PAST PROGRESSIVE VS. PAST PERFECT

Directions: Circle the correct structure to complete the sentences below.

1. Anita didn't need to study the multiplication tables in sixth grade. She _____ them in fifth grade.
   a. was learning b. had already learned them
2. I appreciated visiting Timmy's class. It was a math class. The students _____ their multiplication tables.
   a. were learning b. had already learned
3. While I _____ up the mountain, I became tired. However, I didn't stop until I reached the top.
   a. was climbing b. had climbed
4. I was very exhausted when I got to the top of the mountain. I _____ a long distance.
   a. was climbing b. had climbed
5. I knocked. Nobody answered. I turned the handle and pulled hard on the door, but it did not open. Someone _____ it.
   a. was locking b. had locked
6. Part A: Where were you when the tornado struck town?
   Part B: In my office. I _____ to my assistant. We were working on a report.
   a. was talking b. had already talked
7. Part A: Arnold's house was destroyed in the tornado.
   Part B: I know! It's fortunate that he and his family _____ for his parents' home before the tornado struck.
   a. were leaving b. had already left
8. We drove three hundred miles to see the circus in Philadelphia. When we got there, we couldn't find the circus. It _____ town. We _____ all the way to Philadelphia for nothing.
   a. was leaving…were driving b. was leaving…had driven
   c. had left…had driven d. had left…were driving