EXERCISES FOR TENSES

Choose the best option to finish each sentence

1. She was thoughtfully looking at him while he _____ a newspaper.

A. read B. was reading C. has read D. has been reading

2. I _____ Ann at her father's house twenty years ago and _____ her ever since.

A. met/ have known B. was meeting/ knew
C. met knew D. have met/ was working

3. Higher education in the US _____ in 1636 when the first colonists _____Harvard College.

A. has begun/ founded B. began/ have founded
C. began/ founded D. was beginning/ have founded

4. She _____ this exercise yesterday at 8 o'clock.

A. wrote B. has written C. has been writing D. was writing

5. They _____ the church for many years before we came in this village.

A. built B. have built C. had built D. were building

6. – "Did you see John at the party?" - "No, I didn't. When I came there, he _____ the party."

A. was leaving B. had left C. has left D. was about to leave

7. Barbara _____ on a diet since August. She is now slim and very good-looking.

A. is B. had been C. has been D. was

8. Our grandma said that other members of the family _____ to bed three hours before.

A. went B. have gone C. had gone D. would go

9. Tom was not at home when I arrived. He _____ out with his classmates.

A. has just gone B. was just gone C. just went D. had just gone

10. After Melanie _____ her hair blue, her English teacher became very angry with her.

A. had dyed B. dyed C. has dyed D. was dyeing

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