Tenses Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate verb form.

1. I ………………………... the minister tomorrow.

see

am seeing

would see

2. ‘The phone is ringing.’ ‘I ………………………... it.’

will answer

would answer

am answering

3. Good luck with the exam. I ………………………... of you.

am thinking
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will have thought

will be thinking

4. ……………………….. I turn the heating on?
   Will
   Would
   Shall

5. All the trouble …………………………… by you.
   caused
   was caused
   have caused

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6. When you phoned I ……………………….. in the garden.

- have been working
- had been working
- was working

7. After I ………………………… with him for a few weeks, I developed a strange liking for him.

- have worked
- had worked
- working

8. When we were children we ………………….. go swimming every Sunday.

- would
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used to

Either could be used here

9. It would have been nice if he ………………….. us.

thanks

thanked

had thanked

10. Sulphuric acid ……………………………… most metals.

would dissolve

will dissolve

dissolved
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11. I ………………………… the whole job by this evening.

- will be finishing
- will have finished
- had finished

Answers

1. I am seeing the minister tomorrow.

2. ‘The phone is ringing.’ ‘I will answer it.’

3. Good luck with the exam. I will be thinking of you.

4. Shall I turn the heating on?

5. All the trouble was caused by you.

6. When you phoned I was working in the garden.

7. After I had worked with him for a few weeks, I developed a strange liking for him.

8. When we were children we used to / would go swimming every Sunday.
9. It would have been nice if he had thanked us.

10. Sulphuric acid will dissolve most metals.

11. I will have finished the whole job by this evening.