Future in the Past

Choose the correct or most appropriate form/s to refer to the future in the past for the sentences below.

1 I _____ Sam for money, but I didn't because I don't want to owe him anything.

a. was asking
b. would ask
c. will ask
d. was going to ask

2 I had a feeling that the party _____ a disaster
Choose TWO correct options

a. would be
b. was being
c. was to be
d. was going to be

3 We didn't expect that he _____ like that.

a. would react
b. was reacting
c. would be reacted
d. will react

6 After finishing his last book, I asked him what he _____ next, but he just didn't know. **Choose TWO correct options**

a. was doing
b. would be doing
c. did
d. was going to do

7 The baby _____ be born in March, but it was finally born in April.

a. was about to
b. was due to
c. would
d. was on the verge of

8 The couple who died in the fire _____ married at the end of the month. **Choose TWO correct options**

a. were getting
b. would get
c. were due to get

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4 She _____ her speech when someone threw an egg at her. **Choose TWO correct options**

a. would finish
b. was about to finish
c. was going to finish
d. would be finishing

5 I told you she _____ everybody. She can't keep a secret.

a. was going to tell
b. was telling
c. will tell
d. told

9 The next day we _____ to Germany where we _____ a press conference.

a. would fly / attended
b. were going to fly / attended
c. will fly / would attend
d. were flying / were due to attend

10 A family of six, who _____ the following week, died when the building collapsed. **Choose TWO correct options**

a. were to move out
b. would be moved out
c. moved out
d. were going to move out

1 Complete the sentences to report the thoughts about the future seen from the past.

I'm not going to be an organ donor.

5 I _____ an organ donor, but then I changed my mind.

We might not be able to get an appointment.

6 I had a feeling _____ an appointment, and I was right.

Let's go hiking on Saturday.

7 We _____ on Saturday until I strained a muscle in my leg.

He's not sure how long he'll have to stay in hospital.

8 He _____ in hospital. Fortunately, he made a quick recovery.

I'm just about to see the doctor.

9 I _____ when an emergency came in and I had to wait another two hours.

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What's your excuse?

I thought you were going to Australia last summer. Why didn't you go?
Classmate's answer:

_____

It's like an oven in here. Why haven't you opened a window?
Classmate's answer:

_____

Why didn't you call me when you said you would?
Classmate's answer:

_____

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