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1. **B2 MOCK EXAMINATION - Use of English and Reading Sections**

SECTION 1

Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

Everybody's left the building, _____?
A) doesn't he **B)** haven't they
C) don't they **D)** isn't it

2. The furniture was moved while some shelves _____ on the wall.
A) were putting up **B)** are put up
C) have been put up **D)** were being put up

3. _____ it was late, he decided to call her.
A) However **B)** Though
C) In spite of **D)** Nevertheless

4. The long truck carrying the airplane travelled by night _____ daytime traffic.
A) so that not slowed down
B) for not slowing down
C) so as not to slow down
D) because of not slowing down

5. She regretted not accepting the promotion, even if it would have meant _____ to another town.
A) moving **B)** to move
C) move **D)** that she moves

6. While we are putting up the decorations tomorrow afternoon, she _____ some party food.
A) has prepared **B)** prepares
C) will be preparing **D)** will have prepared

7. He can't be blamed _____ to phone; he's got a lot on his mind.
A) of forgetting **B)** for forgetting
C) to forget **D)** with forgetting

8. He was made _____ up the mess in the kitchen after he attempted to make a cake.
A) clearing **B)** clear
C) that he cleared **D)** to clear

9. By the time they arrive next Saturday, we _____ painting the guest room.
A) are finishing **B)** finish
C) had finished **D)** will have finished

10. You _____ your uncle. He died a year before you were born.
A) shouldn't have met **B)** mustn't have met
C) can't have met **D)** might not have met

11. I think it's time they _____ me a rise!
A) will give **B)** are giving
C) would give **D)** gave

12. The castle _____ to the public since it was declared unsafe.
A) has been closed **B)** was closed
C) had been closed **D)** is closed

13. It was very kind of you, but you _____ a meal for us. We could have gone to a restaurant.
A) mustn't have cooked **B)** could have cooked
C) needn't have cooked **D)** didn't need to cook

14. She doesn't _____ looking after the baby for us next Saturday, does she?
A) stand **B)** mind **C)** object **D)** regret

15. That gadget was a complete waste of money. I wish I _____ it.
A) wouldn't buy **B)** don't buy
C) didn't buy **D)** hadn't bought

16. If he wants people to trust him, he'll have _____ the truth.
A) to get used to tell **B)** to get used to telling
C) to used to tell **D)** to get used telling

17. Section 3

Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

This continuous rain is _____. It makes me feel really depressed.
A) setting me back **B)** letting me down
C) getting me down **D)** trying my nerves

18. I hope they _____ the business. They deserve some success in life.
A) make a go of **B)** set up
C) make ends meet **D)** go off the deep end

19. The robber was taking down the picture when the alarm _____.
A) broke out **B)** took off
C) came out **D)** went off

20. My mother always _____ of me when I go home to visit.
A) takes off the carpet **B)** makes a fuss
C) does the best **D)** takes the biscuit

21. That factory _____ a thousand computers a day.
A) puts up **B)** brings in
C) turns out **D)** overturns

22. The new law will be _____ in January.
A) set off **B)** brought into force
C) forced out **D)** come out

23. While I was in the junk shop I _____ this old bowl. Do you think it could be valuable?
A) brought up **B)** ran over
C) bumped off **D)** came across

24. It's no good trying to change her. She's _____.
A) set in her ways **B)** put in her mind
C) fixed up **D)** put her back up

25. _____ up! Things can't be as bad as all that.
A) Look **B)** Go **C)** Turn **D)** Cheer

26. When their relationship ended, she _____ everything that reminded her of him.
A) sent off for **B)** got rid of
C) looked forward to **D)** ran out of

27. When he realized what horrible things went into sausages, it _____ sausages for life!
A) set him off **B)** put him off
C) got him out of **D)** set him up

28. After so many years of marriage, they _____.
A) go without saying
B) go to great lengths
C) take each other for granted
D) let it slip

Section 5

(Please note: The following questions are related to a specific reading passage, which is available solely before the first question. Remember, it may be helpful to refer back to the reading text while answering the questions to ensure accuracy.)

Read the text and choose the most suitable answer to each question.

HUNDREDS JUMP SHIP

Last Tuesday evening, flags flew all over the ship at Southampton docks, a military band played and the passengers, glasses of champagne in hand, lined the decks to wave goodbye at last to Britain. And they waved and waved, and waved. Eventually, officials embarrassedly admitted that the £200 million Aurora, already nine days behind schedule, was still not ready to leave on its world cruise.

