Reported Speech Exercise

Fill in the blanks.

1. The teacher asked me why ................................ late.

was I
I was

2. I asked him why he .............................................. his brother.

has insulted
had insulted
insults

3. The old man asked how far ........................................ from there.

was the station
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the station was

4. The traveler asked ............................... there were any good restaurants there.

if

whether

Either could be used here

5. The sage asked the young man why he ............................... in a hurry.

is

was

had been
6. Samuel asked me when leaving for Chicago.

I am
I was
was I

7. The teacher asked Peter whether he was absent the previous day.

if
whether
Either could be used here

8. He asked me if I have ever gone to a concert.

have, gone
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9. The girl asked if she ............... go home.

- can
- could
- would

10. I asked him if he ............... swim.

- can
- could
- would
11. The teacher asked the girl if she 
……………………………… any difficulty in solving that problem.

has
had
has had

12. I want to know why you …………………………
angry with me.

Please select 2 correct answers

are
were
have been
Answers

The teacher asked me why I was late.
I asked him why he had insulted my brother.
The old man asked how far the station was from there.
The traveler asked if / whether there were any good restaurants there.
The sage asked the young man why he was in a hurry.
Samuel asked me when I was leaving for Chicago.
The teacher asked Peter if / whether he was absent the previous day.
He asked me if I had ever been to a concert.
The girl asked if she could go home.
I asked him if he could swim.
The teacher asked the girl if she had any difficulty in solving that problem.
I want to know why you are angry with me.