Simple Present or Present Progressive - Test 2 - Answers

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

1) I ___ am ___ thirsty.
2) John often ___ takes ___ sugar in his coffee.
3) Listen! They ___ are coming ___ home. also correct 're coming
4) I usually ___ work ___ as a teacher in Germany,
   but this summer I ___ am working ___ as a language assistant in Rome. also correct 'm working
5) Anne ___ has ___ red hair.
6) The flowers ___ smell ___ beautiful.
7) The bus to New York ___ leaves ___ at 6.30.
8) My history teacher ___ talks ___ too much.
9) Right now Christine ___ is working ___ on the computer.
10) Hey! What ___ are ___ you ___ doing ___ there?

B - Which sentences are correct? Sometimes both sentences are correct.

1) a) I feel fine.
   b) I'm feeling fine.

2) a) I am tasting the soup.
   b) The soup tastes good.

3) a) She is weighing the turkey.
   b) She weighs 60 kilos.

4) a) You are being very silly about this.
   b) You are silly.

5) a) I am remembering my first date.
   b) I remember my first day at school.

6) a) I love holidays.
   b) I'm loving every minute of my holiday.

7) a) I am needing an umbrella now.
   b) I need a new computer.

8) a) I see what the teacher means.
   b) I'm seeing what the teacher means.

9) a) I am thinking we should go.
   b) I think we should go.

10) a) Andy repairs things at the moment.
    b) Andy sometimes repairs things.
C - Which answers are correct?

1) What are typical signal words for the Present Progressive?
   a) Listen!
   b) Look!
   c) ago
   d) at the moment
   e) just
   f) never
   g) now
   h) yet

2) What are typical signal words for the Simple Present?
   a) already
   b) at the moment
   c) every day
   d) last week
   e) normally
   f) now
   g) seldom
   h) usually

3) Which sentences/questions are in the Present Progressive?
   a) He had a shower in the morning.
   b) He was sitting on the beach.
   c) He's having a shower.
   d) I don't think so.
   e) We're thinking of buying a new car.

4) Which sentences/questions are in the Simple Present?
   a) Anne is always coming late.
   b) First I get up then I have breakfast.
   c) He's just finished the letter.
   d) I was having breakfast.
   e) I'm here.
   f) She lives in Sofia.

D - Which actions – which tenses?

1) Which of the following action is in the Simple Present?
   a) actions happening at the moment of speaking
   b) action finished in the past
   c) repeated actions

2) Which of the following action is in the Simple Present?
   a) result of an action in the past is important in the present
   b) things in general
   c) planned action in the near future

3) Which of the following action is in the Simple Present?
   a) actions beginning in the past and still continuing
   b) actions in the present - one follows after the other
   c) planned action in the future

4) Which of the following action is in the Simple Present?
   a) actions were in progress at special time in the past
   b) fixed arrangements, scheduled events in the future
   c) spontaneous action in the future
5) Which of the following action is in the Present Progressive?
   a) things in general
   b) spontaneous action in the future
   c) fixed plan in the near future

6) Which of the following action is in the Present Progressive?
   a) actions happening at the moment of speaking
   b) recently completed actions
   c) repeated actions

E - Negate the following sentences.

1) They are using a dictionary.  __ They are not using a dictionary.  __ also correct
   __ They’re not using a dictionary.  __ also correct
   __ They aren’t using a dictionary.  

2) Stacey works in the library.  __ Stacey does not work in the library.  __ also correct
   __ Stacey doesn’t work in the library.  

3) She is good at sports.  __ She is not good at sports.  __ also correct
   __ She’s not good at sports.  __ also correct
   __ She isn’t good at sports.  

4) The diary is lying on the floor.  __ The diary is not lying on the floor.  __ also correct
   __ The diary isn’t lying on the floor.  

5) Anne is smiling.  __ Anne is not smiling.  __ also correct
   __ Anne isn’t smiling.  

6) We are carrying a big box.  __ We are not carrying a big box.  __ also correct
   __ We’re not carrying a big box.  __ also correct
   __ We aren’t carrying a big box.  

7) I like fish.  __ I do not like fish.  __ also correct
   __ I don’t like fish.  

8) They are preparing the picnic.  __ They are not preparing the picnic.  __ also correct
   __ They’re not preparing the picnic.  __ also correct
   __ They aren’t preparing the picnic.  

9) My friend lives in Stockholm.  __ My friend does not live in Stockholm.  __ also correct
   __ Stacey doesn’t live in Stockholm.  

10) He is waiting for the bus.  __ He is not waiting for the bus.  __ also correct
    __ He’s not waiting for the bus.  __ also correct
    __ He isn’t waiting for the bus.  

F - Choose the correct verb forms.

1) _________ in ghosts?
   a) Does your little brother believe
   b) Is your little brother believing

2) This cake _________ wonderful.
   a) is tasting
   b) tastes

3) My father _________ tea for breakfast.
   a) is preferring
   b) prefers

4) Hey John! _________ about Peggy?
   a) Are you thinking
   b) Do you think

5) I have to go now. _________ dark.
   a) It gets
   b) It's getting

6) We _________ music in the street.
   a) are hearing
   b) hear

7) I _________ his brother is football-crazy.
   a) am thinking
   b) think

8) _________ with you.
   a) I agree
   b) I am agreeing

9) He _________ with his grandmother until his mother comes back from China.
   a) is living
   b) lives

10) He _________ the newspaper at the moment.
    a) is reading
    b) reads