**BÀI TẬP TỰ LUẬN VỀ CÁC THÌ TRONG TIẾNG ANH**

**I. Use the correct tense of the verbs in brackets to complete the following passage.**

1.

a. Albert Maltz was a progressive American writer. He …… (be) born in 1908. He ….. (write) his first play “Peace on Earth” in 1943. It …… (be) against wars, so the American police ….. (arrest) him and ….. (put) him in prison in 1950.

b. Ha ….. (come) back a moment ago and ….. (turn) the television on very loudly. My son ….. (sleep) then , so I …… (tell) her to turn it off.

c. Last Friday was a holiday. I ….. (not have) to go to classes. I ….. (sleep) a little later than usual. Around ten, my friend Larry …… (come) over to my apartment. We ….. (pack) a picnic basket and then ….. (take) the bus to Forest Park. We ….. (spend) most of the day there.

2. Mary and John are neighbors. They ….. (know) each other for several years. Mary ….. (move) into her house in 1985, and John ….. (live) next door since he …… (come) to the area in 1980.

3. Dennis Heal is a politician. He ….. (go) to Oxford University in 1950 and …..(become) a member of Parliament for the Labor Party in 1957. He ….. (be) an MP since then. He ….. (write) three story books including his autobiography. He is married to the artist, Adna Heal , they …… (have) two children. They ….. (live) in Oxford for 15 years, then …… (move) to London in 1970. They now ….. (live) in Cadogan Square in central London.

4. Paul Carrack is a musician and a singer. He ….. (be) in the music business for over 20 years. He ….. (start) playing professionally while he ….. (be) at school. He ….. (travel) all over the world. He ….. (have) his first hit record in 1974. So far he ….. (make) a lot of records. Young people in America and Britain …… (know) his name and they never …..(forget) his number one song “ The Living Years”.

5. Dear Jill, Here I am in New York! I ….. (be) here for 2 weeks now and it ….. (be) very interesting. My friend, Nancy who I ….. (meet) in London in 1982 …… (live) in New York for 3 years, so she ….. (know) all about it. Yesterday we ….. (go) to China town and ….. (eat) hot dog there. We ….. (visit) the Statue of Liberty this Sunday.

6.

a. While I ….. (walk) to class yesterday morning, I ….. (see) Abdullah. We ….. (say) hello and ….. (walk) the rest of the way to school together.

b. When I ….. (hear) a knock at the door last night, I ….. (walk) to the door and ….. (open) it. When I ….. (open) the door, I ….. (see) my brother. I ….. (greet) him and ….. (ask) him to come in.

c. My cousin and I ….. (watch) a movie on TV last night whan my brother ….. (come). He …. (watch) the end of the movie with us.

d. Mrs Reed ….. (turn) on the radio in her car while she ….. (drive) home yesterday. She….. (listen) to some music when she suddenly ….. (hear) a siren. She ….. (look) in her mirror and ….. (see) an ambulance behind her. She immediately….. (pull) her car to side of the road and ….. (wait) for ambulance to pass.

e. My mother called me around five o‟clock. My husband came home a litte after that. When he ….. (come) home, I ….. (talk) to my mother on the phone.

f. Yesterday afternoon I….. (go) to visit the Parker family. When I ….. (get) there around two o‟clock, Mrs. Parker ….. (be) in the yard. She ….. (plant) flowers in her garden. Mr. Parker ….. (be) in the garage. He ….. (work) on their car. The children ….. (play) in the front yard.

7.

a.Jack moved to Hong Kong after he graduated from the university . Jack ….. (be) in Hong Kong since he ….. (graduate).

b. Jack ….. (break) his leg five days ago. He‟s in hospital. He ….. (be) in the hospital

since he ….. (break) his leg.

c. …… Mary ….. (feed) the cat?- Yes , she ….. (feed) him before lunch. What …..she….. (give) him?- she ….. (give) him some fish.

8. Dinosaurs lived on Earth for 175 million years. During this time, species of dinosaurs….. (evolve) and becoming extinct. Sixty-five million years ago the remaining dinosaurs…..(die out). Some scientists ….. (think) that a cooling of the climate caused this extinction. Others believe that the replacement of one type of plant with another type ….. (contribute) to the dinosaurs‟ decline.

Now, however, evidence ….. (suggest) a large meteorite hit the Earth and …… (kill) not only all the dinosaurs, but also many other animals. Species of plant became extinct as well. After the Earth‟s collision with the meteorite, large clouds of dust would have been thrown into the air. Many animals may not have been able to breathe or adapt to this change in climate, and they ….. (die) as a result.

