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1. _____ the old woman is ugly, she has a kind heart.
(1) But (2) Since
(3) Although (4) As
2. Either Alexander or Suling _____ the telephone now.
(1) use (2) used
(3) is using (4) are using
3. The maid has already _____ away the mouldy bread.
(1) throw (2) throws
(3) threw (4) thrown
4. There are _____ mud stains on her pair of white shoes.
(1) a lot (2) some
(3) most (4) much
5. Melissa _____ reading aloud when Mrs Yong walked into the classroom.
(1) is (2) are
(3) was (4) were
6. Wood will neither visibly expand nor _____ because it is an insulator of heat.
(1) contract (2) contracts
(3) contracted (4) contracting
7. "_____ glass of wine is this?" Lily asked everyone sitting at the table.
(1) Who's (2) Whose
(3) Whom (4) Which
8. The toddler normally sits down quietly and plays _____ himself.
(1) by (2) at
(3) through (4) behind
9. "This piece of land has always _____ to the family," said Mr Foo.
(1) belong (2) belongs
(3) belonged (4) belonging
10. None of us _____ the faintest idea of what happened in the alley last night.
(1) has (2) have
(3) may have (4) can have

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1. The _____ of talented actors and actresses performed a Shakespearean play.
(1) panel (2) company
(3) board (4) staff
2. Jim is a creative person and it is a _____ to transfer him to another department.
(1) waste (2) limit
(3) miss (4) surplus
3. The bird flew about _____ after it was released from the cage.
(1) tiredly (2) boisterously
(3) slowly (4) excitedly
4. The doctor has to _____ up the cut as it was very deep.
(1) stitch (2) bandage
(3) plaster (4) dress
5. As _____ of Singapore, we should help to keep our country clean and green.
(1) subjects (2) natives
(3) citizens (4) pioneers
6. When the compulsive gambler became bankrupt, he decided to quit gambling.
(1) give up (2) give in
(3) give to (4) give out
7. The enemies finally surrendered after a long hard-fought battle.
(1) died (2) attacked
(3) yielded (4) retreated
8. His parents gave him enough money to spend during his holiday in Canada.
(1) meagre (2) adequate
(3) plentiful (4) insufficient
9. All these old buildings will be demolished in five years' time.
(1) pulled through (2) pulled up
(3) pulled off (4) pulled down
10. The patient felt drowsy after taking his medication.
(1) tired (2) sick
(3) sleepy (4) drunk

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1. How many students _____ in the Chinese Orchestra last year?
 (1) is (2) are
 (3) was (4) were
2. Neither the girls nor the boys _____ able to help out tomorrow.
 (1) is (2) are
 (3) was (4) were
3. It took a long time for Mrs Ang to _____ her husband's death.
 (1) get over (2) get through
 (3) get off (4) get by
4. All of you but Eugene _____ going to the picnic because you have behaved well.
 (1) is (2) are
 (3) was (4) were
5. "_____ any of you like to join me for lunch?" asked Miss Tang.
 (1) Should (2) Could
 (3) Would (4) Must
6. The worker _____ hand was caught in the machine is now undergoing treatment.
 (1) whose (2) who's
 (3) whom (4) which
7. If you talk to Patrick nicely, he _____ to what you have to say.
 (1) is listening (2) listens
 (3) has listened (4) will listen
8. The children are quite excited _____ it is going to be Christmas soon.
 (1) when (2) because
 (3) although (4) till
9. Jansen could not _____ with his friend's rude behaviour any longer so he left the room.
 (1) put over (2) put on
 (3) put off (4) put up
10. Unless the shopkeeper is honest, nobody _____ anything from him.
 (1) will buy (2) buy
 (3) buys (4) bought

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1. She _____ her new dress by strutting around the room in it.
 (1) showed away (2) showed off
 (3) showed up (4) showed over
2. My grandmother _____ her eightieth birthday yesterday evening.
 (1) honoured (2) celebrated
 (3) spent (4) graced
3. The _____ lady thanked the honest taxi driver for returning her handbag.
 (1) grateful (2) careless
 (3) abusive (4) gullible
4. The foreign students are not able to communicate _____ in English.
 (1) leniently (2) profitably
 (3) effectively (4) successfully
5. Please add in a _____ of salt as the stew is tasteless.
 (1) cake (2) pinch
 (3) speck (4) lump
6. Please be concise when writing the essay. Leave out information that is besides the point.
 (1) irrelevant (2) worthless
 (3) useless (4) unfounded
7. Being a considerate boy, Walter always helps out with the household chores.
 (1) imaginative (2) inventive
 (3) helpful (4) thoughtful
8. The general and his soldiers brought credit to their country after defeating the enemy.
 (1) glory (2) notoriety
 (3) ruin (4) help
9. We have to remember that we are getting ourselves ready for life.
 (1) aiming ourselves (2) starting ourselves
 (3) steadying ourselves (4) preparing ourselves
10. It is impolite to break off a conversation.
 (1) interfere (2) interleave
 (3) interrupt (4) intervene

1. He has full _____ that we will win the match tomorrow.
(1) confident (2) confidential
(3) confidence (4) confidentiality ☐
2. This _____ be your pencil case. It has your name on it.
(1) must (2) shall
(3) will (4) can ☐
3. Ken is very good at _____ cars and has decided to become a mechanic.
(1) repair (2) repairs
(3) repaired (4) repairing ☐
4. _____ vegetables here have been reserved by Madam Soh, so you will have to choose from the vegetables over there.
(1) This (2) That
(3) These (4) Those ☐
5. The bridge might give way if the two men _____ to it.
(1) cling (2) is clinging
(3) had clung (4) will cling ☐
6. _____ of us was given a beautifully wrapped present by Mrs Tan.
(1) All (2) Each
(3) Every (4) Both ☐
7. Miss Tay cooked herself a good dinner after she _____ home.
(1) return (2) returns
(3) returned (4) returning ☐
8. The group of boys _____ going on a trip at the end of the year.
(1) is (2) are
(3) was (4) were ☐
9. Neither of the twins _____ to eat rice. They prefer porridge.
(1) like (2) likes
(3) liking (4) are liking ☐
10. While she was shopping for a gift, he _____ an old classmate.
(1) meet (2) meets
(3) met (4) meeting ☐