

EXERCISE ON REPORTED SPEECH – 1

I. Choose the best answer

1. Mary said "I love chocolate." >>> Mary said (that) she ____ chocolate.
a. loved b. loves c. loving
2. Mary: "I went skiing." >>> Mary said (that) she ____ skiing.
a. Went b. had gone c. have gone
3. Mary: "I will eat steak for dinner." >>> Mary said (that) she ____ eat steak for dinner.
a. Willing b. Will c. would
4. Mary: "I have been to Sydney." >>> Mary said (that) she ____ to Sydney.
a. had been b. has been c. was being
5. Mary: "I have had three cars." >>> Mary said (that) she ____ three cars.
a. Has b. has had c. had had
6. Mary: "I'm going to go to Long Beach." >>> Mary said (that) she ____ going to go to Long Beach.
a. Is b. was c. went
7. Mary: "I don't like spinach." >>> Mary said (that) she ____ like spinach.
a. doesn't b. don't c. didn't
8. Mary: "I have never been to London." >>> Mary said (that) she ____ never been to London.
a. had b. has c. have
9. Mary: "I was swimming." >>> Mary said (that) she ____ swimming.
a. has been b. had been c. have been
10. Mary: "I have a cat." >>> Mary said (that) she had ____ a cat.
a. have b. has c. had

II. Choose the best answer :

1. He said he.....at the "Ritz" Hotel.
A.is staying B. has stayed C. was staying D. will stay
2. He asked me where I.....
A. have studied B. study C. am studying D. studied
3. I thought that Imy work at that time.
A. shall finish B. will finish C. would finish D. will have finished
4. He wondered if she lived.....with her parents.
A. here B. there C. in there D. in here
5. They wondered.....she would come if it rained.
A. what B. who C. whether D. then
6. He says he.....at school two years ago.
A. had worked B. works C had been working D. worked
7. Victor said he.....very busy.
A. is B. will be C. was D. may be
8. I asked Hoa if she..... Chinese.
A. could speak B. speaks C. can speak D. has spoken
9. Tina asked me how long I.....a teacher.
A. have been B. had been C. am D. will be
10. She asked me.....I liked pop music.
A. if B. whether C. that D. A&B
11. The students asked if I was going to teach them physics.....
A. the next day B. next day C. day next D. the day next
12. I want to know if he.....for her birthday.
A. has bought B. buys C. had bought D. would buy
13. She said she.....come to the party on Friday.
A. won't B. can't C. doesn't D. couldn't
14. Chris asked me where my car.....

- A. is B. will be C. was D. has been
15. Mr Jim said that he.....happy with his new assistant.
A. weren't B. isn't C. wasn't D. aren't
16. He said that John.....up his job.
A. has given B. have given C. had give D. had given
17. She said that sheto learn to drive.
A. is going B. was going C. go D. goes
18. I knew that he.....a very clever man.
A. was B. will be C. has been D. is
19. They said they.....us if we needed.
A. help B. helped C. had gone D. would help
20. She said she.....the next week, but I never saw her again.
A. will be back B. had been back C. would be back D. is back
21. She said that she.....there the year before.
A. had gone B. went C. would go D. goes
22. I wonder.....the tickets are on sale yet.
A. what B. whether C. where D. when
23. She says she.....the book.
A. already finds B. has already found C. had already found D. would already find
24. I was sure he.....the letter.
A. posted B. had posted C. will post D. is posting
25. He said he.....to the station to see me off.
A. came B. will come C. would come D. is coming
26. The policeman asked George where he.....so early.
A. is running B. ran C. was running D. runs
27. He says that he.....the laws of the country.
A. knew B. is knowing C. knows D. had known
28. They realised that they.....their way in the dark.
A. had lost B. lose C. lost D. was lost
29. My friend asked me who.....the piano in the sitting room.
A. plays B. was playing C. is playing D. has played
30. "Go home," said the teacher to us.
A. The teacher told us to go home B. The teacher said us to go home
C. The teacher told us go home D. The teacher told to us to go home
31. "Don't forget to clean your teeth," said Granny to Helen.
A. Granny told Helen not forget to clean her teeth. B. Granny remind Helen to clean her teeth.
C. Granny told Helen to not forget to clean her teeth. D. Granny said Helen not to forget to clean her teeth.
32. "Please bring me some fish soup," he said to the waitress.
A. He asked the waitress bring him some fish soup. B. He asked the waitress to bring her some fish soup.
C. He asked the waitress to bring him some fish soup. D. He asked the waitress bring her some fish soup.
33. "This man spoke to me on the road," said the woman.
A. The woman said that man had spoken to me on the road.
B. The woman said that man has spoken to her on the road.
C. The woman said that man spoke to her on the road.
D. The woman said that man had spoken to her on the road.
34. I said to Nick: "Where are you going?"
A. I asked Nick where was he going. B. I asked Nick where he was going.
C. I asked Nick where is he going. D. I asked Nick where he is going.
35. "If I were you, I'd try to get a room on the top of floor," he said.
A. He advised me to try to get a room on the top floor. B. He advised me to try getting a room on the top floor.
C. He offered me to try to get a room on the top floor. D. He suggested me to try to get a room on the top floor.
36. "I'll wait for you if you like," she said.
A. She offered to wait for me. B. She said she'd wait for me if I liked.
C. She suggested she waited for me. D. A&B are correct.