9. Ted Holt arrived at the station at five past seven to catch the train. “Please ….. (wait) for me,” he shouted and jumped on the train. But the train ….. (not move) “ I wonder why the train ….. (not leave) yet.” He said to the man next to him. “It always ….. (leave) at seven twenty,” the man ….. (reply) Ted suddenly ….. (realize) he ….. (be) on the wrong train! “ The train to Plimpton ….. (already go)” The man told him.

10.

a. Yesterday I ….. (go) to my daughter‟s dance recital. I ….. (be/never) to a dance

recital before. I ….. (not take) dancing lessons when I was a child.

b. In the evenings I ….. (often play) chess with my next door neighbour. I ….. (play)

chess with him ever since I ….. (come) to live here ten years ago. He ….. (be) here all his life. He ….. (inherit) the house from his father, another great chess player.

c. When I ….. (open) the door I saw a man on his knees. He clearly ….. (listen) to our conversation and I ….. (wonder) how much he ….. (hear). When I ….. (ask) him what he ….. (do), he said that he ….. (drop) a 50 piece outside the door and ….. (lock) for it.

11. Mary ….. (have) to go to New York last week, but she almost …. (miss) the plane. She ….. (stand) in the queue at the check-in desk when she suddenly ….. (realize) that she ….. (leave) her passport at home. Fortunately, she ….. (not live) very far from the airport so she ….. (have) time to go home to get the passport.She ….. (get) back to the airport just in time for her flight.

12. Diana ….. (start) work as a sales assistant in a department store. Today she ….. (own) a fashionable shoe shop called „Put it On‟. The shoes ….. (sell) at a very high price but customers continue to pour into the shop. Most of her customers ….. (not like) massproduced local shoes. Diana ….. (travel) aboard to buy well-made shoes of different designs. In fact she ….. (go) on buying every now and then. Next week Diana ….. (go) to Europe to look at the latest designs. Now that her shop ….. (do) well, Diana ….. (plan) to open branches of her shop in other parts of the country. After that she ….. (decide) whether to extend her business to other countries in the region.

13. It …… (happen) two years ago when I …..(ski) in Austria. It was a horrible day because it ….. (snow) and I ….. (can‟t see) anything. I ….. (not want) to ski but my

friend said, “Come on. This is our last day. We must go.” So I went. I ….. (not ski) in conditions like that before so when my friends ….. (decide) to go right up to the top of the mountain, I ….. (not join) them. After about half an hour by myself , I ….. (stop) because I was cold and wet. I ….. (get) into the cable car to go down to the village and my wonderful warm hotel when I ….. (slip) on some ice. I ….. (fall) , and my skis ….. (fall) on top of me. I ….. (hear) a terrible noise and knew something bad ….. (happen). My leg was broken. What a way of ending a holiday!

14.

a.Yesterday afternoon Sarah ….. (go) to the station to meet Paul. When she ….. (get)

there, Paul ….. (already/ wait) for her. His train ….. (arrive) early.

b. When I got home, Bill ….. (lie) on the sofa. The television was on, but he ….. (not /watch) it. He ….. (fall) asleep and ….. (snore) loudly. I ….. (turn) the television off and just then he ….. (wake) up.

c. Last night I ….. (just/ go) to bed and ….. (read) a book when suddenly I ….. (hear) a noise. I ….. (get) up to see what it was, but I …. (not /see) anything, so I …..(go) back to bed.

d. Lisa had to go to New York last week, but she almost ….. (miss) the plane. She …..(stand) in the queue at the check-in desk when she suddenly ….. (realise) that she ….. (leave) her passport at home. Fortunately she lives near the airport , so she ….. (have) time to take a taxi home to get it. She ….. (get) back to the airport just in time for her flight.

e. I ….. (meet) Peter and Lucy yesterday as I ….. (walk) through the park. They ….. (be) to the Sports Center where they ….. (play) tennis. They …..(go) to a café and ….. (invite) me to join them, but I ….. (arrange) to meet another friend and ….. (not/have) time.

15. Venice ….. (be) a city in Italy which ….. (build) on water many centuries ago. The canals ….. (be) very deep and the people of Venice must ….. (travel) around in boats to reach their schools, businesses and shops. Recently, the water in Venice‟s canals ….. (find) to contain a great deal of pollution and even poison in it. The water could cause people sickness if they ….. (drink) it or used it for ….. (cook).The government of Venice is trying ….. (solve) this problem as quickly as they can.

