IRREGULAR VERBS – EXERCISE 1

Directions: Choose the correct verb for the items below. Check your answers with the interactive version of the exercise.

1. When Mom ______ out the kitchen rug, dog hair, breadcrumbs, coffee grounds, and spaghetti noodles flew through the air and dusted the sidewalk.
   A. shaked
   B. shook
   C. had shook

2. At the back of the lab, Glenn decorated the margins of his biology textbook with caricatures. When test time arrives, Glenn will wish that he had ______ the different cell types that Professor Shuman was explaining to the class.
   A. drawn
   B. drawed
   C. drew

3. Theodore bought beautiful roses for Glenda, his date. Because he did not have a vase, he rinsed out a peanut butter jar. After Theodore ______ Glenda’s reaction to the arrangement, he realized that he had made a poor first impression.
   A. saw
   B. had saw
   C. seen
4. Jennifer has discovered that hanging clothes outside to dry has its disadvantages. Recently, a spider crept into a pair of her jeans and _______ a day biting the "intruder"—Jennifer's bare leg—that had invaded the arachnid's new home.

A. spend  
B. spended  
C. spent

5. Professor Ayer _______ several deep breaths to keep from exploding at Jerry, whose excuse for missing yet another class was that Grandma had died—for the fifth time in one semester!

A. tooked  
B. took  
C. took  

6. Diane always wonders where she will next discover a pair of her husband's dirty socks. Yesterday Mike _______ two in the refrigerator next to a carton of orange juice.

A. leaved  
B. leat  
C. left

7. When Richie jammed the photocopier for the eighth time, Sharon, the administrative assistant, picked up a heavy stapler and _______ it at his head.

A. through  
B. threwed  
C. threw
8. Because her hands were still slippery with soap, Marilyn dropped the watermelon, which _______ on the floor in an explosion of pulp and seeds.
   A. busted
   B. bust
   C. burst

9. On his way to an interview, Geraldo stepped in gum. Nervous about the meeting, he failed to notice the candy wrapper and leaves that _______ to his shoe as he walked from the parking garage to the lobby.
   A. sticked
   B. stuck
   C. stucked

10. On Christmas Eve, Captain Beane wore a pair of antlers while greeting passengers boarding his 727. The costume _______ little trust in Louise, whose fear of flying required a serious pilot.
    A. built
    B. build
    C. builded

11. Jim would have _______ the difficult and dirty job of cleaning the slimy gutters if the blue sky, seventy-degree weather, and new titanium graphite driver had not summoned him to the golf course.
    A. began
    B. begun
    C. beginned
12. After losing electricity during the hurricane, the Martinez family _______ candles, speared hot dogs on pencils, and roasted the wieners over this makeshift barbecue.

A. lit  
B. lited  
C. litted

13. Because Nigel had ______ to the supermarket with this week’s grocery money, Shirley expected him to return with bread, milk, and other essentials. Boy, was she angry when he came home with fifty dollars worth of losing lottery tickets!

A. gone  
B. went  
C. goed

14. When Henry opened the vegetable crisper at the bottom of the refrigerator, the puddle of rotting lettuce that he discovered ______ up the kitchen for the rest of the day.

A. stinked  
B. stank  
C. stanked

15. Whenever Mike ______ his Cessna 152, a small airplane, he worried about running out of fuel, hitting birds, and being abducted by alien spaceships.

A. flied  
B. flown  
C. flew
16. Audrey had just _______ into her first forkful of omelet when she noticed mushrooms in the egg. Because she was highly allergic to this vegetable, she had to spit the mouthful into her napkin, wiping her tongue with a clean corner.

A. bited
B. bitt
C. bitten

17. Maria _______ from the cold glass of soda, trying to extinguish the anger that, lava-like, threatened to explode at her husband Darren, who had spent the day watching college football instead of mowing the lawn.

A. drinked
B. drank
C. drunk

18. Raphael would have _______ jeans and a T-shirt to the interview if he thought such attire would land him the job. Because he knew better, Raphael struggled into a scratchy suit that made him feel as though ants were crawling over his skin.

A. wore
B. worn
C. worned

19. At first, Rose _______ to tolerate Simon's lack of punctuality. His good looks compensated for her having to wait an extra ten or fifteen minutes. But once Simon's tardiness hit half an hour, Rose dumped him for a boyfriend who looked at his watch.

A. chose
B. choose
C. choosed
20. One spring Joe ______ tomatoes in the backyard; pollution, insects, and weekend badminton matches did so much damage to the poor plants that Joe went back to buying canned tomatoes at the grocery store.

A. grew
B. had grew
C. growed