Simple Past or Present Perfect - Test - Answers

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

1) We **worked** in a restaurant in May 2001.
2) Jack **broke** the window of the gym this morning.
3) I'm sorry. I **have forgotten** my diary. also correct: 've forgotten
4) Last Monday she **checked** her computer.
5) They **have cleaned** the bike. It looks new again. also correct: 've cleaned
6) Two years ago Mary **visited** Bath.
7) I **have not been** to Siberia yet. also correct: haven't been
8) Yesterday we **played** volleyball.
9) **Have** you ever **done** magic tricks?
10. The children **have not cleaned** their room. It's still dirty. also correct: haven't cleaned

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 Altantic.
   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. ___ Simon did not order a pizza. ___ or ___ Simon didn’t order a pizza. ___
2) The pupils were in the gym. __ The pupils were not in the gym. ___ or __ The pupils weren’t in the gym. ___
3) She has sent an invitation card. ___ She has not sent an invitation card. ___ or ___ She hasn’t sent an invitation card. ___
4) The children have cleaned their teeth. ___ The children have not cleaned their teeth. ___ or ___ The children haven’t cleaned their teeth. ___
5) A thief stole the handbag. ___ A thief did not steal the handbag. ___ or ___ A thief didn’t steal the handbag. ___
6) Matthew looked after the baby. ___ Matthew did not look after the baby. ___ or ___ Matthew didn’t look after the baby. ___
7) He has missed the school bus. ___ He has not missed the school bus. ___ or ___ He hasn’t missed the school bus. ___
8) I woke up at 8 o’clock. ___ I did not wake up at 8 o’clock. ___ or ___ I didn’t wake up at 8 o’clock. ___
9) You have understood the text. ___ You have not understood the text. ___ or ___ You haven’t understood the text. ___
10) We’ve worked in a snack bar. ___ We’ve not worked in a snack bar. ___