

Active Voice and Passive Voice

Exercise Questions

TRANSFORMATION OF SENTENCES (ACTIVE/PASSIVE)

Directions (1-82): In the following questions, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive Voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active Voice.

1. One should keep one's promises.

- (1) Promises should be kept by someone.
- (2) One promise should be kept.
- (3) Once a promise should be kept.
- (4) Promises should be kept.

2. People in Egypt speak Arabic.

- (1) Arabic was spoken by people in Egypt.
- (2) Arabic is spoken in Egypt.
- (3) In Egypt Arabic is spoken.
- (4) Arabic is being spoken by people in Egypt.

3. The poor must be looked after by society:

- (1) Society must have looked after the poor.
- (2) Society must look after the poor.
- (3) Society must be looked after by the poor.
- (4) Society must look after the poor.

4. We should respect elders.

- (1) Elders should have respected.
- (2) Elders are to be respected.
- (3) Elders have been respected.
- (4) Elders should be respected.

5. Can we rely on him?

- (1) Can he be relied on?
- (2) Can we be relied by him?
- (3) Can he be relied by us?
- (4) Can we be relied on by him?

6. Who teaches you English?

- (1) By whom you are taught English?
- (2) By whom English is taught to you?
- (3) By whom was you taught English?
- (4) By whom are you taught English?

7. Do not insult the poor.

- (1) Let the poor not to insult.
- (2) Let not the poor be insulted.
- (3) Let the poor to be not insulted.
- (4) Let us not insult the poor.

8. It interests me.

- (1) I have been interested in it.
- (2) I am interested in it.
- (3) I will be interested in it.
- (4) I was interested in it.

9. The boy laughed at the lame man.

- (1) The boy laughed seeing the lame man.
- (2) The lame man was laughed at by the boy.
- (3) The boy laughed when he saw the lame man.
- (4) The lame man was laughed by the boy.

10. Rohit was taken to the hospital by the villagers.

- (1) Rohit was helped by the villagers to reach the hospital.
- (2) The villagers took Rohit to the hospital.
- (3) The hospital was reached by the villagers with Rohit.
- (4) The villagers reached the hospital with Rohit.

11. Complete the minutes of the last meeting.

- (1) The last meeting's minutes are completed.
- (2) The completed minutes of last meeting is to be tabled.
- (3) Minutes of the last meeting are to be completed.
- (4) The meetings last minutes are completed.

12. Grandfather was digging the flowerbeds.

- (1) The grandfather was digging flowerbeds.
- (2) The flowerbeds were digging grandfather.
- (3) Grandfather's flowerbeds were being dug.
- (4) The flowerbeds were being dug by grandfather.

13. I will complete my project next week.

- (1) Next week my project I will complete.
- (2) Next week my project will be completed.
- (3) My project will be completed by me next week.
- (4) My project I will complete next week.

14. God helps those who help themselves.

- (1) Those who help themselves help God.
- (2) Those who help themselves are helped by God.
- (3) Those who help God help themselves.
- (4) Those who are helped by themselves are helped by God.

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15. He will object to my proposal.

- (1) My proposal will be objected to by him.
- (2) The objection to my proposal will come from him.
- (3) His objection will be to my proposal.
- (4) There will be an objection to my proposal by him.

16. Father called up Angela on her birthday.

- (1) On her birthday Angela was called up by her father.
- (2) Angela called up her father on her birthday.
- (3) Angela received a call from her father on her birthday.
- (4) Angela was called up by father on her birthday.

17. Why didn't you bring the matter to my notice?

- (1) Why wasn't the matter brought to my notice?
- (2) Why isn't the matter brought by you to my notice?
- (3) Why isn't the matter brought to my notice?
- (4) Why wasn't the matter brought by you to my notice?

18. Why was he refused admittance?

- (1) Why were they refusing him admittance?
- (2) Why did they refuse him admittance?
- (3) Why are they refusing him admittance?
- (4) Why do they refuse him admittance?

19. People say that he is a spy.

- (1) It was said that he is a spy.
- (2) It is said by people that he is a spy.
- (3) It has been said that he is a spy.
- (4) It is said that he is a spy.

20. Finish the game.

- (1) The game had to be finished.
- (2) Let the game finish.
- (3) Let the game finished.

21. The task should have been completed by the student.

- (1) The student should have completed the task.
- (2) The student should complete the task.
- (3) The student should be completing the task.
- (4) The student should have complete the task.

