**Achievement test “Past Tenses”**

1. **Choose the right item.**
2. When I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_out of the house yesterday it \_\_\_\_\_hard.

a)was coming, was snowing

b)came, was snowing

c)was coming, snowed

2. A little girl \_\_\_\_\_\_when I \_\_\_\_\_\_at her.

 a) smiling, looked

 b)smiled, had looked

 c)was smiling, looked

3. When the taxi \_\_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_my suitcase.

 a)arrived, was still packing

 b) arrived, still was packing

 c) had arrived, still packed

4. A new boss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ some materials during the lunch break.

 a)had reviewed

 b)was reviewed

 c)had been reviewing

5. A friend of mine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_to visit me the other day.

 a) came

 b) was coming

 c) has come

6. No sooner \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_than the class \_\_\_\_\_\_.

 a) had Max arrived, started

 b) Max had arrived, started

 c) Max arrived, started

7. The children \_\_\_\_\_\_\_to the party yesterday, before that Mrs. Green \_\_\_\_\_\_cakes.

 a) came, had baked

 b) had come, baked

 c) came, was making

8. She only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_the movie because she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the book.

 a) had understood, has read

 b) understood, had read

 c) was understanding, was read

9. Nora \_\_\_\_\_\_\_in Manchester for two years, and then in 2003 she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to London.

 a) lived, moved

 b) had lived, moved

 c) lived, had moved

10. When he was in Paris, he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his day off in front of a TV.

 a) use to spend

 b) was used to spend

 c) used to spend

11. As I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that restaurant, I remembered that I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in it twice before.

 a) had entered, ate

 b) entered, had eaten

 c) entered, ate

12. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from Swaziland and Priscilla \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_some great news from there.

 a) had just returned, had

 b) has just returned, had

 c) just returned, had

13. Robert Burns, the famous Scottish poet, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_a lot of songs.

 a) wrote

 b) has written

 c) had written

14. Kristine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to an opera before last night.

 a) has never been

 b) was never been

 c) had never been

15. He \_\_\_\_\_\_ at his mail box and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a brunch of new emails.

 a) had looked, saw

 b) looked, saw

 c) looked, had seen

16. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that car for ten years before it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_down.

 a) had had, broke

 b) were having, broke

 c) have had, broke

17. As Margaret \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her homework, I \_\_\_\_\_\_ to music.

 a) did, was listening

 b) was doing, was listening

 c) was doing, listened

18. At 6 o’clock yesterday, I \_\_\_\_\_ at home, I \_\_\_\_\_ a friend of mine in the hospital.

 a) was not, visited

 b) had not been, was visiting

 c) was not, was visiting

19. Scarcely (едва, только) \_\_\_\_\_\_ the book when Alan \_\_\_\_\_\_in.

 a) Jake had finished, came

 b) Jake finished, came

 c) had Jake finished, came

20. I \_\_\_\_\_\_ such a beautiful city before I \_\_\_\_\_\_ to England.

 a) has never seen, went

 b) had never seen, went

 c) had never seen, has gone

**II. Choose the right variant from those given after the text.**

A funny thing **1** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me when I **2**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_from work the other day. The train back from London **3**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ very crowded as usual, but, anyway, I eventually **4** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to find a seat after I **5**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for ages.

It was in a non-smoking compartment, unfortunately, and that was too bad. Anyway, next to me was a very smart looking older woman. A scruffy-looking man **6** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_opposite her. After a few minutes this man **7**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a cigarette of his pocket and **8**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to light it. The woman politely **9**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him not to smoke and **10**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the no-smoking sign. The man **11** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as if she **12** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_anything and then **13** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ forward and **14\_**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ smoke in her face. I **15**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ angry myself by this time but the woman was amazing! She **16**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the fire extinguisher and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_him in water. He was so surprised that he **17** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_his cigarette which the water **18** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ anyway. Then she calmly **19**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his cigarette up, put it in the bin and **20**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_reading. It was brilliant! The whole compartment, who **21** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the episode with great interest **22**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. a. has happened with b. happened to c. had happened to d. was happening with
2. a. came home b. came to home c. was coming home d. was coming to home
3. a. had got b. become c. had been d. was
4. a. managed b. had managed c. was managed d. has managed
5. a. looked b. had been looking c. has been looking d. was looking
6. a. set b. sat c. was sitting d. had been sitting
7. a. taken b. took c. had taken d. was taken
8. a. starts b. had started c. started d. was started
9. a. asked b. asken c. had asked d. had been asking
10. a. had pointed to b. pointed at c. had been pointing to d. was pointing at
11. a. carryed out b. carried out c. carried on d. was carrying on
12. a. didn’t said b. hadn’t said c. didn’t say d. wasn’t say
13. a. lean b. leaned c. had learned d. was leaning
14. a. blew b. blowed c. blown d. had blowed
15. a. fell b. felt c. was feeling d. feeled
16. a. jumped up, take, soaked b. had jumped up, took, soaked

c. had jumped up, taked, soak d. jumped up, took, soaked

1. a. dropped b. dropt c. had droped d. was dropped
2. a. put out b. put away c. had put out d. had put away
3. a. had picked b. has picked c. picked d. was picking
4. a. went on b. had gone to c. went to d. had gone on
5. a. watched b. had watched c. were watching d. was watching
6. a. had been applauded b. had been applauding c. was applauding d. applauded

**III. Underline the most appropriate time expression.**

1. I saw a picture of Minsk on the news the other **day/recently**.
2. She married a Norwegian man **since last year/about a year ago**.
3. **By the time/At the time** I got there, I had wound myself up.
4. **How long ago/How long** did you check your e-mail box?
5. I had lost my golden ring **before/after** it all began.
6. **In February/Since February** I had a life changing event.
7. She was making a wedding cake **at the time/ by the time** we entered the kitchen.
8. Her town hadn’t changed a lot **since then/then**.

**Total: 50**