Grammar (Past Modals and Passive in the Simple Past)

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verb (past modal or passive in the simple past).

1. They _____ (should / not / accuse) of communism, it was an unfair trial.
2. The Hollywood Ten _____ (invite) to testify, but they refused.
3. If they _____ (have) more time, they _____ (be able) to explain their reasons in more detail.
4. The hearings _____ (broadcast) on television across the country.
5. Some of the accused actors _____-___ (force) to name other people involved in the movement.
6. They _____ (could / not) speak freely during the investigation due to the fear of being blacklisted.
7. The names of the accused _____ (leak) to the press before the trial began.
8. The Hollywood Ten _____ (punish) severely for their beliefs.
9. They _____ (might / protest) more openly, but they were afraid of the consequences.
10. The committee _____ (create) to investigate communist activities in Hollywood.

Vocabulary Exercise: The Hollywood Ten

Complete the sentences with the correct word. Choose the right option for each sentence.

1. The actors who refused to testify were _____ for years.
    - a) punished
    - b) blacklisted
    - c) subpoenaed

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2. The Hollywood Ten were accused of being involved in _____.
   - a) communism
   - b) defiance
   - c) controversy
3. The committee used a _____ to force witnesses to attend the hearings.
   - a) testimony
   - b) subpoena
   - c) conviction
4. The film industry faced a huge _____ due to the investigation.
   - a) subpoena
   - b) testimony
   - c) controversy
5. Many of the Hollywood Ten refused to speak out of _____ against the authorities.
   - a) defiance
   - b) innocence
   - c) hearings
6. The _____ were broadcast to the public, and many people watched them closely.
   - a) hearings
   - b) convictions
   - c) blacklisting
7. Some of the actors were forced to provide _____ during the hearings, but they remained firm.
   - a) testimony
   - b) defiance
   - c) subpoena

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8. The accusations of being communists led to criminal _____ for some of the Hollywood Ten.
    - a) testimony
    - b) blacklisting
    - c) convictions
9. Many people believed the investigation was a _____ to find and punish anyone with left-wing views.
    - a) blacklisting
    - b) witch hunt
    - c) subpoena
10. Some of the accused were found _____ of any wrongdoing, but still suffered the consequences.
    - a) blacklisted
    - b) innocent
    - c) punished

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