37. "Remember to switch off when you've finished," he said.

- A. He reminded me to switch off when I've finished. B. He reminded me to switch off when I'd finished.
C. He offered me to switch off when I'd finished. D. He suggested me to switch off when I'd finished.

38. "You'd better apologise for being late," said my mother.

- A. My mother advised me to apologise for being late. B. My mother suggested me to apologise for being late.
C. My mother suggested apologising for being late. D. My mother warned me to apologise for being late.

39. "Could you check the oil, please?" I asked the mechanic.

- A. I invited the mechanic to check the oil. B. I asked the mechanic to check the oil.
C. I reminded the mechanic to check the oil. D. I warned the mechanic to check the oil.

40 Kate said: "Mike, do you like my dress?"

- A. Kate asked Mike if he liked her dress. B. Kate asked Mike if you liked her dress.
C. Kate asked Mike if he liked your dress. D. Kate asked Mike if he likes her dress.

41. "Would you like to have lunch with me on Sunday?" he said to me.

- A. He offered me to have lunch with him on Sunday. B. He suggested me to have lunch with him on Sunday.
C. He invited me to have lunch with him on Sunday. D. He reminded me to have lunch with him on Sunday.

42. "Don't open your books," the teacher said to the pupils.

- A. The teacher told the pupils to not open their books. B. The teacher told the pupils did not open their books.
C. The teacher told the pupils not open their books. D. The teacher told the pupils not to open their books.

III. Chose the best answer

1. She asked me.....the seat.....or not

- a. If / had occupied b. Whether / was occupied c. If / has been occupied d. Whether / occupied

2. The policeman asked us.....

- a. had any of us seen the accident happen. b. If had any of us seen the accident happen
c. Whether any of us had seen the accident happen d. that if any of us had seen the accident happen

3. I asked him.....,but he said nothing

- a. what the matter was b. what was the matter c. the matter was what d. what's the matter was

4. James.....him up when the bus reached the square

- a. told me wake b. asked me to wake c. said me to wake d. requested me waking

5. I wonder.....we'll catch the bus.....we'll take a taxi

- a. if / and whether b. whether / or that c. if / or that d. whether / or whether

6. Excuse me. Could you tell me.....?

- a. what time is it b. what is the time c. what time it is d. it is what time

7. We wonder.....from his office after that scandal

- a. why did he not resign b. why he did not resign c. why he not resign d. why didn't he resign

8. Jeff wanted to know.....

- a. that why were his friends laughing b. why were his friends laughing
c. why his friends were laughing d. the reason why his friends laughing

9. Mr Hawk told me that he would give me his answer the.....day

- a. previous b. following c. before d. last

10. She.....him whether he liked the steak she cooked

- a. asks b. wondered c. wanted to know d. asked

11. His neighbours sometimes wondered.....he did for a living

- a. why b. when c. where d. what

12. Could you please tell me.....?

- a. It is how far to the nearest bus stop b. how far is it to the nearest bus stop
c. how far to the nearest bus stop is it d. how far it is to the nearest bus stop

13. Marigold wondered.....Kevin and Ruth would be at the party

- a. that b. whether c. if d. b& c

14. He asked me.....

- a. How long you have studied English. b. How long had you studied English
c. How long you had study English d. How long you had studied English

15. The passenger asked.....we landed

- a. what b. when c. if d. why

16. "I'll tell you about this tomorrow, Mary." said Tom.

