ENGLISH GRAMMAR TESTS

Reported Speech Test 2

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1. "How much time do we have to get packed?"

She asked _____ to get packed.
A) how much time we needed
B) how much time have we had
C) how much time we had
D) how much time she had been given
E) how much time was there left

2. "The children are in primary school this year."

He informed us that his children _____ year.
A) were going to go to primary school this
B) were in primary school in this
C) had gone to primary school this
D) will be in primary school
E) were in primary school that

3. "We have been planning to go to the doctor for a check-up."

Burcu said that they _____ for a check-up.
A) had been planning to go to the doctor
B) were planning to have gone to the doctor
C) had planned to be going to the doctor
D) had plans to go to the doctor
E) had planned for the doctor

4. "I've decided to rent my flat in Istanbul."

Michael said that _____ in Istanbul.
A) he would rent his flat
B) he had decided to rent his flat
C) he has had to rent his flat
D) he will be renting his flat
E) if he would rent his flat

5. "Have you read the new magazine article about inflation?"

Margaret asked _____ about inflation.
A) if I hadn't read the new magazine article
B) whether I would read the new magazine article
C) if I have been reading the new magazine article
D) if I had read the new magazine article
E) whether or not I wanted to read the magazine article

6. "My closets are so full that it's almost impossible to shut the door."

Jasmine laughingly stated that _____ to shut the door.
A) her closets were full enough to almost be impossible
B) her closets are too full
C) her closets were so full it was almost impossible
D) her closets have been so full that it isn't possible
E) her closets would be so full that it wasn't impossible

7. "She would have been able to get here on time if she had hurried."

Diane said Mary _____.
A) would have been able to get here on time whether she hurried or not
B) can get here on time if she hurries
C) should get here on time as she was hurrying
D) was able to be here on time as she was hurrying
E) would have been able to get there on time if she had hurried

8. "You ought to be more careful when lighting the fire."

His father advised him _____ when lighting the fire.
A) to be more careful
B) that he shouldn't be more careful
C) that he might be more careful
D) to have been more careful
E) about having to be more careful

9. "They promised to deliver the new washing machine the day after tomorrow."

She told her husband that they _____.
A) had been promising to deliver the new washing machine the day after
B) were promised to have the new washing machine delivered the day after next
C) had promised to deliver the new washing machine in two days
D) were going to promise to deliver the new washing machine in two days' time
E) have had a promise to have the new washing machine delivered in two days

10. "The sooner we speak to our lawyers, the sooner we will be able to take care of this matter."

His neighbour shouted that _____.

A) the sooner they spoke with lawyers, the sooner the matter would be settled
B) the sooner they spoke with their lawyers, the sooner they would be able to take care of that matter
C) the sooner they contacted their lawyers, the matter would be taken care of quicker
D) the sooner that he spoke with his lawyer, the sooner he would be able to take care of him
E) the sooner they spoke to the lawyer, the sooner the lawyer would handle the affair

11. "I started working for this firm last year."

Jennifer told me that _____.

A) she had started working for that firm the year before
B) she had to start working for the firm, the last year
C) she was starting to work for this firm in a year
D) she had been working for the firm for a year
E) she would have been working there for a year now

12. "I didn't do it! I didn't do it!"

Thomas denied _____.

A) having to do it
B) having had done it
C) doing it
D) hadn't done it
E) that he didn't do it

13. "What is Jane's phone number?"

Terry asked me _____.

A) if it was Jane's phone number
B) what Jane's phone number was
C) for what Jane's phone number is
D) what was Jane's phone number
E) whether I had Jane's phone number

14. "Let me tell you about the first time I met John."

Alice offered _____.

A) she tell me about the first time I met John
B) to tell me about meeting John for the first time
C) she told me about her first time meeting with John
D) he would have told me about the first time she met with John
E) she has had to tell me about her first meeting with John

15. "I am really sorry about breaking the vase that was on the coffee table."

Duncan apologised _____ on the coffee table.

A) having to break the vase that would be
B) breaking the vase having been
C) for to break the vase that had been
D) for having broken the vase that had been
E) to having to have broken the vase that was

16. "Where do you plan to have the wedding reception?"

Teresa inquired _____.

A) as to whether we would have the wedding reception
B) about where we planned to have the wedding reception
C) if we had planned to have the wedding reception
D) as to where we were to plan the wedding reception
E) about whether we would have planned to have a wedding reception

17. "What shall I do with these old clothes?"

Lincoln asked me _____ old clothes.

A) what he would do with these
B) what should he do with the
C) what he should do with those
D) what I should do with those
E) what shall he do with those

18. "Can you please pick up the piece of paper on the floor?"

Mrs Johnson asked me _____ on the floor.

A) if I please have picked up the piece of paper
B) to pick up the piece of paper
C) whether I could have to pick up the piece of paper
D) if I couldn't have picked up the piece of paper
E) to picking up the piece of paper

19. "It's almost 2 a.m. We should get to bed or we won't be able to get up early tomorrow morning."

David suggested that _____.

A) it was late and we should get to bed or we wouldn't be able to get up early the next morning
B) it was getting late and we could get to bed or not get up early the next morning
C) it would be too late to get up the next morning if we didn't get to bed
D) we wouldn't be able to get up the next morning if we didn't get to bed as it was already 2 a.m.
E) we had better get to bed if we wanted to get up the day after

20. "If the neighbourhood gets any worse, we will have to leave."

The old man threatened that _____.

A) if the neighbourhood gets worse, we would have left

B) the neighbourhood was getting worse and he would move

C) whether or not the neighbourhood got worse, they would be leaving

D) if the neighbourhood got any worse they would move

E) the neighbourhood was so worst, he was moving

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