

## SET 1

1. **Last Saturday, my father ---- that his dinner suit was too small, so now he ---- a strict diet.**  
A) has discovered / followed  
B) discovers / was following  
C) discovered / is following  
D) was discovering / has followed  
E) has been discovering / follows
2. **Helen ---- her driving test five times so far without success, but she ---- yet.**  
A) takes / isn't giving up  
B) has taken / hasn't given up  
C) was taking / didn't give up  
D) is taking / doesn't give up  
E) took / wasn't giving up
3. **Most of the time, John and his friends ---- football matches at their local cafe, but this Saturday, they - -- to the stadium, and so they're all very excited.**  
A) watch / are going  
B) have been watching / go  
C) are watching / have gone  
D) were watching / went  
E) have watched / were going
4. **Kate ---- a vegetarian for eleven years now, and she ---- meat at all during this time.**  
A) is / isn't eating  
B) has been / wasn't eating  
C) is / doesn't eat  
D) has been / hasn't eaten  
E) was / didn't eat
5. **Last year, Richard ---- his bicycle to work everyday, but he ---- the bus since the accident.**  
A) rides / takes  
B) has ridden / is taking  
C) rode / has been taking  
D) was riding / took  
E) is riding / has taken
6. **I ---- glasses when I was younger, but now I ---- contact lenses.**  
A) was wearing / have had  
B) have worn / am having  
C) have been wearing / had  
D) wear / was having  
E) wore / have
7. **About a month ago, I ---- a brochure about your hotel, but I ---- it yet.**  
A) request / didn't receive  
B) have requested / am not receiving  
C) was requesting / wasn't receiving  
D) requested / haven't received  
E) have been requested / don't receive
8. **The conditions in our office ---- more and more unbearable, and so quite often recently I ---- quitting it and looking for a new job.**  
A) have got / was considering  
B) was getting / am considering  
C) are getting / have considered  
D) have been getting / consider  
E) get / considered
9. **Because I ---- a long way from my work, I ---- lots of time going to and from work.**  
A) live / waste  
B) lived / have wasted  
C) have been living / wasted  
D) am living / have been wasting  
E) was living / am wasting
10. **In the USA, the twenty largest newspaper chains ---- for almost half of the circulation, reflecting a trend that ---- in the 1970s.**  
A) account / started  
B) were accounting / start  
C) has accounted / was starting  
D) accounted / is starting  
E) accounts / has started
11. **Clean snow ---- as much as 87 percent of the sunlight that ---- on it.**  
A) is reflecting / shone  
B) has reflected / was shining  
C) reflected / is shining  
D) was reflected / has shone  
E) reflects / shines
12. **More than two hundred people ---- the tower when the bomb ---- in one of the dustbins.**  
A) have visited / was exploding  
B) were visiting / exploded  
C) visited / has exploded  
D) are visiting / is exploding  
E) visit / has exploded
13. **Because you ---- half of the ingredients as I ---- dinner, you probably aren't hungry at all now.**  
A) were eating / have prepared  
B) have eaten / prepared  
C) have been eating / prepare  
D) ate / was preparing  
E) eat / have been preparing
14. **She ---- strictly since Christmas and so far she ---- eight kilos.**  
A) was dieting / was losing  
B) dieted / loses  
C) diets / is losing  
D) is dieting / lost  
E) has been dieting / has lost

