General Grammar Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word or phrase.

1. We still don’t know ........................ Mars supports life or not.
   that
   as
   whether

2. Scientists ............................... that Mars might have supported life in the past.
   suspect
   are suspecting
   have suspected

3. Mars is ................................. arid and dusty.
   present
   presently

4. Characteristics like channels on the Martian surface indicates that the planet ........................ once very wet.
   is
5. Scientists are ........................................ to learn about the history of water on Mars.

Please select 2 correct answers

eager
eagerly
eagerness

6. Water is fundamental to the question of whether the planet has ever ........................... microbial or some other life.

support
supported
supporting

7. Life ........................................ we know it requires water.

as
like
Either could be used here
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8. A fisherman once ........................................ on the banks of a river.
   - lives
   - was living
   - lived

9. He ......................................................... fishing every morning, but could never catch enough fish.
   - would go
   - went
   Either could be used here

10. He ...................................................... a miserable life.
    Please select 2 correct answers
    - led
    - lead
    - leads

11. Then one day he ............................................. a big fish.
    - catches
12. The fisherman took the fish to the market, but no one could pay the price he demanded.

Answers
1. We still don’t know whether Mars supports life or not.
2. Scientists suspect that Mars might have supported life in the past.
3. Mars is presently arid and dusty.
4. Characteristics like channels on the Martian surface indicates that the planet was once very wet.
5. Scientists are eager to learn about the history of water on Mars.
6. Water is fundamental to the question of whether the planet has ever supported microbial or some other life.
7. Life as we know it requires water.
8. A fisherman once lived on the banks of a river.

9. He went / would go fishing every morning, but could never catch enough fish.

10. He led / leads a miserable life.

11. Then one day he caught a big fish.

12. The fisherman took the fish to the market, but no one could pay the price he demanded.