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I. Wybierz poprawną formę czasownika.

1. When their mother came from the shops, the children ..... noisily outdoors.
   a) played b) had played c) were playing d) had been playing
2. By the time he turned thirty, Mr Crimp ..... a millionaire.
   a) had become b) was becoming c) became d) had been becoming
3. Celia ..... to find a good job for three months when they employed her.
   a) was trying b) tried c) had tried c) had been trying
4. What ..... yesterday at five p.m.?
   a) had you been doing b) did you do c) were you doing d) had you done
5. Mike ..... long before his alarm-clock rang.
   a) had woken up b) woke up c) had been waking up d) was waking up
6. In 1996, Terry ..... working in the consulting agency in York.
   a) began b) had been beginning c) was beginning d) had begun
7. How long ..... each other before they got engaged?
   a) were they knowing b) had they known c) did they know d) had they been knowing
8. He was tired when he came back. He ..... .
   a) ran b) had run c) was running d) had been running
9. Our mother was surprised because we ..... the house before she returned.
   a) cleaned b) had been cleaning c) had cleaned d) were cleaning
10. We ..... lunch in the dining room when we heard a shot.
    a) had eaten b) ate c) had been eating d) were eating
11. The Berks ..... the dog for a few weeks before it got lost.
    a) were having b) had been having c) had had d) had
12. When ..... the brakes last time, sir? Was it a long time ago?
    a) did you check b) had you checked c) were you checking d) had you been checking
13. By the time the match ..... , our team had scored a hundred points.
    a) had been ending b) ended c) was ending d) had ended
14. Fortunately, the rescue helicopter ..... the man before he froze to death.
    a) was finding b) had found c) had been finding d) found
15. The train ..... south for a few hours when the accident happened.
    a) had been going b) had gone c) went d) was going

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II. Uzupełnij zdania czasownikiem w poprawnej formie.

1. **play**
   a. I ..... a game when the computer broke down.
   b. By 1999, Ralph ..... thirty matches with the team.
   c. My mother ..... in a school theatre as a girl.
   d. Before we went home for lunch we ..... cricket for about two hours.

2. **write**
   a. By noon, the secretary ..... fifteen replies.
   b. What ..... (Tina) when you entered her room?
   c. We ..... the test for about sixty minutes when our teacher told us to stop.
   d. When he lived in Spain, Hemingway ..... quite a few good stories.

3. **use**
   a. Before the dishwasher broke down, I ..... only three times.
   b. When he touched the engine it was hot. Somebody ..... his car, for sure.
   c. In the 19th century, teachers seldom ..... chalk to write on the blackboard.
   d. He was angry when he learnt that I ..... his mobile phone on a few occasions.

4. **travel**
   a. We ..... on the plane when it was kidnapped.
   b. Before he died, Mr Campbell ..... to all European countries.
   c. I ..... to Great Britain several months ago.
   d. The tourists ..... on foot for about four days when they felt tired.

5. **learn**
   a. By the time he graduated from university, Jim ..... everything about the history of English literature.
   b. He was a wonder child. He always ..... things really fast.
   c. Sally ..... for her exams when her friends visited her last evening.
   d. I didn't get enough sleep. I ..... for the psychology exam all night.

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III. Popraw błędy w zdaniach. (!!! W każdym zdaniu jest błąd)

1. Tony had gone home when he met his friends. .....
2. You weren't giving me anything for my birthday last year. .....
3. By ten o'clock the bell had been ringing seven times. .....
4. We were waiting for him for ten minutes when he arrived. .....
5. What had James been doing yesterday at five pm.? .....
6. Before the film ended, he was eating ten packets of crisps. .....
7. They had made noise while I was reading. .....
8. How long was Mr Lean smoking before he gave up? .....
9. His hair was wet. He swam. .....
10. I didn't sleep at nine p.m. yesterday. .....
11. By the time the driver had been changing the flat tyre, the tourists had taken dozens of photos. .....
12. Mr Whiteaker was furious. Someone had been stealing his bicycle. .....
13. Do you like the bracelet? My boyfriend was buying it for me two years ago. .....
14. The family were waiting for four hours before the doctors finished the operation. .....
15. Somebody was following me while I had walked home. .....

IV. Uzupełnij dialogi czasownikami w poprawnej formie.

1. 'How long ..... (Adam / study) before he ..... (become) a surgeon?'
   'He ..... (begin) medical studies in 1990 so before his first job he ..... (spend) five years at university.'
2. 'We ..... (not see) you at the party last night?'
   'No, we ..... (stay) at home because our son ..... (fall) ill so unexpectedly.'
3. 'The sailors ..... (be) at sea for ten months before they ..... (meet) their families again.'
   'That was really long. I guess they ..... (miss) their relatives a lot.
4. '..... (you / write) reports when your boss ..... (come) to the office?'
   'That's right. We ..... (write) almost all of them before his arrival.'
5. 'When ..... (the fire / break out) ?'
   'It ..... (break out) at about eight and ..... (burn) until ten.'

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