

GRAMMAR – PASSIVE VOICE

Exercise 1. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. Toshico had her car (repair) _____ by a mechanic.
2. Ellen got Marvin (type) _____ her paper.
3. We got our house (paint) _____ last week.
4. Dr. Byrd is having the students (write) _____ a composition.
5. Mark got his transcripts (send) _____ to the university.
6. Maria is having her hair (cut) _____ tomorrow.
7. Will Mr. Brown have the porter (carry) _____ his luggage to his car?
8. My sister has had a new dress (make) _____ recently.
9. The Wilsons won't have a new house (build) _____ on that corner next month.
10. The President had his advisors (arrange) _____ a press conference.

Exercise 2. Choose the correct answer.

1. Nowadays children would prefer history _____ in more practical ways.
A. to be taught B. teach C. be taught D. to teach
2. The secretary will get the forms _____ tomorrow.
A. sign B. to be signed C. signing D. signed
3. The house is found _____ down.
A. to burn B. burning C. having burned D. to have been burned
4. Lack of exercise and high-fat diets have _____ to be the factor in heart attack.
A. known been long B. long been known
C. long known been D. been long known
5. It was announced that neither the passengers nor the driver _____ in the crash.
A. was injured B. are injured C. has been injured D. were injured
6. Last night a tornado swept through Rockville. It _____ everything in its path.
A. was destroy B. was being destroyed C. destroyed D. had been destroyed
7. It is imperative that this letter _____ immediately.
A. were sent B. send C. be sent D. sent

8. The Greenhouse effect is a phenomenon that is caused when carbon dioxide _____ and is trapped in the atmosphere.

A. releases B. has been released C. had been releasing D. is released

9. He _____ off alone a month ago and _____ of since then.

A. set/ hasn't been heard B. setted/ hasn't heard
C. set/hasn't heard D. setted/ hadn't been heard

10. These employees are made _____ overtime.

A. to work B. work C. working D. worked

11. "My secretary will book you an afternoon flight and have you _____ at the airport."

A. picked up B. picking up C. pick up D. to pick up

12. The problem is believed _____ at the meeting two days ago.

A. being discussed B. to have been discussed
C. to have discussed D. having been discussed

13. In no circumstances _____ on campus.

A. should smoking be allowed B. should allow smoking
C. smoking should be allowed D. we should allow smoking

14. The struggle for women's rights began in the 18th century during a period _____ as the Age of Enlightenment.

A. known B. is knowing C. that knew D. knew

15. No one can avoid _____ by advertisements.

A. to be influenced B. having influenced
C. influencing D. being influenced

16. A large number of workmen _____ because of the economic recession.

A. have laid down B. has laid aside C. have been laid off D. has been laid out

17. _____ one of the most beautiful forms of performance art, ballet is a combination of dance and mime performed to music.

A. Being considering B. Considering C. Considered D. To consider

18. _____ from outer space, our earth looks like a "blue planet".

A. Having seen B. Seeing C. Be seen D. Seen

19. Michael looked deeply hurt and surprised when _____.

A. scolded B. scolding C. to scold D. having scolded

20. The Principal usually has his pupils _____ waste paper for their mini-project.

A. having collected B. collect C. collected D. to collect