Entraînement à la grammaire par les exercices (sur les 30 fiches)

Corrigé en fin d'ouvrage

1. Présent simple et présent en *be* + *-ing*

Use the *present simple* and *present be* + *-ing* to complete the blanks in this interview with Robin Thompson of International Microcredit Solutions.

Interviewer : Tell me, where ..... (to be) IMS' headquarters ?

Mr. Thompson: Our head office ..... (to be) in London but because we ..... (to conduct) most of our business in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia we ..... (to create) new branches. Next month, we ..... (to open) offices in Cameroon and Mumbai.

Interviewer: Who ..... (you lend) money to generally?

Mr. Thompson: We ..... (to try) to be socially conscious. We ..... (to aim) to help those who ..... (to live) in rural areas, particularly women, who rarely ..... (to default) on their loans and ..... (always look) for ways that they ..... (to be able) improve living conditions, not only for themselves but also for their villages. One woman in Nkuv, Cameroon, now ..... (to own) a mobile phone which she ..... (to charge) a small fee to use because nobody else in her village ..... (have) one. She ..... (to pay) off her loan next week, then she ..... (to take) out another loan for a second mobile phone. Business ..... (to boom)!

2. Référence au passé

Finish the interview using the *preterit, was/were + -ing,* or *used to.*

Interviewer: What ..... (to be) your goals when you ..... (to found) IMS? ..... (you expect) to be so successful?

Mr. Thompson: We ..... (to want) to change the lives of poor, rural inhabitants. Big commercial banks ..... (to turn) a blind eye to their plight because they ..... (not represent) a lucrative investment. However, we ..... (to believe) that this was inherently wrong. Our founder, Samuel Gibbings, who ..... (to die) in 2001, ... (to insist) that small investments ..... (to change) lives in big ways. Things ..... (to be) very different then. Developed countries ..... (to distribute) aid to the governments of developing countries. The people who most ..... (to need) help never ..... (to receive) a penny. When we ..... (to launch) IMS fifteen years ago, the world ..... (to experience) a period of relative prosperity. Companies ..... (to become) interested in reinvesting their profits in a way that ..... (to seem) more socially responsible. IMS ..... (to provide) the ideal solution and ..... (to achieve) instant success. At a time when foreign aid ..... (to consist) of giving people in developing countries a fish, we ..... (to loan) them the money to buy themselves a fishing rod!

3. Le prétérit modal

Transform the sentences using the *modal preterit.*

1. I don't understand why you are so kind to him, he's so rude to you !
   If I ..... (to be) you, I ..... (to be) so kind to him!
2. I don't have enough money to buy designer labels.
   I wish I .....
3. I'm so thirsty but I don't have anything to drink.
   If only I .....

4. Please don't eat that cream cake in front of me. I'm on a diet.
I'd rather you .....

5. She's so annoying. She's always complaining about everything. She must stop!
It's high time she .....

6. You often dream about living in Canada.
Imagine you .....

7. He behaves so arrogantly. He obviously thinks he's the boss.
He behaves as if .....

8. He doesn't understand me. Shall I try speaking to him in Spanish?
Suppose I .....

4. Les aspects *be + -ing* et *have + -en*

Choose the correct answer.

1. Can I have my textbook back, please? Not yet, ... my homework.
a. I have done b. I'm still doing c. I was doing

2. His book was finally published last week. It ..... him twenty years to write.
a. had been taking b. was taking c. had taken

3. ..... to New York before? No, it's first time ..... to America.
a. Have you been/ I have been b. Are you going/ I am going c. Had you gone/ I go

4. I ..... my bedroom when I suddenly realised that I ..... the wrong colour.
a. was painting/ had been using b. had painted/used c. have painted/have used

5. He ..... English for years and today he ..... an exam.
a. had studied/ was finally taking b. is studying/ is finally taking c. has been studying/ has finally taken

5. Référence à l'avenir

Put the verbs in brackets () into the correct *future time clauses*.

1. Those boxes look very heavy. Here, I ..... (to help) you carry them upstairs.
2. I think I ..... (to start) work on my project. I ..... (to finish) by Friday.
3. I ..... (to spend) my summer in Australia. Look, here are the tickets. My flight ..... on 23rd June.
4. ..... (you watch) the new Hollywood blockbuster at the cinema? Yes, I ..... (to see) it as soon as I ..... (to finish) all my work.
5. ..... (you drive) me to the airport tomorrow at 7a.m.? Sorry, I ..... (sleep)!

6. Le conditionnel

***What would you do ?* Finish these sentences with your own ideas.**

1. If I had enough money I .....
2. If I had remembered my umbrella .....
3. I would judge myself successful if I .....
4. I wouldn't have been so late if .....
5. Often, when I was a child I .....

7. Les modaux (forme simple, modal + base verbale)

Complete the sentences using the correct word from the list. Use each word only once.

would · shall · could · might · must · needn't
will · should · can't · mustn't · may

1. I really wish I ..... go to the party tonight but I ..... I'm far too tired.
2. ..... I make some sandwiches? It's possible we ..... feel hungry later.
3. Please ..... you come with me when I go to see the boss? You ..... say anything but I ..... feel so much better if you were there by my side.
4. I really think you ..... send your CV to that headhunter. You're exactly the kind of applicant they're looking for!
5. All candidates ..... arrive on time. Candidates ..... use a dictionary during the exam. Candidates ..... leave the examination room early if they have finished.

8. Les modaux (forme + have + participe passé)

Complete the sentences with the correct word from the list in exercise 7 then conjugate.

1. I really wish I ..... (go) to the party last night but I ..... I was far too tired.
2. ..... I ..... (make) some sandwiches? It was possible we ..... (feel) hungry yesterday evening.
3. I'm glad you decided you ..... come with me when I went to see the boss. I told you, you ..... (say) anything but I ..... (feel) so much worse if you hadn't been there by my side.
4. I really think you ..... (send) your CV to that headhunter. You were exactly the kind of applicant they were looking for!

5. The candidates ..... (arrive) on time, their train was not late. They ..... (use) a dictionary during the exam, they made too many mistakes. Some candidates ..... (leave) the examination room early because they had finished.

