Past Perfect Simple - Past Perfect Continuous Test

1. Bill and Jane were very tired because they _____ on stage for hours.

A) have danced
B) were dancing
C) dance
D) had been dancing

2. George _____ about the song until he _____ it on the TV show last night.

A) doesn't know / will hear
B) hasn't know / hears
C) hadn't known / heard
D) didn't know / has heard

3. I couldn't send you a postcard from Portugal last month because I _____ your address before I _____ there for a holiday.

A) will lose / have gone
B) have lost / go
C) was losing / had gone
D) had lost / went

4. After we _____ my grandparents, we _____ by the burger restaurant to eat lunch.

A) had visited / stopped
B) visit / have stopped
C) have visited / are stopping
D) were visiting / had stopped

5. Mrs Henderson _____ the report for the boss before he _____ at work in the morning.

A) is preparing / will arrive
B) had prepared / arrived
C) prepares / has arrived
D) prepared / was arriving

6. When Haluk _____ the door, he was surprised to see her friend Havva, who he _____ for years.

A) had opened / isn't seeing
B) open's / didn't see
C) opened / hadn't seen
D) was opening / wasn't seeing

7. It was too late for me to persuade Matt to return because he _____ on the bus when I _____ him on his mobile phone.

A) had got / called
B) was gerring / had called
C) will get / call
D) has got / am calling

8. Where _____ Funda _____ when she went to Barcelona? B: She _____ a room at a hotel by the beach two months in advance, so she stayed there.

A) had ... stayed / was booking
B) did ... stay / had booked
C) has ... stayed / booked
D) was ... staying / has booked

9. Mr Lewis was really angry because he _____ at the hospital for over 2 hours.

A) waits
B) has been waiting
C) had been waiting
D) was waiting

. They _____ to find an answer to the problem for 3 hours when they _____ its solution.

A) have tried / find
B) had been trying / found
C) were trying / had found
D) tried / find

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11. My father _____ the broken window by the time my mother _____ home from work.

A) had fixed / returned
B) has fixed / returns
C) was fixing / has returned
D) fixed / was returning

12. William _____ for the remote control for 3 days when he _____ it under the sofa.

A) is looking / finds
B) looked / was finding
C) had been looking / found
D) have been looking / found

13. The tickets for the concert _____ out by the time I got to the venue, but thankfully, my friend Lee _____ the tickets online.

A) had already sold / had bought
B) has already sold / is buying
C) will already sell / has bought
D) already sold / was buying

14. The traffic was terrible yesterday, and before I _____ home from work, the football match _____.

A) get / has finished
B) was getting / had been finishing
C) got / had finished
D) had got / was finishing

5. By the time I _____ the attic, Mrs Shannon _____ all the other rooms in the house.

A) had cleaned / cleaned
B) have been cleaning / cleans
C) clean / was cleaning
D) cleaned / had cleaned

6. When my wife _____ to the car park to take her car, she discovered that someone _____ the car window.

A) goes / has been breaking
B) went / had broken
C) is going / will break
D) had gone / has broken

7. Irene _____ her friend Mike move his house for a few days when she _____ sick.

A) has helped / will get
B) helps / has been getting
C) helped / gets
D) had been helping / got

8. The policeman _____ traffic when the lorry _____ into the taxi.

A) directs / is crashing
B) was directing / crashed
C) had directed / crashes
D) has been directing / is crashing

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19. When I _____ to the shoe shop, the shopkeeper _____ for a tea break, so I had to wait for a while.

A) had been going / went
B) will go / goes
C) went / had gone
D) have gone / is going

20. Mike _____ over the offer for almost a week until he _____ a final decision.

A) had been thinking / was reaching
B) has been thinking / will reach
C) is thinking / reaches
D) had thought /reached

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