Past, present or future tense - quiz

Level: A

1. Which of the sentences is correct?
   A) Last year I go to India.
   B) Last year I went to India.
   C) Last year I am going to India.
   D) Last year I will go to India.

2. Which of the sentences is correct?
   A) I usually getting the bus to work.
   B) I usually gets the bus to work.
   C) I am usually getting the bus to work.
   D) I usually get the bus to work.

3. Which of the sentences is correct?
   A) Next week I am going to the cinema.
   B) Next week I will going to the cinema.
   C) Next week I is going to the cinema.
   D) Next week I went to the cinema.

4. Which verb is NOT in the past tense?
   A) He walked.
   B) He went.
   C) He works.
   D) He bought.

5. Which verb is NOT in the present tense?
   A) She listened.
   B) She talks.
   C) She waits.
   D) She watches.

6. Which verb is NOT in the future tense?
   A) He will go.
   B) He will come.
   C) He will arrive.
   D) He leaves.
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7. What tense is the verb in this sentence?
   'I got home from work at 6.30pm.'
   A) present  
   B) past  
   C) Future

8. What tense is the verb in this sentence?
   'The children are playing outside.'
   A) future  
   B) past  
   C) present

9. What tense is the verb in this sentence?
   'I'll take you in my car.'
   A) future  
   B) present  
   C) past

10. What tense is the verb in this sentence?
    'They go to college on Mondays.'
    A) past  
    B) future  
    C) present
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Level B

1. Which tense would you use for describing last year’s holiday?
   A) Past
   B) Present
   C) Future

2. Which tense would you use for talking about next weekend?
   A) Past
   B) Present
   C) Future

3. Which tense would you use for talking about your daily routine?
   A) Past
   B) Present
   C) Future

4. Which tense would you use for talking about your childhood?
   A) Past
   B) Present
   C) Future

5. Which tense would you use for talking about the area where you live?
   A) Past
   B) Present
   C) Future

6. What is the tense of this question? Did you go to the chemist’s on your way home?
   A) Past
   B) Present
   C) Future

7. What is the tense of this question? Was there anybody in when you called?
   A) Past
   B) Present
   C) Future
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8. What is the tense of this question? Will Tom be able to mend that broken window?
   A) Past
   B) present
   C) Future

9. What is the tense of this question? What are the shops like around here?
   A) Past
   B) Present
   C) Future

10. What is the tense of this question? What will you do when this course finishes?
    A) Past
    B) Present
    C) Future
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Level C

1. 'Drove' is the past of 'drive'.
   A) True
   B) False

2. 'Felt' is the past of 'fill'.
   A) True
   B) False

3. 'Was' is the past of 'is'.
   A) True
   B) False

4. 'Shut' is the past of 'shout'.
   A) True
   B) False

5. 'Taught' is the past of 'teach'.
   A) True
   B) False

6. Which word goes in the gap? _____ you come again tomorrow?
   A) Did
   B) Do
   C) Will

7. Which word goes in the gap? _____ you hear the thunder last night?
   A) Did
   B) Do
   C) Will

8. Which word goes in the gap? _____ you eat meat every day?
   A) Did
   B) Do
   C) Will
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9. Which word goes in the gap? How many times a week _____ the family eat together these days?

   A) did  
   B) do  
   C) does

10. Which word goes in the gap? When _____ the children start school in the mornings?

    A) did  
    B) do  
    C) does
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Answers

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1. Which of the sentences is correct?

   The correct answer is: B. The action is in the past and so the correct form of the verb is 'I went'.

2. Which of the sentences is correct?

   The correct answer is: D. 'I usually get the bus to work.' describes something which happens regularly.

3. Which of the sentences is correct?

   The correct answer is: A. The present tense 'I am going' can be used to describe a future event.

4. Which verb is NOT in the past tense?

   The correct answer is: C. 'He works' is the present tense of the verb 'to work'. The past tense is 'He worked'.

5. Which verb is NOT in the present tense?

   The correct answer is: A. 'She listened' is the past tense of the verb 'to listen'. The present tense is 'She listens'.

6. Which verb is NOT in the future tense?

   The correct answer is: D. 'He leaves' is in the present tense, not the future.
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7. What tense is the verb in this sentence?
   'I got home from work at 6.30pm.'
   The correct answer is: B. 'I got home' is in the past tense. 'Got' is the past tense of 'to get'.

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   The correct answer is: C. In the sentence 'The children are playing outside.', the verb is in the present tense.

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   'I'll take you in my car.'
   The correct answer is: A. The sentence is in the future tense.

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    'They go to college on Mondays.'
    The correct answer is: C. The sentence is in the present tense.
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Level B

1. Which tense would you use for describing last year’s holiday?
   The correct answer is: A. You would use the past tense to describe something that happened last year.

2. Which tense would you use for talking about next weekend?
   The correct answer is: C. You would use the future tense to describe something that hasn't happened yet.

3. Which tense would you use for talking about your daily routine?
   The correct answer is: B. You would use the present tense to describe something that happens now.

4. Which tense would you use for talking about your childhood?
   The correct answer is: A. You would use the past tense to talk about your childhood.

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   The correct answer is: C. Will (future). The clue is in the word 'tomorrow'.

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   The correct answer is: A. Did (past). The clue is in the phrase 'last night'.

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   The correct answer is: B. Do (present). The clue is in the phrase 'every day'.

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   The correct answer is: C. Does (present singular). The clue is in the phrase 'these days'.

10. Which word goes in the gap? When _____ the children start school in the mornings?
    
   The correct answer is: B. Do (present plural).