**TENSES**

**EXERCISE 1: Use the correct form of verbs in brackets.**

1. In all the world, there (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ only 14 mountains that (reach) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_above 8,000 meters.

2. He sometimes (come) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to see his parents.

3. When I (come) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, she (leave) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_for Dalat ten minutes ago.

4. My grandfather never (fly) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in an airplane, and he has no intention of ever doing so.

5. We just (decide) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that we (undertake) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the job.

6. He told me that he (take) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a trip to California the following week.

7. I knew that this road (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ too narrow.

8. Right now I (attend) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ class. Yesterday at this time I (attend) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_class.

9. Tomorrow I'm going to leave for home. When I (arrive) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_at the airport, Mary (wait) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for me.

10. Margaret was born in 1950. By last year, she (live) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_on this earth for 55 years .

11. The traffic was very heavy. By the time I (get) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to Mary's party, everyone already (arrive) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

12. I will graduate in June. I (see) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you in July. By the time I (see) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you , I (graduate) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

13. I (visit) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my uncle's home regularly when I (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a child.

14. That book (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the table for weeks. You (not read) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it yet ?

15. David (wash) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his hands. He just (repair) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the TV set.

16. You (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_here before? Yes, I (spend) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my holidays here last year.

17. We never (meet) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him. We don't know what he (look) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like.

18. The car (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ready for him by the time he (come) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_tomorrow.

19. On arriving at home I (find) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that she just (leave) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a few minutes before.

20. When we (arrive) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in London tonight, it probably (rain) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

21. It (rain) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hard. We can't do anything until it (stop) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

22. Last night we (watch) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_TV when the power (fail) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

23. That evening we (stay) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_up to talk about the town where he (live) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_for some years.

24. I (sit) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_down for a rest while the shoes (repair) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

25. Half way to the office Paul (turn) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_round and (go) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_back home because he (forget) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to turn the gas off.

26. London (change) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a lot since we first (come) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to live here.

27. While we (talk) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_on the phone the children (start) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_fighting and (break) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a window

28. He used to talk to us for hours about all the interesting things he (do) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in his life.

29. You know she (stand) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_looking at that picture for the last twenty minutes.

30. I (spend) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a lot of time travelling since I (get) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_this new job.

31. When we (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at school we all (study) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Latin.

32. When I (meet) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him , he (work) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_as a waiter for a year.

33. After he (finish) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ breakfast he (sit) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_down to write some letters.

34. She (have) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a hard life, but she's always smiling.

35. I think Jim (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out of town.

**EXERCISE 2: Choose the best answer among A, B, C, or D.**

1. When I last saw him, he \_\_\_\_\_ in London.

A. has lived B. is living C. was living D. has been living

2. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy since last Saturday.

A. don’t see B. haven’t seen C. didn’t see D. hadn’t seen

3. The train \_\_\_\_\_\_ half an hour ago.

A. has been leaving B. left C. has left D. had left

4. Jack \_\_\_\_\_\_ the door.

A. has just painted B. paint C. will have painted D. painting

5. My sister \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for you since yesterday.

A. is looking B. was looking C. has been looking D. looked

6. I \_\_\_\_\_\_ Texas State University now.

A. am attending B. attend C. was attending D. attended

7. He has been selling motorbikes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

A. ten years ago B. since ten years C. for ten years ago D. for ten years

8. Christopher Columbus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ American more than 500 years ago.

A. discovered B. has discovered C. had discovered D. had been discovering

9. He fell down when he \_\_\_\_\_\_ towards the church.

A. run B. runs C. was running D. had run

10. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ there when our father died.

A. still lived B. lived still C. was still lived D. was still living

11. They \_\_\_\_\_\_ table tennis when their father comes back home.

A. will play B. will be playing C. play D. would play

12. By Christmas, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Mr. Smith for six years.

A. will have been working B. will work C. have been working D. will be working

13. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the room right now

A. am being B. was being C. have been being D. am

14. I \_\_\_\_\_\_ to New York three times this year.

A. have been B. was C. were D. had been

15. I’ll come and see you before I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the States.

A. leave B. will leave C. have left D. shall leave

16. The little girl asked what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to her friend.

A. has happened B. happened C. had happened D. would have been happened

17. John \_\_\_\_\_\_ a book when I saw him.

A. is reading B. read C. was reading D. reading

18. He said he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ return later.

A. will B. would C. can D. would be

19. Jack \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the door.

A. has just opened B. open C. have opened D. opening

20. I have been waiting for you \_\_\_\_\_\_ .

A. since early morning B. since 9 a.m C. for two hours D. All are correct

21. Almost everyone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for home by the time we arrived.

A. leave B. left C. leaves D. had left

22. By the age of 25, he \_\_\_\_\_\_ two famous novels.

A. wrote B. writes C. has written D. had written

23. When her husband was in the army, Mary \_\_\_\_\_\_ to him twice a week

A. was reading B. wrote C. was written D. had written

24. I couldn’t cut the grass because the lawn mower \_\_\_\_\_\_ a few days previously.

A. broke down B. has been broken C. had broken down D. breaks down

25. I have never played badminton before. This is the first time I \_\_\_\_\_ to play.

A. try B. tried C. have tried D. am trying

26. Since \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I have heard nothing from him.

A. he had left B. he left C. he has left D. he was left

27. After I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lunch, I looked for my bag.

A. had B. had had C. have has D. have had

28. By the end of next year, George \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ English for two years.

A. will have learned B. will learn  C. has learned D. would learn

29. The man got out of the car, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ round to the back and opened the book.

