ENGLISH TENSES TESTS

Mixed 12 Tenses Exercises MCQ Test With Answers

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1. In recent decades, the efficiency of the United Nations _____ by a growing number of countries.
A) will have been questioned
B) would be questioned
C) has been questioned
D) had been questioned
E) was questioned

2. We _____ no problems whatsoever with the dam since it _____ forty years ago.
A) had / has been constructed
B) were having / was being constructed
C) have had / was constructed
D) had had / had been constructed
E) are having / is constructed

3. Before I got to the end of his article, I felt I knew everything there _____ about the North American Free Trade Agreement.
A) had known **B)** was to know
C) is known **D)** is being known
E) has to be known

4. It seems likely that by the end of the week, the costs involved in the construction of the bridge _____ by the Ministry.
A) would have been announced
B) have been announced
C) would be announced
D) are being announced
E) will have been announced

5. One feels that there _____ any noticeable improvement in the city's traffic problem until all the local councils _____ their financial difficulties.
A) cannot be / will overcome
B) hasn’t been / had overcome
C) won’t be / overcome
D) wouldn’t be / would be overcome
E) wasn’t / have overcome

6. The Etruscans, who _____ a great part of Italy about 900 B.C., _____ from Asia Minor.
A) had colonized / originally came
B) colonized / had originally come
C) were colonized / have originally come
D) have colonized / originally come
E) were colonizing / might originally come

7. The orders were that we _____ the area within hours to prevent further loss of life.
A) had evacuated
B) have to evacuate
C) will have evacuated
D) shall have to evacuate
E) had to evacuate

8. As I _____ you yesterday, the undersecretary _____ over this afternoon's discussions.
A) have told / was presiding
B) told / will be presiding
C) would have told / had presided
D) will tell / has presided
E) would tell / has been presiding

9. For a hundred years or so, some critics _____ that poetry is dying, and all that time poets _____ poems that later generations recognize as great.
A) have maintained / have been writing
B) maintained / wrote
C) had maintained / were writing
D) maintain / are writing
E) would maintain / had been writing

10. What I _____ is that we _____ to think seriously about a thorough reform in the legal system.
A) have proposed / should have begun
B) had proposed / were beginning
C) am proposing / begin
D) was proposing / have begun
E) proposed / had begun

11. When the Italian astronomer Giovanni Schiaparelli _____ a map of Mars in 1877, he _____ a large number of straight linear features, which he called "canali", that is, channels.
A) publishes / has noted
B) had published / was noting
C) has published / notes
D) published / noted
E) would have published / had noted

12. In the past few months, our company director _____ more mettle than most industrialists _____ in an entire career.
A) had shown / have done
B) showed / would do
C) shows / did
D) was showing / may have done
E) has shown / do

13. The history of the Venetian republic _____ to an end in 1797 when Venice _____ over to Austria by Napoleon.
A) was coming / would have been handed
B) had come / has been handed
C) comes / had been handed
D) came / was handed
E) has come / was being handed

14. The Pacific markets _____ extremely competitive since the manufacturing capacity of many Far Eastern countries _____ to improve at the turn of the decade.
A) are becoming / begins
B) had become / would begin
C) became / have begun
D) were becoming / would have begun
E) have become / began

15. More than half of the 850 suspects currently detained by the police _____ in custody with no right to bail, even though the vast majority _____ with any offence, let alone convicted.
A) were held / are not charged
B) are being held / have not been charged
C) have been held / would not be charged
D) being held / had not been charged
E) will be held / were not being charged

16. When they heard the sirens across the valley, the relief workers in the camp knew that another group of flood victims _____ before long.
A) are arriving **B)** had arrived
C) will arrive **D)** would be arriving
E) could have arrived

17. Last week's supplementary budget package _____ to prevent Japan's economy from plunging even lower.
A) is being designed **B)** has designed
C) was designed **D)** would be designed
E) had designed

18. The company _____ earlier this week that it _____ all its staff out of the regional office.
A) had announced / pulled
B) announces / would have pulled
C) announced / had pulled
D) is announcing / has pulled
E) has announced / was pulling

19. To the astronomers of the Middle Ages, the most important classical authorities on natural philosophy _____ Aristotle and Ptolemy, since both _____ frameworks that explained the whole universe.
A) had been / created
B) are / have created
C) were / had created
D) have been / create
E) may have been / were creating

20. The city council still _____ a vast public park system that _____ a network of cycle paths spanning the city.
A) was maintaining / has included
B) had maintained / would include
C) is maintaining / had included
D) maintains / includes
E) maintained / will include

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