The Passive Voice
Test

I. The first sentence is in the ACTIVE VOICE. Choose the most correct way of saying the same thing in the PASSIVE VOICE.

1.They were interviewing her for the job.
She _____ for the job.
1)was being interviewed
2)was interviewed
3)has been interviewed

2. *Tom is writing the letter.*
The letter _____ by Tom.
1) was written
2)is being written
3)has been written

3. *Everyone understands English.*
English _____ by everyone.
1)is understood
2)has been understood
3)was understood

4. *The employees brought up this issue during the meeting.*
This issue _____ by the employees during the meeting.
1)has been brought up
2)is brought up
3)was brought up

5. *The professor told him not to talk in class.*
He _____ by the professor not to talk in class.
1)has been told
2)was told
3)was being told

6. *They say that women are smarter than men.*
Women _____ to be smarter than men.
1)were being said
2)were said
3)are said

7. *The fire has destroyed the house.*
The house _____ by the fire.
1)has been destroyed
2)was being destroyed
3)is destroyed

8. *She would have told you.*
You _____ by her.
1)would have been told
2)would be told
3)were being told

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9. *She would reject the offer.*
The offer _____ by her.
1)will have been rejected
2)would be rejected
3)will be rejected

10. *This surprises me.*
I _____ by this.
1)would have been surprised
2)will be surprised
3)am surprised

II Use the tenses and verbs in brackets to complete the sentences.

1. English_____ (speak) all over the world. (Present tense)
2. This quarrel _____ (forget) in a few years' time. (Future tense)
3. My pencil case _____steal). (Present perfect)
4. This shirt _____(make) in France. (Past tense)
6. The dogs _____(keep) in the house. (Present tense)
7. Her new book _____ (publish) next month. (Future tense)
8. Milk _____ (use) to make butter and cheese. (Present tense)
9. The house ... (build) now. (Present continuous tense)

III. Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice.

1. The cat was chasing the mouse.
2. The goose fed the panda.
3. The man has given the panther a pair of shoes.
4. Barbie is destroying Ken's clothes.
5. My mother designed this costume.

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