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Fill in the blanks with proper
verbs and phrasal verbs.

1. The milk has _____ sour.
a. turned b. come
c. got d. become
2. That terrible noise is _____ me mad.
a. driving b. putting
c. setting d. turning
3. Our English teacher has _____ us next week's
work.
a. put b. set
c. appointed d. fixed
4. The pictures were supposed to have been _____ by
famous artists.
a. worked b. made
c. done d. designed
5. My watch _____ three o'clock.
a. tells b. reads
c. keeps d. says
6. What would you _____ to eat tonight?
a. like b. wish
c. want d. hope

7. I _____ an answer to my letter within a few days.
a. hope b. wait
c. look forward d. expect
8. The manufacturers had to pay more money than they _____ .
a. expected b. desired
c. intended d. anticipated
9. I didn't know what to do, but then an idea suddenly _____ to me.
a. happened b. entered
c. occurred d. hit
10. I'll send somebody to _____ you at noon.
a. relieve b. release
c. substitute d. lighten
11. He _____ to hit me if I didn't do as he said.
a. pretended b. menaced
c. threatened d. warned
12. The Americans _____ the British in 1781.
a. mastered b. defeated
c. dominated d. gained
13. You're old enough to _____ your own living.
a. win b. maintain
c. sustain d. earn
14. Owing to an accident, traffic had to be _____ to another route.
a. redirected b. turned

- c. readdressed d. misled
15. Old age _____ upon one unawares.
a. scrambles b. creeps
c. crawls d. climbs
16. I didn't notice the log on the ground and _____
over it.
a. staggered b. rolled
c. stumbled d. rocked
17. How often do you _____ your watch?
a. wind b. turn
c. whirl d. round
18. The dancers _____ away from us.
a. spun b. twisted
c. wriggled d. rolled
19. The dogs are allowed to _____ outside their enclosure during winter.
a. ramble b. drift
c. roam d. wander
20. The police managed to _____ down the man in Glasgow.
a. trace b. track
c. search d. pursue
21. The police _____ her for helping the murderer to escape.
a. caught b. gripped
c. captured d. arrested

22. The thief was _____ to prison for two years.
a. put b. sent
c. taken d. sentenced
23. He accidentally _____ fire to the house.
a. ignited b. set
c. kindled d. started
24. The firemen managed to _____ the fire in time.
a. extinguish b. prevent
c. stop d. suppress
25. Car insurance usually _____ the car when it is being repaired by a garage.
a. defends b. guards
c. protects d. saves
26. The best student in each class will _____ a prize at the end of term.
a. accept b. receive
c. present d. reward
27. He was _____ during the First World War.
a. recruited b. conscripted
c. admitted d. regimented
28. I will never _____ them to take the child away from me.
a. let b. tolerate
c. allow d. admit
29. I've _____ for the job and I hope I'll get it.
a. appointed b. applied

- c. appealed d. requested
30. A teacher _____ knowledge.
a. teaches b. lectures
c. educates d. imparts
31. His performance was so good that it _____ for him
the reputation of a first-class actor.
a. won b. obtained
c. achieved d. acquired
32. All these pictures are so beautiful that I don't
know which one to _____.
a. prefer b. take
c. choose d. elect
33. I didn't realize you wanted to keep the letter.
I've _____ it up.
a. ripped b. pulled
c. slashed d. torn
34. The aeroplane _____ in the hills.
a. crashed b. smashed
c. struck d. clashed
35. I forgot to _____ him to buy some bread.
a. revive b. recollect
c. suggest to b. remind
36. Don't _____ nonsense!
a. escape b. address
c. speak d. gossip
37. Mr. Chung often _____ in his speech.

a. whispers

b. rumbles

c. hisses

d. stumbles

38. The young prince was later _____ king.

a. published

b. proclaimed

c. asserted

d. professed

39. Barbara _____ in doing it again though she had failed more than a dozen times.

a. asserted

b. insisted

c. upheld

d. persisted

40. _____ yourself with everything you'll need on safari.

