Tenses Gap Filling Exercise

Fill in the blanks.

1. After he .................................. his exams, he went to Asia for a month.

Please select 2 correct answers

- finished
- had finished
- finishes
- has finished

2. I wish I ........................................ curly hair.

- have
- has
- had
3. Ten o’clock – it is time you  
……………………………………………… to bed.

- go
- have gone
- went

4. Don’t come and see me tomorrow. I would rather you  
……………………………………… on Monday.

- come
- have come
- had come
- came

5. She  
……………………………………. jobless for six months.
6. We ........................................ each other since Christmas.

didn't see

haven't seen

hadn't seen

7. That is the third banana you ................................ this morning.

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have eaten
8. I ........................................... two rooms since lunchtime.

have painted

have been painting

Either could be used here

9. I ........................................... all afternoon.

have painted

have been painting

Either could be used here

10. I am sure we ........................................
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before.

met

have met

had met

11. He .................................... ill last week.

was

has been

had been

12. He ........................................ ill for more than a week.

is

has been
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had been

Answers

After he finished / had finished his exams, he went to Asia for a month.
I wish I had curly hair.
Ten o’clock – it is time you went to bed.
Don’t come and see me tomorrow. I would rather you came on Monday.
She has been jobless for six months.
We haven’t seen each other since Christmas.
That is the third banana you have eaten this morning.
I have painted two rooms since lunchtime.
I have been painting all afternoon.
I am sure we have met before.
He was ill last week.
He has been ill for more than a week.