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1. The annual \_\_\_\_\_ of the children's magazine is a hundred dollars.  
 (1) charge (2) fee  
 (3) subscription (4) fine
2. The little boy was happily \_\_\_\_\_ the ball when the big bully snatched it away.  
 (1) skipping (2) hopping  
 (3) bouncing (4) leaping
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ robber was finally arrested by the police yesterday.  
 (1) notorious (2) evil  
 (3) wicked (4) bad
4. Using a pencil, he \_\_\_\_\_ a beautiful portrait of the lady.  
 (1) painted (2) sketched  
 (3) coloured (4) outlined
5. During the storm, the tall tree was struck by a \_\_\_\_\_ of lightning.  
 (1) tuft (2) skein  
 (3) quiver (4) bolt
6. The design of that household equipment has been made better over the years.  
 (1) amended (2) changed  
 (3) approved (4) improved
7. We were very surprised by the conclusion drawn from the survey.  
 (1) result of (2) inference from  
 (3) reference to (4) assumption of
8. It is not polite to talk while you have food in your mouth.  
 (1) rude (2) vulgar  
 (3) forbidden (4) notorious
9. Do you know that some diseases are passed down from parents to child?  
 (1) inherent (2) reproductive  
 (3) hereditary (4) propagated
10. Can you please remove the black powder found in smoke from the bottom of the pot?  
 (1) dust (2) soot  
 (3) carbon (4) charcoal

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(1) is (2) are  
(3) was (4) were ☐
2. Startled \_\_\_\_\_ the noise, he turned around to have a look.  
(1) of (2) to  
(3) by (4) with ☐
3. Haslinah works as a \_\_\_\_\_ in a garment factory.  
(1) supervision (2) supervisor  
(3) supervising (4) supervised ☐
4. I asked to speak to Salmah but she \_\_\_\_\_ not come to the phone.  
(1) shall (2) will  
(3) should (4) would ☐
5. I did my own \_\_\_\_\_ when I was studying overseas and now I can cook relatively well.  
(1) cook (2) cooks  
(3) cooked (4) cooking ☐
6. Nobody backed him \_\_\_\_\_ when he raised unreasonable demands.  
(1) up (2) away  
(3) off (4) along ☐
7. Give the dog some more dog food if that \_\_\_\_\_ it from barking. I don't want our neighbours disturbed.  
(1) kept (2) keep  
(3) keeps (4) keeping ☐
8. Kathy and Benjamin contented \_\_\_\_\_ by looking at the beautiful fresh cream cake.  
(1) herself (2) himself  
(3) themselves (4) ourselves ☐
9. You should not jump queue \_\_\_\_\_ wait for your turn like everyone else.  
(1) but (2) and  
(3) or (4) to ☐
10. Mathematics is a subject \_\_\_\_\_ I always find difficulty in.  
(1) when (2) whom  
(3) where (4) which ☐



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1. He has the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ out of any kind of trouble.  
 (1) excuse (2) wriggle  
 (3) slog (4) labour
2. She picked up a wallet with a \_\_\_\_\_ of notes in it.  
 (1) wad (2) heap  
 (3) pile (4) string
3. Listen! I can hear the \_\_\_\_\_ of a watch. But both of us aren't wearing watches!  
 (1) chiming (2) ticking  
 (3) tinkling (4) clinking
4. At this camp, many of the \_\_\_\_\_ are from Afghanistan.  
 (1) convicts (2) refugees  
 (3) immigrants (4) foreigners
5. Many villagers were admitted to the hospital after they drank water from the \_\_\_\_\_ river.  
 (1) tainted (2) soiled  
 (3) contaminated (4) tarnished
6. His silence was taken to mean consent.  
 (1) construed as (2) contemplated as  
 (3) defined as (4) translated as
7. At the end of the race, all the runners were gasping for breath.  
 (1) suffocating (2) wheezing  
 (3) heaving (4) panting
8. The shoplifter was caught red-handed and was not able to refute the theft.  
 (1) deny (2) deduce  
 (3) denounce (4) disown
9. My neighbour loves to poke her nose in other people's affairs.  
 (1) entangle (2) exaggerate  
 (3) meddle (4) muddle
10. She will make as little as possible the risks of that undertaking.  
 (1) shrink (2) minimise  
 (3) decrease (4) decline



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1. We waited for half an hour \_\_\_\_\_ the bus came.  
(1) unless (2) since  
(3) before (4) after
2. Since everyone \_\_\_\_\_ his fair share of work, things went smoothly without mishaps.  
(1) do (2) does  
(3) done (4) did
3. We tried very hard to find the missing ring but \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) fail (2) fails  
(3) failed (4) has failed
4. The prized fish, together with its aquarium, \_\_\_\_\_ stolen last night.  
(1) is (2) are  
(3) was (4) were
5. "\_\_\_\_\_ you please take off your shoes?" said the maid.  
(1) Ought (2) Would  
(3) Must (4) Should
6. "Fish and chips \_\_\_\_\_ my favourite!" exclaimed the little boy.  
(1) is (2) are  
(3) was (4) were
7. Forget what they have said about you. You should give \_\_\_\_\_ another chance!  
(1) them (2) themselves  
(3) me (4) yourself
8. As children, we should always \_\_\_\_\_ our parents.  
(1) respect (2) respects  
(3) respected (4) respecting
9. I do not have \_\_\_\_\_ money left. I just bought a briefcase for my father.  
(1) some (2) a little  
(3) much (4) many
10. The cook is \_\_\_\_\_ a little salt to the stew to make it more tasty.  
(1) add (2) adds  
(3) added (4) adding



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1. Please collect your medicine from the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) pharmacist (2) doctor  
 (3) veterinarian (4) optician
2. Practise what you \_\_\_\_\_ and others will be convinced.  
 (1) present (2) preach  
 (3) project (4) proceed
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ paid the landlord the outstanding rent for the previous month.  
 (1) guest (2) host  
 (3) tenant (4) emigrant
4. The first \_\_\_\_\_ to set foot on the moon is Neil Armstrong.  
 (1) astronaut (2) astrologer  
 (3) astronomer (4) astrophysicist
5. The man's body was crushed and \_\_\_\_\_ as it was run over by a truck.  
 (1) sliced (2) mangled  
 (3) dismembered (4) severed
6. The lady feels that she is better than the other women.  
 (1) popular than (2) inferior to  
 (3) exceptional for (4) superior to
7. It is raining cats and dogs! I hope the roads will not be flooded.  
 (1) not raining (2) drizzling  
 (3) raining heavily (4) raining continuously
8. The lorry started with a violent jolt and all the boxes toppled over.  
 (1) screeching (2) nudge  
 (3) motion (4) jerk
9. Alcohol burns easily and fiercely, so it must be kept in a cool place.  
 (1) is inflammable (2) is infallible  
 (3) is explosive (4) is dangerous
10. There was confusion and the lights went off without warning.  
 (1) joy (2) delay  
 (3) disorder (4) fear