

## ENGLISH GRAMMAR CHALLENGE – PRAHOVA COUNTY 2026

### MODEL DE SUBIECT – ETAPA I | NIVEL B2 – Upper Intermediate

#### SUBIECT

50 de întrebări | 40 de minute | 100 de puncte | Fiecare răspuns corect = 2 puncte

Alegeți varianta corectă (A, B, C sau D) pentru fiecare întrebare.

#### VERB TENSES

1. The researchers \_\_\_\_\_ the data for months before publishing their findings.
  - analyse
  - analysed
  - have been analysing
  - had been analysing
2. By the time the rescue team arrives, the survivors \_\_\_\_\_ without food for over a week.
  - will go
  - go
  - will have been going
  - will have gone
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ at the same university for twenty years when she was finally offered a professorship.
  - taught
  - has taught
  - was teaching
  - had been teaching
4. The organisation \_\_\_\_\_ rapidly since it was founded five years ago.
  - grows
  - grew
  - has grown
  - had grown
5. Scarcely \_\_\_\_\_ the announcement when the stock market reacted sharply.
  - had been made
  - was made
  - has been made
  - is made
6. It later emerged that the company \_\_\_\_\_ the risks for years before the scandal broke.
  - conceals
  - concealed
  - has concealed
  - had been concealing
7. The institute \_\_\_\_\_ climate patterns in this region since the 1970s.
  - monitored
  - monitors
  - has been monitoring
  - had monitored
8. Not until the report was published \_\_\_\_\_ the scale of the problem become clear.
  - has
  - had
  - did
  - does

## CONDITIONALS

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9. \_\_\_\_\_ she known about the side effects, she would never have taken the medication.
- If
  - Had
  - Were
  - Should
10. He wishes he \_\_\_\_\_ more time to develop his skills before applying for the role.
- has
  - was having
  - would have
  - had had
11. If the weather \_\_\_\_\_ better, we could go ahead with the outdoor event as planned.
- is
  - will be
  - were
  - had been
12. It's high time the authorities \_\_\_\_\_ action on the issue of air pollution.
- take
  - took
  - have taken
  - will take
13. I would rather you \_\_\_\_\_ that information to anyone without consulting me first.
- don't share
  - didn't share
  - won't share
  - wouldn't share
14. \_\_\_\_\_ any difficulties arise during the process, do not hesitate to contact our team.
- Would
  - Had
  - Were
  - Should
15. If only the company \_\_\_\_\_ the warning signs earlier, the crisis could have been avoided.
- recognises
  - recognised
  - had recognised
  - would recognise

## REPORTED SPEECH

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16. "You should have reported the problem immediately," the manager said. → The manager said ' \_\_\_\_\_ the problem immediately.
- should report
  - should have reported
  - had to report
  - ought to report
17. "We have been working on this project for months," the team said. → The team said they \_\_\_\_\_ on the project for months.
- have been working
  - were working
  - had been working
  - are working

18. "Never underestimate your competitors," the advisor warned us. → The advisor warned us \_\_\_\_\_ our competitors.

- never underestimate
- to never underestimate
- never to underestimate
- that never underestimate

19. "Why didn't you apply for the scholarship earlier?" she asked him. → She asked him why he \_\_\_\_\_ for the scholarship earlier.

- didn't apply
- hadn't applied
- hasn't applied
- wouldn't apply

20. "The changes may well affect the entire team," the director warned. → The director warned the changes \_\_\_\_\_ affect the entire team.

- may well
- might well
- can well
- would well

## PASSIVE VOICE

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21. The new law \_\_\_\_\_ after months of heated debate in parliament.

- passed
- has passed
- was passed
- is passed

22. It is reported that dozens of families \_\_\_\_\_ their homes due to the flooding.

- lose
- lost
- have lost
- had lost

23. The conference \_\_\_\_\_ by the time all delegates have registered.

- will open
- opens
- will have been opened
- will be opening

24. He \_\_\_\_\_ to have been the first to discover the flaw in the system.

- believes
- believed
- is believed
- has believed

25. All applications \_\_\_\_\_ carefully before a shortlist is drawn up.

- must consider
- are considering
- must be considered
- have considered

26. The artefacts \_\_\_\_\_ from the museum while staff were attending a training day.

- stole
- were stolen
- have stolen
- had stolen

27. A formal complaint \_\_\_\_\_ by the union on behalf of all affected employees.

- lodged
- has been lodged
- was lodged
- is lodging

28. Participants \_\_\_\_\_ to arrive no later than fifteen minutes before the session begins.

- request
- requested
- are requested
- have requested

## PHRASAL VERBS

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29. After lengthy negotiations, the deal finally \_\_\_\_\_ due to disagreements over intellectual property.

- fell through
- fell apart
- fell out
- fell behind

30. She found it very hard to \_\_\_\_\_ the failure of her long-term business venture.

- come across
- come to terms with
- come over
- come up against

31. The sudden announcement \_\_\_\_\_ a wave of speculation across the industry.

- set up
- set off
- set in
- set out

32. The new manager \_\_\_\_\_ the entire project single-handedly after her colleague resigned.

- took over
- took up
- took in
- took off

33. Sales \_\_\_\_\_ considerably after the rebranding campaign was launched.

- picked on
- picked up
- picked out
- picked off

34. She \_\_\_\_\_ a remarkable amount of resistance from her own team.

- came up against
- came across
- came over
- came through

35. His resignation \_\_\_\_\_ a crisis that had been building for months.

- brought on
- brought up
- brought off
- brought in

36. The committee eventually \_\_\_\_\_ the proposal after extensive revisions.

- came round to
- came up with
- came across

- came through

37. Despite enormous pressure, she managed to \_\_\_\_\_ and deliver an outstanding result.

- pull off
- pull through
- pull out
- pull up

38. The original plan was \_\_\_\_\_ in favour of a more cost-effective alternative.

- done away with
- done up
- done out
- done over

## PREPOSITIONS

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39. The two parties remain deeply at \_\_\_\_\_ over the proposed territorial changes.

- conflict
- odds
- risk
- variance

40. Her impressive results are entirely \_\_\_\_\_ with the effort she has put in.

- consistent
- compliant
- reliant
- tolerant

41. The sharp rise in unemployment is put \_\_\_\_\_ a combination of global and local factors.

- up to
- down to
- back to
- over to

42. He was acquitted \_\_\_\_\_ all charges after new evidence came to light.

- from
- about
- of
- for

43. The new policy is specifically aimed \_\_\_\_\_ reducing inequality in urban areas.

- for
- at
- on
- about

44. The board remains fully committed \_\_\_\_\_ delivering the project on time and within budget.

- about
- for
- to
- at

45. She was praised \_\_\_\_\_ her calm and decisive handling of the emergency.

- about
- for
- at
- by

## COLLOCATIONS & IDIOMS

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46. Despite the setbacks, the team managed to \_\_\_\_\_ their ambitious target ahead of schedule.

- do
- make
- achieve
- gain

47. The independent review \_\_\_\_\_ serious doubts on the accuracy of the official figures.

- put
- placed
- cast
- threw

48. The new policy \_\_\_\_\_ fruition after three years of careful planning and consultation.

- came to
- went to
- brought to
- got to

49. He decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the initiative and propose a solution before the situation worsened.

- take
- make
- do
- get

50. The negotiations were going well until both sides \_\_\_\_\_ a deadlock over pay.

- did
- made
- reached
- got