- a. Tom said to Mary that he will tell her about that the next day.
- b. Tom told Mary that I would tell you about that the next day.
- c. Tom told Mary that he would tell her about that the next day.
- d. Tom told Mary that she would tell him about that the next day.

17. "I have something to tell you" Kerry said to Cheryl.

- a. Kerry told Cheryl I had something to tell her.
- b. Kerry told Chery he had something to tell her.
- c. Kerry told Cheryl she had had something to tell him.
- d. Kerry told Cheryl he had had something to tell her.

18. He said, "My wife has just bought a diamond ring."

- a. He said that his wife had just bought a diamond ring.
- b. He said that my wife had just bought a diamond ring.
- c. He said that his wife has just bought a diamond ring.
- d. he said that his wife just bought a diamond ring.

19. "I will come with you as soon as I am ready", she said to Philip.

- a. She said to Philip he will come to see you as soon as he I am ready.
- b. She told Philip she will come to see her as soon as she was ready.
- c. She told Philip she would come to see you as soon as she was ready.
- d. She told Philip she would come to see him as soon as she was ready.

20. "I wrote to him yesterday"

- a. She said to me I wrote to him the day before.
- b. She told me she wrote to him yesterday.
- c. She told me she had written to him yesterday.
- d. She told me she had written to him the day before.

21. "He is talking to your sister", She said to me.

- a. She told me he was talking to your sister.
- b. She told me she was talking to my sister.
- c. She told me he was talking to my sister.
- d. She told me he was talking to her sister.

22. "It is the time to check what you have done", the father said to the boys.

- a. The father said to the boys it was time to check what they had done.
- b. The father told the boys it was time to check what they had done.
- c. The father told the boys it was time to check what they have done.
- d. The father told the boys it is time to check what they had done.

23. "You will like my sister when you meet her"

- a. He told me you will like her sister when you meet her.
- b. He told me I will like his sister when I met her.
- c. He told me I would like his sister when I met her.
- d. He told me I would be liked his sister when I met her.

24. "I didn't meet Susan last week"

- a. He said he didn't meet Susan the week before.
- b. He said he hasn't met Susan last week.
- c. He said he hadn't met Susan last week.
- d. He said he hadn't met Susan the week before.

25. "I didn't break your watch"

- a. The boy told the girl he hadn't broken her watch.
- b. The boy asked the girl he hadn't broken her watch.
- c. The boy told the girl he didn't break her watch.
- d. The boy told the girl he hadn't broken your watch.

26. "I found a lot of mistakes in your plan". Catherine said to Kevin.

- a. Catherine told Kevin she found a lot of mistakes in his plan.
- b. Catherine told Kevin she has found a lot of mistakes in his plan.
- c. Catherine told Kevin she had found a lot of mistakes in his plan.
- d. Catherine told Kevin she had found a lot of mistakes in her plan.

27. "I have just seen your mother this morning".

- a. Laura told Lewis I have just seen your mother this morning.
- b. Laura told Lewis she had just seen his mother that morning.
- c. Laura told Lewis she has just seen his mother that morning.
- d. Laura told Lewis he had just seen her mother that morning.

28. "We are ready to come with our friends"

- a. They told us they are ready to come with their friends.
- b. They told us they were ready to come with our friends.
- c. They told us we were ready to come with our friends.
- d. They told us they were ready to come with their friends.

29. "I couldn't get into the house because I had lost my key"

- a. He said he couldn't get into the house because he had lost my key.
- b. He said he hadn't been able to get into the house because he had lost his key.
- c. He said he had been able to get into the house because he had lost his key.
- d. He said he hadn't been able to get into the house because he lost his key.

30. "I was intending to meet you tomorrow".

