



GRAMMAR – WISE

MIXED TENSES

MULTIPLE CHOICE
STUDY

TENSES

1. Make sure you ---- the electricity before you ---- mending this light switch.

- A) disconnect / start
- B) are disconnecting / were starting
- C) will disconnect / started
- D) disconnect / start
- E) disconnect / will start

2. The workers ---- to go on strike when the management ---- their demand for higher wages.

- A) decide / will refuse
- B) decided / refused
- C) will decide / will refuse
- D) are deciding / refused
- E) would decide / refuse

3. Most people ---- being disturbed while they ----.

- A) don't like / are working
- B) would like / worked
- C) like / worked
- D) don't like / didn't like
- E) will like / were working

4. In public pools, there ---- a much higher level of safety with trained lifeguards on duty whenever they ---- open.

- A) will be / were
- B) was / are
- C) is / are
- D) would be / are
- E) is / were

5. The contractors ---- the stadium when strike ---- all construction.

- A) built / is stopping
- B) are building / stops
- C) were building / will stop
- D) will build / will stop
- E) were building / stopped

6. Humans ---- applying knowledge of genetics in prehistory with the domestication and breeding of plants and animals.

- A) begin
- B) will begin
- C) began
- D) are beginning
- E) would be starting

7. All pilots ---- speak English so that other pilots and air controllers ---- them.

- A) have to / understand
- B) had to / will understand
- C) have to / would understand
- D) will have to / understand
- E) would have to / are understood

8. With a tornado on the way, Jesse ---- he ---- safer under a mattress.

- A) was deciding / will be
- B) is deciding / was
- C) would decide / will be
- D) decided / would be
- E) decides / would be

9. The Internet ---- computer users easily to connect to other computers and information stores wherever they ---- across the world.

- A) allows / are
- B) allowed / will be
- C) are allowing / were
- D) will allow / would be
- E) were allowing / will be

10. Mrs Grant absentmindedly ---- the umbrella that ---- on the seat before her.

- A) was taking / will hang
- B) will take / would hang
- C) is taking / would hang
- D) would take / is hanging
- E) took / was hanging

11. The skill of safe driving ---- necessary to avoid collisions, which ---- many thousands of people annually.

- A) is / hurt
- B) was / will hurt
- C) would be / is hurt
- D) will be / were hurt
- E) is / would be hurt

12. As the doctor ---- into the room the nurse ---- him the temperature chart of the patient.

- A) was coming / will hand
- B) will come / was handing
- C) is coming / will be handing
- D) came / handed
- E) comes / was handing

13. After natural gas ---- out of the ground, it ---- to a processing plant where it is cleaned of impurities.

- A) comes / goes
- B) is coming / will go
- C) came / will be going
- D) will come / will go
- E) comes / was going

14. When I ---- to the park with my friend Jake, we ---- fun because it was such a nice day.

- A) was going / have
- B) would go / were having
- C) went / had
- D) am going / will have
- E) go / will have

15. Anatomy ---- the branch of biology that ---- with the structure and organization of living things.

- A) is / would deal
- B) was / is dealing
- C) will be / dealt
- D) would be / deals
- E) is / deals

16. Although footballers mainly ---- their feet to move the ball around, they ---- any part of their bodies other than their hands or arms.

- A) are using / used
- B) will use / are using
- C) were using / will be using
- D) use / may use
- E) used to use / used

17. The little girl --- to remain sitting under the table until her father ---- home.

- A) wants / will come
- B) wanted / comes
- C) would want / will come
- D) wanted / came
- E) will want / come

18. The lecturer ---- the student who was the closest to the door to turn off the light when the film ----.

- A) is asking / is starting
- B) was asking / would start
- C) asked / started
- D) would ask / starts
- E) asked / would start

19. In ancient times, the status of manual laborers ---- low as slaves ---- most physical labor.

- A) is / would do
- B) was / did
- C) would be / do
- D) was / would be doing
- E) will be / was doing

20. The digestive system ---- a group of organs that ---- primarily to convert ingested food into metabolically useful substances.

- A) was / would be functioning
- B) will be / function
- C) is / function
- D) would be / was functioning
- E) is / will function

21. Early signs of the rebirth of civilization in Western Europe ---- to appear in the 11th century as trade ---- again in Italy.

