ENGLISH GRAMMAR TESTS

Reported Speech Test 1

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1. "Don't throw the paper on the floor."

The shopkeeper told the boy _____ on the floor.
A) that he had thrown the paper
B) he threw the paper
C) not to throw the paper
D) not to have thrown the paper
E) that he didn't throw the paper

2. "I can't understand why the lawyer hasn't sent in his report."

The director said he _____ in his report.
A) couldn't have understood why the lawyer hadn't sent
B) couldn't understand why hadn't the lawyer sent
C) couldn't understand why the lawyer didn’t send
D) couldn't understand why the lawyer hadn't sent
E) can't understand why the lawyer isn't sending

3. "Why are you so late? What is your excuse?"

The officer wanted to know _____.
A) why I am so late and what the excuse is
B) why I was so late and what my excuse was
C) if I was so late and had an excuse
D) that I was so late but had an excuse
E) how late I was and if I had an excuse

4. "Do you want me to turn off the radio?"

I asked my sister _____ me to turn off the radio.
A) whether you wanted
B) whether you want
C) that she had wanted
D) if she would have wanted
E) if she wanted

5. "The manager will be in his office all afternoon."

The secretary told me that the manager _____ in his office all afternoon.
A) will have been **B)** would have been
C) would be **D)** will have
E) would have had

6. "Don't drive so fast."

The policeman told me _____.
A) that I don't drive so fast
B) not to drive so fast
C) if I didn't drive so fast
D) that I shouldn't have driven so fast
E) whether I wasn't driving so fast

7. "Will Jane be preparing the dinner during the afternoon?"

Robert asked me _____ the dinner during the afternoon.
A) whether Jane will have prepared
B) that Jane would have prepared
C) whether Jane would prepare
D) if Jane will be preparing
E) if Jane would be preparing

8. "Are all the carpets made by hand?"

The tourist wanted to know _____.
A) whether all the carpets have been made by hand
B) if all the carpets had been made by hand
C) that all the carpets are made by hands
D) all the carpets were made by hand
E) whether all the carpets were made by hand

9. "Please wait for me in front of the museum."

The young woman asked her friend _____.
A) whether he had waited for her in front of the museum
B) that she waited for him in front of the museum
C) if he waited for her in front of the museum
D) to wait for her in front of the museum
E) to have waited for him in front of the museum

10. "We don't want to go without you."

The girls told us that _____.
A) they hadn't wanted to come without you
B) they would have come without us
C) they didn't want to go without you
D) they wanted to go with us
E) they didn't want to go without us

11. "Guard the bridge."

The officer ordered the soldiers _____.
A) to have guarded the bridge
B) that they guarded the bridge
C) to guard the bridge
D) guard the bridge
E) that they had guarded the bridge

12. Henry said Jane couldn't remember where she had put the hammer.

Which is the direct form?
A) "I couldn't remember where I had put the hammer."
B) "Jane couldn't remember where I had put the hammer."
C) "I can't remember where she put the hammer."
D) "Jane can't remember where she put the hammer."
E) "Jane couldn't have remembered where she had put the hammer."

13. "Don't go near the water! It's dangerous."

The policeman warned us _____ dangerous.
A) not to go near the water because it was
B) to not go near the dangerous water
C) to not any nearer to
D) not to have gone nearer to the water
E) not to had gone any nearer to the water which was

14. "I used to read many novels in my free time when I was younger."

Sally told me that _____.
A) she would read many novels in her free time when I was younger
B) she would read many novels in her free time when she was younger
C) she was used to reading many novels when she was young
D) I must read many novels in my free time
E) she uses to read many novels in her free time when she was younger

15. "Why don't we meet at the school cafeteria for lunch tomorrow?"

Tom asked me _____.
A) if I had met with him in the school cafeteria for lunch the next day
B) if I would meet with him in the school cafeteria for lunch the next day
C) whether I had met him in the school cafeteria that day
D) would we meet in the school cafeteria for lunch
E) might we have met in the school cafeteria for lunch that day

16. "Why don't you believe me when I say I didn't do it?"

She asked him why he didn't believe her _____.
A) if she said I didn't do it
B) as she said she had done it
C) when she said she hadn't done it
D) whether she said she didn't do it
E) if she had not done it

17. "We have decided to have the wedding in June."

I heard Janet telling Mary that _____.
A) they had decided to have their wedding in June
B) they had been deciding to have the wedding in June
C) they were going to decide about the wedding in June
D) they had had their wedding decided upon last June
E) they were having the decisions about their wedding made in June

18. "The students started a campaign to clean up the neighbourhood around our school."

The headmaster explained to the journalists that _____ the neighbourhood around their school.
A) the students were starting to campaign to clean
B) the campaign for clean up was being started
C) they were campaigning to clean up
D) the students had started a campaign to clean up
E) the students were going to camp to learn to clean up

19. "Don't overcook the pudding or it might burn."

My mother warned me _____ or it would burn.
A) do not overcook the pudding
B) not to undercook the pudding
C) overcooking the pudding
D) if I overcooked the pudding
E) not to overcook the pudding

20. "I would have gone with you but I really didn't feel up to it at the moment."

Harry told us that _____.
A) he would have gone with us but he was feeling up to it at the moment
B) he would have come with us but he really didn't feel right at that moment
C) he might have to come with us but he wasn't up to it then
D) he would have come with us but he wasn't feeling up to it at that time
E) at the moment he was not up to coming with us