15. **Cindy's family ---- chains in this area for over three centuries and now her father ---- this traditional craft at the county museum twice a day as well.**
- A) are making / is demonstrating  
 B) have made / has demonstrated  
 C) made / was demonstrating  
 D) were making / demonstrated  
 E) have been making / demonstrates
16. **He ---- to unlock the door to his flat because the telephone ----**
- A) was hurrying / rang  
 B) hurries / has been ringing  
 C) hurried / was ringing  
 D) is hurrying / rings  
 E) has hurried / has rung
17. **There ---- economies since the dawn of civilization, but as a field of study, economics ---- only recently.**
- A) were / was developing  
 B) have been / has developed  
 C) are / has been developing  
 D) were / is developing  
 E) have been / develops
18. **John Deere ---- his farm machinery business, which ---- tractors today, in the 19th century.**
- A) founds / still produced  
 B) has founded / is still producing  
 C) was founding / was still producing  
 D) founded / still produces  
 E) is founding / has still produced
19. **I ---- my French lately; consequently, I ---- more and more of it.**
- A) am not practising / forget  
 B) haven't been practising / am forgetting  
 C) don't practise / have forgotten  
 D) wasn't practising / forgot  
 E) didn't practise / was forgetting
20. **The old lady's health ---- day by day until she ---- smoking.**
- A) was deteriorating / gave up  
 B) is deteriorating / gives up  
 C) deteriorated / has given up  
 D) deteriorates / is giving up  
 E) has deteriorated / was giving up
21. **The managing director ---- Sid to sales manager and ever since, he ---- everybody around.**
- A) promoted / has been bossing  
 B) promotes / bosses  
 C) has promoted / is bossing  
 D) is promoting / was bossing  
 E) was promoting / has bossed
22. **Problems with the hotel, coupled with this awful weather, ---- our holiday miserable, so we ---- before the scheduled time.**
- A) have made / have left  
 B) were making / leave  
 C) make / left  
 D) are making / are leaving  
 E) made / were leaving
23. **The fact that more people ---- ozone-friendly products nowadays ---- that the media can positively increase public awareness.**
- A) have used / was showing  
 B) used / has shown  
 C) use / has been showing  
 D) were using / showed  
 E) are using / shows
24. **My sister ---- from severe back aches lately and I think it's because, last month, she ---- to work in a shop where she has to pick up heavy things.**
- A) is suffering / has started  
 B) suffers / was starting  
 C) has been suffering / started  
 D) suffered / is starting  
 E) was suffering / starts
25. **Though she ---- dancing, Sonia ---- to the disco with her friends the previous night just in order to be with them in a different atmosphere.**
- A) hasn't like / has gone  
 B) doesn't like / went  
 C) didn't like / is going  
 D) doesn't like / goes  
 E) didn't like / has been going
26. **Somebody ---- three times this morning asking for Pete, but nobody called Pete ---- here.**
- A) has phoned / has ever lived  
 B) is phoning / was ever living  
 C) phones / ever lived  
 D) phoned / is ever living  
 E) has been phoning / ever lived
27. **Joey ---- just ---- stubborn when he refused to go to the cinema today and he only did so because we ---- to go bowling yesterday.**
- A) is ---- being / haven't wanted  
 B) has ---- been / didn't want  
 C) is / don't want  
 D) was / haven't been wanting  
 E) was ---- being / didn't want
28. **My mother ---- her optician tomorrow because her eyesight ---- worse since she got this computing job.**
- A) has visited / is becoming  
 B) visited / was becoming  
 C) visits / becomes  
 D) is visiting / has become  
 E) was visiting / became

29. **As the President ---- the hall, all the guests ---- to their feet to welcome him.**
- A) was entering / have risen  
 B) entered / rose  
 C) is entering / rise  
 D) enters / have been rising  
 E) has entered / were rising

30. **She ---- interested in health ever since she was a young girl and now that the medical college ---- her as a student, it seems that she will be able to work in the medical field.**
- A) was / accepted  
 B) has been / has accepted  
 C) is / is accepting  
 D) is being / accepts  
 E) was / was accepting

## SET 2

1. **Bob ---- with us tonight as he ---- an appointment with the dentist.**
- A) won't have trained / is making  
 B) hasn't trained / was making  
 C) hadn't trained / made  
 D) doesn't train / makes  
 E) isn't going to train / has made
2. **We ---- football for two hours and ---- to a restaurant for a meal, afterwards.**
- A) are playing / go  
 B) play / are going  
 C) played / went  
 D) have played / were going  
 E) have been playing / had gone
3. **Environmental pollution ---- ever since people ---- to congregate in towns and cities.**
- A) will have existed / are beginning  
 B) exists / have begun  
 C) had existed / were beginning  
 D) has existed / began  
 E) will exist / begin
4. **I heard that you ---- about the boys all day, so I just rang to tell you that Matthew ---- from a pay phone a couple of hours ago and they are both fine. The weather is fine and they will be home on Sunday evening.**
- A) had been worrying / will phone  
 B) have been worrying / phoned  
 C) will be worrying / had phoned  
 D) are worrying / is going to phone  
 E) were worrying / phones

