ENGLISH TENSES TESTS

English Tenses Advanced Level MCQs Test With Answers 1

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1. Last Saturday, my father _____ that his dinner suit was too small, so now he _____ a strict diet.
A) has discovered / followed
B) discovers / was following
C) discovered / is following
D) was discovering / has followed
E) has been discovering / will follow

2. Helen _____ her driving test five times so far without success, but she _____ yet.
A) takes / isn't giving up
B) has taken / hasn't given up
C) was taking / didn't give up
D) is taking / doesn't give up
E) took / wasn't giving up

3. Most of the time, John and his friends _____ football matches at their local café, but this Saturday, they _____ to the stadium, and so they're all very excited.
A) watch / are going
B) have been watching / go
C) are watching / have gone
D) were watching / went
E) have watched / were going

4. Kate _____ a vegetarian for eleven years now, and she _____ meat at all during this time.
A) is / isn't eating
B) has been / wasn't eating
C) is / doesn't eat
D) has been / hasn't eaten
E) was / didn't eat

5. Last year, Richard _____ his bicycle to work every day, but he _____ the bus since the accident.
A) rides / takes
B) has ridden / is taking
C) rode / has been taking
D) was riding / took
E) is riding / has taken

6. I _____ glasses when I was younger, but now I _____ contact lenses.
A) was wearing / have had
B) have worn / am having
C) have been wearing / had
D) wear / was having
E) wore / have

7. About a month ago, I _____ a brochure about your hotel, but I _____ it yet.
A) request / didn't receive
B) have requested / am not receiving
C) was requesting / wasn't receiving
D) requested / haven't received
E) have been requested / don't receive

8. The conditions in our office _____ more and more unbearable, so quite often recently I _____ quitting it and looking for a new job.
A) have got / was considering
B) was getting / am considering
C) are getting / have considered
D) have been getting / consider
E) get / consider

9. Because I _____ a long way from my work, I _____ lots of time going to and from work.
A) live / waste
B) lived / have wasted
C) have been living / wasted
D) am living / had been wasting
E) was living / am wasting

10. In the USA, the twenty largest newspaper chains _____ for almost half of the circulation, reflecting a trend that _____ in the 1970s.
A) account / started
B) were accounting / start
C) has accounted / was starting
D) accounted / is starting
E) accounts / has started

11. Clean snow _____ as much as 87 per cent of the sunlight that _____ on it.
A) is reflecting / shone
B) has reflected / was shining
C) reflected / is shining
D) was reflected / has shone
E) reflects / shines

12. More than two hundred people _____ the tower when the first firework _____ above the river.
A) have visited / was exploding
B) were visiting / exploded
C) visited / has exploded
D) are visiting / is exploding
E) visit / has exploded

13. Because you _____ half of the ingredients as I _____ dinner, you probably aren't hungry at all now.
A) were eating / have prepared
B) have eaten / prepared
C) have been eating / prepare
D) ate / was preparing
E) eat / have been preparing

14. She _____ strictly since Christmas and so far she _____ eight kilos.
A) was dieting / was losing
B) dieted / loses
C) diets / is losing
D) is dieting / lost
E) has been dieting / has lost

15. Cindy's family _____ chains in this area for over three centuries and now her father _____ this traditional craft at the county museum twice a day as well.
A) are making / is demonstrating
B) have made / has demonstrated
C) made / was demonstrating
D) were making / demonstrated
E) have been making / demonstrates

16. He _____ to unlock the door to his flat because the telephone _____.
A) was hurrying / has rung
B) hurries / has been ringing
C) hurried / was ringing
D) is hurrying / rings
E) has hurried / has rung

17. There _____ economies since the dawn of civilisation, but as a field of study, economics _____ only recently.
A) were / was developing
B) have been / has developed
C) are / has been developing
D) were / is developing
E) have been / develops

18. John Deere _____ his farm machinery business, which _____ tractors today, in the 19th century.
A) founds / still produced
B) has founded / is still producing
C) was founding / was still producing
D) founded / still produces
E) is founding / is still produced

19. I _____ my French lately; consequently, I _____ more and more of it.
A) am not practising / forget
B) haven't been practising / am forgetting
C) don't practise / have forgotten
D) wasn't practising / forgot
E) didn't practise / was forgetting

20. The old lady's health _____ day by day until she _____ smoking.
A) was deteriorating / gave up
B) is deteriorating / gives up
C) deteriorated / has given up
D) deteriorates / is giving up
E) has deteriorated / was giving up

21. The managing director _____ Sid to sales manager and ever since then, he _____ everybody around.
A) promoted / has been bossing
B) promotes / bosses
C) has promoted / is bossing
D) is promoting / was bossing
E) was promoting / has bossed

22. Problems with the hotel, coupled with this awful weather, _____ our holiday miserable, so we _____ before the scheduled time.
A) have made / had left
B) were making / leave
C) make / left
D) are making / are leaving
E) made / were leaving

23. The fact that more people _____ ozone-friendly products nowadays _____ that the media can positively increase public awareness.
A) have used / was showing
B) used / has shown
C) use / has been showing
D) were using / showed
E) are using / shows

24. My sister _____ from severe backaches lately and I think it's because, last month, she _____ to work in a shop where she has to pick up heavy things.
A) is suffering / has started
B) suffers / was starting
C) has been suffering / started
D) suffered / is starting
E) was suffering / start

25. Though she _____ dancing, Sonia _____ to the disco with her friends last night just in order to be with them in a different atmosphere.
A) hasn't liked / has gone
B) doesn't like / went
C) didn't like / is going
D) doesn't like / goes
E) didn't like / will go

