Fill in the blanks with an appropriate preposition or adverb particle. This grammar exercise tests your understanding of phrasal verbs with take.

1. I was taken ......................... by her impertinence.
   in
   aback
   out

2. The child does not take ......................... either of his parents.
   for
   on
   after

3. If you have ten candies and take ......................... six, you are left with four.
   out
   up
   away

4. The fact that the athlete had used performance
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enhancing drugs, took ........................................ his achievements.

away
from
away from

5. I took the shelves ........................................ to clean them properly.

apart
off
away

6. A public outcry forced the minister to take ................................... his offensive comments.

back
down
off

7. Please take ............................................. my address and phone number.

off
up
8. Don't take him ....................... an idiot.

9. I took ......................... a pup last month and now he is my best buddy.

10. I took ......................... every word they uttered. It was such a mesmerizing performance.

11. Although the airplane took ......................... 30 minutes late, it arrived
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on time.

off
out
over

12. I am too busy to take ................................ any extra work.

on
over
in

Answers

1. I was taken aback by her impertinence.
2. The child does not take after either of his parents.
3. If you have ten candies and take away six, you are left with four.
4. The fact that the athlete had used performance enhancing drugs, took away from his achievements.
5. I took the shelves apart to clean them properly.
6. A public outcry forced the minister to take back his offensive comments.
7. Please take down my address and phone number.
8. Don’t take him for an idiot.
9. I took in a pup last month and now he is my best buddy.
10. I took in every word they uttered. It was such a mesmerizing performance.
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