Sequence of Tenses Exercise

Complete the following sentences using an appropriate tense form.

1. Suddenly we noticed that the clock ..................

   stopped
   has stopped
   had stopped

2. I never thought that I .................. see him again.

   will
   would
   Either could be used here

3. The woman led me to her hut and .................. me to remain there for the night.

   tells
   had told
   told

4. We .................. higher so that we might get a better view of the procession.

   have climbed
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climbed
had climbed

5. Euclid proved that the three angles of a triangle .............. equal to two right angles.

are
were

6. I will nurse him so that he .................. live.

may
might
will

7. I will call you when I .................

arrive
will arrive
would arrive

8. He went to the city so that he ............... find work.

will
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9. Wherever he preached, people ..................... to listen.

gather
have gathered
gathered

10. The thieves stole whatever they ..................... find in the house.
can
could
may

11. He came oftener than we ..................... him to.
expect
expected
did expect

12. He stayed at home because he .....................
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feeling ill.

is
was
has been

Answers

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