

Practise your grammar

1. You must vacate the flat ... the weekend.
A) till B) until C) by D) for
2. The municipal art gallery is still
A) constructing B) construction
C) being constructed D) constructed
3. For over an hour now, he
A) complained B) is complaining
C) has complained D) has been complaining
4. I'd rather
A) you don't smoke B) you aren't smoking
C) you didn't smoke D) haven't smoked
5. They anticipate ... more staff.
A) to hire B) hire C) hiring D) the hiring
6. A crime was committed; the police are looking ... it.
A) at B) for C) to D) into
7. As he's very argumentative, he's hard
A) with to get B) on with go get
C) to get on with D) getting on with
8. If you were ever in trouble, I would give you all the help you
A) would need B) need C) needed D) will need
9. It's time you ... up your socks.
A) pull B) pulled C) are pulling D) were pulling
10. How
A) you are clever B) are you clever
C) clever you are D) are clever you
11. Pearl, ..., has retired.
A) that I started the company with
B) with which I started the company
C) who I started the company with
D) with who I started the company
12. Mark asked why
A) had she called B) she did call
C) she had called D) would she call
13. It was the first time I ... in love.
A) have fallen B) had fallen C) fell D) was falling
14. On the way home
A) he was beaten up B) he was beating up
C) he beat up D) he has beaten up
15. The computer's broken and
A) needs to fix it B) needs fixing C) needs fix D) to be fix
16. The police ... planning to arrest the demonstrators.
A) is B) are C) has been D) have
17. The
A) more is merry B) more is merrier
C) more, the merrier D) more merrier
18. I wonder if the price of cigarettes ... in next week's budget.
A) will go up B) goes up C) went up D) would go up
19. If you told her, she would never have known.
A) had B) have C) hadn't D) haven't
20. The film star is in the South of France.
A) believed being B) believed to be
C) believing be D) believes to be
21. Would you the window for me?
A) mind closing B) closing
C) mind to close D) close please
22. the play started when you arrived?
A) Did B) Have C) Is D) Had
23. She had to walk up the stairs because the lift was order.
A) under B) without C) out D) out of
24. I can't remember her before.
A) met B) to meet C) meeting D) to have met
25. Naturally he will come to you for advice whenever he feels in need of
26. The doctor her to stop smoking.
A) said B) advised C) suggested D) made
27. The accident was more serious than the police expected it to be.
A) have B) would C) has D) had
28. many times I tell her, she always does it wrong!
A) So B) Whatever C) However D) No matter
29. When I asked him the keys, Bob said he had no idea where they were.
A) if did he see B) if he had seen
C) could he see D) that he had seen
30. It's about time you _____ exercising regularly.
A) start B) started C) should start D) will start
31. I wish he _____ that. My mother was so annoyed.
A) would say B) would have said
C) hasn't said D) hadn't said
32. It seemed _____ been snowing, but we knew it was only some white dust that had covered the whole town.
A) like it has B) if it had C) as it had D) as if it had
33. He's too _____ person to say no.
A) nice a B) nice C) a nice D) so nice
34. The _____ I want to live my life is nobody else's business.
A) way how B) reason C) way D) how
35. Avoid _____ questions that are too personal in a job interview.
A) you should answer B) having answered
C) to answer D) answering
36. _____ I hadn't been expecting any visitors, I was wearing pyjamas when the doorbell rang.
A) While B) Due to C) Why D) Since
37. Although we had tickets, we _____ for an hour.
A) have kept waiting B) made waiting
C) had made waiting D) were kept waiting
38. There's no point _____ the kids. They're old enough to look after themselves.
A) to worry for B) to worry about
C) in worrying for D) in worrying about
39. She always gets away with _____. The boss loves her.
A) she's late B) late C) to be late D) being late
40. There was _____ anger in his voice that I had to hang up.
A) as much B) such lot of C) such much D) so much
41. _____ he was late, he ate his sandwich quickly.
A) Knew B) Known C) Knowing D) Had known
42. I can't get used to _____.
A) be alone all day. B) that I'm alone all day.
C) being alone all day. D) I was alone all day.
43. Susan failed all her exams, _____ a big surprise.
A) that was B) was C) which was D) where was