- A) were beginning / will start
- B) began / started
- C) would begin / starts
- D) begin / was starting
- E) began / would be starting

22. When a group ---- to a new country, its members ---- that they have to modify their way of life, including their celebrations of significant events.

- A) will immigrate / find
- B) immigrated / would find
- C) are immigrating / will be found
- D) immigrate / find
- E) were immigrating / found

23. When he ---- that his nomination would mean competing with his closest friend he ---- to withdraw.

- A) realizes / will be decided
- B) realized / was deciding
- C) will realize / decides
- D) would realize / decided
- E) realized / decided

24. Computers that once ---- up entire rooms ---- now small enough to put on desktops and into wristwatches.

- A) took / are
- B) were taking / would be
- C) will take / will be
- D) are taking / will be
- E) would take / are

25. The immune system ---- by distinguishing between the body's own materials and things that ---- foreign to the body.

- A) is working / were
- B) works / would be
- C) will be working / are
- D) works / are
- E) was working / will be

26. Despite the multiethnic nature of the Balkans it ---- that most inhabitants of the peninsula ' ---- common ancestors.

- A) will seem / will share
- B) seems / share
- C) seemed / will share
- D) seems / were sharing
- E) would seem / will be sharing

27. The minute we ---- his gift we ---- him a note of thanks.

- A) received / wrote
- B) receive / would write
- C) are receiving / wrote
- D) will receive / would write
- E) were receiving / wrote

28. Women and children ---- a right to live their lives free from all forms of violence and abuse, and society ---- a duty to recognize and defend this right.

- A) will have / had
- B) would have / has
- C) have / has
- D) will have / would have
- E) have / had

29. As soon as there ---- even a temporary break in the weather the climbers ---- their attempt to reach the summit.

- A) is / will renew
- B) was / renew
- C) will be / renewed
- D) is / renewed
- E) was / will renew

30. She said she ---- late at the office that evening and that she ---- home till about eleven.

- A) is working / got
- B) would work / isn't getting
- C) was working / gets
- D) would be working / wouldn't get
- E) will be working / was getting

31. Since the very first day when the Umbrella Company embarked upon such a dangerous and risky lab-research, very strange incidents -- -- within the research complex.

- A) took place
- B) has taken place
- C) had taken place
- D) takes place
- E) will take place

32. Archaeologists ---- recently that an ancient underground city around Cappadocia has long wide corridors where there are many special areas for making cheese and wine.

- A) have explained
- B) explained
- C) explain
- D) had explained
- E) will explain

33. Grace keeps hoping the bird that she ---- in the pet store yesterday ---- her birthday present.

- A) sees / will be
- B) will see / was
- C) saw / will be
- D) sees / would be
- E) was seen / would be

34. The author ---- quite annoyed when she --- that the publisher was very dishonest.

- A) will be / will determine
- B) was / determines
- C) would be / will determine
- D) was / determined
- E) is / is determining

35. He and his family ---- at our home in Canada when he ---- to a conference, and that was a great experience, too.

- A) were staying / come
- B) will stay / came
- C) stayed / would come
- D) are staying / will come
- E) stayed / came

36. She ---- for her pen when she discovered that she ---- it in her handbag all the time.

- A) was looking / had
- B) is looking / has
- C) looked / would have
- D) was looking / will have
- E) would look / would have

37. We ---- warm clothes on the field trip because it was cool outside but we ---- take any of the m out of the suitcase.

- A) were taking / won't have to
- B) took / didn't have to
- C) will take / will have to
- D) are taking / don't have to
- E) took / will have to

38. She ---- very well but her sister cooked much better when I ---- her.

- A) is cooking / know
- B) was cooking / know
- C) cooked / would know
- D) cooks / knew
- E) will cook / will know

39. For a long time people ---- that the world was fiat and that people could fall off the edge.

- A) are thinking
- B) may think
- C) thought
- D) are thought
- E) will be thinking

40. The robber --- sure that no one ---- before he crept through the window.

- A) was making / will look
- B) made / is looking
- C) makes / looks
- D) will make / is looking
- E) made / was looking

41. Many people in the energy industry ---- natural gas will play a bigger role in electricity production as the demand for electricity ---- in the future.

