

Direct & Indirect Speech

Directions (Qs. 1 - 6): Select the correct indirect form of the given sentence.

1. Neha said, "I prefer tea to coffee."

- A) Neha said that she prefers tea to coffee.
- B) Neha said that she preferred tea to coffee.
- C) Neha said she had preferred tea to coffee.
- D) Neha told she preferred tea to coffee.

2. The coach said, "We have won the series."

- A) The coach said that they had won the series.
- B) The coach said that they have won the series.
- C) The coach said that they won the series.
- D) The coach said that we had won the series.

3. She said to me, "Why are you late?"

- A) She asked me why was I late.
- B) She asked me why I am late.
- C) She said why I was late.
- D) She asked me why I was late.

4. Rahul said, "I was waiting for the bus at 6 p.m."

- A) Rahul said that I had been waiting for the bus at 6 p.m.
- B) Rahul said that he was waiting for the bus at 6 p.m.
- C) Rahul said that he had been waiting for the bus at 6 p.m.
- D) Rahul told that he had waited for the bus at 6 p.m.

5. The officer said to the guard, "Do not allow anyone inside."

- A) The officer told the guard do not allow anyone inside.
- B) The officer ordered the guard not to allow anyone inside.
- C) The officer forbade the guard to not allow anyone inside.
- D) The officer asked that the guard should not allow anyone inside.

6. She said, "Can I borrow your notes?"

- A) She asked whether she could borrow my notes.
- B) She asked if could she borrow my notes.
- C) She asked that she could borrow my notes.
- D) She told me if she can borrow my notes.

Directions (Qs. 7 - 11): Select the correct direct form of the given sentence.

7. The guard asked whether we had locked the gate.

- A) The guard asked, "Did we lock the gate?"
- B) The guard asked, "Have you locked the gate?"
- C) The guard asked, "Had we locked the gate?"

- D) The guard asked, "Are you locking the gate?"
8. She wondered why he had left so early.
- A) She said, "Why had you left so early?"
- B) She asked, "Why do you leave so early?"
- C) She said, "Why did you leave so early?"
- D) She asked, "Why were you leaving so early?"
9. He told the students not to copy from each other.
- A) He told the students, "Don't copy from each other."
- B) He said, "Not to copy from each other."
- C) He told the students, "You should not copy from each other."
- D) He ordered the students that they should not copy from each other.
10. They said that they would submit the project by Friday.
- A) They said, "We shall have submitted the project by Friday."
- B) They said, "We would submit the project by Friday."
- C) They said, "We have submitted the project by Friday."
- D) They said, "We will submit the project by Friday."
11. The manager asked me where I had kept the files.
- A) The manager asked, "Where had you kept the files?"
- B) The manager asked, "Where do you keep the files?"
- C) The manager asked, "Where did you keep the files?"
- D) The manager asked, "Where have you kept the files?"

KEY

1-B, 2-A, 3-D, 4-C, 5-B, 6-A, 7-B, 8-C, 9-A, 10-D, 11-C.