16. Nowadays a lot of important invention ….. (carry out) by scientist ….. (work) for large industrial firms. However, there are still opportunities for other people ….. (invent) various things. In Britain there is a weekly T.V programme which attempts ….. (show) all the various devices which people ….. (recently/invent ) .The people organizing this programme ….. (receive) information about 700 inventions a year. New ideas can still ….. (develop) by private inventors. However, it is important ….. (consider) these question: Will it work? Will be it wanted ? Is it new?

17. Tooth decay ….. (start) early in life. It ….. (continue) throughout adult life so that many of us will ….. (lose) quite a few of our teeth by the time we …..(reach) old age. There ….. (be) two causes of tooth decay. One cause is that many of us ….. (not take) proper care of our teeth. Besides that, we eat a lot of sugary food, thus ….. (result ) in tooth decay. Ever since we \_\_\_\_\_ (be) young, we \_\_\_\_\_ (encourage) to brush our teeth properly and regularly. However, most of us \_\_\_\_\_ (not follow) this advice and neglect our teeth.

18. As the taxi ….. (speed)on, Mary ….. (look) out of the window. It …... (rain), so the road ….. (be) wet. She looked forward to ….. (go) home after a long holiday aboard. The taxi ….. (slow) down and then stopped at the airport. Mary got out of the taxi. While she ….. (look) for money in her purse to pay the driver, he ….. (take) out her luggage. Then he ….. (turn) round to receive the fare. He ….. (be) in the same secondary school as her. In fact, he was a former classmate

**II. Mixed Tenses - Put the verbs into the correct tenses.**

1. When I got to the station, I ……………. (meet)John.

2. When I got to the station, John ……………(sit) in a coffee shop.

3. When I got to the station, John…………..(leave), and I didn‟t see him.

4. When I got to the station, John ……………(wait) me for 10 minutes.

5. When John……………..(arrive)here tomorrow, I …………..(call)you.

6. When you ………(come) here at this time tomorrow, I ……….(tidy)the room up.

7. When you……….(come) here by this time tomorrow, I ……….(tidy) the room up.

8. When it rains heavily, John usually……………(stay) at home.

9. When it rained heavily, John usually……………(stay) at home.

10. I ……………(walk) on the street when it rained.

11. John……………….(say) anything since yesterday.

12. In a few days, there…………..(be) an important meeting.

13. How many question ……………you……..(answer) so far?

14. I ………….(meet) John. He …………..(tell) me about his trip to Singapore.

15. Look! A boy ……….(run) after a little dog.

16. This is the best book I …………..(ever read)

17. That was the most interesting story I ………………(ever listen)

18. China…………………..(lie)to the North of Vietnam.

19. The police caught the thief who………..(steal) John‟s motorbike.

20. I think that John…………….(return) the money before we need.

21. When I look out of the door, I found that my car……………..(steal)

22. When ………….you first ………….(visit)Hanoi?

23. This is the first time I …………(visit)Hanoi.

24. Right now, I ……………… (need) some help . What are you doing ? Can you give

me a hand?

25. Last night, while I ……………( write) a letter, the phone…….(ring)

26. At this time yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. Browns‟s daughter……………….(clean) the floor.

27. He hardly ……………..(get) up before the sun………….(rise).

28. In two weeks, we ………………(spend) our vacation in Ha long Bay.

29. In the last two weeks, we ………………(spent) our vacation in halong Bay.

30. Mary ……………….(prepare)the meal before her friends came.

31. At the meeting, John ……………(speak) until someone……………..(ask) him some questions.

32. At the meeting, John …………….(speak) until he ……………..(hear) other

member‟s opinions.

