Tenses Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate tense form.

1. He .................................. since last week.
   
is absconding

   has been absconding

   absconded

2. They .................................. fixing the roof by evening.
   
finish

   are finishing

   will have finished

3. Who do you think ........................ the match?
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will win
would win
wins

4. You look hot. Yes, I ................................
am running
run
had been running

5. By the time the cops reached the store, the burglars ..........................
escaped
have escaped
had escaped
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6. He ......................... at gun point.
   robbed
   was robbed
   has robbed

7. You never tell me what you .....................
   are thinking
   have thought
   thought

8. Although I had no ticket, I .................. able to get in.
   was
   am
9. This ............... for a while.

- is going
- has been going
- goes

10. It is important that the meeting ............... on time.

- start
- should start
- Either could be used here

11. He ...................... ill for several months before he died.

- was
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had been

Either could be used here

12. If he does not have an accident I ................................ surprised.

will be

would be

would have been

Answers

1. He has been absconding since last week.

2. They will have finished fixing the roof by evening.

3. Who do you think will win the match?

4. You look hot. Yes, I had been running.
5. By the time the cops reached the store, the burglars had escaped.

6. He was robbed at gun point.

7. You never tell me what you are thinking.

8. Although I had no ticket, I was able to get in.

9. This has been going on for a while.

10. It is important that the meeting start / should start on time.

11. He was / had been ill for several months before he died.

12. If he does not have an accident I will be surprised.