Chinese _____ (make) spaghetti dishes for a long time before Marco Polo _____ (bring) it back to Italy.

Question 20: It is the first time he _____ (drive) a car.

Question 21: I understand you _____ (have) an unpleasant experience at the weekend. What exactly _____ (happen)?

Question 22: "Good night. It _____ (be) nice to meet you," he _____ (say) and _____ (go) off to his car.

Question 23: I will graduate in June. I will see you in July. By the time I _____ (see) you, I _____ (graduate).

Question 24: We _____ (already finish) that work by the time you get back.

Question 25: When I arrived at the meeting, the first speaker just _____ (finish) speaking and the audience were clapping.

Question 26: The traffic was very heavy. By the time I _____ (get) to Mary's party, everyone _____ (already arrive).

Question 27: "You _____ (find) the key which you _____ (lose) yesterday?" "Yes. I _____ (find) it in the pocket of my other coat."

Question 28: Tomorrow I'm going to leave for home. When I _____ (arrive) at the airport, Mary _____ (wait) for me.

Question 29: Sarah has lost passport again. It is the second time this _____ (happen).

Question 30: When the alarm rang, Jack _____ (jump) out of bed quickly.

Question 31: It's no use getting impatient. The plane _____ (not arrive) until the weather _____ (clear) up.

Question 32: John and I _____ (study) at the same school and we _____ (be) great friends ever since.

Question 33: Don't wait up for me. I can't tell when I _____ (be) back.

Question 34: Here you are! What you _____ (do) here at this time of night?

Question 35: Good-bye, Ned. I never _____ (forget) you. I _____ (miss) you more than anyone I ever _____ (know) in my life.

Question 36: The secretary _____ (type) all the documents long before the manager comes.

Question 37: You see, I _____ (do) this kind of thing for the last 30 years.

Question 38: When we _____ (get) to the restaurant, we _____ (find) that nobody _____ (remember) to reserve a table.

Question 39: I could tell at a glance that the pile of letters on my desk _____ (disturb) while I _____ (be) out.

Question 40: As soon as she arrived England, she _____ (find) that the language _____ (be) quite different from the English that she _____ (learn) at school.

Exercise 2: Choose the best answer to complete each following sentence.

Question 1: The manager _____ the store before I arrived.

- A. closed B. had closed C. has closed D. was closed

Question 2: When we see Mr. Minh tomorrow, I _____ him of that.

- A. will remind B. remind C. have reminded D. reminded

Question 3: When I got home I found that water _____ down the kitchen walls.

- A. ran B. was running C. has run D. had been running

Question 4: After he _____ his English course, he went to England to continue his study.

- A. has finish B. had finished C. was finished D. would finish

Question 5: While my father _____ a film on TV, my mother was cooking dinner.

- A. watched B. was watching C. had watched D. watches

Question 6: I don't think he _____ in the thirty years I _____ him.

- A. had changed/have known B. has changed/have known
C. had changed/had known D. has changed/knew

Question 7: When I came to visit her last night, she _____ a bath.

- A. is having B. was having C. has had D. had had

Question 8: Tom _____ before we arrive there.

- A. has left B. had left C. will have left D. leaves

Question 9: He _____ his Chinese course before he went to China to continue his business.

- A. will finish B. has finished C. had finished D. will have finished

Question 10: Please send us a postcard as soon as you _____ in London.

- A. will arrive B. is going to arrive C. arrive D. arrived

Question 11: I _____ you this book when I meet you tomorrow.

- A. give B. will give C. is giving D. has given

Question 12: We _____ for going home when it began to rain.

- A. were preparing B. are preparing C. will be preparing D. have prepared

Question 13: John _____ in the same house since he left school.

- A. lived B. had lived C. was living D. has lived

Question 14: I had prepared dinner before I _____ to work.