- a. She told me she was intending to meet me tomorrow.
- b. She told me she had intending to meet me the next day.
- c. She told me she had been intending to meet me tomorrow.
- d. She told me she had been intending to meet me the next day.

31. Parker: " Help me"

- a. Parker asked not to help him
- b. Parker asked to help me
- c. Parker advised me to help him
- d. Parker asked us to help him

32. Carol: " Listen to that song"

- a. Carol said to listen that song
- b. Carol told us to listen to that song
- c. Carol asked us to listen to this song
- d. Carol talked me to listen to that song

33. Maria: " Leave me alone!"

- a. Maria told her friend to leave her alone
- b. Maria told her friend to leave me alone
- c. Maria said her friend to leave me alone
- d. Maria told her friend leaving me alone

34. Mr Stephens: " Buy me some milk"

- a. Mr Stephens suggested to buy him some milk
- b. Mr Stephens asked me to buy him some milk
- c. Mr Stephens asked to buy him some milk
- d. Mr Stephens spoke to buy me some milk

35. George: " Feed the cat"

- a. George asked his girlfriend to feed the cat
- b. George asked his girlfriend feed the cat
- c. George asked his girlfriend feeding the cat
- d. George asked his girlfriend fed the cat

36. Heather: " Don't say that"

- a. Heather tells to you not to say that
- b. Heather told you not to say that
- c. Heather advised you to say that
- d. Heather ordered not you to say that

37. You: " Come with us"

- a. They told John to come with us
- b. They told to John to come with us
- c. They told John to come with them
- d. They told John came with us

38. Tom: " Call me in the evening"

- a. Tom told us calling him in the evening
- b. Tom told us to called him in the evening
- c. Tom told not us to call him in the evening
- d. Tom told us to call him in the evening

39. Your mother: " Come back in one hour"

- a. My mother told me come back in one hour
- b. My mother asked me come back in one hour
- c. My mother reminded to come back in one hour
- d. My mother told me to come back in one hour.

40. Mrs Smith: " Don't play in front of my windows"

- a. Mrs Smith told us not to play in front of her windows
- b. Mrs Smith told us not to play in front of my windows
- c. Mrs Smith told us to not play in front of her windows
- d. Mrs Smith said us not to play in front of her windows

41. Jamei: " Don't eat so much junk food !"

- a. Jamei reminded me not to eat so much junk food
- b. Jamei asked me to not eat so much junk food
- c. Jamei reminded me not to ate so much junk food
- d. Jamei says me not to eat so much junk food

42. Walter: " Don't ring Tony on Sunday"

- a. Walter told me don't ring Tony on Sunday
- b. Walter told not to ring Tony on Sunday
- c. Walter told me not ring Tony on Sunday
- d. Walter told me not to ring Tony on Sunday

43. Jane: " Don't watch the new film"

- a. Jane advised me not to watch the new film
- b. Jane advised not me to watch the new film
- c. Jane advised me do not to watch the new film
- d. Jane advise me not to watch the new film

44. "Don't make noise because I am listening music now"

- a. He asked me not to make noise because I am listening music now
- b. He asked me not to make noise because I was listening music then
- c. He asked me not to make noise because he was listening music then
- d. He asked me to make noise because I was listening music then

45. Marcel: " Don't sing this song"

- a. Marcel asked me not to sing this song
- b. Marcel asked me not to sing that song.
- c. Marcel said me not to sing that song
- d. Marcel asked me not to sang that song

46. Teacher: “ Don’t forget your homework”

a. Teacher reminded me not to forget my homework.

c. Teacher reminded whether I not to forget my home work.

b. Teacher asked me if not to forget my home work

d. Teacher reminded me not to forget your home work

47. John: “ Don’t shout at your son”

a. John asked me to not shout at my son

c. John asked me not to shout at your son

b. John asked me not to shout at my son.

d. John wondered if I do not shout at my son

48. Tom: “ Why don’t you study hard for the coming exam, Ba”

a. Tom advised me not to study hard for the coming exam

b. Tom advised me to study hard for the coming exam

c. Tom advised Ba not to study hard for the coming exam

d. Tom advised Ba to study hard for the coming exam.

