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TENSES

Exercise I – Identify the type of tenses in following sentences:-

1. Damon drinks coffee every morning.
2. The boy got up late and missed the bus.
3. My mother goes to pray in the temple.
4. The team is playing very well.
5. The school will be closed for winter break.
6. Leonard graduated from college last year.
7. The baby has eaten all the chips.
8. Have you read Pride and Prejudice?
9. The train has just left the station.
10. The sick child has been sleeping for three hours.
11. They have known each other for a long time.
12. Sam was going to school.
13. When I went there, Bucky was playing video games.
14. The workers have been working on the building for a long time.
15. Penny had done her homework when her parents came back.
16. Mr Arnold had been writing his last book for four months.
17. I will move to Delhi soon.
18. Mr Samuel will be staying in New York next week.
19. Beverly will have left before you arrive to see her.
20. Mr Peter will have been teaching for twelve years next month.

Answers

1. Simple Present Tense
2. Simple Past Tense
3. Simple Present Tense
4. Present Continuous Tense
5. Simple Future Tense
6. Simple Past Tense

7. Present Perfect Tense
8. Present Perfect Tense
9. Present Perfect Tense
10. Present Perfect Continuous Tense
11. Present Perfect Tense
12. Past Continuous Tense
13. Past Continuous Tense
14. Present Perfect Continuous Tense
15. Past Perfect Tense
16. Past Perfect Continuous Tense
17. Simple Future Tense
18. Future Continuous Tense
19. Future Perfect Tense
20. Future Perfect Continuous Tense

II. Fill In The Blanks With The Appropriate Tense Forms:

1. The operator -----(work) with his new machine when I _____(visit) him last week.
2. Scientists_____ (find) that the burning of fossil fuels____(increase) the level of greenhouse gases.
3. Tendulkar_____ (start) playing cricket at a very young age.
4. Japanese_____ (make) great progress in the field of electronics since the sixties.
5. The bed was very comfortable. I_____ (have) a sound sleep.
6. It _____(rain) heavily, while he was passing through the garden.
7. They_____(be) in London, last summer.
8. Gold_____(dissolve) in aqua regia only.
9. What_____you_____ (look) for?
10. When I _____(have) my dinner, my friend came.
11. Kolkata _____(stand) on the banks of Hooghly.
12. By the end of this semester, we_____ (pick) up a good practice in writing English.
13. We_____ (leave) for Delhi on Monday.
14. The recent cyclone _____(claim) a number of lives.
15. There _____(be) a gradual increase in the ground water level over the last ten years.

III. Change the tense (Transform the tenses of the following sentences as directed)

1. The girl speaks the truth. (Present Continuous Tense)
2. Mr Ram has spoken about Dinosaurs. (Present Perfect Continuous Tense)
3. The boat sailed yesterday. (Simple Present Tense)
4. Annie went to school yesterday. (Future Continuous Tense)
5. The baby cried for hours. (Present Perfect Continuous Tense)
6. Rose ate all the cookies. (Present Perfect Tense)

7. We have finished our assignments. (Past Perfect Tense)
8. Mr Ben had taught for five years. (Past Perfect Continuous Tense).
9. Dev saw the Prime Minister yesterday. (Future Continuous Tense)
10. Pavi shall finish her stitching by then. (Future Perfect Tense)

Answers

1. The girl is speaking the truth.
2. Mr Ram has been speaking about Dinosaurs.
3. The boat sails today.
4. Annie will be going to school tomorrow.
5. The baby has been crying for hours.
6. Rose has eaten all the cookies.
7. We had finished our assignments.
8. Mr Ben had been teaching for five years
9. Dev will be seeing the Prime Minister tomorrow.
10. Pavi shall have finished her stitching by then.

IV.Fill in the blanks with an appropriate verb form.

