ENGLISH GRAMMAR TESTS

Mixed Tenses Multiple Choice Test 3

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1. The nylon blouse _____ fire as soon as the spark _____ it.
A) had catched / will touch
B) has caught / touching
C) to catch / have touched
D) caught / touched
E) will catch / to touch

2. She _____ for that sick animal for two months now. She _____ it very much.
A) had been caring / loving
B) has been caring / must love
C) was caring / be loving
D) cared / to love
E) will care / loved

3. The sculpture _____ by my friend Kate _____ worthy of exhibition in the museum.
A) making / will be considered
B) to be made / was considering
C) made / to consider
D) made / was considered
E) makes / is considering

4. The ruler of the land _____ the people to carry any type of arms.
A) forbids **B)** forbidden
C) forbidding **D)** to forbid
E) had forbidding

5. I _____ any publicity. The press today _____ always _____ to make a mountain out of a molehill.
A) doesn’t want / was / to try
B) didn’t want / has / trying
C) don’t want / is / trying
D) will want / was / trying
E) want / hasn’t been / tried

6. Although the sign _____ "private" _____ on it, no one _____ any attention to it.
A) has / wrote / pays **B)** had / wrote / paying
C) didn't / write / to pay **D)** had / written / paid
E) is / writing / pay

7. The ornaments in the window _____ very original. They _____ at the local department store.
A) were / were buying
B) weren't / had bought
C) are / to buy
D) have been / are buying
E) weren't / must have been bought

8. The children _____ the man when they _____ his prized rose bush with their ball.
A) were angering / breaks
B) angered / broke
C) had angered / breaking
D) will anger / had broke
E) might anger / had been breaking

9. I _____ to lie down and relax for an hour before the concert, but Kevin and Karen _____ by for a visit.
A) will be going / drop
B) went / drops
C) am going / dropping
D) was going / dropped
E) have been going / to drop

10. The workers in the office _____ to work overtime on weekends because they _____ already _____ plans.
A) refuse / do / made
B) are refusing / are / make
C) will have been refused / do / made
D) refusing / do / make
E) were refusing / had / made

11. I _____ permission to reorganise the filing system in the office, but I _____ the time to do it.
A) had received / couldn't find
B) have received / finding
C) will receive / am find
D) would receive / was finding
E) am receiving / had found

12. We _____ through the entire house but _____ to find the hidden treasures supposedly there.
A) have searched / am able
B) are searching / didn't
C) have been searched / were not able
D) searched / able
E) had searched / weren't able

13. My superiors _____ my performance at work and _____ me to assist in training new employees.
A) praising / asking **B)** praised / asked
C) praise / were asked **D)** was praised / asking
E) to praise / ask

14. I _____ the phone at the moment, so you _____ your friend.
A) am using / can call
B) used / are calling
C) had used / to call
D) am not using / can call
E) might use / were calling

15. The students _____ to pass this class without going to summer school.
A) determine
B) are determining
C) are determined
D) to determine
E) can determine

16. The awkward situation I _____ myself in _____ something I _____ to forget.
A) found / is / would like
B) find / are / like
C) have found / were / was liking
D) have been finding / have / to like
E) was finding / been / had liked

17. The amusing stories _____ to us by Michael _____ much too short.
A) tell / have been
B) told / were being
C) to tell / is
D) told / were
E) having been / weren't

18. I _____ the flowers in the vase when the answer to the difficult problem _____ to my mind.
A) was arranging / came
B) arranged / comes
C) am arranging / is coming
D) had arranged / to come
E) had been arranging / had been coming

19. He _____ strangely but the nurses _____ him carefully.
A) acted / was watching
B) behaving / were watched
C) had acted / watching
D) behaves / watches
E) was behaving / were watching

20. They _____ new barricades at the boundary to prevent unwanted groups from getting in.
A) was constructing
B) have constructed
C) had been constructed
D) will to construct
E) is constructed

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