

**Tenses**

*Choose the correct answer from a, b, c and d:*

- 1) I haven't used it yet. I ..... it a try later on.  
a. will give      b. are going to give      c. am given      d. gave
- 2) Sally was cooking dinner when her friend.....  
a. arrived      b. was arrived      c. have arrived      d. were arriving
- 3) I ..... all morning before I took a break.  
a. had been working      b. have worked      c. are working      d. worked
- 4) I'm thirsty. I ..... a glass of water.  
a. will get      b. is going to get      c. get      d. will be getting
- 5) He arrived at school and .....straight to his first lesson.  
a. went      b. gone      c. goes      d. is going
- 6) Dad ..... with his cousin from time to time, so they're not close.  
a. makes contact      b. made contact  
c. is made contact      d. was making contact
- 7) The five crew members ..... 24 hours a day together.  
a. spend      b. spent      c. will spend      d. will be spending
- 8) Her eyes were red because she ..... for hour.  
a. has cried      b. had been crying      c. cried      d. will have cried
- 9) Malek ..... much better with his hair cut.  
a. is looking      b. looks      c. was looked      d. are looking
- 10) The children ..... soccer while it was raining.  
a. plays      b. was playing      c. were played      d. were playing
- 11) I usually take a break from my screen ..... to rest my eyes.  
a. right now      b. from time to time      c. yesterday      d. ago
- 12) Apologies, but I .....much time at the moment. I'll get back to you soon, I promise.  
a. doesn't have      b. hasn't got      c. haven't got      d. didn't have
- 13) By the time he died, he ..... 17 books.  
a. had written      b. had be writing      c. wrote      d. will have written
- 14) I love photography. I .....a digital camera soon. I just need to save a bit more.  
a. am going to be bought      b. am going to buy      c. buy      d. bought
- 15) Do you know that man? He ..... at you all evening.  
a. has been looking      b. is looking      c. looks      d. looked
- 16) She ..... the test before she got the results.  
a. had been taken      b. will take      c. had taken      d. takes

- 17) ..... you ever ..... to China?  
a. Has - been      b. Is - being      c. Have - been      d. Are – being
- 18) They ..... just ..... my money.  
a. has taken      b. have taken      c. has take      d. took
- 19) Before I graduated, I ..... my thesis.  
a. complete      b. completing      c. were completing      d. had completed
- 20) Most teenagers ..... texting to calling.  
a. prefers      b. preferred      c. prefer      d. have preferred
- 21) My parents chose a new car two days ago. Today they ..... it.  
a. will buy      b. are going to buy      c. buying      d. bought
- 22) We were walking on the beach ..... when we found a message in a bottle.  
a. earlier today      b. now      c. once a while      d. usually
- 23) The road was wet because it ..... all night.  
a. rained      b. has rained      c. had been raining      d. was raining
- 24) By the end of this term, we ..... English for five years.  
a. 'll have been studying      b. are studying      c. have studied      d. study
- 25) I ..... my car, that's why my hands are dirty.  
a. have been cleaned      b. have been cleaning      c. clean      d. had cleaned
- 26) I ..... her next week to finalise the plans.  
a. met      b. meeting      c. am meeting      d. meet
- 27) She ..... French for two years before moving to Paris.  
a. had been learning      b. had learn      c. was learning      d. learnt
- 28) When I got home, the flat ..... of smoke.  
a. smells      b. smelt      c. was smelling      d. has smelt
- 29) When the archaeologists started work, stones from ancient houses ..... under the ground for more than 8,000 years.  
a. had been lying      b. lies      c. has lied      d. lying
- 30) The pupils ..... their homework for two hours. They will be finished very soon.  
a. has done      b. done      c. have been doing      d. has been doing
- 31) They ..... at the airport for hours before the flight was cancelled.  
a. had wait      b. had been waiting      c. were waiting      d. waited
- 32) Software programmer Neil Papworth ..... the first text message in 1992.  
a. send      b. sent      c. is sending      d. have sent

33) The sentence that has been written correctly is:

- a. By the time we opened the door, the noises already stopped.
- b. By the time we open the door, the noises already stopped.
- c. By the time we open the door, the noises had already stopped.
- d. By the time we opened the door, the noises had already stopped.

