ENGLISH GRAMMAR TESTS

Past Tenses MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 1

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1. She never _____ to eat soup.
A) didn't like **B)** like
C) had liked **D)** would not like
E) liked

2. "I'll drink tea from this tin mug."

"Where _____ you _____ it?"
A) did / find **B)** do / find
C) did / found **D)** were / found
E) are / found

3. It was dark and cold. At one moment he thought that he _____ his way.
A) lost **B)** will lose
C) had lost **D)** was lost
E) loses

4. I didn't know anyone in the city where I _____ to get.
A) did try **B)** was trying
C) would try **D)** have tried
E) shall try

5. - Why _____ you go to the plant?

- I _____ no time.
A) do / had **B)** will / have
C) did / hadn't **D)** didn't / hadn't
E) didn't / had

6. A policeman _____ me crossing the street yesterday.
A) seen **B)** saw
C) has seen **D)** will see
E) had seen

7. Arthur _____ all his exams by 5 o'clock yesterday.
A) was passing **B)** passes
C) has passed **D)** has been passed
E) had passed

8. He evidently _____ his shoes for a very long time. They were worn-out.
A) were wearing **B)** are wearing
C) had been wearing **D)** was wearing
E) had been worn

9. So, the invisible man _____ into the shop and _____ down.
A) comes / walked **B)** didn't come / walk
C) came / walked **D)** will come / walked
E) comes / would walk

10. - We were at the theatre 2 days ago. The performance was excellent.

- Who _____ the leading part?
A) did play **B)** play
C) played **D)** would play
E) has played

11. One day the boys found a man in the forest. He _____.
A) will die **B)** had been dying
C) had died **D)** was dying
E) die

12. His father _____ a doctor and he _____ to make his son a doctor, too.
A) was / wants **B)** were / wanted
C) will be / would want **D)** was / wanted
E) were / wants

13. During his school years Cronin _____ great interest in literature.
A) take **B)** took
C) has taken **D)** had taken
E) would take

14. He _____ the box yesterday, because he had to do it.
A) would open **B)** had opening
C) have opened **D)** opens
E) opened

15. While the gentlemen _____ the recent events, the ladies _____ about the weather.
A) discuss / talk
B) are discussing / was talking
C) being discussed / being talked
D) were discussing / were talking
E) have discussed / have talked

16. She _____ you a letter three weeks ago.
A) had sent **B)** has sent
C) sent **D)** send
E) was sending

17. When he _____ home I _____ him the book.
A) came / shall show
B) comes / showed
C) has come / has shown
D) came / showed
E) was coming / shall show

18. They _____ breakfast at 7 and _____ home at eight.
A) have / left **B)** had / left
C) had / leave **D)** have / leaves
E) had / had left

19. Long ago people _____ little about those minerals.

A) had known
B) knowed
C) will know
D) knew
E) have known

20. The dentist _____ two of his teeth. One of them _____ quite good.

A) pulls out / are
B) pull out / was
C) pulled out / was
D) pull out / were
E) pulled out / were

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