(1)Caffeine (works / is working / has worked) by blocking the effects of Adenosine, a sleep-inducing substance (produce / produced / producing) by your body. The substance (has accumulated / accumulates / is accumulating) inside you throughout the day. As adenosine levels (rise / rose / risen), you become calm and drowsy. Later, as you sleep, adenosine levels (drop / has dropped / dropped). When you wake up, the cycle (start / starts / started) again. By not allowing adenosine to build up, caffeine (keep / keeps / has kept) you feeling fired up.

Caffeine also (increase / increases / has increased) your blood pressure, which may make you feel as if your chest is pounding. Research (has shown / showed / show) that caffeine (interfered / interferes / had interfered) with the body's ability to process sugars, which may lead to a disease called type 2 diabetes. A can of caffeinated cola every now and then is probably OK, nutritionists say, but sip carefully!

Answers

Caffeine works by blocking the effects of the sleep-inducing substance adenosine, produced by your body. The substance accumulates inside you throughout the day. As adenosine levels rise, you become calm and drowsy. Later, as you sleep, adenosine levels drop. When you wake up, the cycle starts again. By not allowing adenosine to build up, caffeine keeps you feeling fired up.

Caffeine also increases your blood pressure, which may make you feel as if your chest is pounding. Research has shown that caffeine interferes with the body's ability to process sugars, which may lead to a disease called type 2 diabetes. A can of caffeinated cola every now and then is probably OK, nutritionists say, but sip carefully!

(2)The Chinese (do / does / has / have) not celebrate their New Year on January 1 like people in many parts of the world (do / does/ did). In 2022, the Chinese Year (begun / begin / began) on February 1. The Chinese New Year is the most important celebration in China and people often (take / took / are taking) weeks of holiday from work to prepare for and celebrate the New Year.

Chinese months are based on the lunar calendar. Each month (begin / begins / began / begun) on the darkest day. New Year festivities traditionally (start / are starting / have started) on the first day of the month and (continue / continues / continued) until the fifteenth, when the moon is brightest.

Answers

The Chinese do not celebrate their New Year on January 1 like people from many parts of the world do. In 2022, the Chinese Year began on February 1. The Chinese New Year is the most important celebration in China and people often take weeks of holiday from work to prepare for and celebrate the New Year.

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V. In the following passages, fill in each of the numbered blanks with the correct form of the word given in the brackets.

Question(1) Alice was (0) **Beginning** (begin) to get very tired of (i) (sit) by her sister on the bank and of having nothing to do: once or twice she had (ii) (peep) into the book her sister was reading, but it (iii) (have) no pictures or conversations in it, “and what is the use of a book,” (iv) (think) Alice, “without pictures or conversations?” Alice wondered whether the pleasure of (v) (make) a daisy-chain would be worth the trouble of getting up and picking the daisies, when suddenly a White Rabbit with pink eyes (vi) (run) close by her. Alice did not think this was very remarkable, until the Rabbit actually (vii) (take) a watch out of its waistcoat- pocket, and (viii) (look) at it, and then hurried on.

Answer:

(i) sitting (ii) peeped (iii) had (iv) thought (v) making (vi) ran (vii) took (viii) looked

Question(2) Pablo Picasso (0) **showed** (show) his truly exceptional talent from a very young age. His first word (i) (be) lapiz (Spanish for pencil) and he (ii) (learn) to draw before he could talk. He was the only son in the family and very good looking, so he was thoroughly (iii) (spoil). He (iv) (hate) school and often (v)

(refuse) to go unless his doting parents (vi) (allow) him to take one of his father's pet pigeons with him. Once, he painted his father's half completed painting so beautifully that his father (vii) (give) him his own palette and brushes and never (viii) (paint) again. He was 13 then.

Answer:

(i) was (ii) had learnt (iii) spoilt (iv) hated (v) refused (vi) allowed (vii) gave (viii) painted

Question(3) As heart disease (0) **is continuing** (continue) to be the number one killer in the United States, researchers (i) (become) increasingly (ii) (interest) in identifying the potential risk factors that (iii) (trigger) heart attacks. High-fat diets and 'life in the fast lane' have long (iv) (know) to contribute to the high incidence of heart failure. Heart failures (v) (appear) to have seasonal and temporal patterns. Many heart failures (vi) (occur) in cold weather and many people (vii) (experience) heart failure on Monday than on any other day of the week. Cardiologists (viii) (observe) more morning phenomena of heart attacks than in afternoons or evenings.