22. He was caught by the police for littering up the streets.

- (1) The police has caught him littering up the street.
- (2) The police was catching him littering up the street.
- (3) The police caught him for littering up the street.
- (4) The police catches him littering up the street.

23. Let the window be opened.

- (1) Window be opened.
- (2) Leave the window open
- (3) Open the window.
- (4) Don't close the window.

24. I know that he did the work.

- (1) That the work was done by him is known to me.
- (2) That the work is done by him is known to me.
- (3) That he did the work is known by me.
- (4) That he did the work is known to me.

25. Many factors within our nation affect the economy.

- (1) The economy was affected by many factors within our nation.
- (2) The economy has affected by many factors within our nation.
- (3) The economy is being affected by many factors within our nation.
- (4) The economy is affected by many factors within our nation.

26. The child upset the salt over everything.

- (1) The child is upset about the salt over everything.
- (2) The salt is upset over everything by the child.
- (3) The salt is upset by the child over everything.
- (4) The salt was upset over everything by the child.

27. He opens the door.

- (1) The door is opened by him.
- (2) The door was opened by him.
- (3) The door shall be opened by him.
- (4) The door will be opened by him.

28. I am going to bring him here.

- (1) He is going to bring here by me.
- (2) He is being brought here by me.
- (3) He is going to be brought here by me.
- (4) He is being gone to be brought here by me.

29. He has sent me a present.

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- (1) I have been sent to him a present.
(2) A present will be sent to me by him.
(3) A present have been sent to me.
(4) A present has been sent to me by him.
30. Parents love their children
(1) Children have been loved by their parents.
(2) Children will be loved by their parents.
(3) Children are loved by their parents.
(4) Children are being loved by their parents.
31. The painting would have been stolen if he hadn't helped.
(1) Someone had stolen the painting if he hadn't helped.
(2) Someone stole the painting if he hadn't helped.
(3) Someone would have stolen the painting if he hadn't helped.
(4) Someone may have stolen the painting if he hadn't helped.
32. They believe Veerappan to be dangerous.
(1) Veerappan has been believed to be dangerous.
(2) Veerappan could be believed to be dangerous.
(3) Veerappan is believed to be dangerous.
(4) Veerappan can be believed to be dangerous.
33. My last venture undid me completely.
(1) I was completely undone by my last venture
(2) I was Incompletely done by my last venture
(3) I was not done completely by my last venture.
(4) I was not being undone completely by my last venture.
34. Your promises are to be kept by you
(1) Promises must be kept by you.
(2) You are to keep your promises.
(3) You may keep your promises.
(4) You should keep your promises.
35. Many types of fish were being sold by them at the market.
(1) They are selling many types of fish at the market.
(2) They were selling, many types of fish at the market.
(3) They have sold many types of fish at the market.
(4) They sell many types of fish at the market.
36. We have cycled more than ten kilometers.
(1) More than ten kilometers have been cycled by us.
(2) None of the above.
(3) We have been cycling for more than ten kilometers.
(4) Both of the above.
37. The lady is treading on the flowers.
(1) The flowers are being treaden on by the lady.
(2) The flowers are being trodden on by the lady
(3) The flowers are being trod on by the lady.
(4) The flowers are being treaded on by the lady.
38. The historical society built the museum.
(1) The museum was built by the historical society.
(2) The museum has been built by the historical society.
(3) The museum is built by the historical society.
(4) The museum was being built by the historical society.
39. Let him be told to do it.
(1) He is told to do It.
(2) He should be told to do it.
(3) Tell him to do It.
(4) Tell him about doing It.
40. Please see that the room is swept and mopped before I return.
(1) Please see that somebody will sweeps and mop the room before I return.
(2) Please see that somebody has swept and mopped the room before I return.
(3) Please see that somebody sweeps and mops the room before I return.
(4) Please see that somebody is sweeping and mops the room before I return.
41. The Swiss regarded him as an imposter and called him a Villain.
(1) He has been regarded as an ' Imposter and called a Villain by the Swiss.
(2) He was regarded as an imposter and is called a Villain by the Swiss.
(3) He is regarded as an Imposter and called a Villain by the Swiss.

