UNIT 8

I. Underline the correct form.

1. Our ferry **departs / is departing** for Amsterdam at 7 tomorrow morning.
2. What time **do you meet / are you meeting** Steve on Sunday?
3. After the reconstruction the supermarket **opens / is opening** on Monday again.
4. **Do you have / Are you having** your birthday party this week or next week? I forgot!
5. We **hold / are holding** a Science fair next weekend. There will be displays of students' work.
6. When **does the school end / is the school ending** this year?
7. Mark and I **play / are playing** basketball after school today. Do you want to play too?
8. Kate phoned up. She **comes round / is coming round** to see us this weekend.
9. The Prime Minister **arrives / is arriving** in India on Tuesday and spends / is spending a couple of days in Delhi.
10. I've just phoned the centre and the doors **open / are opening** at 18.00.

II. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs (present simple, present continuous, or present perfect).

1. _____ **(you/ talk)** about the upcoming journey? Can I join?
2. Recently, the United States_____ **(alter)** the whole of their immigration laws.
3. Either kangaroo or Sydney Opera House_____ **(symbolize)** Australia.
4. Look at the London Eye! The wheel_____ **(appear)** motionless, but it_____ **(rotate)** slowly.
5. Look! The concert_____ **(start)** at 7 P.M. and_____ **(end)** at 9 P.M.
6. Canada_____ **(provide**) fish, furs, and other natural resources to the world since the 15th century.
7. We've already booked our holiday. We_____ **(go)** to Scotland in July.
8. About 375 million people_____ **(speak)** English as their first language.
9. To preserve natural habitat, the government_____ **(establish)** six national parks so far.
10. Excuse me, what time_____ **(the last train to Dublin/ leave)**?
11. I_____ **(live)** in the UK at the moment to learn English.
12. English_____ **(be)** an official language in several African countries, such as Liberia, Nigeria, and South Africa.
13. _____ **(you/ ever/ be)** to Singapore? - Yes, I_____ (**be)** there twice.
14. Where_____ **(you/ go)** on your holiday next summer?
15. Over 670 million people_____ **(visit)** Disneyland since its opening in 1955.

III. Write the correct tense or form of the verbs in brackets.

1. I_____ **(already/ apply)** for a sports summer camp in the UK.
2. Minh usually_____ **(watch)** movies in English and it_____ **(help)** improve his English.
3. We_____ **(visit)** the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island if we go to New York.
4. Where_____ **(you/ go)** on your holiday next summer?
5. The Viking_____ **(invade)** Ireland in the 9th century.
6. English_____ **(speak)** as the primary language in many countries around the world.
7. If it _____ **(not rain)** today we'd take a trip to Edinburgh Castle.

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8. The 12th English Teaching Conference_____ **(take place)** on 5-12 June.
9. Since the late 1980s, the economy of Ireland_____ **(grow)** rapidly.
10. Everyone_____ **(sleep)** when the earthquake_____ **(hit)** the small town two days ago.
11. Do you have difficulty_____ **(understand)** your Australian friends?
12. Let's_____ **(visit)** medieval castles. It's really interesting, I think.

IV. **Complete each sentence with an appropriate preposition.**

1. Our summer camp closes_____ July 15th.
2. Most foreign students in the camp come_____ English speaking countries.
3. I am really looking forward_____ our trip to London.
4. Around 13 million people speak English_____ their first language.
5. New Zealand is famous_____ the scenic beauty of its mountains and forests.
6. Australia is home_____ unique animals like the kangaroo and koala.
7. Thanksgiving Day is celebrated_____ the fourth Thursday of November.
8. The children are spending a week_____ a summer camp.
9. All our teachers are native speakers_____ English.
10. Chloe is French, so she speaks English_____ a French accent.

VIII. Choose the best answers.

1. English_____ from a Proto-Indo-European language about 5,000 years ago.
A. derives **B.** derived **C.** is deriving **D.** has derived
2. Since 2005, India_____ the world's largest English-speaking population.
A. has **B.** is having **C.** had **D.** has had
3. The United Kingdom_____ of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
A. consists **B.** is consisted **C.** has consisted **D.** consisted
4. English_____ around the world by children in school as a foreign language.
A. has learned **B.** is learning **C.** is learned **D.** learned
5. You'd better go to bed early tonight. The plane_____ at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning so we'll have to be up by 4.30!
A. will leave **B.** leaves **C.** leave **D.** is leaving
6. Over the past five years, Australia's population_____ by 1.86 million people.
A. increases **B.** is increasing **C.** has increased **D.** is increased
7. I'm sorry. I can't meet up this weekend. We_____ to Wales on Friday.
A. go **B.** are going **C.** will go **D.** has gone
8. In the 16th century, French and British settlers_____ in Canada.
A. arrive **B.** have arrived **C.** was arriving **D.** arrived
9. _____ that there are no wild snakes in Ireland?
A. Do you know **B.** Are you knowing **C.** Have you known **D.** Did you know
10. The Statue of Liberty, an American Symbol of freedom, _____ in France.
A. actually made **B.** was actually made **C.** has actually made **D.** makes actually

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