

Mixed Tenses Test 2

- It ___ dark and it ____.
A) is / are raining
B) was / was raining
C) are / was
D) were / were
E) were / was
- The pupils ___ the sentences yet, the teacher ___ the blackboard.
A) has not written / will clean
B) had not written / cleaned
C) did not write / cleans
D) are not writing / clean
E) had not written / had cleaned
- Henry ___ Puerto Rico before he ___ to St. Thomas.
A) visited / had gone
B) had visited / went
C) was visiting / went
D) would visit / goes
E) visited / went
- The company ___ some new equipment before the strike ____.
A) have ordered / begin
B) had ordered / began
C) ordered / begins
D) is ordering / began
E) will order / had begun
- I ___ he ___ it interesting.
A) hoped / find
B) hoped / finds
C) hopes / would find
D) hoped / would find
E) will find / find
- Mark Twain ___ that they ___ about him.
A) understand / speaks
B) understands / speaks
C) will understand / spoke
D) understood / are speaking
E) understood / were speaking
- On our way home we ___ the problem if we could ___ the fine celebration of our mother's birthday.
A) discussed / organized
B) were discussing / organize
C) had discussed / organize
D) have discussed / were organizing
E) discuss / organizes
- The greater part of London ___ of wood, but after the great fire wider streets and brick houses ____.
A) had been / were built
B) was / were built
C) is / have been built
D) are / are built
E) has been / is built
- After my parents ___ home my life ___ better.
A) had returned / became
B) will return / become
C) return / have become
D) return / have become
E) return / would become
- Why ___ you come yesterday? We ___ a good time.
A) don't / can have
B) didn't / could have had
C) will / might have
D) doesn't / will have
E) did not / shall have
- He ___ even before I ___ a finger on him.
A) screams / was laid
B) screamed / had laid
C) would scream / am laying
D) screams / laid
E) screamed / would lay
- I ___ never ___ to Cambridge, but I once ___ Oxford.
A) did / go / visit
B) have / been / visited
C) have / been / had visited
D) was / visiting / had been visiting
E) will / have gone / don't visit
- We ___ to wait because the man ____.
A) told / was questioned
B) were told / questioned
C) were told / is questioned
D) told / was being questioned
E) were told / was being questioned
- They didn't know that he ___ from the University in 1990 and then ___ abroad.
A) had graduated / is working
B) graduated / works
C) graduated / was working
D) was graduating / worked
E) had graduated / had worked

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15. We learned that he ___ the office 5 minutes before he ___.
- A) left / returned
 - B) had left / returned
 - C) would leave / returned
 - D) would have left / came
 - E) had left / had returned
16. - ___ you ___ him this week?
- Yes, I ___ him on Sunday.
- A) did / see / saw
 - B) did / see / have seen
 - C) have / seen / see
 - D) do / see / saw
 - E) have / seen / saw
17. I ___ my interview with the vice-president when my daughter ___ me.
- A) had / were calling
 - B) was having / had called
 - C) have had / called
 - D) had / called
 - E) was having / called
18. Ronald Reagan ___ president for 8 years before he ___.
- A) had been / has retired
 - B) had been / had retired
 - C) was / had retired
 - D) had been / retired
 - E) was / retired
19. I went out of the house. It ___. It ___ for two weeks.
- A) rained / was raining
 - B) had rained / was raining
 - C) was raining / had been raining
 - D) had been raining / was raining
 - E) was raining / rained
20. After long consideration, we ___ to the conclusion that our behaviour ___.
- A) came / had been justified
 - B) came / will be justified
 - C) will come / would be justified
 - D) are coming / will justify
 - E) has come / are being justified

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Answer Key:

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| 1: B | 11: E |
| 2: B | 12: B |
| 3: B | 13: E |
| 4: B | 14: E |
| 5: D | 15: B |
| 6: E | 16: E |
| 7: B | 17: E |
| 8: A | 18: D |
| 9: A | 19: C |
| 10: B | 20: A |