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- (4) He was regarded as an Imposter and was called a villain by the Swiss.
42. That too many cooks spoil the broth is known to all.
- (1) All knew that too many cooks spoilt the broth.
 - (2) All knows that the broth is spoilt by too many cooks.
 - (3) All know that too many cooks spoil the broth.
 - (4) All know that the broth is spoilt by too many cooks.
43. Did he plan an excursion to mountains?
- (1) Has an excursion to mountains planned by him?
 - (2) Had an excursion to mountains planned by him?
 - (3) Was an excursion to mountains planned by him?
 - (4) Is an excursion to mountains planned by him?
44. The judge ordered the murderer to be hanged.
- (1) The order was given by the Judge to hang the murderer.
 - (2) The murderer was to be hanged according to the order of the judge.
 - (3) The murderer was ordered by the judge to be hanged.
 - (4) It was ordered by the judge to hang the murderer.
45. Kindly offer your remarks.
- (1) You have been requested to offer your remarks.
 - (2) You were requested to offer your remarks.
 - (3) You are requested to offer your remarks.
 - (4) You are being requested to offer your remarks.
46. Ratan is performing an experiment.
- (1) An experiment is performed by Ratan.
 - (2) An experiment is being performed by Ratan.
 - (3) An experiment was performed by Ratan.
 - (4) Experiments were performed by Ratan.
47. I shall be obliged to go.
- (1) Circumstances could oblige me to go.
 - (2) Circumstances will oblige me to go.
 - (3) Circumstances would oblige me to go.
 - (4) Circumstances may oblige me to go.
48. Who gave you the money?
- (1) By whom was you given the money?
 - (2) By whom were you given the money?
 - (3) Who was given the money by you?
 - (4) Who gave the money to you?
49. I didn't speak even a single word in the meeting.
- (1) Even a single word had not been spoken by me in the meeting.
 - (2) Even a single word have not been spoken by me in the meeting.
 - (3) Even a single word was not spoken by me in the meeting.
 - (4) Even a single word has not been spoken by me in the meeting.
50. We shall write a novel.
- (1) A novel will have been written by us.
 - (2) A novel will be written by us.
 - (3) A novel is written by us.
 - (4) A novel would be written by us.
51. Our vehicle had been stolen from our garage by the same burglary team.
- (1) The same burglary team has stolen our vehicle from our garage.
 - (2) The same burglary team had stolen our vehicle from our garage.
 - (3) The same burglary team is stealing our vehicle from our garage.
 - (4) The same burglary team will have stolen our vehicle from our garage.
52. Sita learns her lessons daily.
- (1) Her lessons Is learnt daily by Sita.
 - (2) Her lessons are learnt daily by Sita.
 - (3) Her lessons was learnt daily by Sita.
 - (4) Her lessons were learnt dally by Sita.
53. It is time to water the plants.
- (1) The plants should be watered.
 - (2) It is time when plants are watered.
 - (3) It is time the plants be watered.
 - (4) It is time for the plants to be watered.
54. These days most of the students do their assignments with the help of the internet.
- (1) These days most of the students are doing their assignments with the help of the Internet.
 - (2) These days most of the assignments are done with the help of the internet by the students.

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- (3) These days the assignments are being done with the help of the internet by most of the students.
(4) These days the assignments are done with the help of the internet by most of the students.
55. Who tore the curtains yesterday?
(1) By whom were the curtains teared yesterday?
(2) By whom were the curtains tom yesterday?
(3) By whom are the curtains tom yesterday?
(4) By whom were the curtains tore yesterday?
56. Shut the door.
(1) Let door be shut.
(2) Let the door be shut.
(3) Let door be shut by you.
(4) Let the door be shutted.
57. Rajesh could not complete his paper because he had a headache.
(1) Rajesh's paper would not be completed because he had a headache.
(2) The paper could not be completed by Rajesh because he had a headache.
(3) The paper of Rajesh could riot be completed by him because he had a headache.
(4) Rajesh's paper could not be completed because he had a headache.
58. The situation could hardly have been altered by the Interference of the police force.
(1) The Interference of the police force can hardly alter the situation.
(2) The Interference of the police force could alter the situation with hardness.
(3) The interference of the police force could hardly have altered the situation.
(4) The interference of the police force had altered the situation.
59. Who had laughed at you?
(1) By whom had you been laughed at?
(2) Who had you been laughed at?
(3) By whom you had been laughed at?
(4) By whom were you been laughed at?
60. We prohibit smoking.
(1) Smoking is being prohibited.
(2) Smoking has been prohibited.
(3) Smoking will be prohibited.
(4) Smoking is prohibited.
61. I cannot trust him anymore.
(1) He cannot trust by me anymore.
(2) He may not be trusted by me anymore.
(3) He cannot be trusted by me anymore.
(4) He could not be trusted by me anymore.
62. Take the medicine.
(1) Let the medicine be taken.
(2) The medicine must take you.
(3) The medicine is to be taken by you.
(4) You are requested to take the medicine.
63. People say that he is a spy.
(1) A spy that he is said the people.
(2) It has been said by the people that he is a spy.
(3) It is said that he is a spy.
(4) He is a spy was said by people.
64. Has he completed the assignments?
(1) Has the assignments being completed by him?
(2) Have the assignments been completed by him?
(3) Have the assignments completed by him?
(4) Has the assignments been completed by him?
- Directions (65-66):** In the following two questions, a sentence has been given in Active/Passive Voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive/Active voice.
65. The boys were making kites.
(1) Kites are being made by the boys.
(2) Kites were being made by the boys.
(3) Kites are made by the boys.
(4) The boys had made kites.
66. He will not use the computer.
(1) By him the computer will not be used.
(2) The computer will not be used by him.
(3) The use of the computer will not be by him.
(4) The computer he will not use.
67. I was obliged to leave.
(1) Circumstances have obliged me to leave.
(2) Circumstances obliged me to leave.
(3) Circumstance will oblige me to leave.
(4) Circumstance was obliged me to leave.