33. Why……………..you always ……………(argue) with each other ?I‟m not pleased with you at all.

34. I ………….(try) to contact you all day. Where have you been?

35. I ……………(try) to contact you all day yesterday, but I couldn‟t do that.

36. I ………..(hard lock) the door when the phone rang.

37. My feet feel asleep because I …………..(sit) on my heels.

38. My feet felt asleep because I …………..(sit) on my heels.

39. I had hoped that he ………….(forgive) me for not writing to him.

40. The robber ……………(hang) for murder yesterday.

4. I ……. (attend ) Louisiana state University.

42. He has been selling motorcycles……………

A. ten years ago B. since ten years

C. for ten years ago D. for ten years

43. Columbus…….( discover ) America more then 400 years ago.

44. He fell down when he ……( run) towards the church.

45. We …….(still live) there when our father died.

46. They …….(play) pingpong when their father comes back home.

47. By Christmas, I……..(work) for you for 6 months.

48. I…….(be) in the room now.

49. I……..(be) to New York three times this year.

50. I will come and see you before I…….. (leave) for America.

51. The little girl asked what…..(happen) to her friend.

52. John ……(read) a book when I saw him.

53. He said he…….(will) return later.

54. Jack …..(open) the door.

55. I have been waiting for you……….

A. since early morning B-since 9 a.m

C. for two hours D. all are correct

56. My sister…….(look) for you since yesterday.

57. Jack……(just paint) the door.

58. The train ………(leave) half an hour.

59. We ………(not see) Doris since last Sunday.

60. When I last saw him, he…….(live) in London.

61. After I………(have) lunch, I looked for my bag.

62. By the end of next year, George………(learn) English for 2 years.

63. The man got out the car ,………(walk) round to the back and opened the boot.

64. For several years his ambition………(be) to be a pilot.

65. Henry ………(go) into the restaurant when the writer was having dinner.

66. He will take the dog out for a walk as soon as he …….(finish) dinner.

67. Before you asked, the letter……….(write)

68-Ask her to come and see me when she ………(finish) her work.

69-Oil ……(float) if you pour it on water.

70-The dancing club……..(lie) north of the city.

71- Almost everyone……(leave) for home by the time we arrived.

72-By the age of 25, he …….(write) two famous novels.

73-While her husband was in the army, Janet ……. (write) to him twice a week.

74-I couldn‟t cut the grass because the machine…….. (break ) down a few days previously.

75-According to this newspaper, John is said………( establish ) a new record for the long jump.

76-I have never played badminton before. This is the first time I……..(try) to play.

77-Since he ……(leave),I have heard nothing from him.

78-I like looking at these pictures, but I……..(have) enough by lunch time.

79-I don‟t understand this sentence. What……… this word ……………(mean)?

80-John……..(usually/ play)tennis once or twice a week.

81-It was noisy next door. Our neighbors……..(have) a party.

82-It……..(get) dark. Shall I turn on the light?

83-I …….(look) for Christine. Do you know where she is?

84-At 5 o‟clock yesterday evening, I………(iron) my clothes.

85-“Are you ready ,Ann?” “Yes, I……………(come)”

86-Why ……..you ……….. (look) at me like that? What‟s the matter?

87-I……..(walk) along the street when I suddenly heard footsteps behind me.

88-She ……..(learn) German for two years.

89-I usually …….(go) away at weekends.

90-The earth……… (go) round the sun.

91-I come from Canada. Where ……..you ……..(come) from?

92-When I last……… (see) Jane, she ……..(try) to find a job.

93-I……….(get) up at 8 o‟clock every morning.

94- how often ………..you…… (go) to the dentist?

95-Ann……..(not drink) tea very often.

96-The sun……….(rise) in the East.

97-It is a nice day. I ……….(suggest) we go out for a walk.

98-Tim was tired. He ……….(study) hard all day.

99-Bad driving often…….(cause) many accidents.

100-The Olympic Games…….(take) place every four years.

101-What time…….the banks……. (close) in Britain?

102-Look!That man………..(try) to open the door of your car.

103-When I was young, I ………(want) to be a singer.

104-They……..(tell) me about it last week.

105-I……..(leave) here at the end of the month.

106-My grandfather………(die) many years ago.

107-I…………..(give) my son the money for that last week.

108-Yesterday I passed by Peter‟s house, but the front door was closed. He ……. (go) out.

109-I……..(turn) the dishwasher on when heard the shot.

110-There was a time when watching TV really……….(be) family entertainment.

111-Last year, they ……….(sell) 22 million TV sets.

112-At last the bus came. We ………..(wait) for half an hour.

113-Daniel……the bus. It doesn‟t run on Sundays.

A-did not catch B-have not caught C-had not caught D-couldn‟t have caught

114-I‟m feeling sick. I……..so much chocolate last night.

A-needn‟t to eat B-did not eat C-mustn‟t eatD-shouldn‟t have eaten

115-I‟m going on holiday on Saturday.This time next week I……(lie) on a beach in the sea.

116-Ted and Amy……(marry) for 24 years.

