

Tenses- Practice Sheet

1.)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

2.)Film music ---- significant in many ways, of course, but not as music, which is why the proposition,that better composersbetter film music is not necessarily true.

- A) had been / shall produce
- B) has been / should have produced
- C) is / could produce
- D) can be / had produced
- E) would be / produced

3.)California ---- an earthquake that..... San Francisco, just before a 1989 World Series Game, killing large numbers of people.

- A) would have suffered / shakes
- B) suffers / had shaken
- C) had suffered / would shake
- D) has suffered / will shake
- E) suffered / shook

4.)More than 500 million years ago, most of what ---- now the Colorado Plateau by ocean.

- A) is / was covered
- B) has been / will be covered
- C) would be / has been covered
- D) could be / is covered
- E) would have been / had been covered

5.)From fossil analysis it that, at the dawn of the Cambrian period, which was 542 million years ago, there ---- a dramatic increase in animal diversity.

- A) had been established / has occurred
- B) has been established / occurred
- C) was established / occurs
- D) is to be established / had occurred
- E) would be established / would have occurred

6.)One of the great advances of astronomy over recent years the discovery of planets outside our solar system, and it is the first real clue that we alone..... in the universe.

- A) is going to be / mustn't be
- B) is / were not
- C) had been / will not be
- D) was / would not be
- E) has been / may not be

7.)It was during Queen Victoria's reign (1837-1901) that there -----a more democratic system of government, which ---- with the Reform Bill of 1832.

- A) had developed / began
- B) has developed / has begun
- C) develops / was to begin
- D) developed / had begun
- E) was developing / would begin

8.)Often it is only when people----- to do their job that they -----our attention.

- A) fail / get
- B) have failed / had got
- C) failed / have got
- D) will fail / are getting
- E) will have failed / got

9.)The nuclear accident that----- at the Chernobyl reactor in April, 1986, -----to new fears about the safety of nuclear reactors.

- A) has occurred / was to lead
- B) would have occurred / led
- C) occurred / has led
- D) could occur / had led
- E) had occurred / may have led

10.)Evil ---- when good people allow bad things -- --.

- A) came / happened
- B) comes / to happen
- C) will come / will happen
- D) may come / happening
- E) had come / to have happened

11.)Before he ---- in museums, he ---- law in hopes of becoming a specialist in the legal aspects of antiquities.

- A) will work / has studied
- B) works / would study
- C) worked / had studied
- D) had worked / was studying
- E) has worked / studied

12.)The interviewer ----- during her interview with the retired politician that he still-----the dynamic presence that had once inspired the entire country.

- A) was realizing / had
- B) will realize / would have
- C) realizes / is having
- D) has realized / will have
- E) realized / had

13.)Pirates ---- a threat since ancient times; in fact, even hundreds of years ago, they in the Mediterranean Sea in search of valuable cargo.

- A) would have been / had sailed
- B) had been / have been sailing
- C) have been / were sailing
- D) were / had been sailing
- E) would be / have been sailing

14.)Scientists fear that if we ---- to use our natural resources so unwisely, we ---- them up completely by the end of this century.

- A) have continued / have used
- B) are continuing / are using
- C) continued / had used
- D) had continued / would have used
- E) continue / will have used

15.)The wolves that..... n Ethiopia some 100,000 years ago into a separate and rare species.

- A) had arrived / will have evolved
- B) arrive / will evolve
- C) were arriving / had evolved
- D) have arrived / evolved
- E) arrived / have evolved

16.)People in England ---- books about Turkey since the 15th century, but unfortunately an increase in quantity..... by an increase in quality.

- A) had been writing / does not match
- B) are writing / will not be matched
- C) had written / are not matching
- D) have been writing / has not been matched
- E) wrote / had not been matched

17.)It ---- weeks since Harry ---- his mother looking so relaxed and happy.

- A) is / would have seen
- B) had been / would see
- C) would be / has seen
- D) will be / may have seen
- E) has been / saw

18.)Most of the writers of grammars of English -- -- teachers, but some early grammar books of English ---- by men such as playwrights, scientists or philosophers.

- A) are / can be written
- B) have been / were written
- C) were / could have been written
- D) had been / were written
- E) may be / have been written

19.)The Sumerian civilization----- the first alphabet, which----- it easier for older generations to pass on their cultural heritage to younger generations.

- A) will have developed / has made
- B) would have developed / made
- C) developed / makes
- D) would develop / had made
- E) were developing / will make

20.)The first English immigrants to what is now the United States — the Atlantic long after colonies — in Mexico and South America.

- A) would be crossing / must have been established
- B) had crossed / were established
- C) will be crossing / have been established
- D) cross / are established
- E) crossed / had been established

21.)The Earth — more solar energy in one hour than the whole world — in a year.

- A) has received / will be consuming
- B) is receiving / is consuming
- C) received / would consume
- D) receives / could consume
- E) had received / consumed