SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT – EXERCISE 4

Directions: Choose the correct present tense verb form for the sentences below. Check your answers with the interactive version of the exercise.

1. Every pale tomato slice, wilted pickle, and brown lettuce leaf _______ an extra 25 cents at Bernie’s Burger Emporium.
   A. costs  
   B. cost  
   C. costed  
   D. had cost  

2. Not only the Smiths but also Tonya _______ agreed to try one of the world-famous chocolate-broccoli muffins.
   A. has  
   B. have  
   C. had  
   D. has been  

3. The Smiths, along with Tonya, _______ to avoid indigestion after eating these weird muffins.
   A. hopes  
   B. hope  
   C. hoped  
   D. had hoped
4. On the sidewalk ______ many little lizards sunning themselves on the hot concrete.
   A. is
   B. are
   C. was
   D. were

5. Even though Antonio has many friends who love their Chevrolets and Buicks, he has always believed that General Motors ______ lemons.
   A. makes
   B. make
   C. made
   D. had made

6. My dog Floyd, together with Buster the cat, ______ to play with money; the cat swats crumpled bills onto the floor where the dog shreds them to pieces.
   A. likes
   B. like
   C. liked
   D. had liked

7. Latoya isn't going to Daytona Beach for spring break because fourteen dollars ______ all that she has in her vacation fund.
   A. is
   B. are
   C. was
   D. were
8. Even though Johnson and Johnson ______ consumers not to insert Q-tips into their ears, people refuse to read directions and frequently rupture their eardrums.

A. warns
B. warn
C. warned
D. had warned

9. All of my important keys ______ now stuck in the drain pipe of my bathroom sink. Buster, my kitten, doesn't realize how much his playfulness inconveniences me.

A. is
B. are
C. was
D. were

10. Grandpa claims that Martian measles ______ green and purple spots to erupt all over a person's body.

A. causes
B. cause
C. will cause
D. had caused

11. Digging holes in the sofa cushions ______ Peanut, Elizabeth’s new puppy.

A. is
B. are
C. was
D. were
12. Even though the jury ______ to believe that the defendant did not feed Elvis to the Loch Ness Monster, much of the evidence points to her guilt.

A. wants
B. want
C. wanted
D. are wanting

13. Neither the students nor their instructor ______ happy with the long cafeteria line for squid eyeball stew.

A. is
B. are
C. was
D. were

14. Neither of Freud’s parents ______ much intelligence when it comes to choosing spouses. Freud’s father has married five times, and Mom just presented him with stepfather number three.

A. has
B. have
C. are showing
D. had

15. Each of these women ______ that she had read the care instructions before washing the delicate and expensive dresses.

A. wishes
B. wish
C. wished
D. would wish
16. Here _______ the mail and newspapers that I picked up for you while you were on vacation.

A. is  
B. are  
C. was  
D. be

17. Mr. Lowry, our English teacher, believes that students who major in economics or physics _______ their imaginations.

A. ruins  
B. ruin  
C. has ruined  
D. ruined

18. _______ no one except Marge and Beatrice have the subject-verb agreement exercises that Ms. Koopman assigned for today?

A. does  
B. do  
C. did  
D. has

19. Here _______ Tonya and Robert, the two students who scored 100 percent on the subject-verb agreement quiz.

A. stands  
B. stand  
C. is standing  
D. stood
20. General Foods, the maker of Cheerios, ________ developed a new cereal with chocolate puffs and broccoli-flavored marshmallows.

A. has  
B. have  
C. had  
D. is

21. Each man, woman, and child ________ to write General Foods a letter supporting the company’s decision to produce a chocolate-broccoli breakfast cereal.

A. needs  
B. need  
C. needed  
D. will need

22. There ________ more calories in a bowl of chocolate-broccoli breakfast cereal than you might think.

A. is  
B. are  
C. will be  
D. were

23. Not only the vitamin C from the broccoli but also the delicious taste of the chocolate ________ this breakfast cereal a real crowd pleaser.

A. makes  
B. make  
C. made  
D. will make
24. Who needs a pet if you live in Florida? There already _______ lizards that sneak in between the window screens and cockroaches that take up residence in every bathroom and kitchen.

   A. is
   B. are
   C. has been
   D. had been

25. Susan is one of those students who _______ up to the instructor every chance that they get.

   A. kisses
   B. kiss
   C. kissed
   D. has kissed