9. La voix passive

Rewrite the sentences using the *passive voice*.

1. The voters didn't choose him as president.
   → He ..... as president.

2. The founding fathers signed the Declaration of Independence in 1776.
   → The Declaration of Independence ..... in 1776.

3. Construction workers have built a memorial called "Reflecting Absence" on the site of the Twin Towers.
   → A memorial called "Reflecting Absence" ..... on the site of the Twin Towers.

4. He is interviewing a highly-experienced candidate for that position.
   → A highly-experienced candidate ..... for that position.

5. They will not repair the car before the weekend.
   → The car ..... before the weekend.

6. The maids were still cleaning the hotel room when the rock star arrived.
   → The room ..... when the rock star arrived.

7. No one had ever opened that door.
   → That door .....

8. They will have to find effective regulations to combat global warming soon.
   → Effective regulations to combat global warming ..... soon.

10. L'interrogation

Read the answers and then ask the questions using the words in the list.

who · what · where · when · whose · which
how · often · how · much · how · many

1. There is a cap on CO^2 emissions. One CO^2 allowance is equivalent to **one metric ton**.
   ?
2. The government is calling an early election on **May 10th.**
   ?
3. Please **say** that again. I didn't hear you.
   ?
4. Almost **3000 people** died during the 9/11 terrorist attacks.
   ?
5. This masterpiece was painted by **Vincent Van Gogh.**
   ?
6. **Sir Joseph Wilson Smith's light bulb** was invented before that of Thomas Edison.
   ?
7. With a surface area of 17,080,000km^2, **Russia** is the biggest country in the world.
   ?
8. Earthquakes are commonplace in Southeast Asia. Around 25 occur **per week**.
   ?
9. The 2012 climate conference took place in **Doha**.
   ?

This time ask the questions *without* using the words in the list. Instead use *auxiliaries*.

10. She **lives** in Sydney, Australia.
    ?
11. I **witnessed** the accident. The red car crashed into the white one.
    ?
12. I'**ve never seen anything** so breathtakingly beautiful!
    ?

13. We **can find a solution** to world poverty if developed countries work together.
?

14. Everybody **wants** to be rich and famous.
?

15. They still **hadn't arrived** by the time I left.
?

11. La proposition infinitive

Finish the sentences using the phrases in the brackets ().

1. The First Lady was invited .....
(she inaugurated a new community centre last week)

2. Talking to the doctor about cancer convinced .....
(I quit smoking)

3. That teenager stole some lipstick. I saw .....
(she put it in her handbag)

4. Union leaders advised the Prime Minister .....
(he didn't raise the retirement age)

5. She's a household name. She is said .....
(they say she is the most famous person in the world)

6. The third world can't fight poverty on its own, it needs .....
(developed countries help)

7. He has always been my best friend so I asked .....
(he was best man at my wedding)

8. The investment banker had embezzled billions. He was made .....
(he paid it back)

9. The Greenpeace activists thought they were doing the right thing. It was very difficult for .....
(they admitted they were wrong).

10. Tax reductions enabled .....
(the company hired extra staff)

12. La proposition relative

Use *who, whom, whose* and *which* to reformulate the sentences.

1. An NGO is a legally established organisation. It functions independently from any government ties.
An NGO is a legally established organisation .....

2. The soprano sang so beautifully during the opera. She was given a standing ovation.
The soprano .....

3. I borrowed the book from that student.
That is the student from .....

4. That's a gorgeous car! Is it yours?
I wonder ..... is.

13. Les structures résultatives

Put the sentences into the correct order.

1. going/of/the management team/on strike/the workers/out/has talked

2. to/moved/tears/their story/me

3. at/shouted/the football supporters/hoarse/the cup final/themselves

4. to death/goes off/worry/to university/myself/when/I will/my daughter

5. would fulfil/the populace/believing/the government/that they/their campaign promises/deluded/into

6. into/the jeans/returning/his mother/him/he had stolen/shamed

14. Les subordonnées de temps

Choose the correct answer.

1. You just won't believe me when I **will tell/tell/told** you what I saw!
2. No sooner **did they sit/they had sat/had they sat** down than they realised they were on the wrong train.
3. I won't be able to call her until I **am getting/get/will get** home. My mobile phone is out of battery.
4. As long as you **tell/will tell/will have told** the police the truth you won't get into any trouble.
5. Next time we **will meet/are going to meet/meet** you won't recognise me. I've been on a diet and I've lost 15kg!
6. I will send you an email as soon as I **finish/will finish/will have finished** working on the reports.

15. Les phrases complexes

Find the mistake and correct.

1. Nowadays cancer is not necessarily a death sentence provided doctors caught it early.

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2. Her little brother was following her wherever she went.

.....

3. I've stopped to try to understand Contract Law. I'll never get it!

.....

4. I really must remember paying that bill or they'll cut my water off.

.....

5. The manager thought it was being a good idea insofar as no one had thought of a better one.

.....

6. Would I have known that I had accidentally friended my boss on Facebook, I would never have posted those photos!

.....

7. I can't say I believed him when he declared that I was see my investment double.

.....

8. Whether she got the job or not, the interview experience will have been invaluable.

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9. How odd that the CEO would make the announcement on the same day that 150 workers were let go.

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16. *For/since/ago*

Conjugate the verb and choose *for, since* or *ago*.

One of our third-year students, Simon, decided to do his work placement at a London-based MNC. He ..... (to start) work ten months **for/since/ago** and the MD ..... (already offer) him an entry level position after graduation. When he ..... (to move) to London a year **for/since/ago,** he ..... (to rent) a flat in Croydon but **for/since/ago** Christmas he ..... (to live) in Knightsbridge which is much closer to work. **For/since/ago** the last few months, he ..... (to work) with the Asia Team, so he ..... (to take) Mandarin lessons **for/since/ago** July.

17. *During/for/while*

Continue: conjugate the verb and choose *for, during* or *while*.

