

## 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