

## Verb Tense

Decide which verb or verb phrase best completes each sentence. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

1. Mark Twain \_\_\_\_\_ one of the greatest U.S. authors.  
**A** had considered      **C** considered  
**B** is considered      **D** will consider
2. Over the years, his work \_\_\_\_\_ some lively controversy.  
**A** is causing      **C** will cause  
**B** has caused      **D** cause
3. Years ago, a few of his books \_\_\_\_\_ from the public.  
**A** has been banned      **C** are banned  
**B** were banned      **D** banned
4. Mark Twain \_\_\_\_\_ Samuel Clemens in 1835.  
**A** has been born      **C** will be born  
**B** is born      **D** was born
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ with his family in Hannibal, Missouri.  
**A** lived      **C** has been living  
**B** has lived      **D** lives
6. Hannibal, Missouri \_\_\_\_\_ on the Mississippi River.  
**A** was located      **C** has been located  
**B** is located      **D** will be located
7. As a child, life on the river \_\_\_\_\_ Twain.  
**A** had been interested      **C** interested  
**B** was interested      **D** interests
8. After being educated, Twain \_\_\_\_\_ as a printer in several U.S. cities.  
**A** has worked      **C** works  
**B** will be working      **D** worked
9. Throughout this period, Twain \_\_\_\_\_ his own thoughts and ideas.  
**A** is writing      **C** had been writing  
**B** does write      **D** writes
10. About this time, too, he \_\_\_\_\_ the name Mark Twain.  
**A** took      **C** is taking  
**B** takes      **D** will be taking
11. He \_\_\_\_\_ "mark twain" when he lived on the Mississippi River.  
**A** learns      **C** has been learning  
**B** had learned      **D** was learning
12. The seamen on the riverboats \_\_\_\_\_ this term.  
**A** will use      **C** used  
**B** has been using      **D** uses
13. "Mark twain" was a phrase that \_\_\_\_\_ "two fathoms deep."  
**A** meant      **C** will mean  
**B** is meaning      **D** has been meaning
14. Few people \_\_\_\_\_ that fact about Twain's name!  
**A** will know      **C** knows  
**B** were knowing      **D** know
15. If you read Twain's writing, some of it \_\_\_\_\_ you laugh.  
**A** make      **C** will make  
**B** has been making      **D** made
16. Some experts said that Twain's writing \_\_\_\_\_ many famous American writers.  
**A** inspire      **C** was inspiring  
**B** has inspired      **D** will inspire
17. Today, his best known book \_\_\_\_\_ *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.  
**A** was      **C** is  
**B** will be      **D** has been
18. Mark Twain \_\_\_\_\_ in 1910.  
**A** dies      **C** has died  
**B** died      **D** had been dying