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Choose the correct alternatives to complete the sentences.

1. During the test, their teacher allowed ____ up words they didn't know in their dictionaries.
 A) that they looked B) them looking
 C) them to look D) that they could look

2. After the summer holidays, he's finding it hard to ____ up early in the morning again.
 A) get used to getting B) be used to get
 C) use to get D) get used to get

3. They were made to learn the whole poem ____.
 A) in memory B) by mind
 C) in head D) by heart

4. X: You're very dirty!
 Y: I know. I ____ the attic. I should be finished in a couple of hours and then I'll have a shower.
 A) cleaned B) clean
 C) have been cleaning D) had cleaned

5. If you're not sleeping very well, try ____ a glass of milk before going to bed.
 A) to drink B) drinking
 C) that you drink D) for a drink of

6. As soon as he ____ home, he'll ring.
 A) had arrived B) arrives
 C) will arrive D) is going to arrive

7. She was ____ beautiful girl that they offered her a job as a model.
 A) so B) too
 C) enough D) such a

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18. You can't go to the interview like that! Your suit needs ____ for a start!
A) to press
B) for to be pressed
C) pressing
D) to be pressing
19. She wishes she ____ more fashionable clothes, but she can't afford them.
A) has
B) has had
C) had had
D) had
20. ____ being the rudest person I know, he can be surprisingly kind on occasion.
A) However
B) Despite
C) In spite
D) Although
21. Don't be afraid. The dog is _____. He's only trying to be friendly.
A) unharmed
B) harmful
C) harmless
D) harming
22. He wanted a complete change so he ____ bright red by his hairdresser last week.
A) has dyed his hair
B) had his hair dyed
C) had dyed his hair
D) was dyed his hair
23. Ugh! Smell this milk. I think it's _____.
A) gone off
B) put out
C) taken bad
D) got off
24. We can't use the computer lab today. It _____.
A) is redecorating
B) was been redecorated
C) is being redecorated
D) has redecorated
25. I'm sorry. I meant to phone you last night but it completely _____.
A) went off my head
B) lost my mind
C) came to a head
D) slipped my mind
26. I don't know why she isn't here. She ____ the train.
A) may miss
B) must miss
C) should have missed
D) might have missed
27. It wasn't _____ for them to go swimming.
A) enough warm
B) so much warm
C) warm enough
D) too much warm



28. He never takes a long break. It's years ____ a good holiday!
 A) since he hasn't had B) since he had
 C) when he had D) since he had had
29. John kept on chatting while she was explaining. ____ end she lost her temper and told him to leave the room.
 A) At the B) In the
 C) At D) By the
30. He succeeded ____ his driving test first time.
 A) to pass B) of passing
 C) in passing D) that he passed
31. The students they interviewed were chosen completely at ____.
 A) chance B) choice
 C) large D) random
32. Once there ____ some good films on television but nowadays they're all repeats.
 A) used to be B) would be
 C) have been D) used to being
33. They suggested ____ to the new disco on the outskirts of town.
 A) to go B) to going
 C) that we are going D) we should go
34. Their teacher threatened ____ them all if they didn't study more.
 A) failing B) to fail
 C) that she will fail D) at failing
35. The manuscript is ____! That's why it is only taken out of the vault on special occasions.
 A) worthless B) invaluable
 C) priceless D) unpriced
36. Everybody laughed at him but it's his own fault. He ____ so much and made a fool of himself like that.
 A) shouldn't have drunk B) mustn't be drinking
 C) can't have drunk D) mustn't drink
37. ____ I know, he hasn't rung yet.
 A) As long as B) As far as
 C) For how much D) As much



38. He wouldn't be an Olympic athlete now if he ____ so hard since he was a child.
A) wouldn't train B) didn't train
C) hasn't trained D) hadn't trained
39. Mr Jones, our maths teacher, is said ____ a thriller!
A) writing B) he has been writing
C) to be writing D) he will write
40. He apologised ____ better care of her CD and offered to replace it.
A) not to take B) for not taking
C) because didn't take D) about he didn't take
41. If I came to the concert with you, I wouldn't be able to make the last bus home. Could you ____ for the night?
A) take me over B) let me down
C) put me up D) bring back me
42. Her success was ____ a lot of hard work and some good luck.
A) owing to B) due to
C) because D) caused from
43. He can't stand ____ .He has little or no sense of humour.
A) to be laughed B) up with being laughed at
C) being laughed at D) at being laughed
44. As ____ half an hour before, he wasn't hungry.
A) having already eaten B) he already ate
C) he had already eaten D) he has already eaten
45. The more she practises, _____.
A) the best she gets B) she gets better
C) she is getting better D) the better she gets



RED KANGAROO LISTENING TEST

Part A : Listen and say if the statements are A) TRUE or B) FALSE. You will hear the recording twice.

46. David hasn't finished his thesis yet.
A) True B) False
47. David hasn't had anything to do with the organisation of the trip.
A) True B) False
48. They are going to avoid staying in hotels.
A) True B) False
49. They want to see just the main attractions of each city they visit.
A) True B) False
50. Neither Jim nor David have ever seen the cities they're going to visit.
A) True B) False

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Part B : Listen and answer the questions. You will hear the dialogues twice.

51. Mr and Mrs. Williams are buying a car for their daughter because she's ____.
A) at university
B) passed both her final exams and her driving test
C) going to take her final exams and go to university
52. She's looking for a car which is ____.
A) Japanese B) safe and small
C) safe, small and inexpensive
53. The car salesman has ____.
A) a lot of expensive second-hand cars
B) nothing under £ 1500
C) a car on monthly instalments



54. The car he offers ____.
- A) is in excellent condition despite its age
 - B) is brand new
 - C) was owned for a life-time by a little old lady
55. The woman ____.
- A) buys the car and goes for a ride in it
 - B) is definitely interested in the car
 - C) decides to buy the car because it's a coincidence

Part C : Listen and answer the questions. You will hear the news twice.

56. The illegal immigrants ____.
- A) are all dehydrated and exhausted
 - B) included at least 250 women and children
 - C) were found in a disused warehouse
57. New York's State Senator ____.
- A) proposes to forbid the use of electronic devices in the city
 - B) wants to ban pedestrians in cities from using electronic devices
 - C) had statistics to prove that electronic devices were dangerous in the streets
58. The thief ____.
- A) had tried to break into the house while the owners were out for the evening
 - B) hadn't thought the owners would return so soon
 - C) hanged himself from the bedroom window
59. Which statement is correct?
- A) The thief had twisted his ankle when he climbed into the bedroom window.
 - B) The window from which he was hanging was above the front door.
 - C) Mr Knox was embarrassed because the police caught him.
60. It will ____.
- A) snow over low-lying areas in Scotland
 - B) be warmer than usual in most of the UK
 - C) be colder across the Northern and Western Isles than in Scotland