For/during/while his year's work placement, Simon ..... (to travel) to the four corners of the Earth. He ..... (to attend) a convention in Beijing **for/during/while** seven days. **For/during/while** he was there he ..... (to visit) the Great Wall of China. **For/during/while** his first weeks with the firm, Simon ..... (to do) little else but make coffee and file paperwork but after systematically offering to help on any project and staying late every night **for/during/while** a month, Simon soon ..... (to find) himself being offered more challenging tasks.

18. *Had better* et *would rather*

Fill in the blanks with *'d/had better* or *'d/would rather*.

1. Developed countries ..... find a solution to global warming before it's too late.
2. I find email too impersonal. I ..... talk to someone face to face.

3. You ..... get an early night; you have to get up early tomorrow.

4. They ..... have everything ready when the clients arrive or I'll be furious!

5. Shall we get started or ..... you ..... have a coffee first?

19. Traduction de *faire faire*

Reformulate the sentences using *make, have* or *get*.

1. The lawyer requested a copy of the report so I **asked** the courier to take it over to her.

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2. He **asked** his secretary to push the appointment back to three o'clock.

.....

3. I finally **convinced** her to **ask** the hairdresser to cut her hair.

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4. I just don't know how she **forces** her children to keep their rooms so tidy.

.....

5. **Someone has just replaced** my car's windscreen. It was cracked.

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20. Emploi de l'article défini *the*

Fill in the blanks in this postcard with *the* or *ø*.

Hi Dave! We arrived in ..... UK on ..... Saturday morning. We came by ..... train, it only took an hour, ... train was so fast. ..... hotel we stayed at was right next to ..... Millennium Eye, on ..... banks of ..... Thames. What a view! At ..... night, we can see ..... London skyline all lit up from ..... window of our room. We

go sightseeing every ..... morning, we both love ..... culture, ... history and ..... art so we tend to visit lots of galleries and museums before lunch back at ..... hotel. In ..... afternoon, we mix things up a bit, visiting ..... homes of ..... rich and famous, for example, or learning to play ..... bagpipes! After ..... dinner, we go to ..... pub for a pint or two and we spend ..... evening planning ..... next day's programme. I think we'll visit ..... Houses of ..... Parliament and ..... Big Ben later on in ..... week. See you soon, Tim and Anna.

21. Les quantifieurs

Fill in the blanks. Use each word from the list once.

some any none neither little a little few
a few much no several most every each
too much all too many either

1. The British monarchy no longer has ..... power but ..... British people still support the institution although ..... argue it should be reformed.

2. With just ..... international cooperation, we could end world hunger forever. If ..... the inhabitants of the Earth pooled their resources there wouldn't be ..... famines.

3. Far ..... households have been affected by the economic downturn. ..... families have emerged unscathed, with their purchasing power unaffected.

4. ..... man, woman and child must join the fight against global warming. If ..... of us makes a small effort the worldwide impact will be considerable.

5. Although only ..... politicians prioritise global warming ..... would deny its existence. ..... money is spent on electoral campaigns and very ..... on the environment.

6. We were expecting to see ..... the President or the First Lady at the fund-raiser but in the end ..... of them came. It didn't matter because ..... celebrities attended and there were ..... disappointed benefactors.

22. Place de l'adjectif, l'adjectif composé et l'adjectif substantive

Place the *adjectives* in the sentences in the correct order or as *compound adjectives*.

1. ..... immigrants arrive in London every year looking for work. (young, East European, hundreds of)
2. This is a ..... issue. (global, new, serious)
3. This ..... politician (45 years of age, with blond hair) is a serious contender in the ..... elections. (general, coming up)
4. The judge listened to the victim's ..... (felt in his heart) plea and gave the criminal a ..... (prison, severe, of twenty years) sentence.
5. This ..... car (electric, friendly to the environment) promises new hope for ..... transport. (free of pollution)

23. Le comparatif et le superlatif des adjectifs

Put the adjectives into the *comparative* or the *superlative*.

Leaving Guizhou, my village in rural China, was the ..... (hard) thing I've ever done but ..... (hard) still would have been staying put and becoming a farmer. The ..... (young) people tend to leave while the ..... (old) generation stays behind. So the population of the village is getting ..... and ..... (small) as well as ..... and ..... (ancient). The ..... (old) of my brothers had already left so I had to choose between the ..... (good) thing for me and the ..... (practical) thing for my elderly parents. In the end, they made the choice for me, buying me the ..... (expensive) train ticket ever bought by someone from our village. I have never been ..... (happy) than when I first stepped off the train in Beijing Central Station. I'd never seen anywhere like it! Beijing was much ..... (big), ...(busy), ... (lively) and far ..... (exciting) than Guizhou, but it was also .....

(noisy), ... (smelly) and ..... (scary). In fact, after three months in Beijing, I think it is the ..... (fascinating) as well as the ..... (frightening) place on Earth!

24. Les mots composés

Find the *compound noun*.

1. A licence you need to drive a car: .....
2. When the hairdresser cuts your hair: .....
3. A man who does sports: .....
4. Someone who saw a crime: .....
5. A negotiator who acts as a link between parties: .....

25. *As or like*

Cross out the word which is incorrect.

1. It has been described **as/like** the most groundbreaking innovation since the Internet.
2. I don't want to live in a house **as/like** the one I grew up in.
3. Downloading illegally from the Internet is **as/like** stealing.
4. They chose Paris **as/like** the site of their company HQ because of its ideal location.
5. **As/like** a rule, Republicans are pro-life while Democrats are pro-choice.
6. Good news **as/like** that is rare nowadays! It's **as/like** a dream come true.
7. **As/like** a union leader, he must be made to see that strikes **as/like** those of the past fortnight are damaging to the economy and should only be used **as/like** a last resort.

26. Le génitif

Rewrite the phrases with *'s* if possible.

1. The relationship of France with Britain. .....
2. The very top of the cupboard. .....
3. A holiday of a fortnight. .....
4. The sustainable development policy of the government. .....
5. The toys of my children. .....
6. The university of Eddington. .....
7. The church of Saint James. .....
8. An agreement of gentlemen. .....
9. A project of economists. .....
10. The bark of a willow tree. .....

27. Discours direct et discours indirect

Transform the sentences using *indirect speech*.