a. Equip

b. Furnish

c. Assemble

d. Fabricate

41. Because the company was doing more business it was necessary to _____ the factory.

a. expand

b. increase

c. broaden

d. magnify

42. How much would you _____ for repairing my watch?

a. charge

b. cost

c. claim

d. exact

43. He's so charming that he always _____ his own way without difficulty.

a. finds

b. goes

c. gets

d. works

44. Our departure was delayed till the fog _____ .

- a. lightened b. cleaned
c. cleared d. passed
45. I don't know if the article is true, but I'll try to _____ it.
a. support b. witness
c. verify d. identify
46. His account must be true, because the evidence he gave _____ that of two other witnesses.
a. collaborates b. consists
c. coincides d. corroborates
47. Bill doesn't _____ what people say about him.
a. concern b. care
c. matter d. disturb
48. Morris' ability has been _____ by all his rivals.
a. eclipsed b. obscured
c. darkened d. concealed
49. The clock _____ and we realized it was two o'clock.
a. hit b. struck
c. rang d. tuned
50. As they watched the match, the crowd _____ in unison.
a. chanted b. crooned
c. intoned d. harmonized
51. He _____ his head, wondering how to solve the problem.

- a. screwed b. scraped
c. stroked d. scratched
52. I _____ of his course of action, so I told him to go ahead.
- a. ratified b. agreed
c. approved d. consented
53. The child was told to _____ for being rude to his uncle.
- a. excuse b. apologize
c. confess d. pardon
54. I couldn't sleep because the tap in the bathroom was _____.
- a. draining b. dripping
c. dropping d. falling
55. The water _____ out of the bucket as he ran.
- a. slopped b. cascaded
c. streamed d. dribbled
56. Nobody quite knows who _____ the building of the bridge.
- a. supervised b. sponsored
c. suggested d. authorized
57. A car begins to _____ in value as soon as it is bought.
- a. depress b. deprecate
c. depreciate d. decline
58. The boys _____ the water from the bottom of the boat to keep it from sinking.

- a. sifted b. spooned
c. scooped d. scoured
59. To put many things into a book is to _____ a book.
a. compile b. compress
c. complicate d. compose
60. To recall a law is to _____ it.
a. avoid b. invalidate
c. repeal d. negate
61. It is rather cold again today, but tomorrow we
expect the temperature to _____.
a. arise b. grow
c. rise d. raise
62. The boy was not _____ to leave class without an
adequate reason.
a. remitted b. let
c. permitted d. admitted
63. The door hinges have all been oiled to stop them
_____.
a. squeaking b. screeching
c. shrieking d. squealing
64. Cecil: Mr. Lee wishes to see you.
Paul: _____ him in.
a. Bring b. Show
c. Direct d. Lead
65. The centre-forward _____ a goal in the match.
a. scored b. obtained

- c. won d. gained
66. Mr. Wang was _____ in the leg while fighting
the Japanese during the war.
- a. injured b. hurt
c. wounded d. harmed
67. Would you _____ holding this box for me while I
open the door?
- a. like b. matter
c. mind d. object
68. What do you _____ to do about the problem now
that this solution has failed?
- a. attempt b. think
c. pretend d. intend
69. I _____ him some money and must pay him back
tomorrow.
- a. default b. borrow
c. owe d. own
70. It was dark in the tunnel so he _____ a match.
- a. burnt b. struck
c. fired d. hit
71. Mr. and Mrs. Green _____ a party for their daughter's twenty-first birthday.
- a. invited b. laid
c. formed d. gave
72. It will _____ time if we make the sandwiches the
day before the picnic.

