

EXERCISE 46**TENSES AND CONCORD**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets.

- 1 Brian _____ injured during the football training earlier.
(1) is (2) was (3) are (4) were (2)
- 2 Last Sunday, several people _____ interviewed about the new policy.
(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()
- 3 The ban on chewing gum _____ aimed at making Singapore clean and litter-free.
(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()
- 4 Either the stray cats or the stray dog _____ responsible for the mess at the void deck.
(1) is (2) are (3) being (4) were ()
- 5 Tom has agreed to _____ me with my project.
(1) helps (2) help (3) helped (4) helping ()
- 6 When you _____ the whistle, you must stand at attention.
(1) heard (2) hears (3) hear (4) hearing ()
- 7 Everyone at the beach _____ evacuated when a shark was spotted.
(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()
- 8 Mrs Temple _____ her weekends helping out at the orphanage since she was ten years old.
(1) have spent (3) is spending
(2) has been spending (4) was spending ()
- 9 While the boys were swimming, the girls _____ seashells along the shore.
(1) collect (3) collects
(2) are collecting (4) were collecting ()
- 10 Margaret _____ when she heard a loud bang coming from outside her house.
(1) is sleeping (3) was sleeping
(2) has been sleeping (4) slept ()

EXERCISE 47**TENSES AND CONCORD**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets.

1 One of my answers _____ wrong so I did not get full marks.
 (1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()

2 A girl _____ badly hurt in the accident along the expressway last night.
 (1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()

3 "None of these flowers _____ suitable for this vase. Do you have anything else?" the customer asked the florist.
 (1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()

4 When it is dark, many animals _____ out to hunt.
 (1) comes (2) came (3) come (4) coming ()

5 The tremors after the earthquake _____ felt throughout the town last night.
 (1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()

6 The noodles _____ in the pot. Please help yourself.
 (1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()

7 My uncle _____ throughout the night but he only caught a few fish.
 (1) fishes (3) was fishing
 (2) fish (4) is fishing ()

8 A student from the top class _____ an award from the principal.
 (1) receive (3) has received
 (2) are receiving (4) were receiving ()

9 Next week, work at this construction _____.
 (1) is completed (3) will be completed
 (2) has been completed (4) was completed ()

10 While you _____, there were a few calls for you.
 (1) are sleeping (3) slept
 (2) were sleeping (4) have slept ()

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EXERCISE 48**TENSES AND CONCORD****Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets.**

1 When I was about to leave the house, I _____ a parcel addressed to me outside the door.
 (1) see (2) sees (3) saw (4) was seeing ()

2 Ben _____ a police officer for the past five years.
 (1) is (2) are (3) was (4) has been ()

3 _____ the chicken before putting it into the wok.
 (1) Slice (2) Slices (3) Slicing (4) Sliced ()

4 Please _____ this secret to yourself.
 (1) keep (2) kept (3) keeps (4) keeping ()

5 One of the bungalows in this housing estate _____ new. It was renovated only two months ago.
 (1) look (2) looks (3) looking (4) are looking ()

6 Wool _____ often used to make winter wear.
 (1) is (2) are (3) has been (4) have been ()

7 The baby could not take his afternoon nap because someone _____ a lot of noise in the flat above.
 (1) makes (3) was making
 (2) is making (4) make ()

8 The computer _____ down. I cannot type my work.
 (1) breaks (3) have broken
 (2) broke (4) has broken ()

9 Anna, as well as James, _____ to learn scuba diving next month.
 (1) want (3) have wanted
 (2) has wanted (4) wants ()

10 Judy _____ the coconut tree when she fell and hit her head.
 (1) is climbing (3) climbs
 (2) was climbing (4) climbed ()

EXERCISE 49

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Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets.

1 Nothing you say can _____ the way I think.
(1) change (2) changes (3) changed (4) changing (1)

2 Esther _____ in this small rented flat since her parents lost their jobs.
(1) has lived (2) lives (3) is living (4) was living ()

3 The train _____ by the time I reached the station.
(1) leave (2) leaves (3) has left (4) had left ()

4 Every baby in the nursery _____ sleeping now. You must be very quiet.
(1) were (2) are (3) was (4) is ()

5 My classmates _____ me at my house when I was sick.
(1) visit (2) visits (3) visited (4) are visiting ()

6 Only a little drink _____ left in the jug by the time I arrived at the party.
(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()

7 "I _____ how to cycle a few days ago. I'm sure you can do it too," Tim said to Mary.
(1) learn (3) learning
(2) have learnt (4) learnt ()

8 Many people _____ outside the library before it opened.
(1) waits (3) are waiting
(2) were waiting (4) wait ()

9 When I was at school, my younger brother _____ television in my room.
(1) is watching (3) was watching
(2) had watched (4) watches ()

10 Which of these books _____ you _____ last night?
(1) has ... read (3) are ... reading
(2) have ... read (4) were ... reading ()

EXERCISE 50**TENSES AND CONCORD**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets.