5. **Although he ---- the first round in record time, he ---- in the second, and so finished tenth overall.**
- A) finishes / is slipping  
 B) had been finishing / was slipping  
 C) will have finished / slips  
 D) had finished / slipped  
 E) was finishing / has slipped
6. **The petrol warning light ---- for half an hour before we ---- a petrol station.**
- A) had been flashing / reached  
 B) is going to flash / will reach  
 C) flashed / have reached  
 D) flashes / will be reaching  
 E) was flashing / were reaching
7. **Up until the tap water ---- back on yesterday evening, we ---- water back and forth for three days**
- A) came / had been carrying  
 B) has come / have been carrying  
 C) had come / were carrying  
 D) was coming / will have been carrying  
 E) is coming / will have carried
8. **The neighbours ---- so loudly last night that they ---- us all awake until after midnight.**
- A) are shouting / are keeping  
 B) have been shouting / were keeping  
 C) shouted / have been keeping  
 D) have shouted / had kept  
 E) were shouting / kept
9. **Man's use of pictures to tell stories and to record experiences ---- in prehistoric times, when he ---- on the walls of caves.**
- A) was beginning / has drawn  
 B) began / drew  
 C) begins / will have drawn  
 D) has begun / was drawing  
 E) had begun / draw
10. **My team ---- a match for a month, so currently the manager ---- resigning if they lose one more match.**
- A) doesn't win / considers  
 B) isn't winning / was considering  
 C) hasn't won / is considering  
 D) hadn't won / will have considered  
 E) wasn't winning / will consider
11. **My brother ---- past the post office every morning and I ---- him all week to post a letter for me, but he keeps forgetting, so I'm going to post it myself tomorrow.**
- A) will be going / ask  
 B) will go / am asking  
 C) goes / have been asking  
 D) is going / will ask  
 E) has been going / had asked

12. **The football team that ..... last year's championship ---- little chance of winning it again this year.**  
 A) was winning / stood  
 B) was going to win / stand  
 C) has won / has stood  
 D) had won / was standing  
 E) won / stands
13. **Freedom of the press ---- an issue between people and their governments since the time individuals --- - newspapers independent of government control for the first time.**  
 A) is / are publishing  
 B) will have been / publish  
 C) had been / were publishing  
 D) has been / published  
 E) was / have published
14. **The hikers ---- so tired by the time they ---- the top of the hill that I'm sure they'll first want to sit down for a rest.**  
 A) will have got / reach  
 B) are getting / will have reached  
 C) had got / reached  
 D) have got / are reaching  
 E) were getting / had reached
15. **When the young scouts ---- the top of the hill, they -- -- for more than an hour.**  
 A) reached / have been walking  
 B) reach / will have been walking  
 C) will have reached / are walking  
 D) had reached / were walking  
 E) have reached / will be walking
16. **Modern exploration of the undersea world had its beginnings in June 1943, when Jacques Cousteau -- -- his first dive with a revolutionary breathing device which he ---- with Emile Gagnan, a French engineer.**  
 A) was making / has developed  
 B) had made / will have developed  
 C) has made / was developing  
 D) will have made / develops  
 E) made / had developed
17. **She says that she ---- the eight o'clock train tomorrow , but I'm sure she ---- it , as usual.**  
 A) is catching / is missing  
 B) has caught / misses  
 C) will have caught / has missed  
 D) is going to catch / will miss  
 E) was catching / missed
18. **The fisherman ---- more fish in one night than ever before, so when they anchored in the harbour , they ---- with joy at the thought of their reward.**  
 A) had been catching / will sing  
 B) will have caught / sang  
 C) had caught / were singing  
 D) caught / have been singing  
 E) have caught / will be singing
19. **On my friend's farm they ---- an alarm clock because the cockerel ---- at five o'clock every morning without fail.**  
 A) don't need / crows  
 B) haven't needed / was crowing  
 C) won't have needed / has crowed  
 D) won't need / is crowing  
 E) didn't need / will crow
20. **The Continental Congress ---- the US Postal Service in 1775 and the first federal government ---- the service in the Constitution.**  
 A) was founding / has included  
 B) had founded / includes  
 C) has founded / is including  
 D) was going to found / will include  
 E) founded / included
21. **Look, the conservation volunteers ---- cheerfully in the sunshine all morning , unlike yesterday, when they ---- to work in the rain**  
 A) worked / are refusing  
 B) are working / were refusing  
 C) will be working / have refused  
 D) have been working / refused  
 E) will have worked / had refused
22. **A: Is that your pure wool pullover in the washing machine? It ---- you know!**  
**B: No, I ---- it several times in the machine already. I use the wool cycle and it's fine.**  
 A) was shrinking / wash  
 B) has shrunk / had washed  
 C) will shrink / washed  
 D) is going to shrink / have washed  
 E) is shrinking / have been washing
23. **The weather conditions ---- throughout the day and now the ground officials are confident that the championship game ---- ahead**  
 A) have been improving / will go  
 B) will be improving / is going  
 C) have improved / was going  
 D) are improving / has gone  
 E) improved / went
24. **Some of us will be needed tomorrow to finish the fence because, at this rate , two sections ---- unfinished when we ---- work tonight.**  
 A) have remained / stopped  
 B) will have remained / were stopping  
 C) are going to remain / will stop  
 D) are remaining / are stopping  
 E) will remaining / stop
25. **Decoupage, an art form that ---- in France during the 17th century ---- cutting out designs and patterned materials and fastening them permanently to a surface.**  
 A) has originated / will involve  
 B) originated / involves  
 C) was originating / is involving  
 D) will have originated / involved  
 E) is originating / was involving

