

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

- 1) **The employees \_\_\_\_\_ on the project when the deadline was extended.**  
A) were working      B) works      C) worked      D) was working
- 2) **The janitor \_\_\_\_\_ the corridor when the bell rang.**  
A) were cleaning      B) was cleaning      C) cleaned      D) cleans
- 3) **The manager \_\_\_\_\_ with clients when the phone rang.**  
A) meets      B) met      C) was meeting      D) were meeting
- 4) **Some people \_\_\_\_\_ in the hallway before the principal walked by.**  
A) talked      B) talking      C) were talking      D) was talking
- 5) **The tourists \_\_\_\_\_ the city when they discovered the museum.**  
A) were exploring      B) explored      C) exploring      D) was exploring
- 6) **The students \_\_\_\_\_ the topic when the teacher entered the room.**  
A) discussing      B) was discussing      C) were discussing      D) discussed
- 7) **The students \_\_\_\_\_ for their final exams last month.**  
A) were preparing      B) prepared      C) prepares      D) was preparing
- 8) **The guests \_\_\_\_\_ quietly while the host gave a speech.**  
A) talks      B) talked      C) was talking      D) were talking
- 9) **My sister \_\_\_\_\_ when I walked into the room.**  
A) was singing      B) sang      C) were singing      D) sung
- 10) **Some visitors \_\_\_\_\_ at the museum just after it opened.**  
A) was arriving      B) arriving      C) were arriving      D) arrived
- 11) **The children \_\_\_\_\_ in the yard when the power went out.**  
A) played      B) were playing      C) was playing      D) plays
- 12) **The car \_\_\_\_\_ down while driving to the office.**  
A) were breaking      B) broke      C) broken      D) was breaking
- 13) **The colleagues \_\_\_\_\_ at the café after work yesterday.**  
A) was meeting      B) meeting      C) were meeting      D) met
- 14) **The librarian \_\_\_\_\_ the alarm while she was organizing the books.**  
A) weren't noticing      B) wasn't noticing      C) didn't notice      D) didn't notices
- 15) **Some tourists \_\_\_\_\_ the city when it started raining.**  
A) explored      B) explores      C) was exploring      D) were exploring

# Answer Sheet (C4MB2)

## Simple Past Tense or Past Continuous Tense: Intermediate Level: Multiple Choice Quiz 2

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- 1) A) were working
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- 3) C) was meeting
- 4) C) were talking
- 5) A) were exploring
- 6) C) were discussing
- 7) A) were preparing
- 8) D) were talking
- 9) A) was singing
- 10) D) arrived
- 11) B) were playing
- 12) B) broke
- 13) D) met
- 14) B) wasn't noticing
- 15) D) were exploring



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