- 1 Did you _____ a man with a blue bag standing at the school gate?
(1) seen (2) see (3) sees (4) saw (2)
- 2 The contestants of the beauty pageant _____ for the next segment of the show now.
(1) change (2) changes (3) changed (4) are changing ()
- 3 We _____ a chocolate factory during the next school holidays.
(1) visit (2) visited (3) will visit (4) have visited ()
- 4 Mrs Smith _____ her baby in a pushchair when she bumped into her old classmate.
(1) pushed (2) has pushed (3) is pushing (4) was pushing ()
- 5 Ben _____ ill. He is in bed now.
(1) fell (2) falls (3) has fallen (4) fall ()
- 6 Last Friday, a riot _____ place outside a factory as the workers were unhappy with their salary.
(1) took (2) takes (3) taken (4) is taking ()
- 7 My grandfather _____ this medicine since his heart attack last year.
(1) has been taking (3) is taking
(2) will take (4) was taking ()
- 8 Terrence _____ oranges to make orange juice this afternoon but he was only able to get a small cup.
(1) is squeezing (3) has squeezed
(2) was squeezing (4) squeezes ()
- 9 The guests _____ all the food at the party last night.
(1) has finished (3) finish
(2) have finished (4) finished ()
- 10 Neither of the children _____ how to take the bus alone.
(1) know (3) is knowing
(2) knows (4) have known ()

EXERCISE 51**TENSES AND CONCORD**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets.

- 1 I could not watch my favourite cartoon yesterday as there _____ an electricity failure.
(1) has been (2) is (3) was (4) have been ()
- 2 The workers _____ the lorry at the dock and put the goods onto the ships.
(1) unload (2) unloads (3) unloading (4) are unloading ()
- 3 The police _____ the estate at ten o'clock this morning.
(1) patrol (2) patrolled (3) patrolling (4) have patrolled ()
- 4 In the past, explorers _____ the wind and rain to discover new lands.
(1) brave (2) braves (3) braved (4) were braving ()
- 5 I _____ up for a cooking class with my mother next week.
(1) shall sign (2) signed (3) sign (4) signs ()
- 6 Henry _____ for his first bowling lesson tomorrow.
(1) went (2) has gone (3) is going (4) was going ()
- 7 I _____ a concert with my friends last night.
(1) watch (3) will watch
(2) am watching (4) was watching ()
- 8 The waiter _____ the food in a few minutes.
(1) serves (3) will serve
(2) has served (4) have served ()
- 9 Each of the boats _____ at this terminal to pick up passengers every morning.
(1) stop (3) are stopping
(2) stops (4) were stopping ()
- 10 An old man _____ the clarinet under the overhead bridge now.
(1) plays (3) has played
(2) played (4) is playing ()

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1 Normally, Joanne _____ tuna sandwiches for breakfast.
(1) has (2) had (3) have (4) having (1)

2 Jason likes to _____ fried noodles for breakfast every Sunday.
(1) eat (2) eats (3) ate (4) eaten ()

3 Many people _____ aware of the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle today.
(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()

4 Neither of the puppies _____ cute so nobody wants to buy them.
(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()

5 We _____ our tents next to the lake when we go camping tomorrow.
(1) pitch (2) pitches (3) pitched (4) will pitch ()

6 Will you _____ the singing competition next year?
(1) joins (2) joined (3) join (4) joining ()

7 We could not _____ the river as there was no bridge.
(1) cross (2) crossed (3) crossing (4) crosses ()

8 Remember to _____ the onions and garlic before adding the vegetables.
(1) stir-fry (2) stir-fries (3) stir-fried (4) stir-frying ()

9 I read a book while I _____ for my friends to arrive.
(1) waits (3) were waiting
(2) was waiting (4) have waited ()

10 Sue _____ in the forest when she saw a chameleon on the branch of a tree.
(1) is walking (3) walked
(2) has walked (4) was walking ()

EXERCISE 53**TENSES AND CONCORD**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets.

