

Student's name: _____

NARRATIVE TENSES (Multiple choice)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Choose the correct narrative tenses to complete the sentences below.

1) I told John not to drive, because he _____ all night.

- a.drunk
- b.was drinking
- c.had drunk
- d.had been drinking

2) Why did you change the channel? I _____ that movie.

- a.watched
- b.was watching
- c.had watched
- d.had been watching

3) When I _____ out of the shower the lights _____.

- a.got / were getting off
- b.had got / were getting off
- c.was getting / went off
- d.had been getting / had got off

4) When I saw Clara I realised that she _____ much in all those years.

- a.didn't change
- b.wasn't changing
- c.hadn't changed
- d.hadn't been changing

5) When he entered the room somebody _____ him in the head.

- a.hit
- b.was hitting
- c.had hit
- d.had been hitting

6) He admitted that he _____ all the money from the box.

- a.took
- b.was taking
- c.had taken
- d.had been taking

7) The burglar _____ to open the safe when he _____ the owner come in.

- a.was trying / heard
- b.tried / heard
- c.had been trying / had heard
- d.tried / was hearing

8) I knew he _____ because his eyes were red.

- a.cried
- b.was crying
- c.had cried
- d.had been crying

9) The plane in which the football team _____ crashed and none of them survived.

- a.travelled
- b.were travelling
- c.had travelled
- d.had been travelling

10) We _____ for about 20 minutes when the plane was hit by turbulence.

- a.flew
- b.were flying
- c.had flown
- d.had been flying