Review: PASSIVE VOICE (Standard)

I. Choose the correct word or phrase.

1. The prime minister **was / has** criticised for his recent actions.
2. When I walked past the Wilsons' house, their new sofa **was / has** being delivered.
3. Our teacher **was / has** told us to take our favourite book to school tomorrow.
4. I think my mobile **was / has** been stolen!
5. Jonathan **was / has** chosen to play the lead role in the school play.
6. I'm sleeping downstairs because my bedroom **is being painted / has been painting**.
7. This picture **was / has** probably taken during the winter.
8. Your essays must **be / have** handed in on Friday morning.
9. Someone **was / has** left their wallet on the floor.
10. Did you hear about the bank **being / having** robbed?
11. *Treasure Island* **was / has** written by Robert Louis Stevenson.
12. It was a real shock when my dad **was / has** fired from his job.
13. The Vikings had visited America before it **was / has** discovered by Columbus.
14. When we got to the airport, we learned that our flight **was / had been** delayed.
15. **Was / Has** your ticket for the concert tomorrow paid for by you or your parents?

II. Choose the correct answer.

1. We ..... a swimming pool put in this week.
2. Why don't you get a doctor ..... at your arm?
3. My teeth were a little yellow so I ..... by the dentist.
4. Stuart's thinking of having .....!
5. My sister ..... her ear pierced last weekend.
6. Mum and Dad didn't fancy cooking, so we got a pizza ..... .
7. You should ..... a professional to check your house for earthquake damage.
8. Kelly wanted to have a live band ..... at her wedding.
9. Can we ..... this summer?
10. We ..... while we were on holiday.

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III. Complete each second sentence using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Write between two and five words in each gap.

1. Someone has scratched my car on the door! **been**
   My car ..... on the door!
2. Tommy is having an operation right now. **being**
   Tommy ..... right now.
3. Has Fiona invited you to her party? **been**
   Have ..... party?
4. Shakespeare probably wrote this play in 1587. **written**
   This play ..... Shakespeare in 1587.
5. The government is considering a new law to ban smoking following new research. **considered**
   A new law to ban smoking ..... following new research.
6. My mum told me to go to Walmart. **sent**
   I ..... my mum.
7. I didn't understand a word so I asked my teacher and she explained it to me. **got**
   I didn't understand a word so I ..... it to me.

IV. Write one word in each gap.

The European Diet

It's hard for us to imagine what (1) ..... included in the European diet before America (2) ..... discovered (3) ..... Columbus in 1492. So many ingredients which today (4) ..... grown all over the world (5) ..... unknown to medieval Europeans. Potatoes, tomatoes, maize and chocolate (6) ..... all originally imported from the New World. Until then, meals had (7) ..... prepared using ingredients native to Europe, such as root vegetables. Of course, spices such as pepper (8) ..... been traded and added to food for centuries. When the potato (9) ..... first introduced, it was surprisingly unpopular. It (10) ..... considered to be poisonous and it took a long time to become common. There is a story of Parmentier, a French army officer, who (11) ..... potatoes planted in the royal garden and (12) ..... Marie Antoinette wear a potato flower to make them fashionable. The poor peasants were curious about the new plants and many of them (13) ..... stolen to be planted in their own gardens. It was the start of French fries!

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