Unreal Past

I Put the verbs in brackets into the correct forms.

1. Dan hasn't brushed his teeth yet. It's high time he ..... (brush) his teeth.
2. Do you want to go shopping with me? I'd rather ..... (stay) at home than ..... (go) out.
3. He doesn't pay us much. We'd rather he ..... (pay) us more money.
4. They looked as if they ..... (get wet) through in the rain.
5. I advise you to take some medicine. You had better ..... (take) some medicine.
6. I haven't washed the carpet for weeks. It's time ..... (wash) it now.
7. I prefer ..... (sing) to ..... (dance).
8. I'd rather you (not forget) ..... about your grandma's birthday last Friday.
9. I warn you not to spend too much time in the sun.
   You'd better ..... (not spend) so much time in the sun.
10. It's high time we ..... (forbid) such demonstrations.
11. She behaves as if she (be) ..... your boss. Don't let her treat you like that.
12. You haven't answered his letter yet. It is time for you ..... (answer) his letter.
13. You'd better ..... (switch) off the radio.
14. I would prefer (spend) ..... this holiday at the seaside rather than in the mountains.

II Paraphrase the following sentences.

1. You should have taken the job when you had the chance.
   I'd rather you
2. I don't really want to go to Australia for the winter.
   I'd prefer
3. It's icy. You should drive more slowly.
   It's icy. You had better
4. I don't really want you to smoke here.
   I'd rather
5. Tom should go to bed now.
   It's high time Tom
6. It's a good advice for them to take the matter to court.
   They had better

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