English Tenses - Test - Answers

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

1) I sometimes __go__ to the cinema. (to go)
2) Yesterday our teacher __was__ ill. (to be)
3) It __will not rain__ in the West the next night. (not/to rain) also correct: won't rain or 'll not rain
4) Listen! The baby __is crying__ (to cry) also correct: 's crying
5) We __are going to ride__ our bikes soon. (to ride) also correct: 're going to ride
6) My father __has not cleaned__ the family car. It still looks dirty. (not/to clean)
   also correct: hasn't cleaned or 's not cleaned
7) On Sundays the students __do not get up__ early. (not/to get up) also correct: don't get up
8) __Have you ever visited__ Wales? (ever/to visit)
9) We __are feeding__ the pets now. (to feed) also correct: 're feeding
10) They __wrote__ an essay last month. (to write)

B - Which answers are correct?

1) What are typical signal words for the Simple Present?
   a) yesterday
   b) just
   c) sometimes
   d) every day
   e) at the moment
   f) often

2) What are typical signal words for the Simple Past?
   a) yesterday
   b) ever
   c) now
   d) three days ago
   e) in 1995
   f) last month

3) What are typical signal words for the Present Perfect?
   a) just
   b) already
   c) yet
   d) Look!
   e) usually
   f) two hours ago

4) What are typical signal words for the Present Progressive?
   a) next week
   b) Listen!
   c) never
   d) at the moment
   e) yesterday
   f) now
5) Which sentences/questions are in the Simple Present?
   a) He is from Japan.
   b) We are not going to feed the pets.
   c) Anne does not play chess.
   d) We play soccer every weekend.
   e) She is listening to an audio book.
   f) Do they go for a walk?

6) Which sentences/questions are in the Simple Past?
   a) I lived in Odessa from 1985 to 1986.
   b) Emily has just come home from school.
   c) They play tennis every Friday afternoon.
   d) There will be some rain in the East.
   e) Did you phone me last night?
   f) Yesterday my friend invited me to his party.

7) Which sentences/questions are in the Present Perfect?
   a) We aren't phoning now.
   b) I have a brother.
   c) She hasn't visited her uncle for half a year.
   d) Have you ever been to Edinburgh?
   e) Last year I was in Salt Lake City.
   f) I've forgotten my homework.

8) Which sentences/questions are in the Present Progressive?
   a) Wait a moment! I'll carry this box for you.
   b) I'm making a cheese cake right now.
   c) Last year we were in France.
   d) Have you already had a cup of tea yet?
   e) Are you cleaning the floor?
   f) Are you from New Zealand?

9) Which sentences/questions are in the will-future?
   a) He'll never make it.
   b) We won't be at your party.
   c) Does this train leave from platform 12?
   d) They are coming to the party.
   e) Pat is not going to fly to Paris in May.
   f) I think Sue will arrive at 6 o'clock.

10) Which sentences/questions are in the going to-future?
    a) Are they in the school choir?
    b) Are they going to look for a present?
    c) She has never been to Africa.
    d) The teacher is checking the homework.
    e) I am not going to send a text message to Bob.
    f) Christine is going to walk to town.
### C - Which form is correct?

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### D - Form affirmative sentences using the given words.

**they / to play / cards**

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<td>5) will-future</td>
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<td>6) going to-future</td>
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### E - Rewrite the sentences using long or contracted forms.

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<td>4) I'll carry this bag for you.</td>
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<td>5) He did not make breakfast.</td>
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<td>6) You aren't going to learn the poem.</td>
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<td>7) She's not played the trumpet.</td>
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<td>8) It will not be windy tonight.</td>
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<td>9) He's wearing an old shirt.</td>
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<td>10) We don't like fish.</td>
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F - Negate the following sentences.

1) Tony arrived in Chicago at 11.30. ___ **Tony did not arrive in Chicago at 11.30.** also correct:  
   ___ **Tony didn't arrive in Chicago at 11.30.**  

2) We are cleaning the kitchen. ___ **We are not cleaning the kitchen.** also correct:  
   ___ **We aren't cleaning the kitchen.**  

3) The shop assistant has checked the cash register. ___ **The shop assistant has not checked the cash register.** also correct:  
   ___ **The shop assistant hasn't checked the cash register.**  

4) The train leaves from platform 7. ___ **The train does not leave from platform 7.** also correct:  
   ___ **The train doesn't leave from platform 7.**  

5) Susan likes cheese. ___ **Susan does not like cheese.** also correct:  
   ___ **Susan doesn't like cheese.**  

6) You'll like this village. ___ **You'll not like this village.** also correct:  
   ___ **You will not like this village.** also correct:  
   ___ **You won't like this village.**  

7) They are going to buy a cheap car. ___ **They are not going to buy a cheap car.** also correct:  
   ___ **They aren't going to buy a cheap car.**  

8) He has invited Andy to his party. ___ **He has not invited Andy to his party.** also correct:  
   ___ **He hasn't invited Andy to his party.**  

9) Mary was late. ___ **Mary was not late.** also correct:  
   ___ **Mary wasn't late.**  

10) Mel will be 14 next Sunday. ___ **Mel will not be 14 next Sunday.** also correct:  
    ___ **Mel won't be 14 next Sunday.**