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68. Close the door.

- (1) Let the door be closed.
- (2) Let the door closed.
- (3) Let the door is closed.
- (4) Let the door is being closed.

69. We must take care of our parents.

- (1) Our parents are taken care of by us.
- (2) Our parents will be taken care of by us.
- (3) Our parents had been taken care of by us.
- (4) Our parents must be cared for by us.

70. Please close the door.

- (1) You please close the door.
- (2) You close the door yourself.
- (3) Let the door be closed by you.
- (4) Please be the door closed by you.

71. The agreement between the management and the workers was drafted by an advisory board.

- (1) The agreement between the management and the workers is being drafted by an advisory board.
- (2) An advisory board drafted the agreement between the management and the workers.
- (3) An advisory board is drafting the agreement between the management and the workers.
- (4) An advisory board had drafted the agreement between the management and the workers.

72. Put up the tent.

- (1) Let the tent be put up.
- (2) The tent is being put up.
- (3) The tent has been put up.
- (4) Let the tent being put up.

73. Please give me your pen and take your seat.

- (1) Let your pen given me and take your seat.
- (2) You are requested to give me your pen and take your seat
- (3) You are warned to give me your pen and take your seat.
- (4) You are ordered to give me your pen and take your seat.

74. The prisoner is known to have assaulted warden earlier too.

- (1) It is known that the prisoner has assaulted the warden earlier too.

(2) The warden was assaulted by the prisoner earlier too.

(3) It is known that the warden has been assaulted by the prisoner earlier too.

(4) It is known that the warden has assaulted the prisoner earlier too.

75. Can she write an interesting story?

- (1) Can an interesting story be written for her?
- (2) Can an interesting story be written to her?
- (3) Can an interesting story be written by her?
- (4) Could an interesting story be written by her?

76. The poet, Blake, wrote many poems for children.

- (1) Many poems were written for children by the poet, Blake.
- (2) Many poems were written by children for the poet, Blake.
- (3) Many are the poems written by children for the poet Blake.
- (4) Children wrote many poems by the poet Blake.

77. Each person exhibited various facial expressions.

- (1) Various facial expressions are exhibited by each person.
- (2) Various facial expressions were exhibited by each person
- (3) Various facial expressions were being exhibited by each person.
- (4) Various facial expressions have been used by each person.

78. The girls ate a mango yesterday.

- (1) A mango is eaten by the girls yesterday.
- (2) A mango was eaten by the girls yesterday.
- (3) A mango is being eaten by the girls yesterday.
- (4) A mango has been eaten by the girls yesterday.

79. Your manners irritate me.

- (1) I am irritated by my manners.
- (2) Manners are irritating me.
- (3) I am being irritated by your manners.
- (4) I am irritated by your manners.

80. The boys laughed at the old man

- (1) The old man was laughed by the boys.
- (2) The old man was being laughed by the boys.

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(3) The old man was being laughed at by the boys.

(4) The old man was laughed at by the boys.

81. Ideas are generated by Group discussions.

(1) Group discussions generated idea.

(2) Group discussions generate ideas.

(3) Group discussions have generated ideas.

(4) Group discussions generates ideas.

82. Who is singing such a sweet song?

(1) By whom is such a sweet song sang?

(2) By whom has such a sweet song sung?

(3) By whom is such a sweet song sung?

(4) By whom is such a sweet song being sung?

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