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1. The annual _____ of the children's magazine is a hundred dollars.
 (1) charge (2) fee
 (3) subscription (4) fine
2. The little boy was happily _____ the ball when the big bully snatched it away.
 (1) skipping (2) hopping
 (3) bouncing (4) leaping
3. The _____ robber was finally arrested by the police yesterday.
 (1) notorious (2) evil
 (3) wicked (4) bad
4. Using a pencil, he _____ a beautiful portrait of the lady.
 (1) painted (2) sketched
 (3) coloured (4) outlined
5. During the storm, the tall tree was struck by a _____ of lightning.
 (1) tuft (2) skein
 (3) quiver (4) bolt
6. The design of that household equipment has been made better over the years.
 (1) amended (2) changed
 (3) approved (4) improved
7. We were very surprised by the conclusion drawn from the survey.
 (1) result of (2) inference from
 (3) reference to (4) assumption of
8. It is not polite to talk while you have food in your mouth.
 (1) rude (2) vulgar
 (3) forbidden (4) notorious
9. Do you know that some diseases are passed down from parents to child?
 (1) inherent (2) reproductive
 (3) hereditary (4) propagated
10. Can you please remove the black powder found in smoke from the bottom of the pot?
 (1) dust (2) soot
 (3) carbon (4) charcoal

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1. Last Friday, a bunch of keys _____ found in the field after recess.
(1) is (2) are
(3) was (4) were ☐
2. Startled _____ the noise, he turned around to have a look.
(1) of (2) to
(3) by (4) with ☐
3. Haslinah works as a _____ in a garment factory.
(1) supervision (2) supervisor
(3) supervising (4) supervised ☐
4. I asked to speak to Salmah but she _____ not come to the phone.
(1) shall (2) will
(3) should (4) would ☐
5. I did my own _____ when I was studying overseas and now I can cook relatively well.
(1) cook (2) cooks
(3) cooked (4) cooking ☐
6. Nobody backed him _____ when he raised unreasonable demands.
(1) up (2) away
(3) off (4) along ☐
7. Give the dog some more dog food if that _____ it from barking. I don't want our neighbours disturbed.
(1) kept (2) keep
(3) keeps (4) keeping ☐
8. Kathy and Benjamin contented _____ by looking at the beautiful fresh cream cake.
(1) herself (2) himself
(3) themselves (4) ourselves ☐
9. You should not jump queue _____ wait for your turn like everyone else.
(1) but (2) and
(3) or (4) to ☐
10. Mathematics is a subject _____ I always find difficulty in.
(1) when (2) whom
(3) where (4) which ☐

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1. He has the ability to _____ out of any kind of trouble.
 (1) excuse (2) wriggle
 (3) slog (4) labour
2. She picked up a wallet with a _____ of notes in it.
 (1) wad (2) heap
 (3) pile (4) string
3. Listen! I can hear the _____ of a watch. But both of us aren't wearing watches!
 (1) chiming (2) ticking
 (3) tinkling (4) clinking
4. At this camp, many of the _____ are from Afghanistan.
 (1) convicts (2) refugees
 (3) immigrants (4) foreigners
5. Many villagers were admitted to the hospital after they drank water from the _____ river.
 (1) tainted (2) soiled
 (3) contaminated (4) tarnished
6. His silence was taken to mean consent.
 (1) construed as (2) contemplated as
 (3) defined as (4) translated as
7. At the end of the race, all the runners were gasping for breath.
 (1) suffocating (2) wheezing
 (3) heaving (4) panting
8. The shoplifter was caught red-handed and was not able to refute the theft.
 (1) deny (2) deduce
 (3) denounce (4) disown
9. My neighbour loves to poke her nose in other people's affairs.
 (1) entangle (2) exaggerate
 (3) meddle (4) muddle
10. She will make as little as possible the risks of that undertaking.
 (1) shrink (2) minimise
 (3) decrease (4) decline

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1. We waited for half an hour _____ the bus came.
 (1) unless (2) since
 (3) before (4) after
2. Since everyone _____ his fair share of work, things went smoothly without mishaps.
 (1) do (2) does
 (3) done (4) did
3. We tried very hard to find the missing ring but _____.
 (1) fail (2) fails
 (3) failed (4) has failed
4. The prized fish, together with its aquarium, _____ stolen last night.
 (1) is (2) are
 (3) was (4) were
5. "_____ you please take off your shoes?" said the maid.
 (1) Ought (2) Would
 (3) Must (4) Should
6. "Fish and chips _____ my favourite!" exclaimed the little boy.
 (1) is (2) are
 (3) was (4) were
7. Forget what they have said about you. You should give _____ another chance!
 (1) them (2) themselves
 (3) me (4) yourself
8. As children, we should always _____ our parents.
 (1) respect (2) respects
 (3) respected (4) respecting
9. I do not have _____ money left. I just bought a briefcase for my father.
 (1) some (2) a little
 (3) much (4) many
10. The cook is _____ a little salt to the stew to make it more tasty.
 (1) add (2) adds
 (3) added (4) adding

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1. Please collect your medicine from the _____.
 (1) pharmacist (2) doctor
 (3) veterinarian (4) optician
2. Practise what you _____ and others will be convinced.
 (1) present (2) preach
 (3) project (4) proceed
3. The _____ paid the landlord the outstanding rent for the previous month.
 (1) guest (2) host
 (3) tenant (4) emigrant
4. The first _____ to set foot on the moon is Neil Armstrong.
 (1) astronaut (2) astrologer
 (3) astronomer (4) astrophysicist
5. The man's body was crushed and _____ as it was run over by a truck.
 (1) sliced (2) mangled
 (3) dismembered (4) severed
6. The lady feels that she is better than the other women.
 (1) popular than (2) inferior to
 (3) exceptional for (4) superior to
7. It is raining cats and dogs! I hope the roads will not be flooded.
 (1) not raining (2) drizzling
 (3) raining heavily (4) raining continuously
8. The lorry started with a violent jolt and all the boxes toppled over.
 (1) screeching (2) nudge
 (3) motion (4) jerk
9. Alcohol burns easily and fiercely, so it must be kept in a cool place.
 (1) is inflammable (2) is infallible
 (3) is explosive (4) is dangerous
10. There was confusion and the lights went off without warning.
 (1) joy (2) delay
 (3) disorder (4) fear