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Advanced Future Forms and Future in the Past

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1. Help the dramatic architect complain about a ruined masterpiece.

The grand glass pavilion _____ the crown jewel of our city's skyline, but unfortunately, the mayor abruptly canceled the funding last year.

Select one.

A) was to have been
B) must have been
C) ought to be
D) will have been

2. Help the frantic sci-fi convention organizer finalize the schedule updates by choosing the correct nuanced future form for each blank.

By the time the doors open tomorrow, our exhausted volunteer team _____ up the vendor booths for a straight 48 hours.

I wouldn't bother calling the keynote speaker right now; she _____ off her jet lag at the hotel after that long flight from Tokyo.

The highly anticipated "Time Travel for Beginners" panel _____ at noon sharp, assuming no one accidentally alters the timeline before then.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) will have been setting
B) will be setting
C) are to set

Blank 2

A) will be sleeping
B) will have slept
C) is due to sleep

Blank 3

A) is due to begin
B) will have begun
C) will be beginning

3. Help the panicked accountant complete his frantic email to the IT department by selecting the correct nuanced future and modal forms.

By the time the auditors knock on our door tomorrow, our poor server _____ these numbers for 48 straight hours. Assuming it doesn't melt, it _____ the final report by 8:59 AM. However, if the system fails, we _____ resort to the ancient art of the abacus.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) will be crunching
B) will have been crunching
C) would crunch

Blank 2

A) should be finishing
B) should have finished
C) must have finished

Blank 3

- **A)** would have to
- **B)** will have to
- **C)** might have had to

4. Complete the cybersecurity expert's confident prediction about the system recovery.

As long as the mainframe's processing power remains stable, the corrupted data _____ fully restored by the time the CEO arrives tomorrow morning.

Select one.

- **A)** will have been
- **B)** would have been
- **C)** had been
- **D)** is being

5. Complete the mastermind's strict timeline for the ultimate surprise party by choosing the most accurate verb forms.

By midnight, we _____ for four hours. At that exact moment, the fireworks _____, provided the pyrotechnician _____ to set the electronic timer.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** will be dancing
- **B)** will have been dancing
- **C)** would dance

Blank 2

- **A)** must have started
- **B)** should be starting
- **C)** will have been starting

Blank 3

- **A)** won't forget
- **B)** hasn't forgotten
- **C)** wouldn't forget

6. Complete the stranded time traveler's diary entry.

If my temporal calculations are correct, by the time the rescue squad finally reaches me in 2080, I _____ on this barren asteroid for precisely five decades.

Select one.

- **A)** will be living
- **B)** would have been living
- **C)** must have lived
- **D)** will have been living

7. A sci-fi author is drafting a mission log for a time-traveling detective. Select ALL the grammatically valid sentences that correctly apply future forms and modals.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** By the time I reach 2050, the syndicate will have already stolen the artifact.
- **B)** At precisely midnight tomorrow, I might be interrogating the cyborg boss.
- **C)** The temporal portal is highly likely to close before I can jump back.
- **D)** By next Thursday, I will have been being undercover for a full decade.
- **E)** The timeline must to be restored by tomorrow morning.

8. Complete the eccentric billionaire's press release about the upcoming Mars mission by choosing the most appropriate future phrase for each blank.

Our brilliant engineers are _____ the rocket's propulsion system, so expect an official announcement any minute now.

Given the sheer amount of global media hype, the launch broadcast is _____ all previous viewership records.

By the end of this decade, humanity _____ a permanent foothold on the red planet.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** on the verge of finalizing
- **B)** due to finalize
- **C)** bound to finalize

Blank 2

- **A)** bound to break
- **B)** on the verge to break
- **C)** will have broken

Blank 3

- **A)** will have established
- **B)** will be establishing
- **C)** are to establish

9. Help the frantic wedding planner calm her nerves by selecting ALL the grammatically correct thoughts regarding her schedule.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The caterers are to arrive at exactly 4:00 PM at the side entrance.
- **B)** The bride's father is bound to cry during the toast, so I should prepare tissues.
- **C)** The band is due to start playing their first set at 8:00 PM.
- **D)** The five-tier cake is on the verge to collapse.
- **E)** The guests will have be arriving soon, so we must hurry.

10. Read the mildly annoyed ghost's diary entries. Select ALL the sentences that correctly apply "future in the past" forms and past modals to express interrupted plans.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I was to have inherited the haunted mansion, but my uncle changed his will at the last minute.
- **B)** I was going to haunt the new owners, but I got distracted by a shiny mirror in the hallway.
- **C)** I would have had to vacate the premises eventually anyway, since the house was scheduled for demolition.
- **D)** I was on the point to leave the attic when the exorcist arrived.
- **E)** I should be haunting the attic yesterday, but I fell asleep.