- a. earn b. spare
c. lower d. save
73. I can't _____ to have a holiday abroad on my salary.
a. spend b. think
c. afford d. spare
74. I don't want to wait until tomorrow; I _____ go at once.
a. prefer b. would rather
c. want d. like
75. I was left with several curiously shaped bits of metal which did not seem to _____ anywhere.
a. fasten b. suit
c. go d. fix
76. Early in the sixteenth century, Copernicus _____ that the earth revolved around the sun.
a. proposed b. believed
c. explained d. suggested
77. I have promised to help you and I will _____ my word.
a. hold b. follow
c. keep d. stick
78. I'm tired and I don't _____ doing anything.
a. feel like b. wish
c. hope d. want
79. In this hot weather the ice will soon _____.
a. spoil b. melt
c. dissolve d. liquefy.

80. Since there is no doorbell, just _____ on the door.
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| a. slap | b. rap |
| c. clap | d. pat |
81. Let's hurry to _____ that bus or we'll be late for school.
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| a. take | b. catch |
| c. ride | d. get |
82. All visitors are requested to _____ with the regulations.
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| a. agree | b. comply |
| c. assent | d. consent |
83. The trapped sparrow _____ against the window pane.
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| a. hit | b. fluttered |
| c. flapped | d. swooped |
84. He won't _____ to buy some bread unless I tell him again.
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| a. remind | b. remember |
| c. forget | d. record |
85. I know I have seen that man before, I can't _____ where.
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| a. reminisce | b. wonder |
| c. remind | d. recall |
86. To make the car roar down the arcade the driver must have _____.
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| a. accelerated | b. sped |
| c. run | d. reversed |

87. In a typhoon, winds _____ speeds greater than 75 mi (121km) per hour.
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| a. procure | b. attain |
| c. purchase | d. exceed |
88. To evaluate a situation is to _____ it.
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| a. estimate | b. rate |
| c. score | d. validate |
89. After nine days of warm weather the seed began to _____.
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| a. spread | b. leave |
| c. sprout | d. graft |
90. We should _____ the characteristics of the working people.
- | | |
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| a. reserve | b. preserve |
| c. retain | d. restore |
91. I must _____ back (home) before night comes.
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| a. hurry | b. quicken |
| c. hasten | d. dispatch |
92. Pools of water lay trapped among the rocks as the tide _____.
- | | |
|--------------|-------------|
| a. retreated | b. returned |
| c. receded | d. retired |
93. Anyone who has a sore throat should _____ from school.
- | | |
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| a. refrain | b. forbear |
| c. retain | d. abstain |

94. Brian _____ with the difficulties he was confronted with.
- | | |
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| a. contended | b. fought |
| c. struggled | d. conflicted |
95. The panel _____ a conclusion only after days of discussion.
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| a. achieved | b. arrived |
| c. reached | d. came |
96. The earth _____ on its own axis once every 24 hours.
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| a. rotates | b. gyrates |
| c. whirls | d. speeds |
97. They heated the metal and _____ it into a long wire.
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| a. dragged | b. drew |
| c. heuled | d. tugged |
98. The great ship _____ sharply to avoid a direct collision.
- | | |
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| a. veered | b. changed |
| c. went back | d. cornered |
99. If I take this medicine twice a day, it should _____ my cold.
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| a. heal | b. cure |
| c. treat | d. recover |
100. It will take months for his fractured leg to _____.
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|------------|-----------|
| a. heal | b. cure |
| c. recover | d. remedy |

101. A new system of quality control was _____
to overcome the defects in the firm's products.
a. imported b. inaugurated
c. introduced d. inserted
102. The ground _____ in the hot sun.
a. roasts b. toasts
c. stews d. bakes
103. In Hong Kong, pupils too often tend to _____
lessons rather than digest them.
a. recite b. memorize
c. recall d. review
104. They _____ the project to the board for approval.
a. remitted b. permitted
c. submitted d. committed
105. He was smoking; I could see the tip of his cigarette _____ in the darkness.
a. shining b. sparkling
c. glowing d. gleaming
106. The thug _____ a loud cry when he was shot in
the leg.
a. spoke b. cried
c. uttered d. screamed
107. I cannot _____ any more of your nonsense.
a. suffer b. tolerate
c. withstand d. hold
108. In the blackout, Albert had to _____ his way up