Answer:

(i) have become (ii) interested (iii) trigger (iv) been known (v) appear (vi) occur (vii) experience (viii) have observed

Question(4) The term 'traditional medicine' (0) **refers** (refer) to ways of protecting and restoring health that (i) (exist) before the arrival of modern medicine. As the term (ii) (imply), these approaches to health belong to the traditions of each country, and (iii) (hand) down from generation to generation. Traditional systems in general have had to meet the needs of the local communities for many centuries. China and India, (iv) (develop) very sophisticated systems such as acupuncture and ayurvedic medicine. A genuine interest in various traditional practices now (v) (exist) among practitioners of traditional, indigenous or alternative systems. They (vi) (begin) to accept and (vii) (use) some of modern technology. This (viii) (help) foster teamwork among all categories of health workers within the framework of primary health care

Answer:

(i) existed (ii) implies (iii) have been handed (iv) have developed (v) exists (vi) are beginning (vii) use (viii) will help

Question (5) Eye donor can (0) **belong** (belong) to any age group or sex. People who (i) (use) spectacles, or those (ii) (operate) for cataract, can still donate the eyes. People who (iii) (be) diabetic, have hypertension, asthma patients and those without communicable diseases can also (iv) (donate) eyes. Eyes must (v) (remove) within 4-6 hours after death. The eye bank team if (vi) (inform) immediately (vii) (remove) the eyes at home of the deceased or at a hospital. Eye removal (viii) (take) only 10-15 minutes. It is a simple process and does not lead to anydisfigurement.

Answer:

(i) use (ii) operated (iii) are (iv) donate (v) be removed (vi) informed (vii) removes (viii) takes

Question(6) I (0) **climbed** (climb) into bed and (i) (roll) myself in my blankets, first extinguishing the light that (ii) (burn) steadily near the door. I lay still trying to get to sleep, but my fear (iii) (make) that impossible and soon I (iv) (sit) up in bed peering into the darkness and occasionally (v) (glance) at the round window in the side of the ship which (vi) (seem) like a plate suspended in the darkness. For an hour I must have sat like this, and (vii) (rouse) by a draught of cold air. I (viii) (jump) out of the bed; not having allowed for the motion of the ship, I was instantly thrown violently across the room

Answer:

(i) rolled (ii) was burning (iii) made (iv) sat (v) glancing (vi) seemed (vii) roused (viii) jumped

Question(7) Mobile phones (0) **have become** (become) the greatest necessity in today's age. They (i) (be) no longer a means of mere communication but serve many other purposes. Mobiles (ii) (take) the form of a mini PC. Apart from making calls and sending SMSes, they (iii) (facilitate) you to schedule your work, take photographs, browse data, store as well as share data etc. They (iv) (connect) you to your friends on miles in minutes through WhatsApp and Facebook. Moreover, they can (v) (use) anytime and anywhere without electricity unlike landline phones. GPS and GPRS (vi) (add) to the advantages of mobile phones. But youngsters (vii) (tend) to purchase costliest phones to (viii) (show) off their status and prestige.

Answer:

(i) are (ii) have taken (iii) facilitate (iv) connect (v) be used (vi) have added (vii) tend (viii) show

Question(8) After 68 years of independence it is a necessity that we (0) **measure** (measure) our gains and our losses. We need (i) (consolidate) our gains and prevent further losses. While (ii) (do) so, we must also introspect on what we did for be able (iii) (take) steps towards the benefit of the country and of our own. It's time we (iv) (define) our goals. Also remember that if you (v) (aim) for reaching the top of the mountain, you will reach the top of the tree. If you aim for the top of the tree, you (vi) (reach) the height of the tip of the top of the grass. If you aim for the tip of the top of the grass, (vii) (imagine) where you will (viii) (go).

