Exercise 1: Give the correct forms (Past Simple or Past Continuous) of the verbs given in the brackets.

1. Susan _____ (study) in her room when she heard the noise.
2. What _____ (they, do) at eleven p.m. last night - it was so noisy?
3. After going to the library, I _____ (meet) Jane and we went out for some coffee.
4. I was eight years old when my elder sister _____ (teach) me how to ride a bike.
5. John _____ (not go) to school last week because he was ill.
6. I didn't know anything about the plane crash in my neighborhood because I _____ (work) inside at that time.
7. My mother _____ (give) me ten dollars and asked me to go to the supermarket.
8. The children _____ (play) in the living room when they broke the vase.
9. I _____ (buy) this coat in 2009, but it is still fashionable.
10. My grandmother was making breakfast while my grandfather _____ (do) the gardening.

Exercise 2: Choose the options that best fit the blanks.

1. What ____ in Paris in 2004?
   A. did you do B. were you doing C. you did D. were you
2. I ____ in the queue when I ____ that I had lost my wallet.
   A. was standing - was realizing B. stood - was realizing
   C. was standing - realized D. stood - realized
3. What ____ when you injured your finger? - I was playing volleyball.
   A. did you do B. were you C. you did D. were you doing
4. This time last week, we ____ for the exam. It was so hot in the examination room.
   A. would have been sitting B. had been sitting C. sat D. were sitting
5. When I first saw Miriam, I ____ her to come in for tea and we talked for nearly two hours.
   A. invited B. invite C. have invited D. was inviting
6. The girls were chatting ____ the boys were playing games.
   A. when B. while C. during D. at the same time
7. While the teacher was explaining to the whole class, she ____ carefully.
   A. didn't listen B. wasn't listening C. had listened D. wasn't listened
8. We arrived at the hotel quite early, ____ in and had lunch.
   A. checking B. checked C. was checking D. to check
9. She ____ in Provence, France for two years when she was a student.
   A. was living B. lived C. had lived D. has lived
10. ____ my mother and I were cooking in the kitchen, John came in and broke the dish.
   A. When B. While C. During D. Both A & B are correct.

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