‘Ser’ and ‘Estar’ - Practice QUIZ

In Spanish, we use different verbs to describe a condition (estar) or the essence/quality (ser), of someone or something. For example:

- La pera está verde. (The pear is green) - temporary condition, meaning it is green now because it has not ripened, but eventually that condition may/will change.
- La pera es verde. (The pear is green) permanent essence/quality, meaning that it will always remain the same color green.

I. Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the verb “ser” or “estar”, depending on whether it’s a ‘temporary condition’ or ‘permanent essence’.

1. Él ____________ aburrido. (boring) (always that way).
2. Ellas ____________ aburridas. (bored, right now).
3. Ella ____________ alegre. (happy, always/temperament)
4. Ella ____________ alegre. (happy, right now)
5. Ellos ____________ cansados. (tired, right now)
6. Juan ____________ enfermo. (sick, right now)
7. Juan ____________ enfermizo. (sickly, always).
8. Los niños ____________ grandes. (big now and always big)
9. Las niñas ______ grandes para su edad. (big for their age now, but might not be so forever).
10. Maria ____________ divertida. (amusing) (always that way).
11. Maria ____________ divertida. (amused right now)
12. Yo ______ muy tímido. (very shy, always very quiet and keep to myself).
13. La sopa __________ caliente. (hot-temperature, right now).
15. El arroz __________ buenísimo. (very good, right now).