Answer:

(i) to consolidate (ii) doing (iii) to take (iv) defined (v) aim (vi) will reach (vii) imagine (viii) have gone

Question(9) Roald Dahl, a famous children's writer (0) **was born** (born) on 13th September, 1916, in Wales. His colourful experiences as a student in boarding schools (i) (be) the inspiration for his books Boy and Danny Champion of the World. Dahl (ii) (become) a writer during World War II, when he (iii) (recount) in a short story his adventures as a fighter pilot for the Royal Air Force. The story (iv) (buy) by the Saturday Evening Post and a long, illustrious career was born. He (v) (marry) a film actress with whom he (vi) (have) five children. After (vii) (establish) himself as a writer for adults, Dahl (viii) (begin) writing children stories in 1960.

Answer:

(i) were (ii) became (iii) recounted (iv) was bought (v) married (vi) had (vii) establishing (viii) began

Question(10) Malala Yousufzai, a Pakistani activist for female education (0) **was born** (born) in 1997. She (i) (know) for her advocacy of Human Rights for education. Her family (ii) (run) a chain of schools in Swat Valley of Pakistan. So, the devotion for education (iii) (receive) by Malala in heritage. At the very early age of 13, she (iv) (write) a blog for the BBC, regarding the right for education, in the pseudonym. Her movement (v) (grow) international since she gave interviews in print and on television. And she (vi) (nominate) for 'International Childrens Peace Prize' by South African activist

Desmond Tutu. After Malala's being attacked in 2012 and safely recovered, the UN special Envoy for Global Education Gordon Brown (vii) (launch) a UN petition in her name, demanding that all children worldwide be in school by the end of 2015. It (viii) (help) leading to the ratification of Pakistan's first Right to Education Bill.

Answer:

(i) is known (ii) ran (iii) was received (iv) wrote (v) grew (vi) was nominated (vii) launched (viii) has helped

Question(11) "My father (0) **will get** (get) ahead of me in everything and will leave nothing great for me to do". These were little Alexander's words when he (i) (come) to know about the conquests of his father, the King Philip of Macedonia. Action and glory, rather than pleasure and wealth (ii) (be) what Alexander (iii) (want) from life. Fame was his passion. One of the greatest in history, Alexander (iv) (conquer) much of what was then the civilised world. He was born in Pella, Macedonia. Even as a boy Alexander was fearless and strong. He (v) (tame) the beautiful and spirited Bucephalus, a horse that no one else (vi) (dare) to touch or ride. His father was so proud that he said, "Oh my son, (vii) (seek) out a kingdom worthy of thyself, for Macedonia is too little for thee." And, he (viii) (fulfil) his father's wishes.

Answer:

(i) came (ii) were (iii) wanted (iv) conquered (v) had tamed (vi) dared (vii) seek (viii) fulfilled

Question(12) My mother (0) **started** (start) school when she (i) (be) six and (ii) (stop) the same term. She was unusual in the village as she had a father and brother who (iii) (encourage) her to go to school. She was the only girl in a class of boys and claims she was brighter than the boys. But every day she (iv) (will) leave behind her girl cousin (v) (play) at home and she (vi) (envy) them. There (vii) (seem) to be no point in (viii) (go) to school just to end up doing housework.

Answer:

(i) was (ii) stopped (iii) encouraged (iv) would (v) playing (vi) would envy (vii) seemed (viii) going

Question(13) The other days we (0) **discussed** (discuss) the attitudes of people in our country. Why (i) (be) most of them arrogant and aggressive? Akash asked. Rachna (ii) (say) that (iii) (be) because there (iv) (be) too many people and one had to fight for everything. Nirode (v) (insist) that it (vi) (be) the climate. We (vii) (be) as efficient and polite as Canadians if only our weather (viii)(be) better.