- A) believe / increased
- B) will believe / would increase
- C) believed / would increase
- D) believe / increases
- E) would believe / increases

42. Because anxiety often ---- more than one cause and is experienced in highly individual ways, its treatment usually ---- more than one type of therapy.

- A) had / will require
- B) will have / was requiring
- C) has / requires
- D) had / will be requiring
- E) has / had required

43. The first case of BSE, or "Mad Cow Disease", ---- in Great Britain about twenty years ago, and since then several more outbreaks ---- in many different countries.

- A) occurred / were ensuing
- B) was occurring / ensued
- C) has occred / are ensuing
- D) occured / have ensued
- E) occurred / ensued

44. Just as the bus ---- away from the curb, another passenger ---- in through the still open door.

- A) is pulling / has been leaping
- B) pulled / has leapt
- C) was pulling / leapt
- D) pulls / was leaping
- E) has pulled / leaps

45. I ---- for Mom outside the bank while she ---- some money for the shopping.

- A) waited / withdrew
- B) have waited / has withdrawn
- C) am waiting / withdrew
- D) was waiting / has withdrawn
- E) wait / has been withdrawing

46. You ---- very ill. I don't think you ---- after your health properly.

- A) are looking / looked
- B) have looked / have looked
- C) looked / have been looking
- D) look / are looking
- E) were looking / look

47. The 19th century Victorian custom of wearing an extremely tight girdle in order to appear slimmer ---- serious internal damage to thousands of women; but thankfully, that custom ---- since then.

- A) has been causing / disappeared
- B) was causing / is disappearing
- C) has caused / was disappearing
- D) causes / disappeared
- E) caused / has disappeared

48. It's been almost eight years since he ---- the guitar in front of an audience, so it's quite normal that he ---- nervous about his performance tomorrow.

- A) has played / felt
- B) was playing / feels
- C) is playing / was feeling
- D) played / is feeling
- E) has played / has felt

49. The car in front of us ---- very suddenly because an old woman ---- slowly across the road.

- A) has stopped / walks
- B) stopped / was walking
- C) is stopping / has walked
- D) was stopping / was walking
- E) stopped / walked

50. We ---- to visit my wife's parents next Saturday, and after that, we ---- to a puppet play.

- A) are planning / are going
- B) planned / went
- C) were planning / are going
- D) plan / go
- E) are planning / go

51. For the past few days, I ---- to decide whether or not to drop out of university, but I still ---- what to do.

- A) was trying / didn't know
- B) have tried / didn't know
- C) have been trying / don't know
- D) tried / haven't known
- E) try / haven't known

52. A clumsy and flightless bird that at one time ---- a group of islands in the Indian Ocean, the Dodo ---- extinct in 1681 as a result of excessive hunting by Portuguese sailors.

- A) inhabits / is becoming
- B) has been inhabiting / became
- C) has inhabited / becomes
- D) was inhabiting / has become
- E) inhabited / became

53. My sister ---- in a small apartment at the moment, but she ---- to find a house with a garden sometime soon.

- A) is living / hopes
- B) lives / has hoped
- C) has lived / hoped
- D) lives / was hoping
- E) has been living / hoped

54. Although many people ---- international terrorism to be a recent phenomenon, in fact, it ---- for nearly a thousand years.

- A) believed / is existing
- B) are believing / exists
- C) believe / has existed
- D) have believed / is existing
- E) believed / was existed

55. In the 11th century, the Isma'ili Shi'ite Hasan-i Sabbah and his group of hashshasin ---- the entire Middle East, and the modern English word "assasin" ---- from them.

- A) terrorized / comes
- B) were terrorizing / is coming
- C) have terrorized / comes
- D) terrorized / has been coming
- E) have terrorized / came

56. ---- Christmas thank – you cards all day long, and I ---- only twenty out of sixty.

- A) am writing / finished
- B) have been writing / have finished
- C) was writing / was finishing
- D) wrote / am finishing
- E) have written / finish

57. Because of the icy road, we very narrowly ---- an accident as we ---- around the curve.

- A) are avoiding / drive
- B) were avoiding / have driven
- C) have avoided / drive
- D) have been avoiding / are driving
- E) avoided / were driving

58. None of my close friends ---- married until now, but my best friend Rey ---- his high school sweetheart Lora next week.