117-Tomorrow I……….(visit) my grandparents

118-When the first child was born, they……..(marry) for three years.

119-I think the weather……….(be) nice later.

120-She ……..(be) very angry when she knows this.

121. I (learn)………………. English for seven years now.

122. But last year I (not / work) …………….. hard enough for English, that's why my marks(not / be)………….. really that good then.

123. As I (pass / want) ……….. my English exam successfully next year,

I (study)…………………. harder this term.

124. During my last summer holidays, my parents (send)…………… me on a language course to London.

126. It (be)…………… great and I (think)…………. I (learn) ………….. a lot.

127. Before I (go)………….. to London, I (not / enjoy)…………… learning English.

128. But while I (do)…………….. the language course, I (meet)……………… lots of young people from all over the world.

129. There I (notice)………… how important it (be)…………… to speak foreign

languages nowadays.

130. Now I (have)………… much more fun learning English than I (have)…………… before the course.

131. At the moment I (revise)………….. English grammar.

132. And I (begin / already)…………. to read the texts in my English textbooks again.

133. I (think)……… I (do)………… one unit every week.

134. My exam (be)……….. on 15 May, so there (not / be)…………. any time to be lost.

135. If I (pass)………….. my exams successfully, I (start) …………… an apprenticeship in September.

136. And after my apprenticeship, maybe I (go)………….. back to London to work there for a while.

137. As you (see / can)………….. , I (become)……………. a real London fan already.

138. Andy is tired because he (work)....................all day.

139. By 1960 most of Britain‟s old colonies (become)................... independent. 140.

David broke his leg when he (ski).................... last week.

141. ................... (you/have) a nice time in Rome?

142. ................... (you/finish) your homework yet?

143. He (be)................... at his computer for six hours.

144. How long ..........................(she/have) that car?

145. How many people (die)................... in the fire yesterday?

146. I (not/know).................... much about art, but I like some artists.

147. I (wait)...................... for ages when finally the bus arrived.

148. I (receive)..................... a postcard from Jane yesterday.

149. I (correct) ..................... all morning, I‟m exhausted.

150. I (never/be)................ sailing, what‟s it like?

151. It was late. Most of the shops (close)..................... .

152. It (rain)...................... when I got up this morning.

153. Janet (start).................. a new job in September.

154. Nelly (have) ....................... a great time in New York at the moment.

155. She was cooking dinner when we (arrive)................... .

156. She (just/come) ....................... back from a Mediterranean cruise.

157. My husband (be)........... free for most of the afternoon.

158. The children were tired because they (swim)................. in the pool all afternoon.

159. They (go).................. to spend six weeks in the USA.

160. We can use the car, I (repair)......................... it.

161. We were tired because we (be)....................... to a party the night before.

162. We (be)..................... too late for the train, it had just left.

163. When I got the airport I realized I (forget).................my passport.

164. As soon as they (arrive)...................we had dinner.

165. When they were driving home last night they (see)..............a terrible accident.

166. Where ....................(Robert/live) now?

167. Who (Mandy/talk)..... . .........to?

168. What would he have done if he (be)…………. there?

169. I am very sorry but I (not finish) ……………. reading the book yet.

170. She (be)…………. ill since last Monday. She won‟t be able to go to the sea-side next week-end.

171. I decided to learn Greek while we (live)…………… in Delphes.

172. They were going to town when I (see)………….. them this morning.

173. He has got measles, (visit)…………….. him yesterday afternoon?

174. (You read really)……………. this Shakespeare play four times? - Yes, I think it is extraordinary.

175. If I (bump) ………….. into a ghost, I think I would run away fast or scream.

176. I (lose)………….. my glasses and had to spend the whole week straining my eyes so I was glad when she found them in the garden shed.

177. He was caught after he (wander)…………… in the eastern Highlands all night.

178. Last week she noticed her books were overdue. So even though she was very late she (pop)……………. into the library to take them back before going to work.

179. After the old man‟s mysterious death the inspector (look)………….. for some clues.

180. When he came down for dinner yesterday evening he told me he (just write)……………. a letter to his wife.

181. At about tea-time she (hear)…………….. the phone (ring)………… again.

182. When they found him dead they discovered he (hit)…………… .

183. We know he (buy)………….. a new house in a small lane quite recently, but we don‟t know whether he has sold his old house.

184. They went to the sollicitor‟s. He read the will. How much (leave)…………….

them?

