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
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to get
that I get

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

d. taking

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

to do
doing
that he did

d. doing

e. that he did

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

forgetting
to forget
Either could be used here

e. forgetting

e. to forget

e. Either could be used here

11. Let’s cut it ……………………………

short
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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.