ADVANCED ENGLISH GRAMMAR TESTS

Mixed Tenses Test Exercises – Multiple Choice Questions With Answers – Advanced Level 3

29 questions · Choose the correct answer. Online test and answer key with explanations:
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1. We _____ on a picnic every weekend when we were in Bursa.
A) were going **B)** went
C) have gone **D)** have been going
E) go

2. Although the police _____ him, he was able to prove that he _____ when the crime was committed.
A) suspected / was working
B) suspect / worked
C) has suspected / had worked
D) have been suspecting / had been working
E) were suspecting / is working

3. Jessie _____ such strange clothes that we were all taken aback. It took us some time to get over the shock.
A) was wearing **B)** has worn
C) is wearing **D)** had been wearing
E) has been wearing

4. Generally speaking, I _____ film reviews because I like to be open-minded when I go to the cinema.
A) am not reading
B) don't read
C) haven't read
D) haven't been reading
E) didn't read

5. The old clock in the center of the city _____ in 1980 and _____ since.
A) stops / wasn't working
B) has stopped / isn't working
C) was stopping / doesn't work
D) has stopped / wasn't working
E) stopped / hasn't worked

6. Someone next door _____ heavy metal music all night long. I didn't get a wink of sleep.
A) was playing **B)** has played
C) is playing **D)** had played
E) has been played

7. I think you _____ your energy by sweeping up those leaves. Stop it! The wind will blow more down.
A) wasted **B)** waste
C) are wasting **D)** were wasting
E) have wasted

8. There is considerable concern about her whereabouts because she _____ for several days.
A) is missing **B)** missed
C) has been missing **D)** was missing
E) misses

9. I'm afraid I didn't hear the doorbell when you _____. I _____ in the garden at the time.
A) rang / was working
B) had rung / worked
C) was ringing / have been working
D) are ringing / work
E) have rung / worked

10. When did you first notice that your car _____?
A) was going **B)** has gone
C) went **D)** had gone
E) has been going

11. After Lisa graduated from university, she _____ for a job in a bank and _____ there ever since.
A) applied / is working
B) has applied / worked
C) applies / has worked
D) applied / has been working
E) was applying / worked

12. When I first met Emily, she _____ in this city for 20 years.
A) was living **B)** lived
C) had been living **D)** has lived
E) has been living

13. Before you mentioned him, I _____ of that novelist.
A) hadn't ever heard **B)** wasn't hearing
C) haven't ever heard **D)** didn't ever hear
E) don't ever hear

14. The concert was last week but they still _____ down the posters from the notice boards.
A) haven't taken **B)** wasn't taking
C) didn't take **D)** hadn't taken
E) hadn't been taking

15. We were surprised to hear that our neighbour _____ a new house in the country.
A) had been buying **B)** had been bought
C) had bought **D)** has been buying
E) buys

16. Tell me what you _____ of my new car.
A) are thinking **B)** had thought
C) were thinking **D)** think
E) thought

17. Even though he denied what he _____ earlier, he _____ to join us.
A) said / has agreed
B) has said / agreed
C) has said / had agreed
D) has been saying / has agreed
E) had said / agreed

18. After I _____ along the beach, I _____ a bath and I _____ my breakfast.
A) run / had / had had
B) ran / had had / had
C) had run / have had / had
D) had run / had / had
E) ran / had / have had

19. A: Jim was very clever as a child.

B: Was he really?

A: Oh, yes. By the time he was five, he _____ to read and write.
A) learned
B) had learned
C) was learning
D) has learned
E) have been learning

20. When Mrs Krashen _____ at the airport yesterday morning, she realised that she _____ her passport at home.
A) had arrived / has forgotten
B) arrived / had forgotten
C) arrives / forgot
D) was arriving / forgot
E) has arrived / has forgotten

21. The police say that the man _____ home in the dark when he _____ down a hill.
A) had walked / fell
B) was walking / fell
C) walked / fell
D) has walked / had fallen
E) has been walking / had fallen

22. When I returned home from holiday, I found that my parents _____ a lot of changes in the house.
A) was making
B) have made
C) have been making
D) had made
E) made

23. The teacher _____ me in the exam just as I _____ my last sentence.
A) has interrupted / wrote
B) interrupted / was writing
C) was interrupting / have been writing
D) had interrupted / have written
E) is interrupting / had written

24. Newspapers yesterday said that Michael Keller _____ a three-year contract.
A) had signed
B) would have signed
C) signs
D) had been signing
E) is signing

25. There _____ a decrease in the number of applications since the report on environmental pollution _____ in the newspaper.
A) was / appeared
B) had been / has appeared
C) has been / appeared
D) is / appeared
E) is / was appearing

26. People _____ interested in the subject day by day because they _____ to increase their knowledge.
A) became / want
B) were becoming / want
C) have become / had wanted
D) are becoming / want
E) became / are wanting

27. I _____ for a walk but the rain put me off the idea.
A) must be going
B) will go
C) am going to go
D) was going to go
E) went

28. Don't forget that we _____ to our new house by the time you get back from holiday.
A) move
B) will move
C) will have moved
D) had moved
E) are going to move

29. A: What are you doing?

B: Getting ready. I _____ my aunt in the hospital.

A: Oh yes. Give her my love.
A) visit
B) will visit
C) have been visiting
D) am going to visit
E) was going to visit

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