Past Perfect vs. Past Perfect Continuous

Directions: Write the verb(s) in parentheses using the **past perfect** *or* the **past perfect continuous**.

Examples:

By the time I arrived, they *had been waiting* **for over an hour.** ***(wait)***

I *had sent* **the email already before I realized it was to the wrong person. (send)**

1. By the time the meeting started, we _____ already _____ the main points.
   (discuss)
2. She _____ at the company for ten years before she retired last August.
   (work)
3. By the time he apologized, he _____ about the issue all day.
   (think)
4. When the concert began, the audience _____ their seats already.
   (take)
5. By the time the bus arrived, we _____ in the rain for 40 minutes.
   (stand)
6. She _____ her homework before she went out with friends.
   (finish)
7. By the time I noticed the mistake, I _____ on the report for hours.
   (work)

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8. They _____ already _____ the house before the storm hit. *(leave)*

9. He _____ sick all morning, so he decided to see a doctor. *(feel)*

11. She _____ for a new job for a long time before she finally got an offer. *(look)*

12. The students _____ the test by the time the class ended. *(finish)*

13. By the time she called me back, I _____ for almost an hour. *(wait)*

14. He _____ the instructions before he started the project, so he exactly what to do. *(read)*

15. They _____married for very long before they decided to get a divorce. (not, been)

16. Cindy _____ well for weeks before she finally decided to go to the doctor. *(not, sleep)*

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