Answer:

(i) are (ii) said (iii) was (iv) were (v) insisted (vi) was (vii) will be (viii) is

Question(14) He had been zero (0) **sitting** (sit) on the bank of a small irrigation canal. He was (i) (gaze) at a couple of heron (ii) (fish) in the muddy water, when he (iii) (feel) something bump his elbow. (iv) (look) around, he (v) (find) at his side a little goat, jet black and soft as velvet with lovely grey eyes. Neither her owner nor her mother (vi) (be) around. She continued to (vii) (midge) Mukesh, so he (viii) (look) in his pocket for nourishment.

Answer:

(i) gazing (ii) fishing (iii) felt (iv) Looking (v) found (vi) was (vii) nudge (viii) looked

Question (15) One morning I (0) **see** (see) the python curled up on the dressing table. It was (i) (gaze) at its-own reflection in the mirror. I (ii) (go) for grandfather but by the time we (iii) (return) to the room, the python (iv) (move) on. He was seen in the garden and once the cook saw him (v) (crawl) up the ladder to the roof. Then we (vi) (find) him on the dressing table again (vii) (admire) himself in the mirror. "He's trying to look better for Aunt Mabel" I said. I (viii) (regret) this remark immediately because grandmother overheard and held up my pocket money for the rest of the week!

Answer:

(i) gazing (ii) went (iii) returned (iv) had moved (v) crawling (vi) found (vii) admiring (viii) regretted

One-Word Substitute

Direction: In the following questions, choose the correct option which can be substituted for the given sentence.

1. One who does not express himself freely.

1. Ambivert
2. Extrovert
3. Introvert
4. Vertebrate

Answer: 3 Introvert

2. A person who hates and avoids human society

5. Misogynist
6. Misanthrope
7. Anthropologist
8. Archaeologist

Answer: 6 Misanthrope

3. A person who shows a great or excessive fondness for one's wife

1. Henpeck
2. Virtuoso
3. Uxorious
4. Impregnable

Answer: 3 Uxorious

4. An unconventional style of living

1. Cacography
2. Bohemian
3. Contemporaries
4. Hypochondriac

Answer: 2 Bohemian

5. A self-governing country or region

1. Autonomy
2. Autocracy
3. Anarchy
4. Ethnology

Answer: 1 Autonomy

6. A political system based on the government of men by God

1. Thearchy
2. Monarchy
3. Oligarchy
4. Plutocracy

Answer: 1 Thearchy

8. That which cannot be corrected

1. Indelible
2. Inflammable
3. Illegible
4. Incurable

Answer: 4 Incurable

9. One who is unable to pay his debts

1. Insolvent
2. Lunatic

3. Amateur
4. Arbitrator

Answer: 1 Insolvent

10. The killing of a large group of people

1. Genocide
2. Foeticide
3. Interment
4. Matricide

Answer: 1 Genocide

11. One who is hard to please.

1. Fastidious
2. Fugitive
3. Fanatic
4. Fatalist

Answer: 1 Fastidious

12. A person who is primarily concerned with making money at the expense of ethics

1. Mercenary
2. Narcissist
3. Numismatist
4. Termagant

Answer: 1 Mercenary

13. A person who speaks two languages fluently

1. Monolingual
2. Bilingual
3. Trilingual
4. Multilingual

Answer: 2 Bilingual

14. A person who is able to use both hands with equal ease

1. Ambidextrous
2. Left-handed
3. Right-handed
4. Unilateral

Answer: 1 Ambidextrous

15. A person who is extremely knowledgeable about a particular subject

1. Expert
2. Novice
3. Specialist
4. Rookie

Answer: 1 Expert

PREFIX & SUFFIX

Complete the sentences by writing the correct prefix in the blank space.

dis- -in mis- re- un- under-

1. I just can't believe it! The story is _____believable!
2. No, that answer is _____correct. It is wrong.

3. Let's look at this information again. We should _____ view it before the test.
4. I saw Allison just a moment ago, but now I can't find her! It seems that she _____ appeared!
5. Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't hear you correctly. I _____ understood you.
6. The subway does not go over the land like a normal train. It moves _____ ground.

