Verbs And Their Complements

This grammar exercise tests your understanding of rules regarding the use of verbs in English.

1. He appears to be very ____________________ today.
   angry
   angrily
   Either could be used here

2. She doesn’t want to continue her studies. It ____________________ a pity.
   seems
   appears
   looks

3. She seems ____________________ an attitude problem.
   to have
   having
   that has

4. I hope ____________________ a good job soon.
   getting
5. It is not easy ......................... smoking.

stopping
to stop
Either could be used here

6. I suggest ................................ a lawyer.

Please select 2 correct answers

seeing
to see
that you see

7. The doctor recommended
................................. down on my sugar intake.

me to cut
that I cut
Either could be used here
8. The doctor recommended ................. a long break.

Please select 2 correct answers
me to take
taking
that I take

9. The boy insisted ................................ nothing wrong.

to do
doing
that he did

10. Now that I am getting older, I tend ......................... things.

forgetting
to forget
Either could be used here

11. Let’s cut it ...............................
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shortly

12. I find her attitude ........................................

strange
strangely

Answers
1. He appears to be very angry today.
2. She doesn’t want to continue her studies. It seems a pity.
3. She seems to have an attitude problem.
4. I hope to get a good job soon.
5. It is not easy to stop smoking.
6. I suggest seeing / that you see a lawyer.
7. The doctor recommended that I cut down on my sugar intake.
8. The doctor recommended taking / that I take a long break.
9. The boy insisted that he did nothing wrong.
10. Now that I am getting older, I tend to forget things.
11. Let’s cut it short.
12. I find her attitude strange.