26. **They ---- so many hotels in the region in recent years that gradually they ---- the natural beauty of the area.**
- A) were building / destroy  
 B) will build / have been destroying  
 C) have built / are destroying  
 D) are building / have destroyed  
 E) have been building / destroyed
27. **After she ---- to me for the fifth time, I ---- another word she said, and put an end to our friendship.**
- A) has lied / don't believe  
 B) has been lying / won't believe  
 C) was lying / haven't believed  
 D) is lying / hadn't believed  
 E) had lied / didn't believe
28. **Since they ---- part in their first conversation volunteer week, they ---- on several projects with great pleasure.**
- A) are taking / worked  
 B) take / will have worked  
 C) are going to take / are working  
 D) took / have worked  
 E) have been taking / work
29. **Asia ---- the world's largest land mass and ---- just over half of the world's people.**
- A) has had / held  
 B) is having / is holding  
 C) has / holds  
 D) was having / was holding  
 E) has been having / will hold
30. **I ---- to the bank during my lunch-break today, but an old colleague ---- to visit us, so, naturally, I wanted to hear all the news.**
- A) was going to go / came  
 B) went / is coming  
 C) have gone / was coming  
 D) had gone / has come  
 E) am going to go / comes
31. **Suddenly it ---- very foggy, so we ---- compass bearings to find the right route down the mountain.**
- A) will become / use  
 B) had become / used  
 C) became / are using  
 D) becomes / will use  
 E) has become / had used
32. **We're looking after our neighbour's dog as well as our own and it ---- two kilos of meat a day, so I ---- dog meat in bulk these days.**
- A) is eating / bought  
 B) ate / have bought  
 C) was eating / have been buying  
 D) eats / am buying  
 E) will have eaten / had bought
33. **By the end of this court session the jury ---- all the witnesses and they ---- the courtroom to decide on a verdict.**
- A) have been hearing / have left  
 B) had heard / are leaving  
 C) are hearing / leave  
 D) hear / left  
 E) will have heard / will leave
34. **I feel certain that her new travel agency ---- because she ---- a thorough market survey.**
- A) is succeeding / will do  
 B) has succeeded / will have done  
 C) will succeed / has done  
 D) was succeeding / is doing  
 E) succeeded / has been doing
35. **When Chilean separatist forces ---- an independent Chile in 1818, the vice-royalty of Peru ---- over Chile for almost three centuries.**
- A) declared / had been ruling  
 B) has declared / was ruling  
 C) was declaring / has been ruling  
 D) is declaring / ruled  
 E) had declared / will have ruled
36. **I ---- some chicken curry earlier and ---- Richard and Kate to stay for dinner, but just then I remembered that they were both vegetarian.**
- A) was going to cook / have asked  
 B) had been cooking / will ask  
 C) cooked / will have asked  
 D) had cooked / was going to ask  
 E) have cooked / had asked
37. **I expect you ---- from school by this time next year and ---- for a job.**
- A) have graduated / will have looked  
 B) are graduating / have been looking  
 C) will have graduated / will be looking  
 D) graduate / will have been looking  
 E) were graduating / are going to look
38. **Our Spanish teacher ---- very slowly and clearly to us at the moment because we ---- very far in the language yet.**
- A) talks / aren't progressing  
 B) is talking / haven't progressed  
 C) was talking / didn't progress  
 D) has been talking / weren't progressing  
 E) will be talking / don't progress
39. **Before the potato blight ---- Ireland in the 1840s, most Irish people ---- on a subsistence diet of potatoes.**
- A) was striking / relied  
 B) has struck / relies  
 C) had struck / has relied  
 D) strikes / will rely  
 E) struck / had relied

