Verbs and Tenses

Standard difficulty · 20 questions · 40 marks · Time: 47 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: My grandfather ____ (eat) idlis on Saturdays.
(a) eating **(b)** eat **(c)** to eat **(d)** eats

2. Choose the right form of the verb: Arjun ____ (dance) in the hall yesterday evening.
(a) dances **(b)** dancing **(c)** danced **(d)** will dance

3. What is the past form of “eat”?
(a) eats **(b)** eating **(c)** eated **(d)** ate

4. Choose the right form of the verb: I ____ (catch) the bus now.
(a) caught **(b)** is catching **(c)** am catching **(d)** catching

5. Which tense is used in this sentence? “Asha is washing the car now.”
(a) simple future **(b)** simple present
(c) simple past **(d)** present continuous

6. Choose the right word: You ____ happy with the result yesterday.
(a) were **(b)** am **(c)** was **(d)** are

7. Which sentence tells us about something that happened in the past?
(a) Aman will drink orange juice tomorrow. **(b)** Aman drinks orange juice every day.
(c) Aman drank orange juice yesterday. **(d)** Aman is drinking orange juice right now.

8. Choose the right form of the verb: Zoya ____ (wash) the car tomorrow.
(a) will wash **(b)** washed **(c)** washing **(d)** will washes

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

9. Write the past form of each verb: (a) drink (b) catch (c) paint (d) throw

10. Fill in the right form of the verb in brackets: Dev ____ (kick: simple present) the ball every Sunday.

11. Fill in the right form of the verb in brackets: The children ____ (make: simple past) a card yesterday evening.

12. Fill in the right form of the verb in brackets: Rohan ____ (buy: present continuous) a newspaper right now.

13. Write the -ing form of each verb: (a) feed (b) fly (c) kick (d) drink

14. Change the sentence to the past: “We throw the ball on Saturdays.” → We ____ the ball two days ago.

15. Fill in was or were: Anu ____ very tired yesterday.

16. Write two sentences about what you did at the park last week.

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

17. Fill in each blank with the right form of the verb in brackets:
(1) Kabir ____ (run: simple past) to school yesterday evening.
(2) My friends ____ (watch: simple present) a cricket match on Saturdays.
(3) Anu ____ (run: simple future) to school next Sunday.
(4) My friends ____ (sing: present continuous) a rhyme right now.

18. Rewrite the passage so that it tells what happened yesterday morning: “Pooja buys vegetables every morning. Then she throws the ball. After that, she paints a picture.”

19. Change each sentence so that it tells what is happening now (use “right now”):
(1) The children buy a newspaper every Sunday.
(2) Zoya washes the clothes every Sunday.
(3) Riya sings a song every evening.

20. Write three sentences about Meera: what she did yesterday (buy), what she is doing now (help) and what she will do tomorrow (throw).

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Answer key

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Q	Answer	Working
1	**(d) eats**	simple present: something done often: base verb, with -s or -es for he, she, it and one person
2	**(c) danced**	simple past: something finished in the past: the past form
3	**(d) ate**	eat → ate
4	**(c) am catching**	present continuous: something happening now: am/is/are and the -ing form
5	**(d) present continuous**	something happening now: am/is/are and the -ing form
6	**(a) were**	“was” with I, he, she, it and one; “were” with we, you, they and more than one
7	**(c) Aman drank orange juice yesterday.**	the past form with a past time word (yesterday)
8	**(a) will wash**	simple future: something that will happen: will + base verb
9	**(a) drank; (b) caught; (c) painted; (d) threw**	drink → drank; catch → caught; paint → painted; throw → threw
10	**kicks**	simple present: something done often: base verb, with -s or -es for he, she, it and one person
11	**made**	simple past: something finished in the past: the past form
12	**is buying**	present continuous: something happening now: am/is/are and the -ing form
13	**(a) feeding; (b) flying; (c) kicking; (d) drinking**	drop a final e (write → writing); double the last letter in words like run, swim, sit
14	**threw**	simple past: throw → threw
15	**was**	“was” with I, he, she, it and one; “were” with we, you, they and more than one
16	**e.g. Last week, I went to the park. I flew a kite with my brother.**	Two sentences in the simple past.
17	**(1) ran; (2) watch; (3) will run; (4) are singing**	simple past; simple present; simple future; present continuous
18	**Pooja bought vegetables yesterday morning. Then she threw the ball. After that, she painted a picture.**	simple past: buys → bought, throws → threw, paints → painted
19	**(1) The children are buying a newspaper right now.; (2) Zoya is washing the clothes right now.; (3) Riya is singing a song right now.**	present continuous: am/is/are and the -ing form
20	**e.g. Meera bought vegetables yesterday. She is helping the teacher now. She will throw the ball tomorrow.**	simple past, present continuous and simple future, each correct