Simple Past or Present Perfect - Test

A - Put in the verbs in brackets into the gaps.

1) We ____________________ in a restaurant in May 2001. (to work)
2) Jack ____________________ the window of the gym this morning. (to break)
3) I'm sorry. I ____________________ my diary. (to forget)
4) Last Monday she ____________________ her computer. (to check)
5) They ____________________ the bike. It looks new again. (to clean)
6) Two years ago Mary ____________________ Bath. (to visit)
7) I ____________________ to Siberia yet. (not/to be)
8) Yesterday we ____________________ volleyball. (to play)
9) ______________ you ever ______________ magic tricks? (to do)
10) The children ____________________ their room. It's still dirty. (not/to clean)

B - Signal words in sentences – Which sentence/question is correct?

1) a) Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin in 1928.
   b) Alexander Fleming just discovered penicillin.

2) a) Did he ride his bike two hours ago?
   b) Did he ride his bike yet?

3) a) We have cleaned the car last Thursday.
   b) We have just cleaned the car.

4) a) My grandmother has already got up.
   b) My grandmother got up an hour ago.

5) a) I have not visited my uncle two weeks ago.
   b) I have not visited my uncle yet.

6) a) Have you ever seen a rattlesnake?
   b) Have you seen a rattlesnake yesterday?

7) a) They have never written a text message.
   b) They have not written a text message in the last lesson.

8) a) They just went to town.
   b) They went to town yesterday.

9) a) We already bought this car.
   b) We bought this car in 2003.

10) a) Anke ever moved to England.
    b) Anke moved to England in August 2006.

C - Which tense is used with the following actions?

1) Action beginning in the past and still continuing
   a) Present Perfect
   b) Simple Past

2) Result of an action in the past is important in the present
   a) Present Perfect
   b) Simple Past

3) Action finished in the past
   a) Present Perfect
   b) Simple Past
D - *Put in the correct verb forms.*

1) *My father ______ his video camera yesterday.*
   a) forgets
   b) forgot
   c) forgotten

2) *Steven ______ across the Atlantic.*
   a) has never flew
   b) has never flown
   c) has never fly

3) ______ a snake?
   a) Have you ever touch
   b) Have you ever touched

4) *We ______ the film at home.*
   a) have already saw
   b) have already see
   c) have already seen

5) *She ______ the contest three years ago.*
   a) didn't win
   b) didn't won

6) *They ______ their books out yet.*
   a) haven't take
   b) haven't taken
   c) haven't took

7) *The thieves ______ the painting in 1999.*
   a) steal
   b) stole
   c) stolen

8) *Last week my uncle ______ a new car.*
   a) driven
   b) drives
   c) drove

9) *I ______ the blue pen.*
   a) have just choose
   b) have just chose
   c) have just chosen

10) *When ______ this morning?*
    a) did you wake up
    b) did you woke up
    c) did you woken up
E - Which answers are correct?

1) Which words are used with the Present Perfect?
   a) already  
   b) ever  
   c) just  
   d) last week  
   e) tomorrow  
   f) yesterday  
   g) yet

2) Which words are used with the Simple Past?
   a) ever  
   b) in 2004  
   c) just  
   d) last week  
   e) now  
   f) two days ago  
   g) yesterday

3) Which verb forms are used with the Present Perfect?
   a) 2nd column of the table of the irregular verbs  
   b) 3rd column of the table of the irregular verbs  
   c) had + past participle  
   d) has + infinitive + -ed  
   e) have + infinitive + -ed  
   f) have/has + past participle

4) Which verb forms are used with the Simple Past?
   a) 2nd column of the table of the irregular verbs  
   b) infinitive + -ed  
   c) had + past participle  
   d) have/has + past participle

5) Which sentences/questions are in the Present Perfect?
   a) Did you finish your letter this morning?  
   b) Have you finished your letter?  
   c) She is reading the book.  
   d) She’s read the book.

6) Which sentences/questions are in the Simple Past?
   a) He has read a book.  
   b) He read a book.  
   c) He reads a book.  
   d) I listened to music.  
   e) I’m listening to music.
**F - Negate the sentences.**

1) Simon ordered a pizza.

2) The pupils were in the gym.

3) She has sent an invitation card.

4) The children have cleaned their teeth.

5) A thief stole the handbag.

6) Matthew looked after the baby.

7) He has missed the school bus.

8) I woke up at 8 o'clock.

9) You have understood the text.

10) We’ve worked in a snack bar.