If or whether: Grammar exercise

Complete the following sentences using if or whether. In some cases they are both possible.

1. I am not sure …………………… . I will have the time.

   whether
   if
   Either could be used here

2. She asked me …………………… I was working.

   if
   whether
   Either could be used here

3. We discussed …………………… . we should throw a party to celebrate the occasion.

   whether
   if
   Either could be used here

4. …………………… . she will me recognize me I am not sure.

   Whether
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5. There was a big argument about ................. she should resign.

6. I can’t decide ....................... to go on a diet or not.

7. ........................................... she can get along with your mother is another matter.
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8. He asked me ....................................................... I had ever been to Europe.

whether
if
Either could be used here

9. I don’t know ....................................................... she will come.

whether
if
Either could be used here

10. Janet is going to marry Charles ............................................... she likes it or not.

whether
if
Either could be used here

Answers
1. I am not sure whether/if I will have the time.

2. She asked me if / whether I was working.
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3. We discussed whether we should throw a party to celebrate the occasion. (Whether is preferred after the verb discuss.)

4. Whether she will recognize me I am not sure. (When an indirect question comes at the beginning of the sentence, whether is used.)

5. There was a big argument about whether she should resign.

6. I can’t decide whether to go on a diet or not.

7. Whether she can get along with your mother is another matter.

8. He asked me whether / if I had ever been to Europe.

9. I don’t know whether / if she will come.

10. Janet is going to marry Charles whether she likes it or not.