***EXERCISES  ON TENSES***

***CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER*:**

1/ We ……………………… work before he arrived.

  A. had started B. start C. would start D. have started

2/ When Martin arrived home, Anna ……………………… to someone on the phone.

A. is talking B. talked C. was talking D. talk

3/ I am tired. I ……………………… 6 miles so far .

A. walk B. have walked C. was walking D. walked

4/ This is the first time I ……………………… a cricket match.

A. had seen B. saw C. see D. have seen

5/ It’s ages ……………………… we last had a party.

A. since B. for C. ago D. before

6/ ……………………… any good films lately?

A. Did you see B. Had you seen C. Have you seen D. Do you see

7/ Sarah ……………………… for the company for three years now.

A. is working B. works C. worked D. has worked

8/ This is the best coffee I ……………………….

A. had ever tasted B. ever tasted C. was ever tasting D. have ever tasted

9/ “I rang at 1 o’clock, but you weren’t in your office.”     **~ “**I ……………………… lunch.”

A. am having B. have C. was having D. had

10/ After Kate ………………………… two aspirins, she felt a lot better.

A. had taken B. takes C. was taking D. has taken

11/ While Alan ………………………… in Switzerland, he met his old friend, Ken.

A. skied B. was skiing C. had skied D. has skied

12/ When Mary heard the results, she ……………………… to feel more confident.

A. begins B. had begun C. began D. was beginning

13/ If you ……………………… her now, you could hardly recognize her.

A. see B. are seeing C. had seen D. saw

14/ You …………………………… the Jacques Tati film if you can understand French.

A. enjoy B. would enjoy C. will enjoy D. would have enjoyed

15/ Had I known, I ……………………… it.

A. didn’t do B. wouldn’t do C. won’t do D. wouldn’t have done

16/ I asked John who ………………………… next to in class.

A. does he sit B. he sits C. he sat D. has he sat

17/ They wanted to know what I ……………………… in my luggage.

A. have B. had C. had had D. would have

18/ Minh asked me where I ……………………… the day before.

A. had gone B. have gone C. went D. go

19/ I asked Lan what she ……………………… to do the following week.

A. were going B. would C. was going D. could

20/ The president …………………… in London yesterday afternoon.

A. arrives B. will arrive C. had arrived D. arrived

21/ I’ll write to you when I ………………… in Brazil.

A. arrive B. will arrive C. have arrived D. arrived

22/ By the time I got there, most of the guests ……………………….

A. arrived B. have arrived C. had arrived D. were arriving

23/ I ……………………… what to buy yet.

A. hadn’t decided B. haven’t decided C. didn’t decide D. don’t decide

24/ I ……………………… him before.

A. never see B. never saw C. have never seen D. had never seen

25/ I had no sooner arrived than I ………………… her a letter to say that I had a present for her.

A. sent B. send C. had sent D. am sending

26/ Do you know what time ……………………?

A. is it B. it is C. it was D. was it

27/ John ………………… tennis once or twice a week.  
 A. usually play B. is usually playing  C. usually plays D. have usually played  
28/ At 5p.m yesterday, I ………………… my clothes.  
 A. am ironing B. have ironed C. was ironing D. ironed  
29/ She ………………… German for two years now.  
 A. has learnt B. is learning C. learnt D. learns   
30/ I think the weather ………………… nice later.  
 A. will be B. be C. is D. has been  
31/ I will see him when he ………………… here tomorrow.  
 A. comes B. will come C. has come D. had come  
32/ The boys broke a window when they ………………… football.  
 A. played B. were playing C. had played D. are playing  
33/ It’s at least a month since ………………… Tom.  
 A. I last seen B. I last see C. I have last seen D. I last saw  
34/ I ………………… her since I ………………… a student.  
  A. know / am B. knew / was C. have known / am D. have known / was  
35/ Everybody ………………… to do their best at present.  
 A. tries B. try C. is trying D. are trying

36/ Ever since ………………… Tom the bad news, he’s been avoiding me.

A.  I told B. told C. telling D. having told

37/ Our team finally ………………… the soccer game by one goal.

A. win B. had won C. won D. will win

38/ Jim ………………… soccer only a couple of times.

A. has played B. played C. plays D. had played

39/ The children are at the park. They ……… ball for the last two hours, but they don’t seem tired yet.

A. had played B. have been playing C. played D. play

40/ The apartment was hot when I got home, so I ………………… on the air conditioner.

A. had turned B. was turning C. will turn D. turned

41/ I ………………… hard to help support my family ever since I was a child.

A. worked B. work C.  am working D. have worked

 42/ A small animal ran across the path in front of me as I ………………… through the woods.

  A.was walking B. had walked C. am walking D.had been walking

 43/ While I ………………… to help Tim with his math, I got impatient because he wouldn’t pay

       attention to  what  I was saying.

   A. am trying B. having tried C. tried D. was trying

 44/ If I …………………… free time, I’d have gone to the meeting.

A. had B. have C. would have D. had had

45/ I ………………… the work by the time Jason arrived to help.

A. have already finished  B. had already finished

C. already finished D. will already finish

46/ ……………………, you won’t be hungry later.

    A. If you ate now B. If you had eaten now C. If you eat now D. If you didn’t eat now

47/ My friend would get better marks at school ……………………….

A. if she did more homework B. if she do more homework

C. if she had done more homework D. if she will do more homework

48/ If Robert hadn’t had a painful tooth, ……………………….

A. he didn’t go to the dentist B. he won’t go to the dentist

C. he wouldn’t go to the dentist D. he wouldn’t have gone to the dentist

49/ Greek and Chinese  ……………… difficult languages to learn.

A. is B. are C. have been D. were

50/ Despite the bad weather we have had in the past days, there  ……….…… no doubt that the tournament will go on.

A. was B. are C. have been D. is

51/ Swimming in heated pools  ……………… very common in this part of the country in the winter.

A. is B. are C. has been D. was

52/ If only Jack   …………………….. a little more responsible in his choice of courses!

A. is B. are C. had been D. were

53/ I wish I ………..……….. better today.

A. feel B. felt C. am feeling D. have felt

54/ It’s essential that every student …………the exam before attending the course.  
 A. pass                 B. passes               C. would pass               D. passed

55/ …………so aggressive, we’d get on much better.   
 A. She was not               B. Had she not               C. Weren’t she              D. If she weren’t