- A. went B. was going C. had gone D. is going
- Question 15:** When she came into the hall, she _____ her arms to the audience, smiled and bowed deeply.
- A. opened B. had opened C. was opening D. is opening
- Question 16:** I have never played badminton before. This is the first time I _____ to play it.
- A. try B. tried C. have tried D. am trying
- Question 17:** The car _____ ready for him by the time he comes tomorrow.
- A. will be B. will have been C. will being D. are going to be
- Question 18:** He greeted her. She really _____ better than when he _____ her last. Yes, she _____.
- A. looked/saw/had changed B. looked/saw/changed
- C. looked/had seen/had changed D. had looked/had seen/had changed
- Question 19:** When I last saw him, he _____ in London.
- A. has lived B. is living C. was living D. has been living
- Question 20:** I sat down at the desk and _____ why my father's letter _____ yet. I _____ to ask him to send me some money at once.
- A. wonder/hasn't arrive/wrote B. wondered/hadn't arrived/wrote
- C. wondered/hasn't arrived/wrote D. wondered/hadn't arrived/had written
- Question 21:** By Christmas, I _____ for Mr. Smith for six years.
- A. will have been working B. will work
- C. have been working D. will be working
- Question 22:** I will come and see you before I _____ for the States.
- A. leave B. will leave C. have left D. shall leave
- Question 23:** By the age of 25, he _____ two famous novels.
- A. wrote B. writes C. has written D. had written
- Question 24:** When her husband was in the army, Mary _____ to him twice a week
- A. was writing B. wrote C. was written D. had written
- Question 25:** I have never played football before. This is the first time I _____ to play.
- A. try B. tried C. have tried D. am trying
- Question 26:** Since Tom _____, I have heard nothing from him.
- A. had left B. left C. has left D. was left
- Question 27:** After I _____ lunch, I looked for my bag.
- A. had B. had had C. will have had D. have had
- Question 28:** By the end of next year, George _____ English for two years.
- A. will have learned B. will learn C. has learned D. would learn
- Question 29:** These were the highest words of praise they _____ from the old man.
- A. ever heard B. have ever had C. had ever had D. will have ever heard
- Question 30:** He will take the dog out for a walk as soon as he _____ dinner.
- A. finish B. finishes C. will finish D. finishing
- Question 31:** She _____ the children to her, and _____ the words she _____ to the others.
- A. drew/said/had said B. was drawing/said/said
- C. had drawn/had said/said D. draws/is saying/has said
- Question 32:** He fell down when he _____ towards the church.
- A. run B. runs C. was running D. had run
- Question 33:** Within a week she knew the fearful mistake she _____.
- A. made B. has made C. had made D. was making
- Question 34:** They _____ table tennis when their father comes back home.
- A. will play B. will be playing C. play D. would play
- Question 35:** Before she went to bed, she _____ her homework already.
- A. finished B. is finishing C. had finished D. was finishing
- Question 36:** They are staying at the hotel in London. At this time tomorrow, they _____ in Vietnam.
- A. will have travelled B. will travel
- C. will be travelling D. will be travelled
- Question 37:** There _____ something vaguely familiar about her face but I couldn't remember where I _____ her before.

- A. is/have met B. was/had met C. will see/meet D. was/met
- Question 38:** Another million people _____ unemployed by the time next year.
A. will have become B. will become C. will be become D. will be becoming
- Question 39:** She told me that her family _____ long in that town.
A. has lived B. had lived C. lived D. was living
- Question 40:** By the time he _____ out of jail, he will have forgotten how to function in the real world.
A. got B. will get C. gets D. is getting
- Question 41:** _____ I have been saving money because I _____ buy a computer
A. shall B. will C. am going to D. would
- Question 42:** _____ By 8 o'clock yesterday, the spaceship _____ 20 hours around the earth
A. will travel B. has been traveling
C. had been traveling D. will have been traveling
- Question 43:** Over 20 years _____ but I never forgot the time we first met each other.
A. went B. have gone up C. has gone by D. has gone out
- Question 44:** The child kept the present that she _____.
A. has been given B. had been given C. had given D. has given
- Question 45:** That pipe _____ for ages-we must get it mended.
A. has been leaking B. has been leaked C. had been leaked D. had been leaking
- Question 46:** I used my calculator; otherwise it _____ longer
A. will take B. would take C. took D. would have taken
- Question 47:** How many musical notes of the 11,000 tones that the human ear can distinguish _____ in the musical scale?
A. is it B. it is C. are there D. there are
- Question 48:** You _____ to our conversation. It was private.
A. haven't been listening B. shouldn't have been listening
C. couldn't have been listening D. hadn't been listening
- Question 49:** The President _____ a speech, but in the end he _____ his mind.
A. would deliver - had changed B. was going to deliver - changed
C. delivered - had changed D. was delivering - changed
- Question 50:** The Angkor complex _____ the entire range of Khmer art from the 9th to the 14th century.
A. represented B. represents C. represent D. was represented

