

Choose the option that completes the sentence by using **Simple Past Tense** or **Past Continuous Tense**.

- 1) **The workers \_\_\_\_\_ the house while the sun was shining.**  
A) built                      B) was building                      C) were building                      D) builds
- 2) **The man \_\_\_\_\_ his car last week.**  
A) sells                      B) sold                      C) were selling                      D) was selling
- 3) **They \_\_\_\_\_ when the earthquake happened.**  
A) didn't sleeps                      B) wasn't sleeping                      C) didn't sleep                      D) weren't sleeping
- 4) **We \_\_\_\_\_ the bus when we met our teacher.**  
A) took                      B) were taking                      C) was taking                      D) taking
- 5) **The man \_\_\_\_\_ on the phone yesterday afternoon.**  
A) was talking                      B) were talking                      C) talks                      D) talked
- 6) **The boy \_\_\_\_\_ in the bed last night.**  
A) slept                      B) was sleeping                      C) were sleeping                      D) sleeps
- 7) **The dog \_\_\_\_\_ at the strangers last night.**  
A) wasn't barking                      B) didn't barked                      C) didn't bark                      D) weren't barking
- 8) **The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the lesson while the students were taking notes.**  
A) was explaining                      B) were explaining                      C) explains                      D) explained
- 9) **We \_\_\_\_\_ the movie when the power went out.**  
A) enjoys                      B) enjoyed                      C) were enjoying                      D) was enjoying
- 10) **A man \_\_\_\_\_ on the phone when I saw him.**  
A) speaking                      B) were speaking                      C) spoke                      D) was speaking
- 11) **We \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast when the phone rang.**  
A) didn't eat                      B) wasn't eating                      C) weren't eating                      D) didn't eating
- 12) **The people \_\_\_\_\_ for the bus during the rain.**  
A) were waiting                      B) waits                      C) waited                      D) was waiting
- 13) **The dog \_\_\_\_\_ all the food this morning.**  
A) ate                      B) was eating                      C) eaten                      D) were eating
- 14) **The workers \_\_\_\_\_ the road when the accident happened.**  
A) fixed                      B) were fixing                      C) was fixing                      D) fixing
- 15) **The students \_\_\_\_\_ for the test when the lights went out.**  
A) studied                      B) was studying                      C) were studying                      D) studies

# Answer Sheet (C4MA4)

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- 1) C) were building
- 2) B) sold
- 3) D) weren't sleeping
- 4) B) were taking
- 5) D) talked
- 6) A) slept
- 7) C) didn't bark
- 8) A) was explaining
- 9) C) were enjoying
- 10) D) was speaking
- 11) C) weren't eating
- 12) A) were waiting
- 13) A) ate
- 14) B) were fixing
- 15) C) were studying



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