- A) got / marries
- B) gets / has married
- C) has got / is marrying
- D) was getting / marries
- E) gets / is marrying

59. For centuries Istanbul ---- as the capital of the Ottoman Empire, but since the founding of the Turkish Republic in 1923, it ---- a cultural and industrial capital only.

- A) was serving / is
- B) has served / was
- C) served / has been
- D) was serving / is
- E) served / was

60. Ever since the US ---- the Amundsen – Scott South Pole Station, scientists ---- permanently in Antarctica.

- A) was constructing / are living
- B) has constructed / have lived
- C) constructed / have been living
- D) constructs / have been living
- E) has been constructing / live

61. During the Franco – Prussian War, while the French army ---- northwards, the Prussian army ---- round to trap it.

- A) advanced / has been moving
- B) advances / moves
- C) has advanced / moved
- D) was advancing / was moving
- E) had been advancing / had been moving

62. Theodore Metocites, a rich man in the 14th century, ---- some of his money on beautiful mosaics for the Church of Chora, and today visitors to Istanbul still ---- them.

- A) spent / marvel
- B) spends / marvel
- C) was spending / have marvelled
- D) is spending / have marvelled
- E) has spent / marvelled

63. Ships regularly ---- through the Bosphorus into the Black Sea, and they ---- so since ancient times.

- A) are passing / were doing
- B) passed / did
- C) pass / have done
- D) have passed / are doing
- E) have been passing / do

64. James ---- his job in a hotel, and now he ---- as a sales assistant in a department store.

- A) have been quitting / works
- B) quit / is working
- C) quits / has been working
- D) has quit / has worked
- E) was quitting / works

65. Europeans ---- in New Zealand for only about 250 years, whereas the Maoris ---- there since around 800 AD.

- A) have been living / were
- B) live / are
- C) are living / are being
- D) have lived / have been
- E) were living / are

66. Mevlana's father, Bahaddin Walad, ---- out with his son for Anatolia when the Mongols ---- over Central Asia.

- A) is setting / took
- B) has set / have been taking
- C) was setting / have taken
- D) has been setting / take
- E) set / were taking

67. Although Sandra normally ---- clothes, she ---- working as a sales assistant because of the economic crisis.

- A) designs / has started
- B) is designing / starts
- C) has designed / starts
- D) has designed / has been starting
- E) has been designing / was starting

68. Justin Timberlake ---- famous through the group N' Sync, but nowadays, he ---- most of his songs as a solo artist.

- A) became / sings
- B) has become / sang
- C) becomes / is singing
- D) is becoming / has been singing
- E) was becoming / has sung

69. Jonathan's sports shoes ---- muddy because she ---- Football in the park in the rain.

- A) were / is playing
- B) are / had played
- C) are / has been playing
- D) have been / was playing
- E) will have been / played

70. Lynn Hill, the great Rock climber, ---- for the first time at the age of 14, and since then, she ---- some of the most amazing climbs in the sports history.

- A) is climbing / did
- B) was climbing / does
- C) has climbed / has been doing
- D) climbed / has done
- E) has been climbing / is doing

71. While the Planet Neptune ---- the Sun, its moon, Triton, ---- around it.

- A) orbits / circled
- B) has been orbiting / circles
- C) has orbited / was circling
- D) orbited / has circled
- E) is orbiting / is circling

72. Vanessa ---- a lot of beautiful buildings on her trip around the world, but she ---- the Taj Mahal most.

- A) had seen / will like
- B) saw / has liked
- C) has seen / likes
- D) sees / liked
- E) saw / likes

73. Tom Hanks ---- two Oscars nad four Golden Globes since he ---- acting in movies in the 1980's.

- A) won / starts
- B) has been winning / has started
- C) has won / started
- D) wins / has been starting
- E) is winning / was starting

74. Although both the ancient Egyptians and Mesoamericans ---- pyramids, they ---- them for different purposes.

- A) built / constructed
- B) are building / construct
- C) were building / have constructed
- D) have built / were constructed
- E) are building / have been constructing

75. I ---- here for nearly two hours now and the doctor still ----.

- A) was waiting / wasn't coming
- B) am waiting / hasn't been coming
- C) have waited / didn't come
- D) have been waiting / hasn't come
- E) wait / isn't coming

76. Benazir Bhutto once ---- the government of Pakistan as Prime Minister, but now she ---- in exile in the United Arab Emirates.

