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CLASS XI
QUESTION BANK ON TENSE - (2026-27)

1. In the following passage from George Orwell's *Shooting an elephant*, some of the verbs have been deliberately omitted. Supply the appropriate tense for each missing verb, the plain form of which is given in brackets.

I got up. The Burmans (be) already.....(race) past me across the meadows. It was obvious that the elephant (will) never rise again, but he (be) not dead. He(breathe) very rhythmically with long, rattling gasps, his great mound of a side painfully rising and falling. His mouth was far open – I could see far down into caverns of pale pink throat. I(wait) a long time for him to die, but his breathing did not (weak). Finally I..... (fire) my two remaining shots into the spot where I..... (think) his heart must be. The thick blood welled out of him like red velvet but still he did not die. He..... (die) very slowly and in great agony, but in some world remote from me where not even a bullet could damage him further.

Solution

I got up. The Burmans **were** already **racing** past me across the meadows. It was obvious that the elephant **would** never rise again, but he **was** not dead. He **was breathing** very rhythmically with long, rattling gasps, his great mound of a side painfully rising and falling. His mouth was far open – I could see far down into caverns of pale pink throat. I **waited** a long time for him to die, but his breathing did not **weaken**. Finally, I **fired** my two remaining shots into the spot where I **thought** his heart must be. The thick blood welled out of him like red velvet but still he did not die. He **was dying** very slowly and in great agony, but in some world remote from me where not even a bullet could damage him further.

2. Fill in the blanks in the telephone conversation given below with the correct tense form of the verb given in brackets.

Sameer: Savita! How (a) (be) you? This is Sameer.

Savita: Ahhh..... Sameer! I (b).....(be) fine. How are you?

Sameer: I'm great, thanks.

Savita: That (c)..... (be) good. So, what's up?

Sameer: Well, I (d) (has) a problem for you to solve.

Savita: Sure, just say it.

Sameer: My motorcycle (e) (be) defective. I (f) (try) to repair it for days. I (g) (not know) what is wrong with it. I (h) (no, can, fix) it.

Answer:

- (a) are
- (b) am
- (c) is

- (d) have
- (e) is
- (f) have been trying
- (g) do not know
- (h) cannot fix

3. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of tense given in brackets.

1. Binod..... (bring up) by his father because his mother died when he was a baby.
2. Ramesh, who (work) in Kolkata for 10 years, is now seriously ill.
3. I once (hear) Honey Singh singing live on the stage.
4. Majid, my best friend, (stay) in Kanpur for the last five years.
5. Kritika (break) her left ankle bone while she (dance) at the party.
6. Tailor Master, are the clothes I..... (give) for stitching ready yet?
7. Parveen..... (not/write) a letter to me since last year.
8. Mummy, tell Papa that his phone (ring) while he (have) his bath.

Answer:

1. was brought up
2. has been working
3. heard
4. has been staying
5. broke, was dancing
6. had given
7. has not written
8. rang, was having

Choose the best word from the given options to complete the following passage: -

4. A man attended (a) _____ (a, an, some, many) interview for a job. Along the corridor, he (b) _____ (pick, picking, had picked, picked) up a piece of paper and (c) _____ (throw, thrown, threw, will throw) it into a dustbin. The (d) _____ (interviewee, interviewing, interviewer, interviewed) passed by and (e) _____ (saw, see, seen, seeing) it. This man got the job. If you have good habits, you (f) _____ (will be, would be, can be, could be) recognized.

Answer: - (a) an (b) picked (c) threw (d) interviewer (e) saw (f) will be

5. Each of the following sentences in this exercise has an underlined word/phrase and three words/phrases are given after the sentence. If one of the given words/ phrases makes the sentence grammatically correct, select the word/phrase as your answer. If the sentence is grammatically correct as it is, choose option (d) i.e. No correction.

1. If it rained we will get wet.
 - (a) rains, will be
 - (b) raining, will

- (c) rains, will
- (d) No correction

Answer:

- (c) rains, will

2. In the last ten years, the problem has almost became an epidemic.

- (a) becomes
- (b) become
- (c) had become
- (d) No correction

Answer:

- (b) become

3. Digital downloads having changed the way we listen to music.

- (a) been
- (b) having been
- (c) have
- (d) No correction

Answer:

- (c) have

4. But nothing has changed in the way we are storing and manage our MP3s.

- (a) managed
- (b) manages
- (c) managing
- (d) No correction

Answer:

- (c) managing

5. Bru Gold coffee have an incredible aroma.

- (a) having
- (b) has
- (c) had
- (d) No correction

Answer:

- (b) has

6. I have read this book since 10 am.

- (a) have been read
- (b) have reading
- (c) have been reading
- (d) No correction

Answer:

- (c) have been reading

7. Watching too many cartoons and junk food consumption are triggers that are lead to obesity in children.

- (a) are lead
- (b) lead

- (c) are leading
- (d) No correction

Answer:

- (c) are leading

8. Use the correct form of the words given in brackets to complete the passage given below.

A serious accident (take) place yesterday when a speeding bus(collide) with a car near Yamuna bridge. Two persons (die) on the spot and one (injure). The driver of the bus (run) away from there. The car (crush) to pieces. The people (take) to the hospital. The police also(reach) there.

Answer:

A serious accident took place yesterday when a speeding bus collided with a car near the Yamuna bridge. Two persons died on the spot and one injured. The driver of the bus ran away from there. The car crushed to pieces. The people were taken to the hospital. The police also reached there.