- 1 All the children are supposed to _____ a picture of their favourite animal.
(1) draws (2) drawn (3) drew (4) draw (4)
- 2 He should not _____ the sweet wrapper on the floor.
(1) throw (2) threw (3) throws (4) thrown ()
- 3 Daniel was very upset when he could not _____ the toy that he wanted at the department store.
(1) finds (2) found (3) find (4) finding ()
- 4 This remote-controlled car _____ to John but he has agreed to lend it to me.
(1) belong (2) belongs (3) belonged (4) belonging ()
- 5 _____ around and face me.
(1) Turn (2) Turned (3) Turning (4) Turns ()
- 6 "Do you know which of these shops _____ T-shirts?" a tourist asked me.
(1) sold (2) sells (3) have sold (4) had sold ()
- 7 Judith _____ with her grandparents since she was a child.
(1) has been living (3) lived
(2) living (4) is living ()
- 8 Mike _____ how to ski when he was five years old.
(1) learns (3) has been learning
(2) learnt (4) has learnt ()
- 9 Have you _____ any news of the earthquake?
(1) receive (3) had received
(2) receives (4) received ()
- 10 Do you know which countries these flags _____?
(1) represents (3) represent
(2) represented (4) representing ()

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EXERCISE 54**TENSES AND CONCORD****Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets.**

1 You must see a doctor if you _____ sick.
(1) were (2) are (3) is (4) was (2)

2 During the rainy season, many outdoor activities _____ cancelled.
(1) is (2) are (3) has been (4) have been ()

3 Betty _____ delighted with the presents that she received for her birthday last month.
(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()

4 What do Mr and Mrs Peach _____ every Sunday?
(1) do (2) does (3) did (4) doing ()

5 You must wear your goggles when you _____.
(1) swim (2) swims (3) swam (4) swum ()

6 Cathy likes to _____ so she goes to the library every day.
(1) reads (2) reading (3) have read (4) read ()

7 There _____ three public holidays next March.
(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()

8 Tom wanted to _____ for the excursion but his parents did not allow him to.
(1) gone (2) goes (3) go (4) went ()

9 Wendy _____ her hair when the water supply was cut off.
(1) is washing (3) washed
(2) was washing (4) washes ()

10 Mrs Lee fell badly and _____ her elbow.
(1) injures (3) was injuring
(2) injured (4) injure ()

EXERCISE 55**TENSES AND CONCORD**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets.

- 1 Before you leave the house, _____ all the doors and windows.
(1) locked (2) lock (3) locks (4) be locking (2)
- 2 A large portion of the soup _____ drunk by my greedy brother at dinner just now.
(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()
- 3 Either Jonathan or James _____ the champion in the chess tournament last year.
(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()
- 4 Running along the corridors _____ against the school rules.
(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()
- 5 Which is the man who _____ the old lady's handbag?
(1) stole (2) steals (3) stolen (4) stealing ()
- 6 The mother bird _____ its chick with a worm now.
(1) feeds (2) fed (3) has fed (4) is feeding ()
- 7 The leaves _____ from the trees once autumn arrives.
(1) falls (2) fell (3) fallen (4) will fall ()
- 8 Sam _____ here a little while ago. I wonder where he is now.
(1) sits (3) sit
(2) was sitting (4) has sat ()
- 9 The bone _____ in the garden a few days ago.
(1) is buried (3) was buried
(2) had been buried (4) has been buried ()
- 10 The sun _____ when I left the house a few minutes ago.
(1) is shining (3) has shone
(2) was shining (4) shine ()

EXERCISE 56**TENSES AND CONCORD**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets.

- 1 Yesterday, Shirley _____ to the beach even though the sky was cloudy.
(1) go (2) goes (3) went (4) going ()
- 2 The Mother and Baby Fair _____ held once a year at the exhibition centre.
(1) is (2) are (3) were (4) have been ()
- 3 There _____ an accident earlier and an ambulance was called.
(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()
- 4 The boy _____ across the road as he did not want to walk up the overhead bridge.
(1) run (2) runs (3) ran (4) is running ()
- 5 At the musical yesterday, the usher _____ everyone to his seat.
(1) direct (2) directs (3) directing (4) directed ()
- 6 There _____ a meeting this afternoon. You must attend it.
(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()
- 7 None of the boys in this class _____ a member of the basketball team. All of them are in the football team.
(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()
- 8 Rachel _____ for her purchases when a man grabbed her purse from her hand.
(1) is paying (3) have paid
(2) was paying (4) pays ()
- 9 The shop _____ at nine o'clock tomorrow morning because of the annual sale.
(1) opened (3) has opened
(2) is opening (4) was opening ()
- 10 Sharon _____ for being almost an hour late when she met us yesterday.
(1) apologize (3) apologized
(2) apologizes (4) apologizing ()

EXERCISE 57**TENSES AND CONCORD**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets.