1. "How long have you been working here?"
   → She asked me .....
2. "We're not leaving until tomorrow."
   → They told us that .....
3. "Shall I go over the paperwork with you?"
   → She offered .....
4. "The contract was signed last week."
   → He informed me that .....
5. "When will you be leaving?"
   → She wondered .....

6. "Stop shouting this very instant!"
   → The teacher ordered us .....
7. "We had such fun last night!"
   → They said .....
8. "When is he going to call?"
   → The PA enquired .....

28. Les prépositions

Choose the correct *preposition*.

1. Cold calling consists **with/of/on/about** contacting clients without an appointment.
2. Children are the future. Governments must invest **about/for/in/on** education.
3. Nothing can compensate **in/over/on/for** the absence of a close-knit family
4. My team leader accused me **by/of/in/with** not giving my all.
5. I can't say I wholly approve **with/of/on/about** his decision to quit his job.
6. The President was asked to comment **over/for/on/with** US economic growth.
7. Many management school candidates find it hard to cope **of/for/with/in** the stress.
8. Benefit fraud amounts **of/by/from/to** stealing from the taxpayer.
9. No one knows how to account **for/of/in/over** his sudden change in fortune.
10. Although it can be expensive, no one can object **of/in/to/for** carbon offsetting.
11. You should always be able to count **with/from/on/over** your friends.
12. She did her best to prevent her son **from/with/by/in** ruining his life.
13. Compared **by/with/in/for** Hurricane Sandy, Katrina was far more destructive.
14. I am accustomed **to/by/with/for** working long hours.
15. The company was threatened **of/with/by/on** a fine for dumping waste in the river.

29. Les particules adverbiales

Fill the blanks with: *of, on, to, up, for, off, out, down, with, away, along, against, through*

1. I call ..... the Chief of Staff to kick ..... the debate
2. The problem all boils .... a lack of time and money.
3. I know I can count ..... you to carry ..... my wishes.
4. The police are clamping .... speeding in city centres.
5. I'll vouch ..... him. I've known him for years. You'll get ..... well with him.
6. She really wanted the job but came .... some stiff competition.
7. My New Year's resolution is to cut .... alcohol and cigarettes.
8. Have a leaf ..... our catalogue and see if there are any clothes you want to try .....
9. The company needs a bail ..... since their big deal fell .....
10. Governments would like to get rid ..... the debt ceiling forever.
11. I didn't feel like going ..... but I went .... her plans because I didn't want her to have to call things .....
12. The stock market panic is dying ..... gradually.
13. Whenever you come .... a problem, just face .... it, you'll figure it .....!
14. She has narrowed ..... her house hunt to a flat in Kent and a cottage in Surrey.
15. I don't know how she puts .... that annoying little brother of hers!
16. Would you just pop ..... to the shops for me? We've run .... milk.

17. Don't just go ..... the first car you see; shop .... the best deal.

18. I've been taking care ..... my younger sisters since my mother passed .....

30. Tableau des verbes irréguliers

Conjugate the verbs, use the *preterit* or *have/had* + *-en*.

I ..... (wake) up late. Morning ..... (break) and I ..... (sleep) like a baby. I ..... (sit) up and ..... (become) aware that I ..... (feel) hungry. I ..... (get) up, ... (take) a look across the room to where my brother ..... (lie) fast asleep and ..... (creep) to the door. The door ..... (swing) open and after I ..... (slide) through onto the landing, I ..... (shut) it silently behind me. The sun ..... (rise) so light ..... (shine) through the window and ..... (light) the stairs. I ..... (run) down them two at a time. Feeling energetic, I ..... (catch) hold of the railing and ..... (leap) over it. Someone ..... (make) breakfast and ..... (leave) some toast and eggs on the table for me. I ..... (be) famished so I ..... (eat) it all. I ..... (find) some orange juice in the fridge and ..... (drink) two glasses. The phone ..... (ring) and I ..... (hear) my father as he ..... (speak) to someone on the line. He ..... (hang) up and ..... (come) into the kitchen. He ..... (stand) in the doorway, ... (see) my empty plate and he ..... (shake) his head. "I see you ..... (feed) yourself!" he ..... (say) with a grin. "..... you ..... (forget) that I make myself eggs on toast on Sunday? I should ..... (know) that I ..... (can) not leave my breakfast unattended!"

QCM de structures grammaticales et lexicales (QCM N° 1 à QCM N° 7)

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QCM N° 1

1. My boyfriend is always so busy and never seems to ..... time for me.
   a. do
   b. make
   c. use
   d. play

2. I don't have much ..... for stupid people like you!
   a. times
   b. timing
   c. time
   d. timer

3. I'll take care of the garden while you ..... the whole house.
   a. re-do
   b. will re-do
   c. would re-do
   d. re-done

4. She always puts two ..... of sugar in her coffee.
   a. lumps
   b. pieces
   c. items
   d. spoon

5. Don't count your ..... before they hatch.
   a. birds
   b. doves
   c. chickens
   d. crows

6. I made this dress myself without ..... help at all.
   a. any
   b. no
   c. some
   d. many

7. In the following list of words, 3 words rhyme. Which is the "odd man out"?
   a. eight
   b. freight
   c. height
   d. weight

8. In the following list of words, 3 words rhyme. Which is the "odd man out"?
   a. rough
   b. sew
   c. though
   d. throw

9. The trees overhanging the remote country road made things look even blacker. Pick out a synonym for remote:
   a. tranquil
   b. quiet
   c. isolated
   d. frightening

10. One of the most urgent problems facing us now is the need to control population growth ..... people in the next century stand a chance of survival.
a. in order
b. so that
c. for
d. although

11. Please don't let me disturb you. Carry ..... with your work.
a. on
b. in with
c. none of these
d. away

12. You'll fail the exam ..... you start revising.
a. if
b. until
c. when
d. unless

13. There was an accident on the road, and we were ..... for over an hour.
a. held down
b. held up
c. put back
d. put

14. It was such a funny sight that we couldn't stop .....
a. laughing
b. to laughing
c. laugh
d. to laugh

15. Don't tell him off! He is very ..... and he may start to cry.
a. responsive
b. sensible
c. sensitive
d. responsible

16. If I breathe in, I get a sharp ..... in my chest.
a. hurt
b. wound
c. pain
d. ache

17. When he ..... all the letters, he took them to the post-office.
a. had been writing
b. had written
c. wrote
d. has written

18. I really need your help, so don't ....., please.
a. let me through
b. let me down
c. let me in
d. let me off

19. There are a number of ways in which technology can be applied sensibly ..... there are limits to what can be done.
a. despite
b. though
c. while
d. even

20. The first group of prisoners had ..... arrived in the country's most modern prison than they started a riot.
a. immediately
b. no sooner
c. only
d. just.

