Fill in the blanks with an appropriate preposition.

1. There were ................ ten students in the class.

under
below
Either could be used here

2. Parts of the country are ................. sea level.

below
under
Either could be used here

3. The climbers stopped a few hundred meters ................. the top of the mountain.

below
under
Either could be used here

4. Who is that child sitting ................ your mother?

beside
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besides
Either could be used here

5. He can play all the musical instruments ............... the violin.

except
beside
besides

6. He has a number of criminals ............... his friends.

between
among
in

7. The office was closed ............... the whole of May.

during
in
since

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8. I met him ............... my stay in Germany.
   during
   in
   Either could be used here

9. I stayed in bed all day ............... going to work.
   instead
   instead of
   Either could be used here

10. We arrived ............... to get good seats.
    in time
    on time
    at time

11. The trains are never ............... 
    in time
    on time
    at time
12. The movie is quite exciting …………….

at the end
in the end
on the end

Answers

1. There were under ten students in the class.
2. Parts of the country are below sea level.
3. The climbers stopped a few hundred meters below the top of the mountain.
4. Who is that child sitting beside your mother?
5. He can play all the musical instruments except the violin.
6. He has a number of criminals among his friends.
7. The office was closed during the whole of May.
8. I met him during my stay in Germany.
9. I stayed in bed all day instead of going to work.
10. We arrived in time to get good seats.
11. The trains are never on time.
12. The movie is quite exciting at the end.