SELF-TEST: VERB TENSE REVIEW (Chapters 1 → 4)

Directions: Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

1. Part A: Come on! We're waiting for you. What's taking so long?
   Part B: I _____ for an important SKYPE call. Go ahead without me.
   a. wait b. will wait c. am waiting d. have waited
2. Part A: Steve is going to be famous someday. He _____ in three movies already.
   Part B: I'm sure he'll be a superstar.
   a. has been appearing b. has appeared
   c. had appeared d. appeared
3. Part A: Where's Molly?
   Part B: She _____.
   a. is in the kitchen cooking b. cooks in the kitchen
   c. in the kitchen is cooking d. has in the kitchen cooked
4. Part A: Hello? Alicia? This is Marcelo. How are you?
   Part B: Marcelo? What a coincidence! I _____ about you when the phone rang.
   a. was just thinking b. have just been thinking
   c. just thought d. was just thought
5. Part A: What _____ the new complex tax law?
   Part B: It's more confusing than the old one.
   a. are you thinking b. have you thought
   c. do you think d. have you been thinking
6. Part A: When is Mr. Howard planning to retire?
   Part B: Soon, I believe. He _____ here for a long time. He'll probably retire either next year or the year after that.
   a. worked b. has been working
   c. had been working d. is working
7. Part A: Why did you buy all this sugar and vanilla?
   Part B: I _____ a delicious dessert for dinner tonight.
   a. make b. am going to make
   c. will make d. will have made
8. Part A: Let's go! What's taking you so long?
   Part B: I'll be there once I _____ my keys.
   a. found b. will find
   c. find d. am finding
9. Next weekend, when there _____ a lunar eclipse, the ocean tides will be higher.
   a. is being b. is
   c. will be d. will have been
10. While I _____ TV last night, a rat ran across the floor.
    a. watch b. watched
    c. was watching d. am watching

11. Cockroaches were among the earliest forms of life. Cockroaches _____ on earth for ages and ages.
    a. existed b. are existing
    c. excist d. have existed
12. The phone _____ constantly since John announced that he was running for president this morning.
    a. has been ringing b. had rung
    c. rang d. had been ringing
13. The earth _____ on the sun for its heat and light.
    a. is depend b. depending
    c. has depend d. depends
14. I don't feel good. I _____ home from work tomorrow.
    a. am staying b. stay
    c. will have stayed d. stayed
15. There are weather satellites that beam down information about the earth's atmosphere. In the last two decades, space exploration _____ great contributions to weather forecasting.
    a. is making b. has made
    c. made d. makes
16. On July 20th, 1969, Astronaut Neil Armstrong _____ down on onto the moon, the first person ever to step foot on another celestial body.
    a. was stepping b. stepped
    c. has stepped d. was step
17. The plane's departure was postponed due to mechanical difficulties. When the tired passengers finally boarded the aircraft, many were annoyed and irritated because they _____ in the airport for three and a half hours.
    a. are waiting b. have been waiting
    c. were waiting d. had been waiting
18. If coastal erosion continues to advance at the present rate, in another 40 years, this beach _____ anymore.
    a. doesn't exist b. isn't existing
    c. isn't going to exist d. won't be existing
19. Camden Catholic High School's wrestling team _____ a championship until last season, when the new coach led them to win first place in their conference.
    a. has never won b. had never been winning
    c. is never winning d. had never won
20. Non-native speakers must have years of intensive language study before they can qualify as interpreters. By the end of this year, Jorge _____ English for three years, but he will still require more training and experience before he masters the language.
    a. will be studying b. will have been studying
    c. has studied d. has been studying