# Tenses

Standard difficulty · 20 questions · 40 marks · Time: 36 minutes

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Write full answers in Sections B and C. Answers are on the last page — try every question first!

## Section A — Choose the correct answer — 8 × 1 = 8 marks

1. Choose the right form of the verb: Ananya ____ (send) the messages at present.
   **(a)** will send **(b)** was sending **(c)** is sending **(d)** sent

2. Choose the right form of the verb: Zoya ____ (cook) the vegetables at present.
   **(a)** is cooking **(b)** cooked **(c)** had cooked **(d)** was cooking

3. Choose the right form of the verb: By the time the guests arrived, my sister ____ (send) the messages.
   **(a)** had sent **(b)** is sending
   **(c)** will be sending **(d)** sends

4. Which tense is used in this sentence? “These days, my brother repairs the fan every day.”
   **(a)** future perfect **(b)** future continuous
   **(c)** simple future **(d)** simple present

5. The present continuous tense is formed with:
   **(a)** am/is/are + the -ing form **(b)** has/have + past participle
   **(c)** was/were + the -ing form **(d)** will + base verb

6. The past participle of “fly” is:
   **(a)** flew **(b)** flies **(c)** flying **(d)** flown

7. Make the sentence negative: “Our neighbours have painted six walls since Monday.” The verb becomes:
   **(a)** do not have painted **(b)** not have painted
   **(c)** have painted not **(d)** have not painted

8. Assertion (A): “She will take the photographs tomorrow.” is correct.
   Reason (R): The simple future is used only for actions that never happen.
   **(a)** Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
   **(b)** Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
   **(c)** A is true, but R is false.
   **(d)** A is false, but R is true.

## Section B — Short answer — 8 × 2 = 16 marks

9. Fill in the blank with the right form of the verb: Kavya ____ (water) the plant at ten o’clock tomorrow.

**10.** Fill in the blank with the right form of the verb: By the time the guests arrived, Neha ____ (sing) the songs.

**11.** Fill in the blank with the right form of the verb: Nowadays, she ____ (read) the poems twice a week.

**12.** Fill in the blank with the right form of the verb: Asha ____ (wash) the plate at eight o'clock last night.

**13.** Name the tense, and say why it is used: "By the time we reached home, Vikram had watered the plants."

**14.** Rewrite the sentence in the simple future, ending it with "tomorrow": "Rohan cooks the vegetables."

**15.** Write the past form, the past participle and the -ing form of "make".

**16.** Change into a question: "Our neighbours were choosing the colours at eight o'clock last night."

## Section C — Longer answers — 4 × 4 = 16 marks

**17.** Fill in each blank with the right form of the verb in brackets:
(1) My sister ____ (fly) a kite tomorrow.
(2) You ____ (write) a story at this time yesterday.
(3) Look! Rahul ____ (sing) a song.
(4) The children ____ (open) the windows by the end of next week.

**18.** Write three sentences about Ananya: one about what Ananya did yesterday (write), one about what Ananya is doing now (carry), and one about what Ananya will do tomorrow (water).

**19.** Find the mistake and write the sentence correctly. Say which tense is needed and why: “My brother chose a book at ten o’clock tomorrow.”

**20.** Explain when we use the present continuous, the past perfect, the present perfect, and write one sentence of your own for each.

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# Answer key

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| Q | Answer | Working |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | **(c) is sending** | present continuous: an action going on now: am/is/are + the -ing form |
| 2 | **(a) is cooking** | present continuous: an action going on now: am/is/are + the -ing form |
| 3 | **(a) had sent** | past perfect: the earlier of two past actions: had + past participle |
| 4 | **(d) simple present** | habits and facts: base verb, with -s/-es for he, she, it and singular nouns |
| 5 | **(a) am/is/are + the -ing form** | — |
| 6 | **(d) flown** | fly – flew – flown |
| 7 | **(d) have not painted** | “not” goes after the first helping verb |
| 8 | **(c) A is true, but R is false.** | A is true: the time words call for the simple future. R is false. |
| 9 | **will be watering** | future continuous: an action going on at a moment in the future: will be + the -ing form |
| 10 | **had sung** | past perfect: the earlier of two past actions: had + past participle |
| 11 | **reads** | simple present: habits and facts: base verb, with -s/-es for he, she, it and singular nouns |
| 12 | **was washing** | past continuous: an action going on at a moment in the past: was/were + the -ing form |
| 13 | **Past perfect: the earlier of two past actions: had + past participle** | — |
| 14 | **Rohan will cook the vegetables tomorrow.** | a future action: will + base verb |
| 15 | **made, made, making** | — |
| 16 | **Were our neighbours choosing the colours at eight o’clock last night?** | move the first helping verb before the subject |
| 17 | **(1) will fly; (2) were writing; (3) is singing; (4) will have opened** | simple future; past continuous; present continuous; future perfect |
| 18 | **Ananya wrote a letter yesterday. Ananya is carrying the box now. Ananya will water the plant tomorrow.** | simple past, present continuous, simple future |
| 19 | **My brother will be choosing a book at ten o’clock tomorrow. The future continuous: an action going on at a moment in the future: will be + the -ing form.** | — |
| 20 | **Present continuous: an action going on now: am/is/are + the -ing form, e.g. She is feeding the bird at present. Past perfect: the earlier of two past actions: had + past participle, e.g. By the time** | Any correct sentences. |

| Q | Answer | Working |
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| | **the guests arrived, my parents had built a sandcastle. Present perfect: a past action linked to now (so far, since): has/have + past participle, e.g. Kavya has cleaned four rooms since Monday.** | |