Put the words in brackets in the appropriate form (use prefixes or suffixes):

- 1- He was acting in a very **childish** way. (*child*)
- 2- She looked **unhappy**. She started to cry. (*happy*)
- 3- He passed his exam. He was **successful** for the second time. (*succeed*)
- 4- The team that he supported was able to win the **championship**. (*champion*)
- 5- I couldn't find any **weakness** in his theory. (*weak*)
- 6- He wants to be a **mathematician** when he grows up. (*mathematics*)
- 7- There were only a **handful** of people at the match. (*hand*)
- 8- The road was too narrow, so they had to **widen** it. (*wide*)
- 9- I think that you should **reconsider** your decision. It may not be the best thing to do. (*consider*)
- 10- You need a **combination** of motivation, organization and hard work to realize your dreams. (*combine*)

Directions (1-10): Following are the questions having the group of words. You have to choose the correctly spelt word.

Question 1.

- a) Millennium
- b) Millinium
- c) Milennium
- d) Millenium
- e) Mllemum

Question 2.

- a) Hierarchy
- b) Hieraarchy
- c) Hierierarchy
- d) Hierache

e) Herarchy

Question 3.

a) Atheist

b) Athest

c) Athist

d) Atheit

e) Aheist

Question 4.

a) Priveledge

b) Privilidge

c) Privilege

d) priviledge

e) Privlege

Question 5.

a) Playrite

b) Playright

c) Playwrite

d) Playwright

e) Plaright

Question 6.

a) Exaggearate

b) Exaggerate

c) Exagjerate

d) Exajerate

e) Exajjerate

Question 7.

a) Compitend

b) Competent

c) Compitent

d) Compentent

e) Comptent

Question 8.

a) Inconvenice

b) Inconvenience

c) Inconvinence

d) Inconvenince

Question 9.

a) Enterpeneur

b) Entrepreneur

c) Entreprneeur

d) Enterpeneur

e) Entreprenuer

Question 10.

- a) Acquatanace
- b) Acquaintence
- c) Acquaintance
- d) Acquaintance
- e) Aquantaince

ANSWERS:

1-a 2-a 3-a 4-c 5-d 6-b 7-b 8-b 9-b 10-c

Punctuation

Punctuate the following sentences:

1. where have you been all day
2. ill need two things a tent and a sleeping bag
3. i dont believe it
4. youre my friend my very best friend
5. how awful
6. please could you fetch me three apples two pears a peach and a carton of orange juice
7. if you dont stop that immediately im going to
8. dont do that actually never mind
9. move along theres nothing to see the police officer said
10. thomas has five hundred pounds £500
11. come back thats benjamins bike she yelled
12. shenika cant stand fruit cake benny will eat it

Punctuation Answers

Punctuate the following sentences:

1. Where have you been all day?
2. I'll need two things: a tent and a sleeping bag.
3. I don't believe it!
4. You're my friend, my very best friend.
5. How awful!
6. Please could you fetch me: three apples, two pears, a peach and a carton of orange juice.
7. If you don't stop that immediately, I'm going to...
8. Don't do that! Actually, never mind.
9. "Move along, there's nothing to see!" the police officer said.
10. Thomas has five hundred pounds (£500).
11. "Come back, that's Benjamin's bike!" she yelled.
12. Shenika can't stand fruit cake; Benny will eat it.

SENTENCE COMPLETION

Directions: Five options A, B, C, D and E are given under each sentence, you are required to select the most suitable alternative to fill in the blanks and make it meaningful.

1. Behaving in a _____ and serious way, even in a _____ situation, makes people respect you.

- A. calm, difficult
- B. steady, angry
- C. flamboyant, tricky
- D. cool, astounding
- E. silly, sound

Ans. A

2. Along with a sharp rise in _____, a recession would eventually result in more men, women, and children living in _____.

- A. crime, apathy
- B. fatalities, poor
- C. deaths, slums
- D. unemployment, poverty
- E. migrations, streets

Ans. D

3. The government has _____ to provide financial aid to the ones _____ by severe floods in the city.

- A. desired, troubled
- B. promised, havoc
- C. failed, affected
- D. wanted, struck
- E. decided, ill

Ans. C

4. An airplane with _____ passengers on board made an unscheduled _____ as the airport to which it was heading was covered with thick fog.