40. **Between the years 1846 and 1851, one million Irish men and women ---- to death and 1.6 million ---- to the USA.**
- A) had been starving / have emigrated  
 B) have been starving / emigrate  
 C) were starving / were emigrating  
 D) starved / emigrated  
 E) had starved / will have emigrated
41. **Bangladesh ---- independence from Pakistan in 1971 and ever since the assassination of its first prime minister in 1974, the military ---- the country's government.**
- A) has gained / were dominating  
 B) had gained / are dominating  
 C) gained / have dominated  
 D) was gaining / dominate  
 E) gains / have been dominating
42. **Over the recent years alcoholism ---- a leading cause of death in the young adult population in the USA. This statistic ---- deaths from drunken driving and fires started by carelessly dropped cigarettes.**
- A) became / was including  
 B) becomes / included  
 C) was becoming / will include  
 D) is becoming / is including  
 E) has become / includes
43. **Some of the workers ---- the peaches while the others ---- them in wooden boxes.**
- A) are picking / will place  
 B) were picking / were placing  
 C) have been picking / placed  
 D) picked / have been placing  
 E) had been picking / have placed
44. **Although manufacturers ---- electric cars as prototypes for a number of years now, it will be a long time before they ---- common.**
- A) produced / are becoming  
 B) have been producing / become  
 C) produce / will become  
 D) are producing / became  
 E) were producing / will have become
45. **Between 1607 and 1733 Englishmen ---- thirteen colonies along the east coast of North America and by 1750 nearly two million men, women and children ---- in these colonies.**
- A) were establishing / will be living  
 B) have been establishing / lived  
 C) established / were living  
 D) had established / will have lived  
 E) have established / had lived
46. **I ---- some wood for the fire while you ---- the salad.**
- A) will fetch / prepare  
 B) fetch / are preparing  
 C) am fetching / will prepare  
 D) have fetched / prepared  
 E) was fetching / have prepared
47. **By the 16th century, Austria ---- so large that its emperor ---- all of modern Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Spain as well as parts of Italy and Yugoslavia.**
- A) has become / ruled  
 B) was becoming / has ruled  
 C) was going to become / rule  
 D) had become / was ruling  
 E) becomes / has been ruling
48. **The earthworm, which ---- neither lungs nor gills, ---- through its skin.**
- A) is having / has breathed  
 B) has had / is breathing  
 C) was having / breathed  
 D) will have / was breathing  
 E) has / breathes
49. **The athletes ---- for exactly three months by the time the races ---- due to start.**
- A) have been training / will be  
 B) will have been training / are  
 C) are going to train / will have been  
 D) are training / were  
 E) had trained / have been
50. **Adolescence, the process of changing from a child into an adult usually ---- sometime between the ages of 11 and 14 and ---- for approximately six to ten years.**
- A) occurs / continues  
 B) occurred / has been continuing  
 C) will occur / continued  
 D) occurs / was continuing  
 E) occurred / will have continued

VERB TENSES - PART I						
SET 1						
1	C					
2	B					
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13	D					
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15	E					
16	C					
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27	E					
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VERB TENSES - PART I						
SET 2						
1	E	31	B			
2	C	32	D			
3	D	33	E			
4	B	34	C			
5	D	35	A			
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9	B	39	E			
10	C	40	D			
11	C	41	C			
12	E	42	E			
13	D	43	B			
14	A	44	B			
15	B	45	C			
16	E	46	A			
17	D	47	D			
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