Exercise 3: Mark the letter A, B, C or D to indicate the underlined part that needs correction in each of the following questions.

- Question 1:** One of the sad moments of the cruise was saving goodbye to Mel, who had sailed with us since we had set sail but whose health problems forced him to leave us at Lagos.
A B
C D
- Question 2:** He was in a great hurry and had no time to think it over. Otherwise, he had found another way out.
A B
C D
- Question 3:** Why didn't you come to see us when we are having lunch?
A B C D
- Question 4:** As soon as the next lesson has finished, we leave.
A B C D
- Question 5:** At 8 o'clock this evening my friends and I will have watched a famous film at the cinema.
A B C D
- Question 6:** John won't be finishing the study by July because he has some health problems.
A B C D

Question 7: The lung cancer mortality rate rose six-fold in males when mass media started covering the health risks of smoking.

A B

C D

Question 8: Jane spent a lot of money yesterday. She had bought a dress which cost \$100.

A B C D

Question 9: No sooner did he return from a long journey than he was ordered to pack his bags.

A B C D

Question 10: The crime rate in this city has increased from ten per cent last year to

A B

thirty percent by the end of 2009 due to the influx of the gang element.

C D

Question 11: At this time last year, I am attending an English course in America.

A B C D

Question 12: When we got home last night. We found that somebody broke into the flat.

A B C D

Question 13: While the plumber was repairing the dishwasher, I had watched the

A B C D

smartphone.

Question 14: When their dad got home, the boys has been watching TV for three hours.

A B C D

Question 15: If he continues drinking so fast, he would drink the whole bottle by midnight.

A B C D

Question 16: On the way to Oxford I stopped to have a cup of coffee at a roadside

A B

restaurant and when I came out of the restaurant it stopped raining.

C D

Question 17: She washed the dishes when his parents came back home.

A B C D

Question 18: That evening we had stayed up to talk about the town, where he had lived

A B C D

for some years.

Question 19: It is the worst dish that I ever tried in my life.

A B C D

Question 20: At first I thought I did the right thing, but soon I realized that I'd made a

A B C

serious mistake

D

Question 21: I was not able to join them in the bicycle ride into the country. I lent John

A B C D

my bike the day before.

Question 22: The man who answered the phone said he has read all about the scandal

A B C

in the newspapers a year or two before.

D

Question 23: Michael, the student who makes a speech right now, is majoring in drama

A B

and hopes someday to become a great actress.

C D

Question 24: This was the talking between brothers who have just met up with each other.

A B C D

Question 25: He refuses to admit that he had made some corrections in the document.

Question 26: He ^Awaited until the guest ^Bleft the room ^Cand then ^Dsat down at the desk.

Question 27: You ^Acan trust me. I remember ^Bsending the documents ^Cright after you ^Dsign it.

Question 28: When the candidate ^Awill speak ^Bat the public meeting tonight, ^C
^D

his campaign manager ^Awill arrange ^Bthe location for his next appearance.
^C ^D

Question 29: I'm going out for a walk. I ^Ahad been reading too long, ^Bin fact since
^C

early morning.
^D

Question 30: Stay in the house and wait ^Atill you get ^Ba phone call from him. He ^Chas told
^D

you ^Awhere to look ^Bfor her.
^C ^D