21. He is old enough to ..... his own living by now.
a. gain
b. win
c. earn
d. charge

22. He was ..... from school for stealing.
a. discharged
b. expelled
c. dismissed
d. evicted

23. The temperature dropped ..... freezing point.
a. below
b. beneath
c. under
d. on

24. The unflattering reviews that his latest recording received were ..... by his fans, who believe that everything he performs is a triumph of artistic creativity.
a. hailed
b. dismissed
c. suppressed
d. accepted

25. Charles Lindbergh told reporters ..... never been deterred from attempting to cross the Atlantic alone even though others had failed.
a. that he had
b. that he had it
c. had it
d. his having

26. The early work of Edith Wharton ..... the relationship between the individual and the community.
a. focuses attention on
b. focusing the attention on
c. the attention is focused on it
d. the attention and focus

27. Geysers have often been compared to volcanoes ..... they both emit hot liquids from below the Earth's surface.
a. due to
b. because
c. in spite of
d. regardless of

28. During the early period of ocean navigation ..... any need for sophisticated instruments and techniques.
a. so that hardly
b. when there hardly was
c. hardly was
d. there was hardly

29. Alice Jemison acquired a self-confidence that ..... in her later crusades.
a. her served well
b. served her well
c. served well her
d. her well served

30. It's high time you ..... to your senses.
a. came
b. have come
c. would come
d. will come

QCM N° 2

1. Please call me at this number and we will ..... all the necessary arrangements.
   a. do
   b. set
   c. make
   d. put up

2. There have been many murders, ... of which have ever been solved.
   a. any
   b. some
   c. neither
   d. none

3. The reform bills have tried to ..... these issues.
   a. address
   b. focus
   c. concentrate
   d. aim

4. We were prevented ..... the private part of the manor.
   a. to visit
   b. visiting
   c. from visiting
   d. of visiting

5. They did nothing but .....
   a. complain
   b. complaining
   c. to complain
   d. complained

6. ..... the economy was doing reasonably well in 1996, which explains Clinton's re-election.
   a. By all means
   b. By all accounts
   c. By all respects
   d. By any means

7. If last year's chaos is any guide it will be difficult to take Afghanistan out of this .....
   a. amnesia
   b. spree
   c. rampage
   d. quagmire

8. Under the CAP French farmers eat up some 50 % of the ..... EU budget.
   a. appointed
   b. allotted
   c. addresse
   d. attended

9. Some economists suggest the currency ..... the share price of a country.
   a. is as though as
   b. is compared to
   c. should be thought of as
   d. should be as

10. Giovanni Agnelli appeared ready to expend ..... of his clout to save Fiat.
    a. every last ounce
    b. any ounce
    c. all ounces
    d. many ounces

11. Cell phones allow you to ..... the latest information on football matches.
    a. access on to
    b. access through
    c. access on
    d. access

12. Matisse once said that he and Picasso were ..... the North Pole is from the South Pole.
    a. far as
    b. so far as
    c. as far apart as
    d. apart as

13. The thing I like about him is that he is so ..... If he tells you he'll do something, then he always does it.
a. confident
b. outspoken
c. self-reliant
d. reliable

14. Having passed what I considered the worst obstacle, our spirits .....
a. raised
b. arose
c. roused
d. rose

15. I loved the way of life in France, the ....., the whole thing.
a. two-hour lunches
b. two hours lunch
c. lunch of two hours
d. two long hour lunch

16. What holds the reader ..... are the dialogues.
a. from scratch
b. from attention
c. from start to finish
d. from boredom

17. That was the way you came to know people, by the stories they told and the .....
a. style in telling
b. telling style
c. manner of their telling
d. manner of its telling

18. The ad said: "the benefits of owning a spa ..... the health benefits".
a. go far beyond
b. overgo
c. go round
d. overgrow

19. Polls reveal that British politicians do not ..... in people's esteem.
a. rank
b. rate highly
c. regard
d. record highly

20. The US Catholic church has reportedly spent a lot of money ..... sexual-abuse cases.
a. setting
b. settling
c. settling up
d. setting down

21. He had clocked ..... 200, 000 miles before he decided to buy a new car.
a. out
b. over
c. in
d. up

22. He ought to cut ..... drinking and smoking if he wants to keep fit.
a. up
b. away
c. through
d. out

23. The two countries thought they could ..... a deal.
a. patch out
b. patch off
c. patch up
d. patch over

24. The soldiers showed ..... courage on the battlefield.
a. a great
b. many
c. quite a
d. great

25. The military has been cooperating with Hollywood ..... nearly a century.
a. since
b. in
c. for
d. about

26. The film industry and the military establishment know exactly how to help-and use .....
a. themselves
b. another
c. one other
d. each other

27. Fields once terraced with grape and olives are now sloped to ..... for tractors.
a. grant
b. allow
c. afford
d. agree

28. Since the 1990s, about 70 % of applicants to vet schools ..... women.
a. are
b. have been
c. were
d. had been

29. If you can't stand the heat, ...
a. leave the furnace
b. keep cool
c. get out of the kitchen
d. drop the hot potato

30. It never rains but .....
a. it pours
b. it drips
c. it drenches
d. it floods

QCM N° 3

1. If Bobby ..... so much money on records, we would be able to go on holiday.
a. spent
b. will not spend
c. did not spend
d. had spent

2. At no time ..... the Washington Post reporter ..... President Obama.
a. did/ever talk to
b. might/never talk to
c. ever/talked to
d. at all/did talk to

