

Tense Usage

intermediate level

16 multiple choice questions

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Find the correct answer(s)

(There may be more than one correct answer in some of the cases)

- 1 Kitty ____ the clothes while at the same time Ann was doing the washing up.
a) was ironing b) had ironed c) ironed
- 2 Dora said she ____ the sandwiches before the guests arrived.
a) wouldn't put out b) hadn't put out c) didn't put out
- 3 We were at the same school, but I haven't seen her ____.
a) ever since b) so long c) for the time
- 4 He says he's been loving her since they ____.
a) first met b) had first met c) met
- 5 It's years since she ____ me a line.
a) last dropped b) didn't drop c) hasn't dropped
- 6 He said that Sheila hadn't telephoned him ____ the previous weekend.
a) since b) for c) from
- 7 Did you know that Sissy bought the milkman's van two weeks ____ ?
a) ago b) before c) later
- 8 By the time you ____ tomorrow I'll have finished knitting your pullover.
a) arrive b) will arrive c) have arrived



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Find the correct answer(s)

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- 9 "Do you know when Tony will arrive?"
"He said he _____ the last bus tonight."
a) takes b) is taking c) took d) has taken
- 10 By the time daddy cleans the car, we'll _____ making lunch.
a) finish b) have finished c) stop
- 11 _____ in your place, I'd surely have told him to make out the bill at once.
a) Had I been b) If I'd been c) If I was d) If I were
- 12 I _____ always _____ Sissy at the railway station.
a) Ø - meet b) have - met c) am - meeting
- 13 What will you _____ tomorrow afternoon?
a) have done b) be doing c) plan to do d) like to do
- 14 There was a knock at the door while we _____ the second course.
a) could eat b) ate c) were eating
- 15 Can't you see it's pouring? _____ go out!
a) Don't you b) You don't c) Won't we
- 16 Sissy went home, and Sheila _____ to her boyfriend's, and I stayed alone.
a) went b) was going c) had gone



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