

Intermediate Grammar Practice Questions

1. The word *boycott* derives from the name of Charles C. Boycott, an English land agent in Ireland that was ostracized for refusing to reduce rent.

- A. that was ostracized for refusing
- B. who was ostracized for refusing
- C. which was ostracized for refusing
- D. that had been ostracized for refusing
- E. who had been ostracized for refusing

2. As a result of his method for early music education, Shinichi Suzuki has been known as one of the world's great violin teachers.

- A. has been known as one
- B. had been known as one
- C. is seen as one
- D. is being seen as one
- E. has been one

3. Last night the weather forecaster announced that this is the most rainy season the area has had in the past decade.

- A. this is the most rainy season the
- B. this has been the most rainy season the
- C. this was the most rainy season the
- D. this is noted as the most rainy season the
- E. this is the rainiest season the

4. Although Mandy is younger than her sister, Mandy is the tallest of the two.

- A. is the tallest of the
- B. is the taller of the
- C. has been the taller of the
- D. is the most tall of the
- E. is the more taller of the

5. When Katherine Hepburn's play came to town, all the tickets had sold out far in advance.

- A. had sold out far
- B. have sold out far
- C. were sold out far
- D. had been sold out far
- E. had been sold out for

6. The origins of most sports is unknown.

- A. sports is unknown
- B. sports have been unknown
- C. sports are unknown
- D. sports has been unknown
- E. sports are now unknown

7. Neither of the Smith brothers expect to be drafted by a major league team this year.

- A. expect to be drafted
- B. expects to be drafted
- C. has expected to be drafted
- D. is expecting to be drafted
- E. was expecting to be drafted

8. Has any of the witnesses been sworn in yet?

- A. Has any of the
- B. Is any of the
- C. Will any of the
- D. Are any of the
- E. Have any of the

9. The *Lusitania* sunk on May 7, 1915.

- A. sunk
- B. did sink
- C. was sunk
- D. did sank
- E. sank

10. Whos in the office now?

- A. Whos in
- B. Whose in
- C. Who is in
- D. Who's in
- E. Whose' in

11. There are now many kinds of dictionaries, such as a dictionary of synonyms and antonyms, a biographical dictionary, and a geographical dictionary with pronunciations given.

- A. with pronunciations given
- B. that has pronunciations given
- C. with pronunciations' given
- D. that have pronunciations given
- E. that do have pronunciations given

12. Towering seven hundred feet above the valley floor, Mount Rushmore National Memorial was an impressive site.

- A. was an impressive site
- B. is a impressive sight
- C. is an impressive sight
- D. was an impressive sight
- E. is an impressive site

13. San Francisco lays southwest of Sacramento.

- A. lays southwest
- B. has laid southwest
- C. is lying southwest
- D. lain southwest
- E. lies southwest

14. Did they know that Labor Day always came on the first Monday in September?

- A. came on
- B. comes on
- C. has come on
- D. had come on
- E. has came on

15. Eating, drinking, and to stay up late at night were among her pleasures.

- A. to stay up late
- B. to remain up late
- C. staying up late
- D. she liked staying up late
- E. trying to stay up late

16. Each night when night came and the temperature fell, my parents lit the fire in the bedroom.

- A. and the temperature fell,
- B. and that the temperature did fall
- C. and that the temperature fell
- D. and because the temperature fell
- E. and when the temperature fell

17. Francis promised to bring the Papago basket that she bought in Arizona.

- A. bought in
- B. had bought in
- C. has bought in
- D. did buy in
- E. purchased in

18. He has lain his racquetball glove on the beach.

- A. has lain
- B. has laid
- C. have lain
- D. have laid
- E. is lying

19. I would have lent you my notes if you would have asked me.

- A. would have asked me
- B. could of asked
- C. could ask
- D. had asked
- E. had of asked

20. Many scientists are still hoping to have found life on another planet.

- A. to have found
- B. to find
- C. two find
- D. to have been found
- E. too have found

21. Because she had an astounding memory, Sue has never forgotten an important equation.

- A. had an
- B. could have had
- C. has
- D. did have
- E. has had