Sequence of Tenses Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate tense form.

1. I waited for my friend until he ………………..
   
   comes
   came
   had come
   has come

2. He ran as quickly as he ………………….
   
   can
   could
   Either could be used here

3. He ran away because he ………………….. afraid.
   
   is
   was
   has

4. He was so tired that he …………………. barely stand.
   
   can
   could
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Either could be used here

5. After the rain was over, the sun ...................... out again.

Please select 2 correct answers

- shines
- shone
- shined

6. His health ...................... since he left the city.

- improved
- has improved
- had improved

7. Whenever we ...................... we talk of old times.

- met
- meet
- meets
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8. Wherever he ......................, people gathers to listen.

preached
is preaching
preaches

9. Galileo maintained that the earth ...................... round the sun.

Please select 2 correct answers

move
moves
moved

10. Newton discovered that the force of gravitation ...................... apples fall.

Please select 2 correct answers

make
makes
made
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11. He rested his horse because it .....................
   limps
   limped
   was limping

12. He said that he ...................... the examination.
   passed
   has passed
   had passed

Answers
1. I waited for my friend until he came.
2. He ran as quickly as he could.
3. He ran away because he was afraid.
4. He was so tired that he could barely stand.
5. After the rain was over, the sun shone / shined out again.
6. His health has improved since he left the city.
7. Whenever we meet we talk of old times.
8. Wherever he preaches, people gathers to listen.
9. Galileo maintained that the earth moves / moved round the sun.
10. Newton discovered that the force of gravitation makes / made apples fall.
11. He rested his horse because it was limping.
12. He said that he had passed the examination.