185. I have never seen him again since I (leave)…………… Australia in 1964.

186. Look at that shop window! Looters pouring out of the neighboring shanty town

187. She is very worried . Her daughter had told her she was going to be back at 6. It is now 6.45 and she (not turn up)…………… yet. What could have happened?

188. Our neighbors are noisy.... Last night they (throw)…………. pots and pans again.

189. They (make)………… a complaint because their coffee-machine didn‟t work.

190. She has been reported missing after going for a stroll in the marshes, perhaps she (suck down)………….. in a swamp.

191. Who is this lady? She (move)…………… into No 4 last month.

192. This hotel is empty, it (not live)……………. in for a long time.

193. What a pity! We‟ve got a bottle of wine but we ( not bring)………….. a corkscrew.

194. They were very busy because a water pipe (leak) ………….. .

195. He (can not)……………. get the lid off so he lost his temper.

196. Yesterday afternoon he (have)…………… a nap in the garden chair when a boy dropped a ball on his head.

197. It was her birthday so he (buy)…………… her a bunch of flowers.

198. He was looking at a map so he (not notice)………….that the car in front of him had stopped at the traffic lights.

199. He was running fast and he (bump)…………….. into an absent-minded old man.

200. We didn‟t do the shopping because we (not have) ………….. time.

201. He ( have) ………… an argument with his boss, so he decided to resign.

202. You‟d better tell the truth now, you (lie)…………… so often.

203. She wanted to help sick children so she [train]……………as a nurse.

204. He was fed up and that‟s why he [give]…………….up working for them.

205.They had been charged with bugging his flat but they [deny) ………….. all the

allegations last week.

206. At last we [let]………….him drop his evening classes.

207. I [not hear]………….the telephone because we were having an early evening drink on the terrace.

208.Up to now, I \_\_\_\_\_ (never see) such a fat man.

209.Up to then, I \_\_\_\_\_ (never see) such a fat man.

210.It‟s the first time I \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) this.

211.This is the worst storm I \_\_\_\_\_ (ever see).

212. It was the first time I \_\_\_\_\_ (ever see) such a beautiful girl.

213. It was the most exciting film I \_\_\_\_\_ (ever see).

214. This was the dirtiest looking dog I \_\_\_\_\_ (ever see).

215.When I came here I \_\_\_\_\_ (find) that everything \_\_\_\_\_ (be) ready.

216.I was late. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (already give)n a quiz when I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) to class.

217. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (come) there, she \_\_\_\_\_ (go) away half an hour before.

218.Sam \_\_\_\_\_ (already leave) when we \_\_\_\_\_ (get there.

219. My friend \_\_\_\_\_\_ (not see) me for many years when I \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) him last week.

220. After John \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) his clothes, he began to study.

221. By the time the police arrived, the house \_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) burned down.

222. So far this week there \_\_\_\_\_ (be) three burglaries in our street.

223. She came into the room while they \_\_\_\_\_\_ (watch) television.

224. As soon as we find another apartment, we \_\_\_\_\_\_ (move).

225.She …………… (play) the piano when our guests ………… (arrive) last night.

226. She just ………….. (come) in and …………. (see) you in five minutes.

227. I ………… (come) as soon as my work is finished . ~ You ………… (be) ready?

228. My mother ………… (come) to stay with us next weekend.

229. Violets ……….. (bloom) in the spring.

230. We ……….. (not live) in England for the last two years.

231. He ……….. (not arrive) when I ……….. (write) my last letter to you.

232. I never ……….. (forget) what you just ……….. (tell) me.

233.They ………….. (prepare) the Christmas dinner today.

234. When I last ………. (stay) in Cairo, I …………. (ride) to the Pyramids on a camel that my friend ……..(borrow) the day before.

235. He knew that I ……….. (come) the following week.

236. She understood that we ………… (promise) to go.

237. I ……….. (be) pleased if he came.

238. I was taught that the sun ………… (be) bigger than the moon.

239. The boy knew that an hour …………. (have) sixty minutes.

240. I didn‟t know what time it ……….. (be), so I ……….. (turn) on the radio.

241. I wondered whether I …………. (lock) the door or not.

242. She says that she ……….. (live) in the country when she ……….. (be) a child.

243. The teacher said that the shortest distance between two points ……….. (be) a

straight line.

