A1 A2 LEVEL GRAMMAR TESTS

Past Simple (Was /Were) Test A1 – A2 Grammar Exercises

20 questions · Choose the correct answer. Online test and answer key with explanations:
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Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: _____ / 20

1. A: There _____ a traffic jam on the bridge right now.

B: No problem. I am taking the ferry today.
A) are **B)** was **C)** is **D)** were

2. There _____ any students on the campus yesterday because they were away for a holiday.
A) was **B)** weren't **C)** wasn't **D)** were

3. _____ there a promising new band at the music festival last week?
A) Was **B)** Weren't **C)** Isn't **D)** Were

4. There _____ a lot of roses in her garden because she likes growing them.
A) is **B)** was **C)** were **D)** are

5. I _____ in Germany last month and the people at the hotel _____ very friendly.
A) were / were **B)** am / are
C) was / were **D)** was / was

6. Ryan _____ experienced in his job years ago, but now he _____ an expert.
A) is / is **B)** weren't / was
C) is / isn't **D)** wasn't / is

7. _____ your cousins basketball players? They _____ very tall.
A) Was / are **B)** Are / are
C) Were / was **D)** Is / is

8. The films at last summer's festival _____ quite good, so he _____ happy to watch them.
A) were / was **B)** was / was
C) are / is **D)** is / is

9. Nick _____ alone yesterday. He _____ with his family in the city.
A) was / was **B)** were / weren't
C) wasn't / was **D)** isn't / is

10. There _____ a science laboratory in our school, so students can't do experiments.
A) isn't **B)** is **C)** was **D)** wasn't

11. A: _____ the children ready?

B: Yes, they _____. Let's go!
A) Was / was **B)** Were / were
C) Is / are **D)** Are / are

12. That museum _____ a house in the past and there _____ some apple trees in its garden then.
A) were / was **B)** is / are
C) was / were **D)** weren't / weren't

13. There _____ any security guards in front of their building, but there _____ security cameras.
A) aren't / aren't **B)** was / wasn't
C) aren't / are **D)** weren't / weren't

14. There _____ few trees on that mountain five years ago, but now there _____ many.
A) was / is **B)** were / are
C) are / is **D)** were / were

15. The oranges on this tree _____ ripe at the beginning of the season, but they _____ very tasty now.
A) weren't / are **B)** was / were
C) wasn't / are **D)** aren't / were

16. _____ dinner ready? I _____ so hungry right now.
A) Are / am **B)** Were / was
C) Is / am **D)** Was / was

17. There _____ even one candle on his birthday cake. Maybe he doesn't like blowing out candles.
A) were **B)** are **C)** weren't **D)** wasn't

18. Daniel and I _____ both ill yesterday, but we _____ very well at the moment.
A) were / are **B)** are / were
C) was / are **D)** am / was

19. A: _____ the music at the party good last night?

B: Some songs _____ superb.
A) Are / were **B)** Is / are
C) Were / was **D)** Was / were

20. Three days ago, the performers _____ good on stage, so there _____ a six-hour rehearsal yesterday, and at the moment they are performing quite well.
A) aren't / is **B)** were / weren't
C) was / wasn't **D)** weren't / was