

English Past Simple vs Past Perfect - Test 01

Questions

1. Barbara_____ (smoke) a lot but during her last stay in the USA she_____ (give up) smoking - it cost too much.
 - A. had smoked / had given up
 - B. had smoked / gave up
 - C. smoked / gave up
 - D. smoked / had gave up

2. Our firm_____ (compare) the prices in most leading companies before we_____ (begin) to import this software from Hong Kong.
 - A. had compared / had begun
 - B. compared / began
 - C. had compared / began
 - D. compared / had began

3. Emergency_____ (bring) in a patient who_____ (swallow) a handful of precious stones.
 - A. brought / had swallowed
 - B. brought / swallowed
 - C. had brought / swallowed

- D. had brought)had swallowed
4. My father_____ (retire) at the age of seventy after he_____ (spend) over forty-five years working for the same company.
- A. retired)spent
- B. retired / had spent
- C. had retired / had spent
- D. had retired / spent
5. On the train rushing towards the border I_____ (realise) that I _____ (forget) my passport on the dressing table.
- A. realised / forgot
- B. realised / had forgotten
- C. had realised / had forgotten
- D. had realised / forgot
6. The thief_____ (get) out of the toilet window before the police_____ (arrive).
- A. had got / had arrived
- B. had got / arrived
- C. got / arrived
- D. got / had arrived

7. My brother _____ (buy) a new camera last week because his old one _____ (be) stolen.
- A. had bought / had been
 - B. had bought / was
 - C. bought / was
 - D. bought / had been
8. The child _____ (ask) his mother's permission before he _____ (go) to play outside.
- A. had asked / had gone
 - B. asked / went
 - C. had asked / went
 - D. asked / had gone
9. They _____ (have) no more money because they _____ (spend) everything on duty free whisky.
- A. had / had spent
 - B. had had / had spent
 - C. had / spent
 - D. had had / spent
10. William _____ (turn) up late because he _____ (miss) the bus.

- A. had turned / had missed
- B. turned / missed
- C. turned / had missed
- D. had turned / missed