

TENSE FORM

III. Choose the sentence among A, B, C or D which has the same meaning as the given one.

1. I wasn't early enough to find anyone at home awake.
 - A. I didn't expect to find anyone awake when I got home.
 - B. When I got home, I found everyone awake, waiting for me.
 - C. When I got home late, I used to find my family sleeping.
 - D. By the time I arrived home, everyone had gone to sleep.
2. We were going to take a holiday in Haiti and had already booked our flight.
 - A. Our flight to Haiti was canceled, so the holiday we had booked went to waste.
 - B. We had planned a vacation in Haiti and had even made our flight arrangements.
 - C. We couldn't go to Haiti because we forgot to make arrangements for the flight.
 - D. We decided against a holiday in Haiti in spite of having paid for our plane tickets.
3. Laurence has hardly worked since he graduated from university three years ago.
 - A. Laurence has been working hard for the past three years since graduating from university.
 - B. If Laurence had worked hard in university, he'd have found work after graduating three years ago.
 - C. Laurence has done very little work during the three years since he graduated from university.
 - D. It has been hard for Laurence to find work for three years, when he graduated from university.
4. Having gone to sleep early, she was well rested for her exam the next day.
 - A. As part of her preparation for her upcoming exam, she went to bed early the night before.
 - B. As she hadn't stayed up late the night before, she had enough sleep for the next day's exam.
 - C. She should have made sure to get more sleep before taking her exam the following day.
 - D. Had she gone to bed earlier, she'd have been better rested for her exam the following day.
5. It's been more than a couple of years since I last went there.
 - A. I have never stayed there for longer than two years.
 - B. It was only after some years that I went there again.
 - C. I haven't been there since my visit several years ago.
 - D. I had never been there until the year before last.
6. So far during their stay at this hotel, that couple have done nothing but complain.
 - A. All that couple have done since they arrived at this hotel is complain.
 - B. Throughout their time at this hotel, that couple have had no complaints.
 - C. Up until now, that couple haven't had anything to complain about at this hotel.
 - D. Since they got to this hotel, nothing has caused that couple to complain.
7. Since the 1960s, water pollution has increased, leading to a reduction in the number of fish species.
 - A. Despite sea pollution in the 1960s, the number of fish in the seas has increased.
 - B. There was a sharp decrease in the number of fish due to sea pollution in the 1960s.
 - C. Sea water was cleaner and there were more varieties of fish before the 1960s.
 - D. The drop in the number of fish at sea is directly connected to increasing sea pollution.

8. By the time I had the courage to ask her to marry me, she had been engaged to somebody else.

- A. When I felt brave enough to propose to her, she promised to marry another man.
- B. Before I felt brave enough to propose to her, she had agreed to marry another man.
- C. Just when I asked her to marry me, she accepted an engagement to another man.
- D. I offered her a proposal of marriage, but she decided to get engaged to someone else.

9. Although London is far from being an unpolluted city, the problem isn't as bad as it used to be.

- A. Compared to its situation in the past, these days there is hardly any pollution in London.
- B. London is undoubtedly polluted, but the problem is less when people are accustomed to it now.
- C. London isn't as polluted as it was in the past; in fact, the pollution problem has been solved.
- D. While the problem definitely hasn't disappeared, there is less pollution in London nowadays.

10. The fire fighters didn't arrive at the blazing house in time to save it from burning down.

- A. When the fire fighters arrived at the blazing house, the fire was burning fiercely.
- B. The fire fighters didn't think that it was such a big fire, so they were slow arriving there.
- C. When the fire fighters arrived, the flames were so big that it took a long time to put out.
- D. The fire burnt the house completely as the fire fighters were not quick enough to arrive.