review of tenses: present, past, and future

Tense	Example	Use
present simple	I **live** in the city centre. She **doesn't smoke**.	Things that happen always or usually.
present continuous	He's **looking** for a new job. I'm **leaving** tomorrow.	Things that are happening now or in the near future.
past simple	We **saw** a good film last night. We **didn't do** anything yesterday.	Finished actions in the past.
past continuous	He **was working** in Paris. What **were you doing** at 7.00?	Actions that were in progress at a past time.
going to **+ infinitive**	I'm **going to see** Tom tonight. It's **going to rain**.	Future plans and predictions.
will / won't **+ infinitive**	You'll **love** New York. I'll **phone** her later. I'll **help** you. I'll **pay** you back tomorrow.	Predictions, instant decisions, offers, and promises.

A.Choose the correct sentence among A, B, C or D which has the same meaning as the given one.

1. Eight years ago we started writing to each other.

A. We have rarely written to each other for eight years.

B. Eight years is a long time for us to write to each other.

C. We wrote to each other eight years ago.

D. We have been writing to each other for eight years.

2. The boy was so lazy that he couldn't stay up late to learn his lessons.

A. The boy was lazy enough not to stay up late to learn his lessons.

B. The boy was too lazy to stay up late to learn his lessons.

C. The boy was lazy enough but he stayed up late to learn his lessons.

D. The boy was lazy enough to stay up late to learn his lessons.

3. My father is tired of seeing any violent films.

A. My father hasn't seen a violent film.

B. My father has enjoyed all the violent films he has ever seen.

C. My father is worried about missing the next violent film.

D. My father never wants to see another violent film.

4. As soon as he waved his hand, she turned away.

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A. He saw her turn away and he waved his hand.

B. No sooner had he waved his hand than she turned away.

C. She turned away because he waved his hand too early.

D. Although she turned away, he waved his hand.

5. John wishes he had remembered to send Mary a Christmas card.

A. John regrets not to send Mary a Christmas card.

B. John regrets forgetting not to send Mary a Christmas card.

C. John regrets not remembering sending Mary a Christmas card.

D. John regrets forgetting to send Mary a Christmas card.

6. My father hasn't smoked cigarettes for a month.

A. It's a month since my father last smoked cigarettes.

B. It's a month ago that my father smoked cigarettes.

C. It's a month that my father hasn't smoked cigarettes.

D. It's a cigarette that my father smoked a month ago.

7. Having finished their work, the workers expected to be paid.

A. The workers expected to be paid because they had finished their work.

B. Having their work finishing, the workers expected to be paid.

C. Having expected to be paid, the workers finished their work.

D. Having been finished their work, the workers expected to be paid.

8. Mr. Brown bought this car five years ago.

A. Mr. Brown started to buy this car for five years.

B. It has been five years when Mr. Brown has bought this car.

C. Mr. Brown has had this car for five years .

D. It is five years ago since Mr. Brown has bought this car.

9. John used to write home once a week when he was abroad.

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A. John doesn't write home once a week any longer.

B. John enjoyed being written home every week when he was abroad.

C. John never forgot to write a weekly letter home when he was abroad.

D. When he was abroad he remembered to write home every week.

10. I haven't enjoyed myself so much for years.

A. It's years since I enjoyed myself so much.

B. It's years since I have enjoyed myself so much.

C. It was years since I had enjoyed myself so much.

D. It has been years since I have enjoyed myself so much.

B. Give the correct form of the word in brackets.

1. He went to his house, lied down on the bed, and (sleep) ..... right away.

2. I (buy) ..... the ticket yesterday. I am (go) ..... Dalat tomorrow.

3. Tim (attend) ..... the meeting at school at the moment.

4. He (have not) ..... English for 2 years.

5. Our class (start) ..... at 9am.

6. I always (brush) ..... my teeth before I go to bed.

7. I (study) ..... English since I was 21.

8. He was listening to music when his boss (come) ..... yesterday.

9. I (have do) ..... all the homework all afternoon.

10. I (be) ..... a student.

11. She (wait) ..... you for all day.

12. He wasn't working when his boss (call) ..... him yesterday.

13. She (be) ..... at her boyfriend's house yesterday morning.

14. I (talk) ..... to my father at the moment.

15. We (be) ..... in Nhatrang on their summer holiday last year.

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C. Choose the correct answer.

1. My friend_____ to the museum last weekend.

A. goes B. went C. had gone D. have gone

2. Thu and Lan_____ close friends for years.

A. are B. were C. had been D. have been

3. Our Singaporean friends_____ to visit our school last year.

A. is coming B. come C. came D. have come

4. We_____ Malaysia last summer.

A. visited B. were visiting C. are visiting D. have visited

5. The students used to_____ football in that stadium.

A. played B. play C. playing D. are playing

6. Her parents want him_____ some good books to read.

A. to choose B. choose C. chose D. choosing

7. Would you like_____ and visit my country?

A. come B. Coming C. to come D. came

8. The children_____ their parents for a long time.

A. didn't see B. haven't seen C. don't see D. haven't see

9. I and Kenny_____ friends since I_____ Singapore.

A. are-visit B. were-visited C. have been-visited D. were-have visited

10. My children are lucky_____ the chance to visit the capital again.

A. have B. having C. are having D. to have

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