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- b) didn't
11. How ... at college? You didn't say much about it in your last letter.
a) do you get on
b) are you get on
12. When you ... in this city again? – In a month.
a) arrive
b) arrived
13. Every time that I miss the bus, it means that I ... walk to work.
a) has to
b) have to
14. Every time when I missed the bus, I ... to return home late.
a) must
b) had
15. That was great! It was ... meal you have ever cooked.
a) good
b) better
16. This exhibition is ... interesting than the previous one.
a) little
b) less
17. We saw ... good film last night. The film was about the love of a girl to her cat and dog.
a) a
b) the
18. Everybody agrees that ... happiness is very important in the life of people.
a) –
b) the
19. In the past people lived in ... harmony with the environment.
a) a
b) an
20. When they arrived ... the station, they rushed to the platform not to miss the train.
a) to
b) at
- d) knows
c) will you get on
d) are you getting on
c) have you arrived
d) will you arrive
c) had to
d) could
c) can
d) may
c) best
d) the best
c) least
d) the least
c) –
d) an
c) a
d) many
c) the
d) –
c) in
d) for

11. The house opposite our college ..., that's why we are using the back entrance at present.

- a) pulls down
- b) is pulled down
- c) is being pulled down
- d) pulled down

12. You ... an umbrella when you left the house, didn't you?

- a) have
- b) was having
- c) had had
- d) had

13. By the time we got to the cinema the film

- a) will begin
- b) would begin
- c) had begun
- d) began

14. Is there anything I ... do to help you?

- a) can
- b) may
- c) am to
- d) as to

15. The last film I saw was ... frightening than this one.

- a) little
- b) less
- c) least
- d) the least

16. Someone is calling you. Will you answer ... phone?

- a) a
- b) the
- c) –
- d) these

17. To tell the truth I don't like ... pair of trousers that I bought last month.

- a) those
- b) this
- c) that
- d) a

18. Whose house is it? – It's

- a) my
- b) mine
- c) her
- d) our

19. Today is ... cold than yesterday. So, I'm wearing my shorts.

- a) little
- b) less
- c) least
- d) the least

20. "Come home ... Christmas Day, we'll be waiting for you", my mother always says to me.