A. walking B. walked C. walks D. walk

30. Henry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into the restaurant when the writer was having dinner.

A. was going B. went C. has gone D. did go

31. He will take the dog out for a walk as soon as he \_\_\_\_\_\_ dinner.

A. finish B. finishes C. will finish D. finishing

32. I will be glad if he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with us.

A. had gone B. did go C. went D. goes

33 Ask her to come and see me when she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her work.

A. finish B. has finished C. finished D. finishing

34. Turn off the gas. Don’t you see that the kettle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?

A. boil B. boils C. is boiling D. boiled

35. Tom and Mary \_\_\_\_\_\_ for Vietnam tomorrow.

A. leave B. are leaving C. leaving D. are left

36. He always \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for a walk in the evening.

A. go B. is going C. goes D. going

37. Her brother \_\_\_\_\_\_ in Canada at present.

A. working B. works C. is working D. work

38. I \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the same barber since last year.

A. am going B. have been going C. go D. had gone

39. Her father \_\_\_\_\_\_ when she was a small girl.

A. dies B. died C. has died D. had died

40. Last week, my professor promised that he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ today.

A. would come B. will come C. comes D. coming

**EXERCISE 3: Choose the underlined part in each sentence (A, B,C, or D ) that needs correcting**

1. After Mrs. Wang had returned (A) to her house (B) from work (C), she was cooking (D) dinner.

2. Jimmy threw (A) the ball high (B) in the air, and Betty catching (C) it when (D) it came down.

3. Linda has worn (A) her new yellow (B) dress only once (C) since she buys (D) it.

4. Last week Mark told (A) me that he go (B)t very bored with his present job and is looking (C) for a new on (D)e.

5. Having (A) fed the dog, he was sat (B) down to (C) his own (D) meal.

6. When I turned on my computer, I was shocked (A) to find (B) some junk mail, and (C) I delete (D) it all.

7. They are going to have to (A) leave soon (B) and so do (C) we (D).

8. The boss laughed when the secretary has told (A) him that she really (B) needed (C) a pay (D) rise.

9. The telephone rang several times (A) and then (B) stop (C) before I could (D) answer it.

10. Debbie, whose father (A) is an excellent tennis player(B), has been (C) playing tennis since (D) ten years.

11. I have seen (A) lots(B) of interesting (C) places when I went (D) on holiday last summer.

12. When my cat heard (A) a noise in the bushes, she stopped moving (B) and listen (C) intently (D).

13. I think (A) it’s time you change (B) your way of (C) living (D).

14. Roger felt the outside (A) of his pocket to make (B) sure his (C) wallet is still (D) there.

15. When I’m shopping (A) in the supermarket, I ran into (B) an old friend who I hadn’t met (C) for (D) five years.

16. The police (A) arrested the man while (B) he is having (C) dinner in (D) a restaurant.

17. Peter and Wendy first (A) met in 2006 (B), and they are (C) married for three years now (D).

18. Some (A) people are believing (B) there is life on (C) other (D) planets.

19. Recently, the island of Hawaii (A) had been (B) the subject of intensive research (C) on the occurrence (D) of earthquakes.