244. They hoped that they ………… (end) soon.

245. When the teacher came in, the pupil ………. (play).

246. Columbus …………. (discover) America more than 400 years ago.

247. Yesterday, while I ……….. (write) a letter, the telephone ………. (ring).

248. Bill said he ………. (forget) to buy a new dictionary.

249. Kite and I ……….. (wait) right here until you ………… (get) back.

250. Helen regretted that she ………. (not can) go with us.

251. I already ……….. (ask) you three times for a glass of water.

252. He ………. (leave) as soon as he ……… (hear) the news last night.

253. I opened the door just as my boy-friend Tom ……….. (ring) the bell.

254. We ……….. (not see) Mr. and Mrs. Baker for a long time.

255. It will soon be fifteen years since we …….. (come) to live in Ho Chi Minh city.

256. Until she spoke I ……… (not realize) she ……… (be) foreign.

257. Don‟t leave till I ………. (arrive).

258. When your father ……… (die)? ~ I ………. (not know) when he ……… (die).

259. It …….. (rain) when we arrived.

260. Dick ………..(start) school before he ………. (be) seven.

261. You …………. (feel) better after you have something to eat.

262. Susan ……….. (play) chess when she was a child.

263. Our teacher ……….. (tell) us yesterday that he ……….. (visit) England in 1970.

264. He felt asleep while he ………… (do) his homework.

265. You ………… (not know) the value of health until you ………. (lose) it.

266. Our friends asked us why we ………… (come) there so early.

267. While I was writing a letter, the children ………... (play) outside.

268. We ………… (not receive) any letter from him since he………….. (leave) 4 months ago.

269. After my sister ………… (wash) her clothes she began to study.

270. We had hardly begun our walk when it ………. (begin) to rain.

271. They …….. (come) with us as soon as thy finish work.

272. My grandmother ………. (die) after she………. (be) ill a long time.

273. How long you ……………(study) in this school?

274. I ……… (study) here for 2 years. When I ……… (finish) the 5th year, I …………(be) able to get a diploma.

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**I/ Use the correct tense of the verbs in brackets to complete the following passage.**

1. a. was, wrote. arrested, put

b. came, turned, was sleeping, told

c. slept, came, packed, took, spent.

2. have known, moved, has lived/has been living, came

3. went, became, has been, wrote, have, lived, moved, live

4. has been, started, was, has traveled, had, has made, know, forget

5. have been, is, met, has been living, knows, went, ate, are going to/ will visit

6. a. was walking, saw, said, walked

b. heard, walked, opened, opened, saw, greeted, asked

c. were watching, came, watched

d. turned, was driving, was listening, heard, looked, saw, pulled, waited

e. came, was talking

f. went, got, was, was planting, was, was working, were playing

7. a. has been, graduated

b. has been, broke

c. has …fed, fed, did … give, gave

8. were evolving, died out, think, may have contributed, suggests, killed, died

9. wait, didn‟t move, has not left, leaves, replied, realized, was, has already gone

10. a. went, had never been, didn‟t take

b. often play, have played, came, has been, inherited

c. opened, had been listening, wondered, had heard, asked, was doing, had dropped, was looking

11. had, missed, was standing, realized, had left, doesn‟t live, had, got

12. started, owns, are sold, don‟t like, has to travel, goes, is going/will go, is doing, is planning/plans, will decide

13. happened, was skiing, was snowing, couldn‟t see, didn‟t want, had skied, decided, didn‟t join, stopped, was getting, slipped, fell, heard, had happened

14. a. went, got, was already waiting, had arrived

b. was lying, was not watching, had fallen, was snoring, turned, woke

c. had just gone, was reading, got, didn‟t see, went

d. missed, was standing, realized, had left, had, got

e. met, was walking, had been, had been playing, were going, invited, had arranged,

didn‟t have

15. is, was built, are, travel, has been found, drink, cooking, to solve

16. have been carried out, working, inventing, to show, have recently invented, receive, be developed, to consider

17. starts, continues, lose/ have lost, reach, are, do not take, resulting, were, have been encouraged/ were encouraged, do not follow

18. sped, looked, was raining, was, going, slowed, was looking, took, turned, had been/was

