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 is 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 flat 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 occurred / are ensuing
D) occurred / 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 hashshasins ---- the entire Middle East, and the modern English word “assassin” ---- 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 marveled
D) is spending / have marveled
E) has spent / marveled

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) designes / 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 waited
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 İlkbahar)
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