Past Tenses Practice Test

Choose and write the correct variant in the gap.

1. She looked tired. She … (planted/was planting/had been planting) flowers all morning.
2. I … (was playing/played/had played) volleyball when the ball hit my head.
3. His clothes were smudgy because he … (finished/had finished/was finished) painting the walls.
4. When I was five my parents … (were buying/bought/had been buying) a piano for me.
5. Kim … (was dancing/danced/had danced) when her husband opened the door.
6. He … (cut/was cutting/had been cutting) the grass for an hour when suddenly the lawn-mower broke down.
7. First I … (had taken off/took off/was taking off) my coat, then I went to the bathroom.
8. She forgot everything she … (had studied/was studying/studied) at a driving school.

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