A) PAST SIMPLE or PAST CONTINUOUS?

1. I sat / were sitting / was sitting in a café when you were phoning / phoned / was phoning

2. While Susie watched / was watching / were watching a film , she heard / were hearing / was hearing the noise

3. Mary was going / were going / went to the library, when it was starting / started / were starting to rain.

4. I was swimming / swam / were swimming while Julie drank / were drinking / was drinking coffee.

5. We was playing / were playing / played tennis when John hurt / were hurting / was hurting his leg.

6. He took / were taking / was taking a bath when the telephone were ringing. / was ringing / rang

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7. When I was walking into the room, Mum was working.
walked worked
were walking were working

8. The sun was shining when I was opening the door.
shone opened
were shining were opening

9. While I walked along the street I was meeting an old friend.
were walking were meeting
was walking met

10. When the train got to the station, we were waiting on the platform.
were getting was waiting
was getting waited

B) Choose when or while

1. I was watching TV _____ it started to rain.
2. My dad lost his car keys _____ he was running in the park.
3. I was going to school _____ mum was walking to the supermarket.
4. Mary was cooking dinner _____ the lights went out.
5. _____ he was sleeping, the doorbell rang.

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