

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

- 1) The vendor \_\_\_\_\_ the stall after the market emptied.  
A) was closing                      B) closed                      C) were closing                      D) closes
- 2) The children \_\_\_\_\_ outside when it started to rain yesterday afternoon.  
A) was playing                      B) played                      C) were playing                      D) plays
- 3) The teachers \_\_\_\_\_ the exams yesterday.  
A) was grading                      B) graded                      C) grades                      D) were grading
- 4) The committee \_\_\_\_\_ the proposal before the deadline passed.  
A) were approving                      B) was approving                      C) approved                      D) approving
- 5) The workers \_\_\_\_\_ the foundation when the rain started.  
A) were digging                      B) digs                      C) dug                      D) was digging
- 6) The mechanic \_\_\_\_\_ the engine while the customer was waiting.  
A) was checking                      B) checked                      C) were checking                      D) checks
- 7) The volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ in the warehouse while the fire drill began.  
A) assisted                      B) were assisting                      C) was assisting                      D) assisting
- 8) The team \_\_\_\_\_ on the project all night long.  
A) was working                      B) worked                      C) working                      D) were working
- 9) The students \_\_\_\_\_ for their exams last night.  
A) was studying                      B) studied                      C) studies                      D) were studying
- 10) The staff \_\_\_\_\_ the venue for the event while the guests were arriving.  
A) was arranging                      B) arranged                      C) arranges                      D) were arranging
- 11) He \_\_\_\_\_ the house before the guests arrived last Saturday.  
A) cleans                      B) cleaned                      C) were cleaning                      D) was cleaning
- 12) The committee \_\_\_\_\_ the budget last Wednesday.  
A) approved                      B) approving                      C) was approving                      D) were approving
- 13) The manager \_\_\_\_\_ the budget while the team was preparing the report.  
A) were approving                      B) approved                      C) approves                      D) was approving
- 14) The volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ the beach last weekend.  
A) were cleaning                      B) cleaned                      C) cleans                      D) was cleaning
- 15) The manager \_\_\_\_\_ the team during the critical phase of the project.  
A) led                      B) were leading                      C) was leading                      D) leading

# Answer Sheet (C4MC10)

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- 1) B) closed
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- 3) B) graded
- 4) C) approved
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- 9) B) studied
- 10) A) was arranging
- 11) B) cleaned
- 12) A) approved
- 13) D) was approving
- 14) B) cleaned
- 15) C) was leading



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