

Tenses

Martin Hogg _____ at the National Credit Bank since he first arrived in London in

- A. worked
- B. has been working
- C. was working
- D. had worked

1994. He started as a desk clerk, and over the last 12 years he _____ the corporate ladder

- A. slowly climbed
- B. had slowly climbed
- C. was slowly climbing
- D. has slowly climbed

to the position of Assistant Manager. Until now, he _____ to bridge the gap and make it to

- A. has never managed
- B. never managed
- C. had never managed
- D. was never managing

the post of Brand Manager. Today, however, is a big day for Martin. At this moment, the Personal Manager from head office _____

- A. is picking up
- B. picks up
- C. has picked up
- D. has been picking up

the phone to tell him the good news in person: at the end of December, the present Branch Manager _____

- A. has left
- B. will leave
- C. had left
- D. was leaving

his post and Martin will be appointed head of the Newham Down branch of the NCB. The Personal Manager, who _____ Martin when he was a boy,

- A. has known
- B. knew
- C. know
- D. had known

_____ him ever since he arrived at the bank.

- A. has liked
- B. liked
- C. likes
- D. is liking

He finds him to be an honest, patient and competent manager and he _____ why Martin

- A. has never understood
- B. never understood
- C. never understands
- D. had never understood

has never before now been selected for this post, which usually _____ to most employees

- A. has come
- B. is coming
- C. will come
- D. comes

of Martin's qualifications after 5 or 6 years of service.

By the strange coincidence, at this very moment also, in his office, in the Newham Down branch of the NCB, Martin Hogg _____ something into his briefcase. It is a big white envelope

- A. puts
- B. is putting
- C. had put
- D. was putting

which contains £120,000 in banknotes. In his inside pocket, Martin has a ticket for a plane which will leave Heathrow airport in exactly 2 hours time, bound for Rio de Janeiro.