TENSE - FORMS (тренажёр)

Complete the sentences in each passage by choosing an appropriate tense-form from the given variants.

1. I have to drive a lot in my job. I (1) ... for twenty years. In all that time the police (2) ... me. But last Tuesday I (3) ... for speeding. It was afternoon. I (4) ... fast because I was being late. I (5) ... to the airport to meet a friend. I was late because a patient (6) ... before I left the house. The police (7) ... at the side of the road outside town. When they saw me they followed me and stopped me. I tried to explain to them that my friend's plane (8) ... a few minutes before and he (9) ... for me, but they didn't listen to my excuses. They said I had to pay the fine the next day.

1) A drive	B am driving	C have driven	D drove
2) A never stopped	B have never stopped	C are never stopping	D were never stopping
3) A caught	B had caught	C was caught	D was catching
4) A was driven	B drove	C had driven	D was driving
5) A was going	B was gone	C went	D was going
6) A was telephoned	B had telephoned	C was telephoning	D telephoned
7) A waited	B were waited	C had waited	D were waiting
8) A had landed	B was landed	C landed	D was landing
9) A waited	B was waiting	C is waiting	D has waited

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2. In 1911, the small, peaceful village of Hollywood (1) ... to become part of Los Angeles, because it (2) ... problems with water supply. Today this same village (3) ... into the home of one of the most glamorous industries in the world – the American film industry. The famous Hollywood sign stands above the hills of the town. The original sign (4) ... in 1923, but the present one (5) ... here since 1978.

1) A was voted	B voted	C was voting	D had voted
2) A was having	B had had	C was had	D would have
3) A grows	B was grown	C is growing	D has grown
4) A built	B was built	C was building	D had built
5) A has been	B is here	C had been	D was

3. Dear Mr Briggs,

On Monday 1st we (1) ... to hold a dinner to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Selmore Literary Society and I (2) ... by our Committee to invite you to be the guest of honour on this occasion. Since you (3) ... to live in our town last year, you (4) ... without doubt our most popular speaker. We shall all be delighted as well as highly honoured if you once again (5) ... time to spend an evening in our company. I will send you further details as soon as I (6) ... from you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Smith

1) A have planned	B were planned	C are planning	D had planned
2) A was asked	B asked	C am asking	D will ask
3) A have come	B came	C are coming	D had come
4) A were	B had been	C are being	D have been
5) A found	B find	C have found	D will find
6) A will hear	B heard	C am hearing	D hear

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4. Over the last few hundred years, there (1) ... numerous reports of strange objects falling from the sky. In 1680, hundreds of live rats (2) ... on a village in Norway. Showers of fish, frogs, lizards and worms (3) ... documented. In 1977, a husband and wife (4) ... home from church in Bristol when suddenly they (5) ... on by hundreds of hazel nuts falling from a blue sky. In 1984, a single house in Lancashire (6) ... with apples, and in 1989, it (7) ... sardines on a small town in Australia.

1)	A were	B have been	C are	D had been
2)	A fell	B had fallen	C were falling	C were fallen
3)	A have all been	B were all been	C were all being	D had all been
4)	A had walked	B were walking	C were walked	D walked
5)	A were raining	B rained	C were rained	D had rained
6)	A was bombarded	B were bombarding	C bombarded	D had bombarded
7)	A were rained	B had rained	C rained	D were raining

5. The story of the Bermuda Triangle (1) ... in 1945 when, in perfect flying conditions, a squadron of five American air force bombers on a training mission suddenly (2) ... from radar, never to be seen again. Just before disappearing they reported that all the planes' compasses (3) ... working and that they were lost. Since then, sixteen planes and numerous ships (4) ...without trace in this same area, including the supertanker *Grand Zenith* which (5) ... over thirty million tons of oil. Most (6) ... a failure of their navigation equipment.

1)	A had begun	B was begun	C was beginning	C began
2)	A disappeared	B had disappeared	C were disappeared	D were disappearing
3)	A had stopped	B were stopping	C stopped	D were stopped

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4)	A had vanished	D were vanishing	C vanished	D have vanished
5)	A has carried	B was carrying	C had carried	D was carried
6)	A have reported	B reported	C were reporting	D were reported

6. A woman from Port Headland in Australia (1) ... by a burglar while she (2) ... on the phone to her brother in Leeds, England. Her brother (3) ... strange noises and phoned his local police station in Leeds. The Port Headland police (4) ... immediately and an officer (5) ... to the woman's house. She (6) ... just eighteen minutes after the attack happened.

1)	A was attacked	B was attacking	C attacked	D had attacked
2)	A talked	B had talked	C was talked	D was talking
3)	A was hearing	B was heard	C heard	D had heard
4)	A were contacted	B were contacting	C had contacted	D contacted
5)	A sent	B was sent	C had sent	D was sending
6)	A rescued	B had rescued	C was rescued	D was rescuing

7. I saw Tim last week and he told me about his travel experience. He (1) ... in a small hostel room which was full of ants. One (2) ... his leg. So, Tim (3) ... to kill them when he (4) ... one on the ceiling. He climbed onto the top bunk and hit it with his shoe. Then he fainted. It turned out that the blades of the electric ceiling fan (5) ... his head and knocked him to the ground. He (6) ... to hospital where he had emergency surgery.

1)	A had stayed	B was staying	C was stayed	D has stayed
2)	A was already bitten	B has already bitten	C had already bitten	D already bit
3)	A was trying	B was tried	C had tried	D has tried
4)	A has spotted	B spotted	C had spotted	D was spotting
5)	A hit	B was hit	C had hit	D has hit
6)	A was taking	B took	C had taken	D was taken

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