3. Why not ..... a sports car?
a. to buy
b. buying
c. buy
d. having bought

4. She has been writing poems since ..... twelve years old.
a. has been
b. had been
c. is
d. was

5. He hasn't been heard ..... for .....
   a. off/ever
   b. by/ages
   c. of/Christmas
   d. from/two days

6. The supporters wanted ..... the score.
   a. the referee should change
   b. that the referee change
   c. the referee to change
   d. the referee change

7. The Prime Minister has ....., but he is willing to ..... new ideas.
   a. little experience/try out
   b. little experiment/experience
   c. few experiment/try
   d. many experience/experiment

8. When people go ....., there is a lot of ..... on the road.
   a. in holiday/traffic jam
   b. on holiday/traffic
   c. on holidays/traffic
   d. in holiday/circulation

9. There are several huge ..... making high quality .....
   a. companies/laptops
   b. societies/flaptops
   c. enterprises/toplaps
   d. start-ups/slaptops

10. We no longer get our spare parts from them because we never could get them to ..... delivery .....
    a. meet/deadlines
    b. respect/delays
    c. abide by/engagements
    d. conform to/line-ups

11. This ..... has a wide ..... of goods on display.
    a. branch/series
    b. retail outlet/range
    c. grocery store/shelf
    d. shopkeeper/survey

12. ..... all her courage Mary failed the English test dismally.
    a. In
    b. On
    c. After
    d. For

13. The new president said that there was not much room for other reforms, ...
    a. were there?
    b. was there?
    c. is there?
    d. there were?

14. She seemed to suggest that none of them had anything left, ...
    a. did she
    b. didn't she
    c. had they
    d. hadn't they

15. "Have you been to the theatre lately?" – "Yes, I ..... two weeks ago."
    a. have
    b. had
    c. did
    d. was

16. The new agreement leaves something .....
    a. to desire
    b. to be desiring
    c. to be desired
    d. on desire

17. Paul and Emma said that with a musician ..... a son they needed a house not a flat.
    a. with
    b. as
    c. as for
    d. for

18. Russia in 2009 is a country that has changed ..... all recognition.
a. from
b. out of
c. over
d. above

19. Half way ..... the first article he realized the newspaper was not worth ..... at all.
a. through/read
b. by/reading
c. through/reading
d. into/reading

20. Before ..... for the station, remember ..... the garage door.
a. you will leave/locking
b. you have left/that you should lock
c. leaving/to lock
d. left/lock

21. The guide ..... us how to get there.
a. told
b. explained
c. said
d. spoke

22. We were worried about you. You ..... have called sooner.
a. must
b. ought
c. should
d. may

23. Someone should talk to him as soon as ..... at his hotel.
a. he will arrive
b. he arrives
c. he is getting
d. he will get

24. They have ..... modern furniture.
a. a few
b. few
c. little
d. little of

25. ..... weeks ..... I last met him.
a. It has been/since
b. It has been/that
c. It is/that
d. There is/since

26. Which date is properly written?
a. 30 June 2013
b. June 30, 2013
c. 6/30/2013
d. a, b, c are correct

27. So far, 225 people ..... in the crash.
a. have died
b. were dead
c. die
d. are dying

28. His ambition is to spend ..... possible time; .....
a. as little/working
b. the least/working
c. the least/to work
d. least/work

29. Scotland and Wales ..... have a developed Parliament.
a. together
b. both
c. in unison
d. the both

30. A nightingale's song is more beautiful than ..... of a blackbird.
a. that
b. these
c. this
d. those

QCM N° 4

1. It's no use .....
   a. trying
   b. to try
   c. tried
   d. trial

2. The unemployed can go on the .....
   a. dole
   b. lookout
   c. relief
   d. benefits

3. Peter tends to exaggerate, so whatever he says ought to be taken with .....
   a. pincers
   b. a ten-foot-pole
   c. scissors
   d. a pinch of salt

4. Steven's new job was a bit hard for him at first, but he soon got .....
   a. the hang of it
   b. ahead of it
   c. the head for it
   d. the hand for it

5. His boss went ..... to make him feel welcome
   a. at pains
   b. out of his way
   c. forward
   d. his utmost

6. Unfortunately, he earned just enough to .....
   a. tie his shoestrings
   b. make ends meet
   c. be hard up
   d. reach the end of his tether

7. When something sounds familiar, it rings .....
   a. a doorbell
   b. a toll
   c. a bell
   d. a jingle

8. If they keep ..... fares, their company .....
   a. lowering/will go bust
   b. lowing/will go bang
   c. dropping/goes bankrupt
   d. dropping/had gone bust

9. Never again ..... drive that fast.
   a. I shall
   b. want I to
   c. I will
   d. will I

10. If you try to "keep up with the Joneses", you .....
    a. compete with your neighbours
    b. remain in contact with your friends
    c. look after the Joneses
    d. none of the answers

11. Are you familiar with the man ..... car has just broken down?
    a. of which
    b. whose
    c. which
    d. whom

12. Please tell me how ..... their new apartment.
    a. much cost them
    b. much has cost them
    c. much they paid
    d. much they paid for

13. They plan to fly to Rome ..... there is a strike.
    a. until
    b. provided
    c. unless
    d. providing

14. He said he would finish the job by tomorrow, but I don't .....
    a. think he will
    b. think
    c. think he did
    d. think that

15. "The PO's check books are decorated with cartoon characters". .....
    a. That's a great news
    b. That's great news
    c. Those are good news
    d. These are very good news

16. "Have you heard of Peter Sloane?" – Is he the writer who ..... the Nobel prize last year?
    a. has been awarded
    b. has won
    c. owned
    d. was awarded

17. Over ..... people died in the earthquake.
    a. than two thousand
    b. than two thousands
    c. two thousand
    d. two thousands of

18. It has been almost five years since I ..... to the cinema.
    a. have last gone
    b. last went
    c. have not gone
    d. didn't go

19. The secretary is not responsible ..... the accounts straight.
    a. for keeping
    b. to keeping
    c. to keep
    d. of keeping

20. They used to go to the restaurant ..... week.
    a. either
    b. the other
    c. every other
    d. the past

21. He explained .....
    a. to the tourists how difficult the climb was
    b. the tourists how difficult the climb was
    c. the tourists how the climb was difficult
    d. to the tourists how the climb was difficult

