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1. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to buy a new car with this sum of money.  
 (1) impossible (2) insufficient  
 (3) ineffective (4) improper
2. Please make sure the boat is tied \_\_\_\_\_ before we set off to explore the island.  
 (1) securely (2) loosely  
 (3) strongly (4) weakly
3. Both durians and roses have \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) spikes (2) thorns  
 (3) hooks (4) needles
4. The apartment is not occupied. It has been left \_\_\_\_\_ for some time.  
 (1) dormant (2) reclusive  
 (3) exclusive (4) vacant
5. Despite his father's warnings, the boy \_\_\_\_\_ into the deep end of the pool.  
 (1) retreated (2) ventured  
 (3) advanced (4) explored
6. Kim Leng always enjoys herself in his work.  
 (1) boasts (2) revels  
 (3) humiliates (4) laments
7. The old butler is very faithful to his employer.  
 (1) dedicated (2) friendly  
 (3) deceitful (4) formal
8. When we reached home, we found that robbers had ransacked the house for valuables.  
 (1) burnt down (2) forced open  
 (3) searched thoroughly (4) robbed completely
9. We admire Mr Toh as he is always able to take a bull by its horn.  
 (1) feel happy in all situations (2) help others in solving problems  
 (3) solve a difficult problem (4) tackle a problem without fear
10. That soccer player made a stupid mistake that resulted in their defeat.  
 (1) jump (2) clearance  
 (3) blunder (4) display

1. My mother usually \_\_\_\_\_ to the market before she visits my grandparents.

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1. Most drivers become \_\_\_\_\_ when they are caught in a traffic jam.  
 (1) eager (2) sturdy  
 (3) impatient (4) robust
2. The tourist thanked us for \_\_\_\_\_ him to Clarke Quay.  
 (1) presenting (2) conducting  
 (3) directing (4) exporting
3. To \_\_\_\_\_ their gratitude, they gave the honest boy a reward.  
 (1) vent (2) highlight  
 (3) illustrate (4) express
4. Basketball and soccer are \_\_\_\_\_ games loved by many.  
 (1) vigorous (2) studious  
 (3) courageous (4) laborious
5. Many plants in the garden had \_\_\_\_\_ as nobody watered them.  
 (1) faded (2) withered  
 (3) decomposed (4) laborious
6. Both the participants pressed the bell simultaneously to answer the question.  
 (1) one after another (2) without meaning to  
 (3) at the same time (4) at different times
7. The residents in the Children's Home are there because they have been given little care by their parents.  
 (1) pampered (2) abandoned  
 (3) spoilt (4) neglected
8. Have you watched the most recent movie? It stars Jackie Chan.  
 (1) latest (2) fashionable  
 (3) conventional (4) modern
9. In a fit of anger, he tore up the letter.  
 (1) fury (2) disappointment  
 (3) alarm (4) passion
10. Crops do not grow well when rainfall is not enough.  
 (1) heavy (2) scarce  
 (3) few (4) light

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1. Mr Goh has two daughters. So \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Tan and Mr Lim.  
 (1) do (2) have  
 (3) does (4) did
2. Of the three children, Jim is the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) lazy (2) lazier  
 (3) laziest (4) most lazy
3. We have just \_\_\_\_\_ the classroom. Now it looks spick and span.  
 (1) clean (2) cleans  
 (3) cleaned (4) cleaning
4. The two girls have been arguing for hours. Both refused to \_\_\_\_\_ to the other.  
 (1) give away (2) give in  
 (3) give out (4) give up
5. He is the student \_\_\_\_\_ our principal praised this morning.  
 (1) who (2) whom  
 (3) whose (4) which
6. Neither Mei Mei nor her brothers \_\_\_\_\_ at the house warming party last night.  
 (1) is (2) are  
 (3) was (4) were
7. Please lean the ladder \_\_\_\_\_ the wall and pack up the rest of the equipment over there.  
 (1) towards (2) on  
 (3) onto (4) against
8. Someone \_\_\_\_\_ the tuna puffs. There are no more tuna puffs on the plate.  
 (1) eats (2) will eat  
 (3) is eating (4) has eaten
9. Although the newspaper stand is two bus stops away, it is still \_\_\_\_\_ walking distance.  
 (1) at (2) within  
 (3) upon (4) inside
10. Noel, as well as his best friend, \_\_\_\_\_ the basketball team.  
 (1) joins (2) has joined  
 (3) have joined (4) are joining



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1. The \_\_\_\_\_ was so chaotic that the police were unable to establish control.  
 (1) event (2) circumstance  
 (3) matter (4) situation
2. Danger always \_\_\_\_\_ in dark and quiet places.  
 (1) roams (2) lurks  
 (3) haunts (4) hides
3. Most of us \_\_\_\_\_ our notes before entering the examination hall.  
 (1) skimmed through (2) searched over  
 (3) separated from (4) settled on
4. As we have an hour spare, let's think of a way to \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
 (1) waste (2) employ  
 (3) kill (4) save
5. Having repeatedly failed to pay his taxes, he was \_\_\_\_\_ to court.  
 (1) imprisoned (2) fetched  
 (3) summoned (4) dismissed
6. I was so immersed in my work that I did not hear the door open.  
 (1) fascinated (2) enchanted  
 (3) engrossed (4) gripped
7. He clamped together his fists as he tried to control his anger.  
 (1) clenched (2) wrenched  
 (3) twisted (4) curved
8. The scouts drew up a list of things that they needed for the camp.  
 (1) designed (2) compiled  
 (3) illustrated (4) sketched
9. Nobody likes to talk to that lady as she talks nineteen to the dozen.  
 (1) keeps mumbling to herself (2) keeps on talking without stopping  
 (3) likes asking for favours (4) speaks a foreign tongue
10. As yet, the committee cannot think of anyone who is fit to be chosen for the post of chairman.  
 (1) proper (2) desirable  
 (3) presentable (4) eligible