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1. It is _____ to buy a new car with this sum of money.
 (1) impossible (2) insufficient
 (3) ineffective (4) improper
2. Please make sure the boat is tied _____ before we set off to explore the island.
 (1) securely (2) loosely
 (3) strongly (4) weakly
3. Both durians and roses have _____.
 (1) spikes (2) thorns
 (3) hooks (4) needles
4. The apartment is not occupied. It has been left _____ for some time.
 (1) dormant (2) reclusive
 (3) exclusive (4) vacant
5. Despite his father's warnings, the boy _____ into the deep end of the pool.
 (1) retreated (2) ventured
 (3) advanced (4) explored
6. Kim Leng always enjoys herself in his work.
 (1) boasts (2) revels
 (3) humiliates (4) laments
7. The old butler is very faithful to his employer.
 (1) dedicated (2) friendly
 (3) deceitful (4) formal
8. When we reached home, we found that robbers had ransacked the house for valuables.
 (1) burnt down (2) forced open
 (3) searched thoroughly (4) robbed completely
9. We admire Mr Toh as he is always able to take a bull by its horn.
 (1) feel happy in all situations (2) help others in solving problems
 (3) solve a difficult problem (4) tackle a problem without fear
10. That soccer player made a stupid mistake that resulted in their defeat.
 (1) jump (2) clearance
 (3) blunder (4) display



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1. My mother usually _____ to the market before she visits my grandparents.
(1) go (2) goes (3) went (4) gone
2. We cannot expect Henry to arrive in time for the meeting as his train _____.
(1) has been delayed (2) had been delayed (3) was delaying (4) would be delayed
3. Jerry _____ hard on the piano last week because he was taking part in a competition.
(1) practises (2) has practised (3) practised (4) is practising
4. When _____ answered her calls, Mother began to worry.
(1) anybody (2) somebody (3) everyone (4) nobody
5. _____ you seen the sun set in the evening?
(1) Has (2) Have (3) Had (4) Having
6. Please give the guppies _____ fish food. I have not fed them yet.
(1) any (2) a few (3) some (4) much
7. _____ you tell us the truth, you will not be punished.
(1) If (2) And (3) But (4) Despite
8. Agriculture and farming are where _____ of New Zealand's wealth come from.
(1) plenty (2) more (3) many (4) much
9. They have to complete the work _____. There is nothing we can do to help.
(1) themselves (2) yourselves (3) ourselves (4) himself
10. Katong is famous _____ its 'laksa'.
(1) of (2) with (3) at (4) for

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1. Most drivers become _____ when they are caught in a traffic jam.
 (1) eager (2) sturdy
 (3) impatient (4) robust
2. The tourist thanked us for _____ him to Clarke Quay.
 (1) presenting (2) conducting
 (3) directing (4) exporting
3. To _____ their gratitude, they gave the honest boy a reward.
 (1) vent (2) highlight
 (3) illustrate (4) express
4. Basketball and soccer are _____ games loved by many.
 (1) vigorous (2) studious
 (3) courageous (4) laborious
5. Many plants in the garden had _____ as nobody watered them.
 (1) faded (2) withered
 (3) decomposed (4) laborious
6. Both the participants pressed the bell simultaneously to answer the question.
 (1) one after another (2) without meaning to
 (3) at the same time (4) at different times
7. The residents in the Children's Home are there because they have been given little care by their parents.
 (1) pampered (2) abandoned
 (3) spoilt (4) neglected
8. Have you watched the most recent movie? It stars Jackie Chan.
 (1) latest (2) fashionable
 (3) conventional (4) modern
9. In a fit of anger, he tore up the letter.
 (1) fury (2) disappointment
 (3) alarm (4) passion
10. Crops do not grow well when rainfall is not enough.
 (1) heavy (2) scarce
 (3) few (4) light

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1. Mr Goh has two daughters. So _____ Mr Tan and Mr Lim.
 (1) do (2) have
 (3) does (4) did
2. Of the three children, Jim is the _____.
 (1) lazy (2) lazier
 (3) laziest (4) most lazy
3. We have just _____ the classroom. Now it looks spick and span.
 (1) clean (2) cleans
 (3) cleaned (4) cleaning
4. The two girls have been arguing for hours. Both refused to _____ to the other.
 (1) give away (2) give in
 (3) give out (4) give up
5. He is the student _____ our principal praised this morning.
 (1) who (2) whom
 (3) whose (4) which
6. Neither Mei Mei nor her brothers _____ at the house warming party last night.
 (1) is (2) are
 (3) was (4) were
7. Please lean the ladder _____ the wall and pack up the rest of the equipment over there.
 (1) towards (2) on
 (3) onto (4) against
8. Someone _____ the tuna puffs. There are no more tuna puffs on the plate.
 (1) eats (2) will eat
 (3) is eating (4) has eaten
9. Although the newspaper stand is two bus stops away, it is still _____ walking distance.
 (1) at (2) within
 (3) upon (4) inside
10. Noel, as well as his best friend, _____ the basketball team.
 (1) joins (2) has joined
 (3) have joined (4) are joining

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1. The _____ was so chaotic that the police were unable to establish control.
 (1) event (2) circumstance
 (3) matter (4) situation
2. Danger always _____ in dark and quiet places.
 (1) roams (2) lurks
 (3) haunts (4) hides
3. Most of us _____ our notes before entering the examination hall.
 (1) skimmed through (2) searched over
 (3) separated from (4) settled on
4. As we have an hour spare, let's think of a way to _____ time.
 (1) waste (2) employ
 (3) kill (4) save
5. Having repeatedly failed to pay his taxes, he was _____ to court.
 (1) imprisoned (2) fetched
 (3) summoned (4) dismissed
6. I was so immersed in my work that I did not hear the door open.
 (1) fascinated (2) enchanted
 (3) engrossed (4) gripped
7. He clamped together his fists as he tried to control his anger.
 (1) clenched (2) wrenched
 (3) twisted (4) curved
8. The scouts drew up a list of things that they needed for the camp.
 (1) designed (2) compiled
 (3) illustrated (4) sketched
9. Nobody likes to talk to that lady as she talks nineteen to the dozen.
 (1) keeps mumbling to herself (2) keeps on talking without stopping
 (3) likes asking for favours (4) speaks a foreign tongue
10. As yet, the committee cannot think of anyone who is fit to be chosen for the post of chairman.
 (1) proper (2) desirable
 (3) presentable (4) eligible