22. ..... people love chocolate.
    a. The most
    b. The larger number of
    c. Most of
    d. Most

23. Lots of people take the test, but ..... than 10 % pass.
    a. little
    b. lower
    c. few
    d. fewer

24. The press was given .....
    a. all informations
    b. information's
    c. the whole information
    d. all the information

25. The eighty-five ..... man died peacefully.
a. years-old
b. years'
c. year-old
d. years

26. It's high time you ..... these books to the library.
a. should return
b. return
c. returned
d. had returned

27. "Let's set traps!" "Oh no, that's cruel!" " ..... you rather there ..... mice".
a. Would/were
b. Hadn't was
c. Will/is
d. Won't/are

28. He knows the city inside out, he ..... lost his way.
a. must have
b. can't have
c. needn't
d. mustn't have

29. Try as we ....., the key was nowhere .....
a. might/to be found
b. could/to find
c. would/found
d. would/to find

30. The cat could not resist ..... the cream.
a. lapping
b. to lap
c. leaping
d. to slurp

QCM N° 5

1. I wish he ..... louder; I can't hear what he is saying.
a. had spoken
b. spoked
c. has spoken
d. could speak

2. We would have helped you if we ..... you were in such dire straights.
a. were told
b. are told
c. had been told
d. be told

3. Jack has been in the Fire Brigade since he ..... the Army.
a. leaves
b. has left
c. is leaving
d. left

4. We ..... here since the beginning of the month.
a. were
b. have been
c. are
d. were being

5. It's sure to rain soon. We ..... a drop for over a month.
a. are not having
b. were not having
c. have not been having
d. have not had

6. "I do wish you ..... so much, dear. You really are overdoing it, you know."
a. did not smoke
b. would not smoke
c. smoked
d. did smoke

7. Would you please give her this note the moment she .....
   a. has arrived
   b. will arrive
   c. has been arriving
   d. arrives

8. He has taken part ..... for the tenth consecutive time.
   a. at
   b. in
   c. for
   d. with

9. We have ..... in depth research into Molecular Biology.
   a. did
   b. done
   c. made
   d. conduct

10. Jack, you're back again at last! We ..... you for such a long time.
    a. have seen
    b. saw
    c. have not been seeing
    d. have not seen

11. The dictator held on to power for years, until he was forced to step .....
    a. up
    b. down
    c. for
    d. out

12. Which American political party is designated by the nickname GOP?
    a. the Libertarian party
    b. the Liberal Party
    c. the Republican Party
    d. the New Left

13. In the UK, the Chancellor of the Exchequer is in charge of .....
    a. justice
    b. finances
    c. culture
    d. home affairs

14. John bought two ..... oysters for New Year's Eve
    a. dozens
    b. dozen of
    c. dozen
    d. dozens of

15. If ever your sister ..... forget my phone number please ask her to stop by my place.
    a. has
    b. will
    c. would
    d. should

16. The new waitress saw ..... that the guests at the hotel were served on the spot.
    a. to them
    b. to it
    c. to that
    d. Ø

17. He can't tell which side his piece of bread has been buttered .....
    a. with
    b. for
    c. on
    d. over

18. One person ..... fifteen will break the law at one time in their lives.
    a. in
    b. from
    c. out
    d. on

19. He finally realized that by ..... him a favour he had ..... a mistake.
a. doing/made
b. doing/done
c. making/made
d. giving/done

20. He disapproves ..... such exercises, as a rule.
a. of
b. Ø
c. with
d. on

21. It is really not the best way to proceed, ... it?
a. won't it
b. is
c. isn't
d. wasn't

22. Your boss can reach me ..... 0611162135.
a. with
b. by
c. in
d. on

23. If the new syllabus ..... changed again, we would progress in marketing much faster
a. is to be changed
b. has been
c. were
d. be

24. I've no money now. John, can you ..... me some?
a. borrow
b. lend
c. refund
d. reimburse

25. Why on earth can't you stop ..... like a child?
a. behaving
b. behaved
c. behave
d. to behave

26. I'm sorry but I do not have ..... at this point in time.
a. information
b. any information
c. informations
d. an information

27. After making such a mess, ... you could do is tidy up.
a. the last
b. the least
c. least
d. the less

28. ..... James ..... waiting for him?
a. Did/be
b. Will/is
c. Will/be
d. Does/be

29. He ..... already ..... the party when they .....
a. had/left/had arrived
b. had/left/arrived
c. did/leaved/arrived
d. Ø/left/arrived

30. I ..... her quite a lot since she ..... close by last month.
a. have been seeing/moved
b. have seen/has moved
c. saw/has moved
d. have been seeing/has been moving

QCM N° 6

1. Instant coffee ..... taste pleasant, but they must have changed the manufacturing process.
   a. was used to
   b. is used to
   c. used to
   d. usually

2. Frank will not put on the heating ..... his visitors feel cold.
   a. because
   b. provided
   c. if
   d. unless

3. The police are making very careful enquiries as this is clearly a ..... of murder.
   a. accusation
   b. case
   c. doubt
   d. charge

4. The completion of the new Town Hall has been ..... owing to a strike.
   a. held off
   b. held down
   c. held in
   d. held up

5. When his father died, John ..... a great deal of money.
   a. went into
   b. looked into
   c. made into
   d. came into

6. He moved his glass violently as he spoke and some of the beer still remaining in it ..... on to the floor.
   a. dropped
   b. overflowed
   c. fell
   d. spilt

7. Do you think there is any hope ..... of getting help?
   a. anyhow
   b. for certain
   c. whatever
   d. whichever

8. He told me that he ..... building his garage.
   a. had finished
   b. has finished
   c. will have finished
   d. finishes
   e. is finishing

9. She is ..... kind-hearted woman she would give away her last penny.
   a. too
   b. so a
   c. so
   d. such a

10. The grass is dry enough .....
    a. for us to sit on
    b. that we sit on
    c. so we sit on
    d. then we sit on

11. If a driver knocks down a pedestrian and then does not stop, it is a ..... accident.
    a. hit or miss
    b. hit and run
    c. hit and drive
    d. hit and escape