The vessel, which last year cut short a cruise after a third of its passengers were struck by a virus, should have left nine days before but had got no further than the Isle of Wight because of problems with its propulsion system. They returned to carry out repairs. In vain the organisers attempted to console the long-suffering passengers by bringing in a group of well-known comedians. Luckily there was a free bar. By last night passengers had drunk more than 9,000 beers, 9,140 bottles of wine and champagne and 7,250 cocktails.

On Tuesday, it had been confidently announced the vessel would depart that evening and a great send-off was organised. Unfortunately, the engineers, who thought the repairs had been successful, discovered the propulsion unit was still faulty when they started the engines. By then the passengers should have been seeing the coral reefs off Recife in Brazil and preparing to visit Rio de Janeiro. Instead, they were still at Southampton and could only see an oil refinery on one side of the ship and a warehouse on the other, both hardly visible through the cold persistent rain.

Despite assurances that the round-the-world, 104-night cruise was still on, even if the timetable would have to be adjusted, the false start was the last straw for many passengers. One, a £10-million lottery winner, left the ship saying he was tired of waiting. He said, "I won the lottery so I have enough money to go on another cruise straight away but this is terribly disappointing." Another passenger who decided to leave had paid £8,500 for the cruise. He said that his girlfriend had been due to fly out to Chile and join the ship there but the delay had ruined both their holidays. Mr and Mrs Stacy left in frustration, planning a two-week break in the sun to replace their abandoned cruise. Mrs Stacy, who works for a travel company, added: "I have lost two weeks and not travelled anywhere and I've got to tell people I spent ten days sitting in Southampton and sailing round the Isle of Wight."

Others left the ship because they feared it would never leave. One of them said, "The hospitality has been excellent. Drinks have been free and in abundance but that is not why you come on a cruise." Mr and Mrs Baker, who were to have celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on the cruise which cost them £9000, disembarked. Mr Baker, understandably annoyed, said, "They should have let us know what was going on long before this point."

Last night, twenty-four hours later, they once again started the engines for the voyage, by now with 385 fewer than the original 1,759 passengers. This time, however, there was no pomp and celebration. Even then, the shipowners were not entirely confident that the world cruise would go forward. Officials admitted that it would not be until the ship was in open water that the engines could be properly tested. It could yet turn back.

29. Last Tuesday evening _____.
A) was the date the cruise had been scheduled to start
B) there were flags all over Southampton docks
C) was not the first time the ship had attempted to depart
D) there were too many waves for the ship to depart

30. The Aurora _____.
A) had been built nine days before
B) had cost £200 million to build
C) was an embarrassment as it had cost so much
D) took over nine days to prepare for the voyage

31. The Aurora _____.

A) had to cut short a cruise last year because a lot of the controls were infected with a virus

B) must have left nine days before

C) was on a cruise round the Isle of Wight

D) was forced to abort a cruise last year because of an infectious disease on board

32. Which statement is correct?

A) The attempt to make up for the delay by having comedians brought in was not successful.

B) The passengers drank all the free beer, wine, champagne and cocktails on board.

C) The group of comedians was so bad that the passengers took to drink.

D) The group of comedians brought a lot of free drink but the passengers weren't satisfied.

33. On Tuesday, _____.

A) the engineers made a mistake with the propulsion unit

B) everybody had been sure they would finally depart

C) the engineers couldn't start the engines

D) they expected to see the coral reefs but it was raining

34. The passengers were assured that _____.

A) the cruise would take place with some modifications

B) they would go on leaving for 104 nights

C) they would spend 104 nights aboard the ship in Southampton

D) they would have some adjustments on the cruise

35. A lot of passengers _____.

A) paid so they could leave the vessel

B) left because the ship wasn't going to Chile

C) changed their minds about going on the cruise

D) did not want any more straws

36. Of the passengers who decided to disembark, _____.

A) one was going to fly to Chile to join his girlfriend

B) one had won the lottery on board the ship

C) some had come to drink a lot and not pay

D) some decided to have a holiday elsewhere

37. Which statement is correct?

A) Mr and Mrs Stacy were feeling frustrated because they were abandoned.

B) Mr Baker was irritated with the lack of information.

C) The lottery winner didn't care which cruise he went on.

D) Some passengers left the ship because they feared they wouldn't be able to leave later.

38. Officials _____.

A) only had 1,759 passengers on the ship when it left

B) were certain the cruise would go on

C) had some doubts that the cruise would be successfully completed

D) admitted they would probably turn back when they reached open water

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