49. Father: ‘ Brush your teeth before going to bed, please”

a. Father said to his son brushing your teeth before going to bed

b. Father said to his son to brush his teeth before going to bed

c. Father told his son to brush my teeth before going to bed

d. Father told his son to brush his teeth before going to bed

50. The man: “ Come in but don’t bring anything”

a. The man said to come in but not bring anything

b. The man told come in but not to bring anything

c. The man told the boy to come in but not to bring anything

d. The man asked to come but not to bring anything

51. They said “ Hurrah! We have won the contest!”

a. They said “ Hurrah” that they had won the contest.

b. They said they had won the contest.

c. They exclaimed with joy that they had won the contest.

d. They said with joy that they have won the contest.

contest.

52. Miss White said to him, “ Why are you so late? Did your car have a flat fire?”

a. Miss White told him why was he so late and did your car have a flat fire

b. Miss White asked him why was he so late and did your car have a flat fire.

c. Miss White asked him why was he so late and if your car have a flat fire.

d. Miss White asked him why he was so late and whether his car had a flat fire.

51. His friend said to Peter “ I’m sad. Let me alone”

a. His friend said that I am sad and let me alone.

b. His friend said that I was sad and let me alone.

c. His friend said that he was sad and told Peter to let him alone.

d. His friend said that he was sad and if Peter to him alone.

52. “ What does she like?” he asked me.

a. He asked me what she likes

c. He asked me what do I like.

b. He asked me what she liked.

d. He asked me what did he like.

53. She said, “Don’t tease me, John.”

a. She said not to tease me to John.

c. She told John not to tease her.

b. She said John not to tease me.

d. She told John do not tease her.

54. He asked me what.....

a. time was it

c. time it was

b. time is it

d. none is correct.

55. He told me that.....

a. his father has sold the house.

c. his father will sell the house.

b. his father had sold the house yesterday.

d. his father don’t sell the house.

56. He told me to rest for a while. “.....for a while”, he said.

a. To rest

b. Rest

c. Do you rest

d. Resting

57. He asked “ Why did she take my pen?”

- He asked why.....

a. she took his pen.

b. did he take his pen.

c. she had taken his pen

d. she has taken his pen

58. He said, “ Hurrah! We have won the match!”

a. He said, “ Hurrah” that they had won the match.

b. He said with joy that they have won the match.

c. He exclaimed with joy that they had won the match. d. He said that they have won the match.

59. My father said to me, “ Why are you late? Did you miss the train?”

- a. My father told me why was I late and did I miss the train.
- b. My father asked me why was I late and did I miss the train.
- c. My father asked me why you were late and if you missed the train.
- d. My father asked me why I was late and whether I missed the train.

60. I said to him “ I’m very angry with you . Go away”

- a. I said that I am very angry with you and go away.
- b. I said that I was very angry with you and went away.
- c. I said that I was very angry with him and told him to go away.
- d. I said that he was very angry with me and told me to go away.

61. “ What do you want ?” he asked me.

- a. He asked me what I want.
- b. He asked me what I wanted.
- b. He asked me what do I want
- d. He asked me what did I want.

62. She said, “ Don’t smile, John. Be serious.”

- a. She said not to smile and be serious.
- b. She said John not to smile and be serious.
- c. She told John not to smile and asked him to be serious.
- d. She told John do not smile and be serious.

63. . He said "If I had enough money, I could buy that dictionary."

- A. He said if he had enough money, he could buy that dictionary
- B. He said if he had had enough money, he could buy that dictionary.
- C. He said if he had enough money, he could have bought that dictionary.
- D. He said if he had had enough money, he could have bought that dictionary.

64. "Good morning, Mary! How are you?" Henry said

- A. Henry greeted Mary and asked how she was.
- B. Henry greeted Mary and asked how is she.
- C. Henry said good morning Mary and asked how was she.
- D. Henry said good morning and asked Mary how she is.

65. Cindy said that “I haven’t seen John since last month.”

- A. Cindy said she doesn’t see John since the previous month.
- B. Cindy said she wasn’t seen John since the previous month.
- C. Cindy said she hasn’t seen John since the previous month.
- D. Cindy said she hadn’t seen John since the previous month