20. Every morning, the sun shines (A) in my bedroom window (B) and waking (C) me up (D).

21. The man died as (A) a result of falling (B) asleep (C) while he drives (D).

22. I haven’t finished (A) the report yet (B),but by the time you return (C) I will certainly complete (D) it.

23. Caroline has worn (A) her new yellow (B) dress only once (C) since she buys (D) it.

24. We’ll be cycled (A) to Hoa’s village (B) at (C) this time next (D) Sunday.

25. What will (A) you do (B) when (C) your friends won’t come (D) ?

26. Someone was knocking (A) at the door (B) when I was doing (C) the washing up (D).

27. My friend didn’t drink (A) any (B) beer since we came (C) to live here (D).

28. We have written (A)to each other (B) when (C) we were (D) in primary school.

29. After (A) breakfast, I‘m gone (B) to walk to (C) school with (D) my friends.

30. Did (A) he go to (B) the pop concert next weekend (C) for a change (D)?

**EXERCISE 4: Choose the correct sentence among A, B, C or D which has the same meaning as the given one.**

1. Eight years ago we started writing to each other.

A. We have rarely written to each other for eight years.

B. Eight years is a long time for us to write to each other.

C. We wrote to each other eight years ago.

D. We have been writing to each other for eight years.

2. The boy was so lazy that he couldn't stay up late to learn his lessons.

A. The boy was lazy enough not to stay up late to learn his lessons.

B. The boy was too lazy to stay up late to learn his lessons.

C. The boy was lazy enough but he stayed up late to learn his lessons.

D. The boy was lazy enough to stay up late to learn his lessons.

3. My father is tired of seeing any violent films.

A. My father hasn't seen a violent film.

B. My father has enjoyed all the violent films he has ever seen.

C. My father is worried about missing the next violent film.

D. My father never wants to see another violent film.

4. As soon as he waved his hand, she turned away.

A. He saw her turn away and he waved his hand.

B. No sooner had he waved his hand than she turned away.

C. She turned away because he waved his hand too early.

D. Although she turned away, he waved his hand.

5. John wishes he had remembered to send Mary a Christmas card.

A. John regrets not to send Mary a Christmas card.

B. John regrets forgetting not to send Mary a Christmas card.

C. John regrets not remembering sending Mary a Christmas card.

D. John regrets forgetting to send Mary a Christmas card.

6. My father hasn't smoked cigarettes for a month.

A. It's a month since my father last smoked cigarettes.

B. It's a month ago that my father smoked cigarettes.

C. It's a month that my father hasn't smoked cigarettes.

D. It's a cigarette that my father smoked a month ago.

7. Having finished their work, the workers expected to be paid.

A. The workers expected to be paid because they had finished their work.

B. Having their work finishing, the workers expected to be paid.

C. Having expected to be paid, the workers finished their work.

D. Having been finished their work, the workers expected to be paid.

8. Mr. Brown bought this car five years ago.

A. Mr. Brown started to buy this car for five years.

B. It has been five years when Mr. Brown has bought this car.

C. Mr. Brown has had this car for five years .

D. It is five years ago since Mr. Brown has bought this car.

9. John used to write home once a week when he was abroad.

A. John doesn't write home once a week any longer.

B. John enjoyed being written home every week when he was abroad.

C. John never forgot to write a weekly letter home when he was abroad.

D. When he was abroad he remembered to write home every week.

10. I haven't enjoyed myself so much for years.

A. It's years since I enjoyed myself so much.

B. It's years since I have enjoyed myself so much.

C. It was years since I had enjoyed myself so much.

D. It has been years since I have enjoyed myself so much.

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**Exercise 1:**

1. are - reach;  2. comes;  3. came - had left;  4. has never flown;

5. have just decided -would undertake;   6. would take;   7. was ;

8. am attending - was attending;   9. arrive -will be waitin;g   10. had lived;

11. got- had already arrived;    12. will see - see - will have graduated;

13. visited -was;     14. has been - haven’t you read;   15. is washing - has just repaired;

16. Have you been - spent;   17. have never met - looks;    18. will have been- comes;

19. found – had just lef;t   20. arrive – will probably be raining;   21. is raining - stops;

22. were watching - failed ;    23. stayed – had lived;   24. sat – were being repaired;

25. turned – went – had forgotten;   26. has changed - came;

27. were talking – started - broke;  28. had done  29. has been standing;

30. have spent - got;   31. were - studied;   32. met – had been working;

33. had finished - sat;    34. has;     35. has been;

**Exercise 2:**

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| 1. C | 2. B | 3. B | 4. A | 5. C | 6. A | 7. D | 8. A | 9. C | 10. A |
| 11. B | 12. A | 13. D | 14. A | 15. A | 16. C | 17. C | 18. B | 19. A | 20. D |
| 21. D | 22. D | 23. B | 24. C | 25. C | 26. B | 27. B | 28. A | 29. B | 30. B |
| 31. B | 32. D | 33. B | 34. C | 35. B | 36. C | 37. C | 38. B | 39. B | 40. A |

**Exercise 3:**

1. D. was cooking -> cooked 2. C. catching -> caught 3. D. buys -> bought

4. C. is looking -> was looking 5. B. was sat -> sat 6. D. delete -> deleted

7. C. so do -> so are 8. A. has told -> told

9. C. stop -> stopped 10. D. since -> for

11. A. have seen -> saw

12. C. listen -> listened

13. B. change -> changed

14. D. is still -> was still

15. A. I’m shopping -> was shopping

16. C. is having -> was having

17. C. are -> have been

18. B. are believing -> believe

19. B. had been -> has been

20. C. waking -> wakes

21. D. drives -> was driving

22. D. will certainly complete -> will have certainly completed

23. D. buys -> bought

24. A. We’ll be cycled -> We’ll be cycling

25. D. won’t come -> don’t come

26. A. was knocking -> knocked

27. A. didn’t drink -> hasn’t drunk

28. C. when -> since

29. B. gone -> going

30. A. Did -> Will

**Exercise 4:**

1. D; 2. B; 3. D; 4. B; 5. D; 6. A; 7. A; 8. C; 9. A; 10. A;