Choose the most appropriate answer.

1. He _____ a new car last month, but he doesn't really like it.
bought
was buying
had bought
had been buying

2. I burned my finger while I ____ breakfast.
was cooking
had cooked
had been cooking

3. By the time I came back, Mike and Jane _____ , so I couldn't tell them about it.
were already leaving
had already left
had already been leaving

4. He _____ for twenty years when he finally quit smoking.
smoked
was smoking
had been smoking

5. I _____ you yesterday because my telephone was out of order.
didn't call
hadn't called
hadn't been calling

6. He was waiting for his bus at the bus stop when the robbers _____ him.
attacked
were attacking
had attacked
had been attacking

7. I wanted to ask my son for help, but I saw that he _____ , and I decided not to wake him up.
slept
was sleeping
had slept
had been sleeping

8. Yesterday I went to an interesting museum that I _____ before.
didn't visit
wasn't visiting
hadn't visited

9. By the time we arrived, she _____ for us at the train station for three hours.
waited
was waiting
had been waiting

10. Christopher Columbus _____ America in 1492.
discovered
was discovering
had discovered
had been discovering

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