- A) runs / is living
- B) has run / lived
- C) was running / has lived
- D) ran / lives
- E) is running / has been living

77. TRT ---- to the Turkish Nation ever since the first TV sets ---- in homes in the 1960's.

- A) broadcasts / were appearing
- B) has been broadcasting / appeared
- C) has broadcast / have appeared
- D) is broadcasting / have been appearing
- E) was broadcasting / are appearing

78. The Germans ---- an assault towards the Caucasus while the USSR ---- a second attack in the direction of Moscow.

- A) have launched / is awaiting
- B) launch / has been awaiting
- C) are launching / awaited
- D) were launching / has awaited
- E) launched / was awaiting

79. Ever since Greater Columbia broke up, Ecuador ---- an independent state.

- A) broke / is
- B) has broken / was
- C) breaks / is
- D) broke / has been
- E) has broken / has been

80. Jimmy ---- his thesis on the medieval Italian republics, so he ---- to the library to find some books.

- A) was doing / is going
- B) does / was going
- C) has done / goes
- D) did / has been going
- E) is doing / has gone

81. Joseph ---- upset about his exam results anymore; in fact, he ---- a lot recently.

- A) didn't look / smiles
- B) isn't looking / will smile
- C) hasn't looked / is smiling
- D) won't look / was smiling
- E) doesn't look / has been smiling

82. The Hittites and the Egyptians ---- a peace treaty in 1283 BC, and, at the moment, a copy of it ---- in the UN Headquarters.

- A) makes / has been hanging
- B) have been making / hangs
- C) made / is hanging
- D) were making / has hung
- E) have made / hangs

83. Arundhati Roy ---- only one novel, although she often ---- books or articles on contemporary issues.

- A) writes / has been writing
- B) has written / writes
- C) wrote / is writing
- D) is writing / wrote
- E) was writing / has written

84. In 1984, the people of Bhoal ---- out their daily routines when a poisonous gas ---- from the nearby Union Carbide Plant.

- A) have carried / was leaking
- B) are carrying / has leaked
- C) were carrying / leaked
- D) have been carrying / is leaking
- E) carried / leaks

85. As our TV ---- very well for the last two months, we ---- of buying a new one.

- A) didn't work / have been thinking
- B) hasn't worked / think
- C) doesn't work / were thinking
- D) isn't working / have thought
- E) hasn't been working / are thinking

86. Since Iris ---- from University, she ---- English as a voluntary worker in China.

- A) has been graduating / teaches
- B) has graduated / was teaching
- C) was graduating / taught
- D) graduated / has been teaching
- E) graduates / is teaching

87. Around 4th century AD, Indonesian people ---- the Indian Ocean to Madagascar, and their descendants still ---- an Indonesian – like language there today.

- A) have crossed / are speaking
- B) are crossing / have been speaking
- C) crossed / speak
- D) were crossing / spoke
- E) have been crossing / have spoken

88. Vanessa ---- on his own ever since his wife ---- him due to his heavy drinking.

- A) lived / was deserting
- B) has been living / deserted
- C) has lived / has deserted
- D) lives / has been deserting
- E) is living / is deserting

89. While he ---- in India, Ibn Battuta ---- as a judge, or qadi, for the Sultan of Delhi.

- A) was staying / has worked
- B) has stayed / was working
- C) stayed / has been working
- D) was staying / worked
- E) stayed / has worked

90. In general, yousef ---- landscapes, but she ---- a portrait of the mayor of the local council for the time being.

- A) has been painting / does
- B) was painting / did
- C) is painting / has done
- D) painted / has been doing
- E) paints / is doing

91. I ---- Indian food before, but still ---- to try your chicken biryani.

- A) have been eating / haven't wanted
- B) have eaten / don't want
- C) am eating / don't want
- D) eat / didn't want
- E) was eating / haven't wanted