- A. irritable, slip
- B. faulty, stop
- C. variety, halt
- D. tons, wait
- E. numerous, landing

Ans. E

5. Deemed universities _____ huge fees, but have not been successful in providing _____ education to our students.

- A. collect, maintaining
- B. pay, better
- C. ask, good
- D. charge, quality
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate prepositions;

1. He lives _____ Ahmedabad.
2. They prefer to stay _____ a farmhouse.
3. The rat ran _____ the hole.

4. They go to university _____ walk.
5. It is advisable to stay inside _____ the hurricanes.
6. The kids fought _____ themselves
7. Everyone cheered _____ Reema _____ her success.
8. The instructor insisted _____ completing the drawing before leaving the class.
9. They are not familiar _____ this subject.
10. He is very angry _____ us.
11. Who was he talking _____?
12. Eskimo reside _____ the igloo.
13. I purchased this cycle _____ two thousand rupees.
14. The supervisor is dissatisfied _____ his performance.
15. You have to walk _____ the door to exit this hall.

Answers

1. In
2. on
3. to
4. by
5. during
6. among
7. For/on
8. on
9. with
10. with
11. to
12. in
13. for
14. with
15. towards

ACTIVE VOICE, PASSIVE VOICE & IMPERSONAL PASSIVE

Examine the following sentences and identify whether they are in active or passive voice.

1. The flowers bloom in the spring.
2. The meal was cooked by the chef.
3. The children are playing in the park.
4. The books were arranged by the librarian.
5. The artist paints stunning portraits.

Answers

1. Active voice
2. Passive voice
3. Active voice
4. Passive voice
5. Active voice

Change the following sentences from active voice to passive voice.

1. The cat chased the mouse.
2. The teacher explained the lesson.
3. The football team won the match.
4. The chef is preparing the meal.
5. The gardener waters the plants every morning.

Answers –

1. The mouse was chased by the cat.
2. The lesson was explained by the teacher.
3. The match was won by the football team.
4. The meal is being prepared by the chef.
5. The plants are watered by the gardener every morning.

Change the following sentences to passive voice.

1. She sings a song.
2. Help Suhani.
3. Are you writing a letter?
4. I will finish the task before the evening.
5. The boy killed the ant.
6. They took all the necessary precautions.
7. They have informed him of his mother's death.
8. The students did some research on the topic.
9. The car hit the dog.
10. The dolphins have learned many tricks.

ANSWERS

11. A song is sung by her.

12. Let Suhani be helped.
13. Is a letter being written by you?
14. The task will be finished before the evening.
15. The ant was killed by the boy.
16. All the necessary precautions were taken by them.
17. He has been informed of his mother's death,
18. Some research on the topic has been done by the students.
19. The dog was hit by the car.
20. Many tricks have been learnt by the dolphins.

Impersonal Passive Exercises:

- 1) They are constructing a new bridge across the river
- 2) The engineers have introduced many innovations in aeronautical industry
- 3) They have successfully installed the new machinery in the factory
- 4) A skilled operator can carry out operations on a CNC machine
- 5) The panel is receiving the performance of the employees
- 6) The mechanics use thin grease as a lubricant in ball bearings
- 7) Someone will speak Japanese at the meeting
- 8) The company employed many workers this year
- 9) The industry generates heat for welding in many ways
- 10) We welded two metal plates together

Answers

- 1) A new bridge is being constructed across the river.
- 2) Many innovations have been introduced in aeronautical industry.
- 3) The new machinery has successfully been installed.
- 4) Operations can be carried out on a machine.
- 5) The performance of the employees is being reviewed.
- 6) Thin grease is used as a lubricant in ball bearings.
- 7) Japanese will be spoken at the meeting.
- 8) Many workers were employed this year
- 9) Heat is generated for welding in many ways.
- 10) Two metal plates were welded together.