- a) in
- b) on
- c) –
- d) at

a) doesn't like

c) didn't like

b) won't like

d) likes

3. I saw you yesterday from the bus. Where ... you ... at that time?

a) was hurrying

c) had hurried

b) were hurrying

d) did hurry

4. I found that everything I said on the phone ... to the police.

a) report

c) was reported

b) is reported

d) had been reported

5. When I speak Italian, all the others in the class ... at me as I don't know the language well.

a) laughed

c) will laugh

b) was laughing

d) laugh

6. He ... in the Army for eighteen months. This is his last month.

a) serves

c) has been serving

b) is serving

d) have served

7. Don't make noise: the children ... to sleep.

a) try

c) will try

b) is trying

d) are trying

8. A new museum ... in the city. What a beautiful building it will be!

a) was being built

c) is built

b) is being built

d) builds

9. Two terrorists ... in New York some days ago.

a) are arrested

c) were arrested

b) have been arrested

d) will be arrested

10. I ... understand this letter. Will you translate it for me?

a) mustn't

c) may not

b) can't

d) shouldn't

11. Diana's parents don't let her go to late-night disco. She ... be at home at 9 o'clock in the evening.

a) must

c) may

b) can

d) have to

12. Henry ... apologize for his bad behaviour yesterday.

a) have to

c) had to

b) may

d) is to

13. The children studied hard, and as a result they passed the exams ... of all.

a) good

c) best

4. When I... for the keys, I remembered that I had left them at home.

a) looked c) had been looking

b) was looking d) look

5. I have been working for the bank for a year already, but I ... to change my job.

a) decided c) has decided

b) have decided d) decide

6. They spoke so quickly that I ... what they were speaking about.

a) not understand c) didn't understand

b) don't understand d) hadn't understood

7. Yesterday our flight ... because of the fog.

a) cancelled c) had been cancelled

b) was cancelled d) has been cancelled

8. I couldn't open the office door because someone ... it.

a) lock c) had locked

b) locked d) would lock

9. As soon as you ... me, I will contact you.

a) calls c) called

b) will call d) call

10. I ... him since he started working here.

a) have never trusted c) trusted

b) had never trusted d) trust

11. Mary will be ready soon. She ... coffee at the moment.

a) has c) was having

b) have d) is having

12. If we ... late for the class, our teacher will be angry with us.

a) is c) will be

b) were d) are

13. We ... in the sunshine for about half an hour when I suddenly felt sick.

a) have been sitting c) sat

b) were sitting d) had been sitting

14. We were disappointed as the film was ... than we expected.

a) entertaining c) most entertaining

b) less entertaining d) entertaining

15. We usually ask our teacher to explain ... difficult problems to us.

a) the c) a

- a) uses
b) has used
- c) had used
d) will use
7. I was very tired. When I ... to bed, I fell asleep immediately.
- a) got
b) has got
- c) had got
d) will get
8. The Vikings ... to North America a thousand years ago.
- a) sail
b) sailed
- c) had sailed
d) have sailed
9. Thank you for your offer, but I ... not to accept it.
- a) decide
b) has decided
- c) have decided
d) decided
10. You ... through your old photograph album for half an hour already.
- a) look
b) are looking
- c) have looked
d) have been looking
11. Nobody knows where his picture is. Perhaps, it
- a) was stolen
b) will be stolen
- c) has been stolen
d) stolen
12. I agree. You ... apologize for not inviting him to your birthday party.
- a) can't
b) mustn't
- c) shouldn't
d) may not
13. Actually, today I feel ... than I did yesterday.
- a) bad
b) worse
- c) worst
d) the worst
14. ... people who are unemployed often feel depressed.
- a) The
b) –
- c) A
d) That
15. Who was the first astronaut who landed on ... Moon?
- a) the
b) –
- c) a
d) those
16. What happened at the end of the film? – I'm sorry to say, but I haven't seen ... film.
- a) a
b) the
- c) –
d) those
17. This is ... interesting exhibition I've ever visited.
- a) more
b) most
- c) less
d) the most
18. Would you mind waiting ... minutes?

9. Our flat ... at the moment, so it doesn't look its best.
a) paints c) is being painted
b) is painted d) has been painted
10. My brother will be absent. He ... for his exam at this time tomorrow.
a) will prepare c) will have prepared
b) will be preparing d) will have been preparing
11. ... you give me some advice about the language courses?
a) Have c) Should
b) May d) Could
12. Why didn't you give me a call yesterday? We ... discuss everything together.
a) can c) may
b) must d) could
13. At college the work is harder than the work we did at school, but it is much ... interesting.
a) more c) many
b) most d) a few
14. A person with a good education usually gets ... better job.
a) – c) the
b) a d) an
15. ... poor people need help from the government.
a) – c) A
b) The d) This
16. The government should help ... poor.
a) – c) a
b) the d) that
17. You can do ... you want, but don't bother me now.
a) anything c) some
b) something d) any
18. The government is going to provide ... houses for homeless people.
a) much c) most
b) more d) least
19. I think of coming to Moscow ... a few days to visit my sister.
a) of c) for
b) on d) over
20. I think we should ask ... some information about this case.
a) about c) for

b) –

d) on

Test 8

1 The train stopped at all the stations, and long before we got to London every seat ... and people were standing in the corridors.

a) has been taken c) had been taken

b) was taken d) is taken

2. Most of the young people left this village a long time ago and nobody ... yet.

a) returned c) had returned

b) has returned d) was returned

3. The police suspected that Bill himself had broken the window at his house because he wanted to make them think that a burglar ... his valuable stamp collection.

