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
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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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.
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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.