- 1 Each of these flowers _____ grown by the late empress.
(1) is (2) was (3) are (4) were (2)
- 2 Think carefully before you _____ any decision.
(1) make (2) made (3) making (4) makes ()
- 3 Hold my hand when we _____ at the shopping centre.
(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()
- 4 Jim likes to _____ very loudly when others are talking. No one likes him.
(1) talk (2) talks (3) talked (4) talking ()
- 5 Our tennis team _____ the championships last year.
(1) win (2) wins (3) won (4) was winning ()
- 6 Does National Day _____ on a Friday this year?
(1) fall (2) fell (3) fallen (4) falls ()
- 7 Only one of the shirts _____ me. The rest are too tight.
(1) fit (2) fitting (3) is fitting (4) fits ()
- 8 Joe turned off his computer when he _____ his mother calling him.
(1) hear (2) hears (3) heard (4) is hearing ()
- 9 Derek _____ his homework when Paul called him.
(1) finish (3) had finished
(2) finishes (4) is finishing ()
- 10 A famous poet _____ autographs outside the library yesterday morning.
(1) is signing (3) signs
(2) was signing (4) sign ()

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EXERCISE 58**TENSES AND CONCORD****Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets.**

1 The Second World War _____ for many years.
(1) lasts (2) lasting (3) last (4) lasted (4)

2 Walk carefully or you will _____.
(1) fall (2) falls (3) fell (4) fallen ()

3 None of the answers _____ sense to me. All of them are wrong.
(1) make (2) makes (3) made (4) making ()

4 We cannot visit Ann at the hospital as the visiting hours _____ over.
(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()

5 Cover the lid of the dustbin as there _____ many flies around it now.
(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()

6 The goods _____ transferred from Thailand to Singapore in these huge ships every week.
(1) is (2) are (3) were (4) was ()

7 Jordan _____ in a pushchair whenever he goes out with his mother.
(1) sat (2) sits (3) sitting (4) sit ()

8 The twins _____ hide-and-seek the whole afternoon.
(1) is playing (3) play
(2) were playing (4) plays ()

9 The police _____ for the man who robbed the old lady.
(1) are looking (3) looked
(2) look (4) looks ()

10 Wait at the school gate. I _____ you up at three o'clock.
(1) pick (3) shall pick
(2) was picking (4) picks ()

EXERCISE 59**TENSES AND CONCORD**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets.

- 1 Peter _____ discharged from hospital yesterday.
(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were (3)
- 2 Can you see the monkey that _____ a banana in the tree?
(1) is eating (2) eat (3) ate (4) are eating ()
- 3 Melissa _____ me her new address a few days ago.
(1) give (2) gives (3) gave (4) has given ()
- 4 Joanne _____ for her father at the school gate when it began to rain.
(1) is waiting (2) waited (3) waits (4) was waiting ()
- 5 None of the patients who _____ admitted for food poisoning yesterday can be discharged today.
(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()
- 6 She _____ me a hug when she met me yesterday.
(1) gives (2) gave (3) given (4) give ()
- 7 Jill does not _____ to go overseas with her parents.
(1) want (2) wants (3) wanted (4) wanting ()
- 8 One of these cars _____ to Mr Jameson. Do you know which one it is?
(1) belong (2) belongs (3) belonged (4) belonging ()
- 9 Lucy _____ along the shore when she was hit by a huge wave.
(1) is walking (3) walked
(2) was walking (4) walks ()
- 10 The gardener _____ the lawn the whole morning.
(1) was mowing (3) mows
(2) mow (4) are mowing ()

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Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets.

- 1 I want to wear the dress to the party but there _____ a hole in it.
(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were ()
- 2 Every passenger who _____ the aeroplane will have his luggage checked.
(1) board (2) boards (3) boarded (4) was boarding ()
- 3 The dinosaur exhibition _____ tomorrow.
(1) is starting (2) start (3) started (4) was starting ()
- 4 There was chaos when the fire _____ out in the block of flats last night.
(1) broke (2) breaks (3) break (4) was breaking ()
- 5 Samuel needs to _____ his own costume for the play.
(1) buy (2) buys (3) bought (4) buying ()
- 6 Only children who _____ born in 2001 have to register for primary school.
(1) is (2) are (3) were (4) are being ()
- 7 Some of the sheep _____ as there was a hole in the fence.
(1) escape (2) escapes (3) escaped (4) are escaping ()
- 8 Julie _____ chicken rice for dinner half an hour ago. She _____ her dessert now.
(1) is eating ... is eating (3) ate ... is eating
(2) ate ... was eating (4) eaten ... eats ()
- 9 Janet _____ down the stairs when she tripped and fell.
(1) ran (3) is running
(2) runs (4) was running ()
- 10 I accidentally _____ the magazine while I _____ it earlier.
(1) tore ... was reading (3) torn ... was reading
(2) tear ... read (4) was tearing ... read ()