a) stole c) was stealing

b) had stolen d) has stolen

4. The police thought that he ... it because he needed money.

a) did c) was doing

b) had done d) has done

5. If you work a bit harder, I'm sure you ... the exam.

a) pass c) have passed

b) will pass d) would pass

6. Where are you going? I ... speaking with you yet.

a) not finished c) haven't finished

b) didn't finish d) don't finish

7. I didn't see where the bus stop was, so I ... the bus yesterday.

a) miss c) has missed

b) missed d) had missed

8. Last week a burglar broke into the house while we ... television.

a) watch c) watched

b) have watched d) were watching

9. When are you going to finish this translation? – I ... this translation today.

a) finish c) have finished

b) finished d) had finished

10. I felt really tired. We ... for two hours before we reached the nearest hotel.

- a) walked
- b) were walking
- c) have been walking
- d) had been walking

11. My father is sure that most people ... bicycles to work in twenty years' time.

- a) shall ride
- b) will be riding
- c) ride
- d) are riding

12. The plane ... take off after the fog had lifted.

- a) must
- b) was able to
- c) can
- d) may

13. Finally we ... stop: we were tired and it was dark.

- a) can
- b) may
- c) must
- d) had to

14. In the past most of the population lived in ... country.

- a) the
- b) a
- c) –
- d) this

15. The judge sent our neighbour to ... prison for a month.

- a) the
- b) a
- c) –
- d) an

16. ... English are proud of their country and that the English language is spoken all over the world.

- a) the
- b) –
- c) an
- d) few

17. Why have you done it? Oh, there are ... reasons for it.

- a) much
- b) little
- c) a little
- d) many

18. Sorry, but I can't hear ... of you properly.

- a) neither
- b) either
- c) nobody
- d) none

19. We were looking forward ... a quiet rest near the forest.

- a) for
- b) to
- c) on
- d) at

20. Our city is famous ... its beautiful ancient buildings.

- a) of
- b) for
- c) by
- d) with

11. While I was wondering whether to buy the shoes or not, they ... by someone else.

- a) buy
- b) bought
- c) were bought
- d) had been bought

12. He was happy. He ... pass his driving test at the first attempt.

- a) should
- b) must
- c) had to
- d) was able to

13. At present I ... afford to go to the cinema twice a week.

- a) can't
- b) couldn't
- c) must not
- d) might not

14. We didn't think you were ... in ancient history.

- a) interested
- b) interesting
- c) not interesting
- d) less interesting

15. Every morning I listen to ... radio, but I don't like to watch TV so early.

- a) the
- b) a
- c) –
- d) these

16. ... English is the world language and the English language spoken in the USA or Australia differs from the English language spoken in Britain.

- a) the
- b) –
- c) an
- d) a

17. You are always quarreling! Stop it, ... of you!

- a) everybody
- b) some
- c) both
- d) every

18. Mr. Smith was accused of spying and put ... prison.

- a) in
- b) of
- c) at
- d) to

19. Our city succeeded ... collecting a large sum of money for charity.

- a) on
- b) in
- c) with
- d) at

20. I'm sorry ... your difficulties. Can I help?

- a) for
- b) at
- c) about
- d) on

Test 10

1. It's 11 o'clock so I ... to bed now.

- a) go
- b) am going
- c) will go
- d) have gone

2. The tickets to the football match usually ... and checked at the entrance.

- a) sell
- b) was sold
- c) are sold
- d) won't be sold

3. We ... to the party today.

- a) have been invited
- b) are invited
- c) have invited
- d) had been invited

4. The baby ... because it is hungry now.

- a) crying
- b) is crying
- c) cries
- d) cried

5. There ... a lot of people waiting in the station yesterday evening.

- a) is
- b) are
- c) was
- d) were

6. Some people ... on the benches waiting for their trains.

- a) was sleeping
- b) were sleeping
- c) have slept
- d) had slept

7. By the time the train arrived, Susan ... to push her way to the front of the crowd.

- a) managed
- b) has managed
- c) had managed
- d) would manage

8. ... you ... my English book anywhere? I can find it nowhere.

- a) Did ... see
- b) Have ... seen
- c) Will ... see
- d) Had ... seen

9. He ... the text before I decided to help him.

- a) translated
- b) had translated
- c) has translated
- d) will translate

10. It ... in London this morning that the British Oil Corporation had discovered oil under the sea near the Welsh coast.

