

## GRADE 12 – TENSES

### I. Complete the sentence, using either the past simple or past progressive of the verbs in parentheses.

1. When Mrs. Chu \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a strange noise, she \_\_\_\_\_ (get) up to investigate.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not hear) the thunder during the storm last night because I \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep).
3. At eight o'clock last night, I \_\_\_\_\_ (practice) the piano.
4. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a child, we \_\_\_\_\_ (make) our own amusement
5. It \_\_\_\_\_ (happen) while I \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Eastbourne last year.
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in London for ten years while I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a child.
7. As I \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) down the road, I \_\_\_\_\_ (see) Bill.
8. I got a package in the mail. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (open) it, I \_\_\_\_\_ (find) a surprise.
9. While Jane \_\_\_\_\_ (wash) the dishes, her brothers \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) television.
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ (rewind) the rented video before I \_\_\_\_\_ (return) it to the store yesterday.
11. When he realized I \_\_\_\_\_ (look) at him, he \_\_\_\_\_ (turn) away.
12. Richard \_\_\_\_\_ (live) in Chicago for five years when his company \_\_\_\_\_ (transfer) him to New York.
13. He usually wears sandals but when I last \_\_\_\_\_ (see) him he \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) boots.
14. I was alone in the house at that time because Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in the garage and Mrs. Jones \_\_\_\_\_ (shop)
15. Jane \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) her husband while she \_\_\_\_\_ (study) law at Harvard.

### II. Underline the correct answer.

1. On my last visit to Wixton I found that the village **hadn't changed / didn't change** much.
2. Mark **has taken / took** many trips to Asia since he **has started / started** his own import-export business.
3. When I was introduced to Carol, I was sure that I **had met / met** her before.
4. Argentina **has won / won** the World Cup in 1986 for the second time since the cup **was / has been** first awarded in 1930.
5. When the teacher **had cornel came** in, all the students **had stood / stood** up.
6. By the time Jackson **had arrived / arrived to help**, we **had already finished / already finished** moving everything.
7. I can't come to your party because I **broke / have broken** my leg.
8. As soon as I **had turned / turned** the ignition key, the engine **had caught / caught** fire.
9. When they **got / had got** married, they **knew / had known** each other for 15 years.
10. My brother **has written / wrote** several plays. He **has just finished / just finished** his second tragedy.
11. The apartment was hot when I **had got / got** home, so I **had turned / turned** on the air conditioner.
12. Ann **has started / started** a letter to her parents last week, but she still **hasn't finished / didn't finish** it.
13. I **knew / have known** Tim when he was a child, but I **didn't see / haven't seen** him for many years.
14. It was the fifth time she **asked / had asked** me the same question.
15. I have **read / read his books when I has been / was at school**. Have you ever **read / Did you ever read his books**?