

I. Sequence of tenses

Choose the most appropriate answer.

1. I knew that she ... Madrid before, so I asked her to recommend a good hotel.

- a. has visited
- b. has been visiting
- c. visited
- d. had visited

2. She promised to help me if I ... the answer myself.

- a. haven't found
- b. didn't find
- c. won't find
- d. wouldn't find

3. He said that they ... each other for many years.

- a. know
- b. have known
- c. knew
- d. had known

4. I saw that she ... to hold back her tears.

- a. tries
- b. is trying
- c. has been trying
- d. was trying

5. He knew that she ... as her eyes were red.

- a. is crying
- b. has been crying
- c. was crying
- d. had been crying

6. I asked her whether she ... there with me, but she said no.

- a. goes

b. is going

c. will go

d. would go

7. She said that the robber ... her when she was opening the door to her apartment.

a. attacked

b. has attacked

c. was attacking

d. had attacked

8. I wanted to see her but I didn't know if she ... in town.

a. is

b. was

c. were

d. had been

9. He told me that he would visit them when he ... from Spain.

a. has returned

b. returned

c. will return

d. would return

10. My younger daughter learned in class yesterday that the Earth ... around the Sun.

a. revolves

b. is revolving

c. revolved

d. was revolving

II. Sequence of tenses / Reported speech

1. My friend ... he was very proud of me.

a) Said

b) Told

c) Spoke

d) Talked

2. They ... me I couldn't stay longer.

a) Said

b) Told

c) Spoke

d) Talked

3. She asked ... her in this difficult situation.

a) Will I help

b) Would I help

c) If I will help

d) If I would help

4. I didn't know ... she wanted to know.

a) That

b) Where

c) What

d) Which

5. No one said where ... the night.

a) Had they spent

b) They had spent

c) They spent

d) Did they spent

6. He answered that he ... for a phone call and ... speak.

a) Is waiting, can't

b) Was waiting, can't

c) Was waiting, couldn't

d) Is waiting, couldn't

7. He didn't tell us ... to the party.

- a) If he will come
- b) If he would come
- c) Whether he will come
- d) Would he come

8. Mary asked us ... the room on the left.

- a) So that we don't enter
- b) Not to enter
- c) To not enter
- d) That we didn't enter

9. I have already said that I ... part in this show.

- a) Won't take
- b) Haven't take
- c) Wouldn't take
- d) Wouldn't be taking

10. Mr. Jones tries to explain that he ... his secretary since Tuesday.

- a) Hadn't seen
- b) Hadn't been seeing
- c) Didn't see
- d) Hasn't seen

III. Reported questions

- 1. 'Are you hungry?' he asked us.
 - A. He asked us if we were hungry.
 - B. He asked us if we are hungry.
 - C. He asked us are we hungry.

- 2. 'Can you meet me at the station?' she asked him.
 - A. She asked him could he meet her at the station.
 - B. She asked him if he could meet me at the station.
 - C. She asked him if he could meet her at the station.

- 3. 'Have you seen this film?' he asked.
 - A. He wanted to know if you have seen this film.
 - B. He wanted to know if I had seen this film.
 - C. He wanted to know if I had seen that film.

- 4. 'What's the time?' he asked.
 - A. He wanted to know what's the time.
 - B. He wanted to know what was the time.
 - C. He wanted to know what the time was.

- 5. 'Who knows the answer?' the teacher asked.
 - A. The teacher wanted to know who knows the answer
 - B. The teacher wanted to know who knew the answer.
 - C. The teacher wanted to know who did know the answer.

- 6. 'Where did they live?' he asked.
 - A. He wanted to know where had they lived.
 - B. He wanted to know where they had lived.
 - C. He wanted to know where did they live.

- 7. 'When will we meet again?' she asked him.
 - A. She asked him when they will meet again.
 - B. She asked him when they would meet again.

C. She asked him when would they meet.

- 8. 'Will you be at the party?' he asked her.

A. He asked her if she would be at the party.

B. He asked her if I would be at the party.

C. He asked her if she will be at the party.

- 9. 'Have you tidied up your room?' mother asked the children.

A. Mother asked the children if they had tidied their room.

B. Mother asked the children if they had tidied your room.

C. Mother asked the children if they had tidied my room.

- 10. 'Why won't you help me?' she asked him.

A. She wanted to know why he won't help her.

B. She wanted to know why he wouldn't help me.

C. She wanted to know why he wouldn't help her.

IV. Sequence of tenses

Fill in the blanks with appropriate verb forms.

1. The teacher asked the boys if they _____ the sums.

- a) Solved
- b) Had solved
- c) Solve
- d) Have solved

2. Although they _____, they did not lose heart.

- a) Defeated
- b) Were defeated
- c) Had defeated
- d) Have defeated

3. Our teacher taught us that virtue _____ its own reward.

- a) Is
b) Was
c) Were
d) Has
4. Our holy books tell us that man _____mortal.
- a) Is
b) Was
c) Were
d) Has
5. He spoke so fast that I _____ understand anything.
- a) Could
b) Could not
c) Cannot
d) Had not
6. This is the house where John _____
- a) Lives
b) Living
c) Is lived
d) Would lived
7. He kept quiet that he _____ please me.
- a) May
b) Might
c) Will
d) Can
8. Just as I _____ the room, the bell rang.
- a) Entered
b) Enter
c) Will enter
d) Would enter
9. Who told you that cows _____on grass?
- a) Feed
b) Was feeding
c) Feeds
d) Has fed
10. His health has improved since he _____ from the hills.
- a) Return
b) Returned
c) Would return
d) Returning

11. He declared that he _____it even if he saw it with his own eyes.

- a) Would not believe
- b) Believe
- c) Did not believe
- d) Had not believed

12. If that man smoked less he _____ develop cancer.

- a) Would not
- b) Had not
- c) Has not
- d) Will not