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ENGLISH QUIZ

Common Errors in Tenses Grammar

(1) When the Principal entered the class, a student……. on the blackboard.

(a) Wrote

(b) was writing

(c) writes

(d) is writing

(2) She……TV when her husband came.

(a) watch

(b) was watching

(c) is watching

(d) watched

(3) He always……to prove that the earth revolves round the sun.

(a) tried

(b) tries

(c) was trying

(d) is trying

(4) He saw me by chance and…….the car.

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(a) stop

(b) stopped

(c) stops

(d) was stopping

(5) How many pegs of wine……yesterday?

(a) you have drank

(b) were you drinking

(c) did you drink

(d) do you drink

(6) I was watching TV when she…….in.

(a) comes

(b) came

(c) come

(d) was coming

(7) She cut her finger while she……..vegetables.

(a) cutting

(b) was cutting

(c) cut

(d) had cut

(8) She still remembers the day when she first……..to church.

(a) went

(b) was going

(c) gone

(d) going

(9) The train had left before I.....the station.

(a) reach

(b) was reaching

(c) reached

(d) reaches

(10) Had you worked hard, you.....passed?

(a) would

(b) will

(c) would have

(d) will have

(11) We hope that Papa.....soon.

(a) come

(b) is coming

(c) will come

(d) shall come

(12) Neelam is learning how.....

(a) to type

(b) to typing

(c) typing

(d) type

(13) Someone.....away my bike within an hour.

(a) takes

(b) took

(c) has taken

(d) had taken

(14) There are no taxies available because taxi drivers....on strike.

(a) went

(b) go

(c) have gone

(d) will go

(15) He.....suffering from fever since the last week.

(a) is

(b) was

(c) has been

(d) has

(16) She has been suffering from malaria since she.....her job.

(a) leaves

(b) had

(c) left

(d) has been leaving

(17) They.....the students on educational tour on next Monday.

(a) were taking

(b) have taken

(c) are taking

(d) have been taking

(18) I have just hired a typewriter and I.....type now-a-days.

(a) am learning

(b) have learnt

(c) learnt

(d) will learn

(19) By July 2005, she.....in this firm for eleven years.

(a) will work

(b) will have been working

(c) will be working

(d) has been working

(20) The train.....before we reach the station.

(a) will have departed

(b) has departed

(c) is departing

(d) was departing

ANSWERS

1.B

2.B

3.B

4.B

5.C

6.B

7.B

8.A

9.C

10.C

11.C

12.A

13.C

14.C

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15.C

16.C

17.C

18.A

19.B

20.A

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