- a) announced
- b) would be announced
- c) had been announced
- d) was announced

11. If he ... when I come, I won't wake him up.

- a) sleep
- c) will sleep

- b) will be sleeping d) is sleeping
12. ... they leave before supper or have they time to stay until my friends come?
- a) must c) might
b) may d) should
13. My ... brother studies at college.
- a) old c) older
b) elder d) the eldest
14. This is ...film I have ever seen.
- a) good c) worse
b) the best d) better
15. ... Hyde Park is a very large park in central London.
- a) – c) a
b) the d) an
16. My friends tell me that professors are people who think a lot, but say
- a) little c) a few
b) few d) some
17. These books cost ... than my friend wants to pay.
- a) more c) most
b) much d) the most
18. He has earned so ... money that he has decided to help the poor.
- a) much c) little
b) many d) few
19. They go to work by car and come home ... foot.
- a) by c) with
b) on d) in
20. The bus from Glasgow arrives ... the Central bus station.
- a) at c) in
b) to d) for

Test 11

- 1.1 found my lost pen while I ... for my pencil sharpener.
- a) look c) was looking
b) looked d) am looking
2. When my friend studied abroad, his parents ... him every week.

19. Most visitors to Britain aren't used to driving ... the left and have a lot of problems.

- a) to
- b) at
- c) in
- d) on

20. Don't forget to thank Martin ... coming. He risked his life to get there.

- a) in
- b) by
- c) at
- d) for

Test 15

1. My mother is ill. She will stay in bed until she ... better.

- a) get
- b) gets
- c) will get
- d) is getting

2. When he lived in London, he ... a lot of time in the museums.

- a) spend
- b) had spent
- c) spent
- d) was spending

3. I ... by the door for a long time until someone opened it.

- a) wait
- b) am waiting
- c) waited
- d) had been waiting

4. It's raining. I hope you ... your car outside.

- a) won't repair
- b) don't repair
- c) didn't repair
- d) were not repaired

5. In two years' time my parents ... for twenty-five years.

- a) will be married
- b) will have been married
- c) are married
- d) have been married

6. They said they would not work after 6 p.m. if you ... them overtime.

- a) won't pay
- b) don't pay
- c) didn't pay
- d) not pay

7. When I ... her, I waved her, but she didn't notice me.

- a) had seen
- b) saw
- c) see
- d) have seen

8. Where were you at about three yesterday afternoon? – Oh, I ... my car at that time.

- a) was repairing
- b) repaired
- c) had been repairing
- d) had repaired

9. My sister will not finish medical training until she ... twenty-three.

b) out

d) by

Test 16

1. The passengers were tired because they ... all night.

a) didn't sleep

c) don't sleep

b) hadn't slept

d) won't sleep

2. Where is your umbrella? – Oh, it seems to me I ... it on the bus.

a) left

c) had left

b) have left

d) will leave

3. Bill said that he ... the tickets for the performance the day before.

a) had bought

c) was buying

b) bought

d) would buy

4. She said she didn't know where her friend

a) is

c) has been

b) was

d) will be

5. When we reached the theatre, there ... any tickets left.

a) wasn't

c) hadn't been

b) were not

d) aren't

6. When I finally found the house and knocked at the door, I ... no answer.

a) heard

c) didn't hear

b) have heard

d) won't hear

7.1 don't know where Susan is. Maybe she ... in the garden reading a book.

a) sits

c) was sitting

b) is sitting

d) will be sitting

8. My brother ... when I use his computer without asking.

a) doesn't like

c) don't like

b) didn't like

d) like

9. You can have the book on Monday. I ... it by that time.

a) read

c) will be reading

b) will read

d) will have read

10. Unless we leave now, the film will have started when we ... there.

a) get

c) would get

b) will get

d) got

11. When we ... home last night we saw a lot of stars twinkling in the sky.

- a) drove
- b) drive
- c) are driving
- d) were driving

12. Many species of animals are threatened, and ... easily become extinct if people do not make an effort to protect them.