12. It was a ..... for her that the party was cancelled but she soon cheered up.
    a. deception
    b. disappointment
    c. discontent
    d. disgust

13. The farmer promised that his boys ..... to mend the puncture.
a. will help me
b. would help me
c. helped me
d. have helped me

14. When two colours go with each other, we say they .....
a. match
b. suit
c. accord
d. correspond

15. There is a great deal ..... for this book.
a. to be said
b. to have said
c. saying
d. having said

16. That man is as greedy as anyone possibly .....
a. is
b. could be
c. ought to be
d. will be

17. We ..... the whole area for hours but could find no trace of them.
a. chased
b. enquired
c. looked
d. searched

18. He was certainly there last night ..... that I come to think of it.
a. so
b. now
c. actually
d. however

19. If you take a dim view of something, you .....
a. are going blind
b. disapprove of it
c. are short-sighted
d. are long-sighted

20. Her health has been much better since she .....
a. stopped to smoke
b. has stopped to smoke
c. has stopped smoking
d. stopped smoking

21. If I ..... the key, I wouldn't have been able to open the safe.
a. 'd lose
b. would lose
c. lost
d. had lost

22. Your friend says he doesn't remember ..... lending him any money.
a. your
b. of you
c. hers
d. that I had

23. What a bright future you would envision ..... you just to be more optimistic.
a. were
b. ought
c. would
d. should

24. There is ..... the problem, we have to face it.
a. not to bypass
b. no bypass
c. not any bypass
d. no bypassing

25. During the ten years ..... his wife's death, he tried to kill himself twice and he stayed in hospital ..... a year.
a. during/for
b. for/since
c. since/for
d. since/during

26. His invitation, attractive ..... it may seem, must hide a trap.
a. although
b. however
c. though
d. no matter how

27. Since the Opposition ..... power, Britain's recession .....
a. have taken/has worsened
b. took/worsened
c. took/has worsened
d. have taken/worsened

28. That politician is strongly committed on the side of the .....
a. poor and weak ones
b. poor and weaks
c. poors and weaks
d. poor and weak

29. The company started manufacturing cars ..... the turn of the century.
a. as early as
b. early as
c. in the early
d. as soon as

30. The soldiers made the rebels .....
a. to kneel down
b. kneeling down
c. to kneeling down
d. kneel down

QCM N° 7

1. The news got ..... before the official announcement by the PM.
a. up
b. away
c. out
d. on

2. He is used to ..... with computers.
a. working
b. work
c. to work
d. work

3. Chinese economic growth has ..... 9 ½ per cent a year over the past two decades.
a. averaged
b. been averaged
c. averages
d. none of these

4. ..... works hard will succeed.
a. Him that
b. The one
c. He who
d. Him who

5. It's anything ..... clear ..... treatment is best in this case.
a. but/which
b. save/the
c. except/that
d. none of these

6. The disastrous crop has coincided with the best harvest Italy has ..... had.
a. still
b. ever
c. once
d. still

7. Are you sure that snake is ..... dead?
   a. fairly
   b. rather
   c. quite
   d. none of the above

8. Mary needs ..... more work if she is going to pass the test.
   a. to make
   b. making
   c. to do
   d. doing

9. Since he had to learn German in six weeks, he went on a .....
   a. crash course
   b. spot check
   c. summer school
   d. sandwich course

10. That was a .....! I thought we would never be able to land the aircraft safely.
    a. dry run
    b. close shave
    c. hot potato
    d. powder keg

11. It was decided that the match ..... owing to the bad weather conditions.
    a. was postponed
    b. should be postponed
    c. be postpone
    d. would be postponed

12. ..... asking your father, he's got no clue on the subject!
    a. There's no chance
    b. It's no wonder
    c. It's no use
    d. There's no hope

13. He is ..... painter to me.
    a. not
    b. Ø
    c. none
    d. no

14. There was ..... on the carpet; it had been torn to pieces.
    a. a child book
    b. a child's book
    c. a book child
    d. a children book

15. I'll say as ..... words as possible.
    a. Little
    b. less
    c. lesser
    d. few

16. Henry James, ... short stories I like so much, is undoubtedly one of the greatest writers of his generation.
    a. of which
    b. whom
    c. whose
    d. which

17. ..... party comes to power at the election will face major political problems.
    a. What ever
    b. Whatever
    c. Which
    d. Whoever

18. Gianni Corriano, ... house the banknotes were found, has been arrested by the police.
    a. whose
    b. in whose
    c. where
    d. which

19. ..... drought had ..... severe impact on ..... agriculture.
a. a/a/the
b. the/Ø/the
c. the/Ø/Ø
d. the/a/Ø

20. She ..... a new car by her father.
a. talked of buying
b. was talked of buying
c. was talked to buying
d. was talked into buying.

21. ..... over a thousand participants in last week's contest.
a. There were
b. They was
c. There have been
d. There has been

22. ..... stopping for lunch?
a. What about (est la seule solution correcte)
b. What about/How about (les 2 réponses sont correctes)
c. How about (est la seule solution correcte)
d. What about/How of (les 2 réponses sont fausses)

23. He was about ..... and suggested he should take an old raincoat .....
a. to leave/of mine
b. to leaving/of me
c. leaving/of my own
d. leave/on him

24. What business is it .....? I don't think he has something to do with it.
a. of his
b. with him
c. for him
d. to him

25. The brother and the sister kept arguing about ..... option, his or hers.
a. what was best
b. how was the best
c. whether it was the better
d. which was the better

26. Turnout has increased ..... over the past twenty years.
a. fourfold
b. of four times
c. of four
d. in four

27. They had three friends, only ..... were close ones.
a. two of which
b. two of whom
c. whose two
d. the two

28. No sooner ..... into the apple ..... the worm.
a. he bit/that he was seeing
b. he was biting/that he was seeing
c. he had bitten/than he saw
d. had he bitten/than he saw

29. Everyone should avoid ..... and .....
a. drink/driving
b. to drive/drink
c. drinking/driving
d. to drink/drive

30. People should ..... use public transportation.
a. forcibly
b. be made to
c. make
d. for finding