26. Somebody _____ three times this morning asking for Pete, but nobody called Pete _____ here.
A) has phoned / has ever lived
B) is phoning / was ever living
C) phones / ever lived
D) phoned / is ever living
E) has been phoning / ever lived

27. Joey _____ just _____ stubborn when he refused to go to the cinema today and he only did so because we _____ to go bowling yesterday.
A) is / being / haven't wanted
B) has / been / didn't want
C) is / being / don't want
D) was / being / haven't been wanting
E) was / being / didn't want

28. My mother _____ her optician tomorrow because her eyesight _____ worse since she got this computing job.
A) has visited / is becoming
B) visited / was becoming
C) visits / becomes
D) is visiting / has become
E) was visiting / became

29. As the President _____ the hall, all the guests _____ to their feet to welcome him.
A) was entering / have risen
B) entered / rose
C) is entering / rise
D) enters / have been rising
E) has entered / were rising

30. She _____ interested in health ever since she was a young girl and now that the medical college _____ her as a student, it seems that she will be able to work in the medical field.
A) was / accepted
B) has been / has accepted
C) is / is accepting
D) is being / accepts
E) was / was accepting

31. Bob _____ with us tonight as he _____ an appointment with the dentist.
A) won't have trained / is making
B) hasn't trained / was making
C) hadn't trained / made
D) doesn't train / makes
E) isn't going to train / has made

32. Yesterday, we _____ football for two hours and _____ to a restaurant for a meal afterwards.
A) are playing / go
B) play / are going
C) played / went
D) have played / were going
E) have been playing / had gone

33. Environmental pollution _____ ever since people _____ to congregate in towns and cities.
A) will have existed / are beginning
B) exist / have begun
C) had existed / were beginning
D) has existed / began
E) will exist / begin

34. I heard that you _____ about the boys all day, so I just rang to tell you that Matthew _____ from a payphone a couple of hours ago and they are both fine. The weather is fine and they will be home on Sunday evening.
A) had been worrying / will phone
B) have been worrying / phoned
C) will be worrying / had phoned
D) are worrying / is going to phone
E) were worrying / phones

35. Although he _____ the first round in record time, he _____ in the second, and so finished tenth overall.
A) finishes / is slipping
B) had been finishing / was slipping
C) will have finished / slips
D) had finished / slipped
E) was finishing / has slipped

36. The petrol warning light _____ for half an hour before we _____ a petrol station.
A) had been flashing / reached
B) is going to flash / will reach
C) flashed / have reached
D) flashes / will be reaching
E) was flashing / were reaching

37. Up until the tap water _____ back on yesterday evening, we _____ water back and forth for three days.
A) came / had been carrying
B) has come / have been carrying
C) had come / were carrying
D) was coming / will have carried
E) is coming / will have carried

38. The neighbours _____ so loudly last night that they _____ us all awake until after midnight.
A) are shouting / are keeping
B) have been shouting / were keeping
C) shouted / have been keeping
D) have shouted / had kept
E) were shouting / kept

39. Man's use of pictures to tell stories and to record experiences _____ prehistoric times, when he _____ the walls of caves.
A) was beginning / has drawn
B) began / drew
C) begins / will have drawn
D) has begun / was drawing
E) had begun / draw

40. My team _____ a match for a month, so currently the manager _____ resigning if they lose one more match.
A) doesn't win / considered
B) isn't winning / was considering
C) hasn't won / is considering
D) hadn't won / will have considered
E) wasn't winning / will consider

41. My brother _____ past the post office every morning and I _____ him all week to post a letter for me, but he keeps forgetting, so I'm going to post it myself tomorrow.
A) will be going / ask
B) will go / am asking
C) goes / have been asking
D) is going / will ask
E) has been going / had asked

42. The football team that _____ last year's championship _____ little chance of winning it again this year.
A) was winning / stood
B) was going to win / stand
C) has won / has stood
D) had won / was standing
E) won / stands

43. Freedom of the press _____ an issue between people and their governments since the time individuals _____ newspapers independent of government control for the first time.
A) is / are publishing
B) will have been / publish
C) had been / were publishing
D) has been / published
E) was / have published

44. The hikers _____ so tired by the time they _____ the top of the hill that I'm sure they'll first want to sit down for a rest.
A) will have got / reach
B) are getting / will have reached
C) had got / reached
D) have got / are reaching
E) were getting / had reached

45. When the young scouts _____ the top of the hill, they _____ for more than an hour.
A) reached / have been walking
B) reach / will have been walking
C) will have reached / are walking
D) had reached / were walking
E) have reached / will be walking

46. Modern exploration of the undersea world had its beginning in June 1943, when Jacques Cousteau _____ his first dive with a revolutionary breathing device which he _____ with Emile Gagnan, a French engineer.
A) was making / has developed
B) had made / will have developed
C) has made / was developing
D) will have made / develops
E) made / had developed

47. She says that she _____ the eight o'clock train tomorrow, but I'm sure she _____ it, as usual.
A) is catching / is missing
B) has caught / misses
C) will have caught / has missed
D) is going to catch / will miss
E) was catching / missed

48. The fishermen _____ more fish in one night than ever before, so when they anchored in the harbour, they _____ with joy at the thought of their reward.
A) had been catching / will sing
B) will have caught / sang
C) had caught / were singing
D) caught / have been singing
E) have caught / will be singing

49. On my friend's farm, they _____ an alarm clock because the cockerel _____ at five o'clock every morning without fail.
A) don't need / crows
B) haven't needed / was crowing
C) won't have needed / has crowed
D) won't need / is crowing
E) didn't need / will crow

50. The Continental Congress _____ the US Postal Service in 1775 and the first federal government _____ the service in the Constitution.
A) was founding / has included
B) had founded / includes
C) has founded / is including
D) was going to found / will include
E) founded / included

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