**II. Mixed Tenses - Put the verbs into the correct tenses.**

1. had met

2. was sitting

3. had left

4. had been waiting

5.arrives/ will call

6.come/ will be tiding

7.come / will have tidied

8. stays

9. stayed

10. was walking

11. didn‟t say

12. will be

13. have/answered

14. met/ was telling

15. is running

16. have ever read it

17. had ever listened

18. lies

19. had stolen

20. will have returned

21. had been stolen

22. did/ visit

23. have visited

24. need

25. was writing/rang

26. were cleaning

27. gets/ rises

28. will spend

29. spent

30. had prepared

31. hadn‟t spoken/ asked

32. hadn‟t spoken/ heard

33. are/arguing

34. have been trying

35. had been trying

36. was hardly locking

37. have sat

38. was sitting

39. would forgive

40. was hung

41. am attending

42. B

43. discovered

44. was running

45. were still living

46.will be playing

47. shall/ will have been working

48. am

49. have been

50. leave

51. had happened

52. was reading

53. would

54. has just opened

55. D

56. has been looking

57. has just painted

58. left

59. haven‟t seen

60. was living

61. had had

62. will have learned

63. walked

64. has been

65. went

66. finishes

67. had been written

68. has finished

69. floats

70. lies

71. had left

72. had written

73. wrote

74. had broken down

75. to have established

76. have tried

77. left

78. will have had

79. does/ mean

80. usually plays

81. were having

82. is getting

83. am looking

84. was ironing

85. am coming

86. are looking

87. was walking

88. has learnt

89. go

90. goes

91. do/come

92. saw/was trying

93. get up

94. do/ go

95. doesn‟t drink

96. rises

97. suggest

98.had been studied

99.causes

100.takes place

101.do/close

102.is trying

103.wanted

104.told

105.will leave

106.died

107.gave

108.B

109.was turning

110.was

111.sold

112.had been waiting

113.D

114.D

115.will be lying

116.have been married

117.am going to visit

118.had been married

119.will be

120.will be

121. have been learning

122.wasn‟t working/ were not

123.want to pass/ am going to study

124.sent

125.was/ have learned

126.went/ had not enjoyed

127.was doing/ met

128.noticed/ is

129.have / had

130.am revising

131.have already begun

132.think/ will do

133.is/ is not

134. pass/ will start

135.will go

137.can see/ have become

138. has been working

139.had become

140.was skiing

141. did you have

142.have you finished

143.has been

144.has she had

145.died

146.don‟t know

147.had been waiting

148.received

149. have been correcting

150.have never been

151. had closed

152. was raining

153.is starting

154.is having

155.arrived

156.has just come

157.is

158.had been swimming

159.are going

160.have repaired

161.had been

162.were

163.had forgotten

164.arrived

165.saw

166.does Robert live

167.is Mandy talking

168. had been

169. haven‟t finished

170. has been

171. were living

172. saw

173. did you visit

174. have you really read

175. bumped

176. had lost

177. had been wandering

178. popped

179. was looking

180. had just been writing

181. heard

182. had been hit

183. has bought

184. had she left

185. left

186.have smashed

187.hasn‟t turned up

188.were throwing

189.made

190. has been sucked down

191.moved

192.has not been lived

193.haven‟t brought

194.was leaking

195.couldn‟t

196.was having

197.bought

198.didn‟t notice

199. bumped

200. didn‟t have

201. had had

202. lie

203. trained

204. gave

205. denied

206. have let

207. didn‟t hear

208. have never seen

209. Had never seen

210. Have eaten

211. Have ever seen

212. Had ever seen

213. Had ever seen

214. Had ever seen

215. Found, had been

216. Had already given, got

217. Came, had gone

218. Had already left, got

219. Had not seen, met

220. Had washed

221. Had been

222. Have been

223. Were watching

224. Will move

225. Was playing/arrived

226. Has just come/ will see

227. Will come/ will you be

228. Is coming

229. Bloom

230. Have not lived

231. Had not arrived/ wrote

232. Will never forget/ have just told

233. Are preparing

234. Stayed/ rode/ had borrowed

235. would come

236. Had promised

237. Should be

238. Is

239. Has

240. Was/ turned

241. Had locked

242. Lived/ was

243. Is

244. Would end

245. Were playing

246. Discovered

247. Was writing/rang

248. Had forgotten

249. Will wait/get

250. Could not

251. Have already asked

252. Left/heard

253. Was ringing (rang)

254. Haven‟t seen

255. Came

256. Hadn‟t realized/was

257. Arrive

258. Did your father die/don‟t know/ died

259. Was raining

260. Started( had started)/ was

261. Will feel

262. Has played

263. Told/had visited

264. Was doing

265. Won‟t know/lose

266. Had come

267. Were playing

268. Haven‟t received/ left

269. Had washed

270. Began

271. Will come

272. Died/ had been

273. Have you been studying

274. Have you been studying/finish/ will be