

Past Tenses Test 1

1. She never ___ to eat soup.
A) didn't like
B) like
C) had liked
D) would not like
E) liked
2. "I'll drink tea from this tin mug."
"Where ___ you ___ it?"
A) did / find
B) do / find
C) did / found
D) were / found
E) are / found
3. It was dark and cold. At one moment he thought that he ___ his way.
A) lost
B) will lose
C) had lost
D) was lost
E) loses
4. I didn't know anyone in the city where I ___ to get.
A) did try
B) was trying
C) would try
D) have tried
E) shall try
5. - Why ___ you go to the plant?
- I ___ no time.
A) do / had
B) will / have
C) did / hadn't
D) didn't / hadn't
E) didn't / had
6. A policeman ___ me crossing the street yesterday.
A) seen
B) saw
C) has seen
D) will see
E) had seen
7. Arthur ___ all his exams by 5 o'clock yesterday.
A) passed
B) passes
C) has passed
D) has been passed
E) had passed
8. He evidently ___ his shoes for a very long time. They were worn-out.
A) were wearing
B) are wearing
C) had been wearing
D) was wearing
E) had been worn
9. So, the invisible man ___ into the shop and ___ down.
A) comes/walked
B) didn't come/walk
C) came/walked
D) will come/walked
E) comes/would walk
10. - We were at the theatre 2 days ago. The performance was excellent.
- Who ___ the leading part?
A) did play
B) play
C) played
D) would play
E) has played
11. One day the boys found a man in the forest. He ___
A) will die
B) had been dying
C) had died
D) was dying
E) die
12. His father ___ a doctor and he ___ to make his son a doctor, too.
A) was/wants
B) were/wanted
C) will be/would want
D) was/wanted
E) were/wanted

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- 13.** During his school years Cronin ___ great interest in literature.
- A)** take
 - B)** took
 - C)** has taken
 - D)** had taken
 - E)** would take
- 14.** He ___ the box yesterday, because he had to do it.
- A)** would open
 - B)** had opening
 - C)** have opened
 - D)** opens
 - E)** opened
- 15.** While the gentlemen ___ the recent events, the ladies ___ about the weather.
- A)** discuss/talk
 - B)** are discussing/was talking
 - C)** being discussed/being talked
 - D)** were discussing/were talking
 - E)** have discussed/have talked
- 16.** She ___ you a letter three weeks ago.
- A)** had sent
 - B)** has sent
 - C)** sent
 - D)** send
 - E)** was sending
- 17.** When he ___ home I ___ him the book.
- A)** came /shall show
 - B)** comes/showed
 - C)** has come/has shown
 - D)** came/showed
 - E)** was coming/shall show
- 18.** They ___ breakfast at 7 and ___ home at eight.
- A)** have/left
 - B)** had/left
 - C)** had/leave
 - D)** have/leaves
 - E)** had/had left
- 19.** Long ago people ___ little about those minerals.
- A)** had known
 - B)** knowed
 - C)** will know
 - D)** knew
 - E)** have known
- 20.** The dentist ___ two of his teeth. One of them ___ quite good.
- A)** pulls out/are
 - B)** pull out/was
 - C)** pulled out/was
 - D)** pull out/was
 - E)** pulled out/were

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Answer Key:

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| 1: E | 11: D |
| 2: A | 12: D |
| 3: C | 13: B |
| 4: B | 14: E |
| 5: E | 15: D |
| 6: B | 16: C |
| 7: E | 17: D |
| 8: C | 18: B |
| 9: C | 19: D |
| 10: C | 20: C |