ENGLISH GRAMMAR TESTS

Past Tenses MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 3

17 questions · Choose the correct answer. Online test and answer key with explanations: https://englishtestsonline.com/past-tenses-test-6/

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: _____ / 17

1. I _____ to do it but I _____ no time. I was very busy.
A) wanted / has
B) want / had have
C) wanted / had
D) would want / have
E) have wanted / shall have

2. - What luck! I haven't seen you for ages.

- When _____ we _____ last time?
A) did / meet **B)** have / met
C) had / met **D)** did / met
E) will / meet

3. In the summer of 1868, Melville Bell _____ on a lecture tour in the USA and Canada.
A) goes **B)** had gone
C) went **D)** have gone
E) has gone

4. He _____ his work by the time you came.
A) finished **B)** finishes
C) has finished **D)** had finished
E) finish

5. Why _____ he go to Great Britain last month?
A) did **B)** was **C)** will **D)** had
E) has

6. Did you _____ or _____ the potatoes?
A) mince / peeled **B)** minced / peeled
C) minced / peeling **D)** peels / minced
E) mince / peel

7. When she _____, they _____ and he left the house.
A) had came / quarreled
B) came / quarreled
C) has come / quarreled
D) comes / would quarrel
E) come / quarreled

8. - Who had left the room by the time I came yesterday?
A) Tom did **B)** Tom does
C) Tom had **D)** Tom has
E) Tom was

9. Neither your parents nor I _____ very glad of the fact that you failed your Math exam.
A) has been **B)** were being
C) were **D)** was
E) are

10. What _____ you _____ at 5 p.m. yesterday?
A) did / do **B)** have / been doing
C) would / do **D)** were / doing
E) will / do

11. Who _____ to see me last week?
A) comes **B)** will come
C) came **D)** has come
E) have come

12. They didn't believe him and _____ to laugh.
A) begin **B)** begins
C) began **D)** had begun
E) have begun

13. The children didn't _____ to school because it _____ Sunday.
A) went / was **B)** go / were
C) have gone / was **D)** gone / was
E) go / was

14. The train _____ at 8.30 p.m. today, but as a rule it _____ at 8.00 p.m. sharp.
A) has left / starts **B)** left / starts
C) left / has started **D)** has left / has started
E) have left / starts

15. The moon _____ and it _____ surprisingly light at night yesterday.
A) is rising / is **B)** rose / was
C) has risen / was **D)** was rising / were
E) rose / had been

16. Who _____ him yesterday?
A) has seen **B)** did see
C) saw **D)** have seen
E) sees

17. He _____ nobody about his secret that day.
A) don't tell **B)** tell
C) didn't tell **D)** told
E) doesn't tell