34) The sentence which talks about an action that will be completed before a particular time in the future is.....

- a. This time next month, Fatima will be preparing for her final exams at college.
- b. I have been typing my science project all night. That is why I feel exhausted this morning.
- c. We're too late! By the time we get to the city park, the festival events will have finished.
- d. By the time the bus arrived to the city park, we had been waiting for three hours with Dad.

35) The question that has been written correctly is:

- a. Were you had a bad dream when I woke you up?
- b. Was you having a bad dream when I woke you up?
- c. Did you have a bad dream when I woke you up?
- d. Were you having a bad dream when I woke you up?

36) The sentence which talks about finished actions in the past when we don't say exactly when they happened is.....

- a. They've written several very long essays.
- b. I'd already talked to that police officer about the burglary, so he knew I was innocent.
- c. He's been writing thank-you letters all morning.
- d. Sorry about breaking your favourite mug. I'll buy you a new one, I promise.

37) The function of the following sentence "The shopping centre opens at 10 a.m." is:

- a. a future arrangement with another person.
- b. something which has already been decided.
- c. timetabled or scheduled future event.
- d. an action that is expected to happen in the normal course of events.

38) The question that has been written correctly is:

- a. Do you watch the documentary about communication through the ages yesterday?
- b. Did you watch the documentary about communication through the ages yesterday?
- c. Have you watched the documentary about communication through the ages yesterday?
- d. Was you watching the documentary about communication through the ages yesterday?

39) The sentence which talks about an action in progress at a specific time in the future is.....

- a. She'll be explaining how to understand the labels on clothes.
- b. Last night, I was driving back home.
- c. I've written down everything she's said so far.
- d. By the time I got to the field, the object had disappeared.

40) The question that has been written correctly is:

- a. Have you seen her photos on social media before you met her?
- b. Were you seen her photos on social media before you met her?
- c. Had you seen her photos on social media before you meet her?
- d. Had you seen her photos on social media before you met her?

41) The function of the following sentence "I'm going to give these old blankets to the charity shop." is:

- a. actions which follow each other in a story
- b. timetabled or scheduled future event
- c. facts and things that are generally true
- d. something which has already been decided.

42) The question that has been written correctly is:

- a. Had Amelia Earhart be visiting Bangkok when she disappeared?
- b. Has Amelia Earhart been visiting Bangkok when she disappeared?
- c. Had Amelia Earhart been visiting Bangkok when she disappears?
- d. Had Amelia Earhart been visiting Bangkok when she disappeared?

- 43) The sentence which talks about an action which took place before another is.....
- a. Teenagers rarely write emails.
  - b. I wrote an English essay last night.
  - c. By the time I got to the field, the object had disappeared.
  - d. I'm going to turn them into shorts.
- 44) The function of the following sentence "*I've written down everything she's said so far.*" is:
- a. actions and states which began in the past and continue until now.
  - b. scientific facts
  - c. actions in progress at a specific time in the past
  - d. an action in the past that was completed before another action or time in the past
- 45) The question that has been written correctly is:
- a. Have you seen anybody these days, Faisal?
  - b. Do you see anybody these days, Faisal?
  - c. Are you seeing anybody these days, Faisal?
  - d. Have you see anybody these days, Faisal?

Good Luck

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Answers:

1. a	2. a	3. a	4. a	5. a
6. a	7. d	8. b	9. b	10. d
11. b	12. c	13. a	14. b	15. a
16. c	17. c	18. b	19. d	20. c
21. b	22. a	23. c	24. a	25. b
26. c	27. a	28. b	29. a	30. c
31. b	32. b	33. d	34. c	35. d
36. a	37. c	38. b	39. a	40. d
41. d	42. d	43. c	44. a	45. c