

Passive Voice



It's time for practise!!

Exercise 1: Turn the sentences into Passive Voice:

1. The managers have initiated a new project in the company.
2. The teacher corrected all the tests last night.
3. The chef was preparing a brand-new menu for the restaurant.
4. Mr. Robertson will publish three new books.
5. The employees are demanding a new pay rise.
6. A bright scientist invented this innovative robotic system
7. My grandmother knitted all these beautiful blankets.
8. The policewoman had arrested the witness before reinforcement arrived.
9. George has bought two airplane tickets as a surprise.
10. The two friends are going to organize a surprise party.
11. John had already submitted his dissertation before the deadline expired.
12. The boss's secretary postponed all business appointments for next week.
13. The young students are writing their homework right now.
14. The doctor will encourage his patient's effort to recover.
15. Great friends always support common new ideas and dreams.
16. The mother had organized a small celebration for her children before summer ended.
17. I will have completed this project before the end of the week.
18. Sandy was decorating her new house.
19. The manager promoted two new employees.
20. The children have exchanged books in class.

Exercise 2: Circle the correct answer.

1. Despite their decisive victory, a great number of soldiers _____ that day.
 - a. Were wounding
 - b. Were wounded

- c. Have being wounded
- d. Wounded

2. The exam results _____ before the end of June.

- a. Were to announce
- b. Were announcing
- c. Were to be announced
- d. Announced

3. George is said _____ the best manager that the company ever had.

- a. To being
- b. To be
- c. That is
- d. Being

4. Recently, a lot of investigation _____ on the crime scene that shocked the capital.

- a. Was conducting
- b. Was being conduct
- c. Has been conducted
- d. Was to be conducting

5. A considerable number of flights _____ due to the inclement weather.

- a. Are about to be delayed
- b. Are going to be delaying
- c. Are to delay
- d. Are on the verge of delayed

6. There is a serious matter that _____ as soon as the opportunity arises.

- a. Ought to discuss

- b. Ought be discussed
 - c. Should be discussed
 - d. Should we be discussing
7. The detective _____ only a scant amount of evidence to incriminate the suspect.
- a. Has gathering
 - b. Has been gathering
 - c. Has been gathered
 - d. Has to gathering
8. All subscription fees _____ to the manager of the gym.
- a. Were giving
 - b. Were given
 - c. Were to be giving
 - d. Were to give
9. It is said that reforestation _____ one of the best ways to protect our planet in the long-term.
- a. Is
 - b. To be
 - c. That it is
 - d. Is being
10. I can't believe my bad luck! I just _____ for the third time!
- a. Had my purse stolen
 - b. Had my purse to steal
 - c. Had my purse stealing
 - d. Had my purse as stolen
11. All books _____ to the public library intact.
- a. Must be returning
 - b. Must be returned
 - c. Must returned
 - d. Must to be returned

12. Our brain _____ up to a specific amount of new information.
- a. Can be retained
 - b. Is able to retain
 - c. Should be able to retaining
 - d. Ought to have retain
13. Mary _____ in front of everyone at the company by her rude boss.
- a. Was degraded
 - b. Was being degrading
 - c. Was to degrade
 - d. Was degrade
14. The eminent professor's arrival _____ to the campus by the Dean of the University.
- a. Was to announce
 - b. Was announcing
 - c. Was being announcing
 - d. Was announced.
15. The older members of the council _____ to move on with the new legislation.
- a. Have been deciding
 - b. Have decided
 - c. Have being decided
 - d. Have to be decided
16. The Indian tribe _____ away to the North of the country under threat of death.
- a. Was being casted
 - b. Was cast

- c. Had being cast
- d. Would have been casted

17. If all the tickets of the show were sold, then we _____ another theatre play.

- a. Would have been chosen
- b. Would have chosen
- c. Would have being chosen
- d. Would be chosen

18. The new architectural design _____ in time for the presentation.

- a. Had been completing
- b. Had been completed
- c. Had completed
- d. Had to be completing

19. All students requested that the decision _____ announced immediately after the school elections.

- a. Be
- b. Being
- c. To be
- d. To have been

20. The new product _____ for weeks now.

- a. Has been advertising
- b. Has been advertised
- c. Has to be advertising
- d. Has to advertise

Answers

Exercise 1

1. A new project has been initiated in the company by the managers.
2. All the tests were corrected by the teacher last night.
3. A brand-new menu was being prepared by the chef for the restaurant.
4. Three new books will be published by Mr. Robertson.
5. A new pay rise is being demanded by the employees.
6. This innovative robotic system was invented by a bright scientist.
7. All these beautiful blankets were knitted by my grandmother.
8. The witness had been arrested by the policewoman before reinforcement arrived.
9. Two airplane tickets have been bought by George as a surprise.
10. A surprise party is going to be organized by the two friends.
11. His dissertation had already been submitted by John before the deadline expired.
12. All business appointments were postponed by the boss's secretary for next week.
13. Their homework is being written by the young students right now.
14. His patient's effort to recover will be encouraged by the doctor.
15. Common new ideas and dreams are always supported by great friends.
16. A small celebration had been organized by the mother for her children before summer ended.
17. This project will have been completed (by me) before the end of the week.
18. Her new house was decorated by Sandy.
19. Two new employees were promoted by the manager.
20. Books in class have been exchanged by the children.

Exercise 2

1. B
2. C
3. B
4. C
5. A
6. C
7. B
8. B
9. A
10. A
11. B
12. B
13. A
14. D
15. B
16. B
17. B
18. B
19. A
20. B