Past Perfect and Past Simple

Choose the past perfect or the past simple.

1. We had already eaten when John ________________________________
   (come) home.
2. Last year Juan ________________________________ (pass) all his exams.
3. When I ________________________________ (get) to the airport, I
   discovered I had forgotten my passport.
4. I went to the library, then I ________________________________ (buy) some milk
   and went home.
5. I opened my handbag to find that I ________________________________
   (forgot) my credit card.
6. When we ________________________________ (arrive) at the station, the train
   had already left.
7. We got home to find that someone ________________________________
   (break) into the house.
8. I opened the fridge to find someone
   ________________________________ (eat) all my chocolate.
9. I had known my husband for three years when we
   ________________________________ (get) married.
10. Julie was very pleased to see that John
    ________________________________ (clean) the kitchen.
11. It ________________________________ (not / rain) all summer, so the grass was
    completely dead.
12. When he ________________________________ (arrive) at the party, Julie had
    just left.
13. After arriving home, I realised I ________________________________
    (not / buy) any milk.
14. The laundry was wet. It ________________________________ (rain) while I was
    out.
15. William felt ill last night because he
    ________________________________ (eat) too many cakes.
16. Keiko ________________________________ (meet) William last
    September.
17. First, I tidied the flat, then I ________________________ (sit) down and had a cup of coffee.

18. John ______________________ (play) the piano when he was a child, but he doesn't play now.

19. When I opened the curtains, the sun was shining but the ground was white. It ______________________ (snow) during the night.

20. When Julie got home from her holiday, her flat was a mess. John ______________________ (have) a party.
Answers

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7. We got home to find that someone had broken into the house.
8. I opened the fridge to find someone had eaten all my chocolate.
9. I had known my husband for three years when we got married.
10. Julie was very pleased to see that John had cleaned the kitchen.
11. It hadn't rained all summer, so the grass was completely dead.
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19. When I opened the curtains, the sun was shining but the ground was white. It had snowed during the night.
20. When Julie got home from her holiday, her flat was a mess. John had had a party.