

MODULE 8: PASSIVE VOICE

Exercise 1: Rewrite these sentences in passive voice.

1. He must pay the bills before the fifth of the month.

=> The bills _____

2. No one has opened that box for the past hundred years.

=> That box _____

3. The boy screamed while the dentist was pulling out one of his teeth.

=> The boy screamed while _____

4. The fire has destroyed many houses.

=> Many houses _____

5. They awarded him the Nobel Prize for medicine in 1946.

=> He _____

6. We saw him leave the office at 6 o'clock this morning.

=> He _____

7. My parents didn't let me go to school this morning because I was ill.

=> I _____

8. You ought to water these plants once a week.

=> These plants _____

9. They believe that all children are born with equal intelligence.

=> It _____

=> Children _____

10. My sister made me change my minds but I didn't.

=> I _____

11. Why didn't you report the accident sooner?

=> Why wasn't _____

12. I could hear someone crying in the next room.

=> Someone _____

13. I watched people walking past.

=> People _____

14. We overheard them say that they didn't really like the food.

=> They were _____

15. I expect you to find your money somewhere in your bedroom.

=> I expect _____

16. We want people to obey traffic rules.

=> We want _____

17. She wishes her husband to compliment her on her new dress.

=> She _____

18. People continue to use Facebook as a main way of socializing.

=> Facebook _____

19. I don't like the children making fun of this cat.

=> I don't like _____

20. I hate people calling me through FaceTime.

=> I hate _____

21. Famous film stars are often afraid that people can recognize them in public places.

=> Famous film stars are often afraid of _____

22. We have had the teacher correct our test.

=> We have had our test _____

23. They are going to employ someone to repair the roof.

=> They _____

Exercise 2: Choose the best answer of each question below.

1 Most forests in other climatic areas _____ by human beings.

- A. have already been affected B. have already affected
C. have already been affecting D. had already been affected

2 The application form _____ to the university before May 31st.

- A. must send B. sent C. must be sending D. must be sent

3 "What a beautiful shirt you're wearing!" "Thank you. It _____ especially for me by my mother."

- A. is made B. has made C. made D. was made

4 Once _____ in large quantities, these products will be more affordably priced.

- A. are produced B. having produced C. produced D. producing

5 Jane would never forget _____ first prize in such a prestigious competition.

- A. to be awarded B. being awarded C. to have awarded D. having awarded

6 When _____ about their preferences for movies, many young people say that they are in favor of science fiction.

- A. having asked B. asking C. asked D. are asked

7 The old woman still recalls clearly _____ by her teacher when she was late on her first day at school.

- A. to be criticized B. to have criticized C. being criticized D. criticizing

8 One man _____ outside his own country is tipped to become the new President.

- A. little knowing B. to know little C. little known D. to be little known

- 9 When _____ the 2018 Oscar for the best Actor in a Supporting Role, Sam Rockwell thanked his mom and dad for inspiring him with the love for movies.
- A. was awarded B. having awarded C. awarding D. awarded
- 10 When _____ about the theft, the suspect said that he had taken no part in it.
- A. questioning B. having questioned C. questioned D. was questioning
11. _____ with the size of the whole earth, the highest mountain does not seem high at all.
- A. When compared B. On comparing C. Having compared D. To compare
- 12 Orphan elephants need _____ the same companionship as they _____ from their mothers in the wild.
- A. to be given - would have received B. to have given - had received
- C. to have been given - would receive D. being given - are receiving
- 13 The mountaineers who had been trapped by the avalanche were very lucky _____ by the rescue team within an hour.
- A. to have found B. having been found
- C. to have been found D. being found
- 14 Authorities should warn people against _____ hazardous foods containing additives. Still better, perhaps, they shouldn't allow such products _____ in the first place.
- A. to be using - produced B. having used - to produce
- C. using - to be produced D. being used - being produced
- 15 Naturally, she seems quite content _____ first prize in last week's art competition.
- A. to have been awarded B. being awarded
- C. to have awarded D. having been awarding
- 16 The power failure resulted in many of the underground trains _____ for up to one hour.
- A. to delay B. to have delayed C. to be delayed D. being delayed
- 17 She appears _____ deeply by what I said to her yesterday, because she's been avoiding me all day today.
- A. to have been offended B. to be offended
- C. having been offended D. having offended
- 18 We had the printer _____ but they couldn't work out what the problem was; they said it was just too old a model.
- A. to be serviced B. having serviced C. serviced D. to service
- 19 My sister _____ her laptop serviced last weekend.
- A. did B. got C. made D. took
- 20 You should _____ a professional to check your house for earthquake damage.
- A. have B. get C. make D. take