Unit 15: Passive voice

A 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?

B Complete using the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets.

1 The Earth ..... (**hold**) by the gravity of the Sun and orbits around it.
2 The first feature-length comedy film ..... (**create**) by Charlie Chaplin.
3 The award for best video ..... (**present**) later this evening.
4 By the time you read this, I ..... (**arrest**) for murder.
5 I don't know whether our tests ..... (**mark**) yet or not.
6 Radio waves ..... (**discover**) by Marconi.
7 You wouldn't think it to look at him now, but Jack ..... (**bully**) when he was at school.
8 Your application ..... (**consider**) and we will let you know as soon as we've made a decision.
9 The roof of the car can ..... (**lower**) by pressing this button here.
10 Our tent ..... (**blow**) over in the night by the wind.
11 Chess ..... (**play**) for around two thousand years now.
12 Two men ..... (**question**) at this moment by police in connection with the burglary.

C Write sentences in the passive.

1 Our car / service / a mechanic / at the moment.
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2 A man / shoot / an air gun / outside the petrol station last night.
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3 Gunpowder / invent / the Chinese.
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4 At the surgery yesterday, I / examine / Dr Peterson / and I / give / a prescription.
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5 I went to see it because I / tell / it was a good film / all my friends.
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