Phrasal Verbs

Fill in the blanks. This grammar exercise tests your understanding of phrasal verbs.

1. Cut ........................................ on your calorie intake if you want to lose weight.

   down

   up

   in

2. Although I was an eligible candidate, my application was ........................................

   turned out

   turned down

   turned up

3. Those who are leading highly stressful lives need to ........................................ a bit.
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4. He was a bad boss who always talked .......................... to his subordinates.

5. Whenever I stay at home, I make it a point to dress ..........................
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6. The police are cracking __________________________ on drug dealers.

7. Although I had invited him to my party, he didn’t show __________________________.
8. Be careful when you charge the battery. It might blow ........................................

   off
   up
   out

9. He turned ........................................ a new leaf and stopped drinking and smoking.

   up
   off
   over

10. He pretended to be a casting director and she was taken ..................................................

    out
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11. Women make ........................................ roughly 50% of the world population.

12. I ended ........................................ paying through the nose.
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Answers

Cut down on your calorie intake if you want to lose weight.
Although I was an eligible candidate, my application was turned down.
Those who are leading highly stressful lives need to slow down a bit.
He was a bad boss who always talked down to his subordinates.
Whenever I stay at home, I make it a point to dress down.
The police are cracking down on drug dealers.
Although I had invited him to my party, he didn’t show up.
Be careful when you charge the battery. It might blow up.
He turned over a new leaf and stopped drinking and smoking.
He pretended to be a casting director and she was taken in.
Women make up roughly 50% of the world population.
I ended up paying through the nose.
I ended up paying a lot more than I expected to.
Women make up 60 percent of the total staff.