- a) can
- b) must
- c) might
- d) have to

13. Last week we ... write an essay about the causes of the French Revolution.

- a) must
- b) could
- c) may
- d) had to

14. I think the film was terrible! It was ... film I have ever seen.

- a) terrible
- b) more terrible
- c) most terrible
- d) the most terrible

15. Nobody in our group knows ... about England than Peter does.

- a) much
- b) more
- c) most
- d) the most

16. My mother wants me to play ... piano, but I want to buy a guitar.

- a) the
- b) a
- c) –
- d) mine

17. I had ... wonderful dream last night. I wish it would come true.

- a) a
- b) the
- c) –
- d) such

18. They say that in future the officials will demand a fine if ... breaks the law.

- a) everyone
- b) everybody
- c) someone
- d) all

19. When we arrived ... the station, we ate a sandwich, drank a cup of coffee and waited for the train.

- a) to
- b) at
- c) in
- d) for

20. If the weather is fine tomorrow, I'll go ... a cycle ride.

- a) at
- b) on
- c) by
- d) for

- b) had been repairing d) has repaired
- 3.1 hoped that my article ... in this magazine soon.
- a) will be published c) would have been published
- b) would be published d) would publish
4. If you ... hard, you will enter the university.
- a) work c) are working
- b) will work d) have worked
- 5.1 ... him for three years. I wonder where he is.
- a) didn't see c) don't
- b) haven't seen d) hadn't
6. My mother ... in this school for twenty–five years.
- a) is teaching c) has been teaching
- b) taught d) teaches
- 7.1 want to post this letter, but I ... to go out in the rain.
- a) don't want c) hadn't wanted
- b) didn't want d) not want
- 8.1 need the car to get to the match. I ... on Sunday.
- a) played c) have played
- b) am playing d) have been playing
9. My neighbour used to be such a hard worker, but now he ... interest in everything.
- a) lose c) has lost
- b) loses d) lost
10. I'm so sorry. The camera which you lend me
- a) break c) had been broken
- b) broken d) has been broken
11. Yesterday I ... finish the work because I was very tired.
- a) could c) can't
- b) couldn't d) mustn't
12. Last week he said I ... use the car at the weekend but now he won't let me after all.
- a) can c) was able to
- b) could d) must
13. I'm afraid I can't do it ... than you.
- a) good c) best
- b) better d) the best
14. Be quiet! I don't want to discuss the matter any

- b) haven't watched d) aren't watching
7. When Columbus landed on San Salvador, he ... where he was.
- a) knew c) doesn't know
- b) didn't know d) hadn't known
8. At one time people believed that Columbus ... America.
- a) discovers c) had been discovered
- b) discovered d) had discovered
9. The talks ... in London next week to discuss some problems of terrorist activity.
- a) is held c) would be held
- b) will be held d) hold
10. Didn't you ... this horror film last night? – No, I hate such films.
- a) saw c) see
- b) seen d) seeing
11. Who ... this ice-cream? – Oh, it's mine. I'm just going to eat it.
- a) didn't eat c) doesn't eat
- b) don't eat d) hasn't eaten
12. The new building looks awful. – I agree. It ... very nice.
- a) didn't look c) hasn't looked
- b) doesn't look d) won't look
13. "You ... spend your free time on playing football", my mother used to say when I was a schoolboy.
- a) needn't c) couldn't
- b) mustn't d) can't
14. You needn't wear your best clothes. You ... what you like.
- a) can wear c) might wear
- b) must wear d) need wear
15. I think ... people look after their cars better than young people.
- a) elderly c) elder
- b) older d) oldest
16. What are you going to do after you finish ... college, Rachel? — I want to travel.
- a) – c) a
- b) the d) an
17. There's been a lot of talk about ... 'spaceship' seen over our town on Sunday night.
- a) – c) a

b) would be waiting d) waits

17. I need some time to think about ... offer you made me.

a) – c) a

b) the d) an

18. We can't go by train. The train–drivers are ... strike.

a) on c) for

b) in d) at

19. I think that he was lonely because he had few friends and ... of his neighbours ever spoke to him.

a) neither c) none

b) either d) no

20. After oil ... under the sea near the Welsh Coast, Britain has become self–sufficient in this energy source.

a) discovered c) will be discovered

b) was discovered d) is discovered