92. We ---- for a new car, so I ---- through the advertisements in the newspapers.

- A) look / searched
- B) have been looking / search
- C) looked / have been searching
- D) are looking / am searching
- E) were looking / search

93. Edith Wharton ---- on her novel The Buccaneers when she ---- near Paris.

- A) was working / died
- B) worked / has been dying
- C) has been working / has died
- D) is working / dies
- E) works / was dying

94. Britney ---- Vietnam, and this year she ---- to Mexico for her vacation.

- A) has visited / is travelling
- B) has been visiting / has travelled
- C) visited / travels
- D) visits / was travelling
- E) was visiting / is travelling

95. 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) visits / has exploded

96. It ---- one week since the flood ---- but still aid workers are rescuing people.

- A) is / is striking
- B) was / was striking
- C) has been / struck
- D) will / is striking
- E) is going to be / strikes

97. By the end of next week the jury ---- all the witnesses and they ---- the courtroom to decide on a verdict.

- A) have been hearing / have left
- B) have heard / are leaving
- C) are hearing / leave
- D) hear / left
- E) will have heard / will leave

98. By 16th century, Austria ---- so large that its emperor ---- all of modern Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands, Czechoslovakia, 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

99. Over the last few years, consume interest in organic agriculture ---- up dramatically, and demand ---- currently ahead of supply.

- A) has shot / is
- B) shot / was
- C) had shot / had been
- D) is shooting / has been
- E) was shooting / would be

100. In the past few months, our company director ---- more mettle than most industrialists ---- in an entire career.

- A) had shown / have done
- B) showed / would do
- C) shows / did
- D) was showing / had done
- E) has shown / do

101. The new recordings of Corelli's concertos ---- a welcome opportunity to reflect on some of the changes in taste that ---- since 1989.

- A) have offered / developed
- B) offer / have developed
- C) had offered / develop
- D) offered / would develop
- E) will offer / had developed

102. A battery cell that ---- popular during the nineteenth century ---- in 1836 by the English chemist John Frederick Daniell.

- A) had become / had been constructed
- B) would have become / has been constructed
- C) is to become / is constructed
- D) became / was constructed
- E) would become / was to have been constructed

103. It is time the members of the European Community ---- into the open their fears concerning economic recession.

- A) have brought
- B) should bring
- C) brought
- D) are bringing
- E) will bring

104. There ---- no doubt that the oil sector ---- the basis of the Iraqi economy for many years to come.

- A) has been / may have formed
- B) is / will form
- C) was / has formed
- D) had been / formed
- E) will be / would form

105. It ---- until the 17th century that military leaders began to realize that stress on soldiers ---- a profound influence on the success of military operations.

- A) had not been / was having
- B) is not / has
- C) was not / could have
- D) has not been / had
- E) may not be / must have

106. Cabbage ---- as early as 2000 B.C. and the commercial varieties now ---- Brussel sprouts, common cabbage, sprouting broccoli, and kohlrabi.

- A) should have been cultivated / have included
- B) had been cultivated / included
- C) would be cultivated / used to include
- D) would have been cultivated / can include
- E) was cultivated / include

107. With the help of satellite images, the Indonesian government ---- that it is the timber companies which ---- the mass destruction of their rain forest.

- A) will show / would have caused
- B) would have shown / had caused
- C) had shown / were causing
- D) shows / had been causing
- E) has shown / are causing

108. Orwell ---- at that moment that when the white man ---- tyrant it is his own freedom that he destroys.

- A) perceived / would turn
- B) has perceived / turned
- C) had perceived / has turned
- D) would perceive / will turn
- E) perceived / turns

109. The discovery that the Universe ---- at an accelerating rate ---- two rival teams of scientists a Nobel Prize in Physics. (YDS 2013 Sonbahar)

- A) is expanding / has earned
- B) will be expanding / had earned
- C) was expanding / must have earned
- D) could expand / should have earned
- E) ought to expand / may have earned

110. The physics of elementary particles in the 20th century ---- by the observation of the particles whose existence ---- by theorists decades earlier.(YDS 2013 ilkbahar)

- A) has been distinguished / was predicted
- B) distinguished / is being predicted
- C) was distinguished / had been predicted
- D) is distinguished / has been predicted
- E) had been distinguished / was being predicted