

Select The Correct Voices

Active Voice: The Subject acts on object, which means subject takes over object.

Passive Voice: The Object is acted upon by the subject.

Simple clue to find Passive voice, the sentence bears '**by**'.

Both voices remains with same meaning.

Other few rules will be discussed below for your better understanding.

1] Match the sentences in Column A with Column B and select the correct answer from the options given:

Column A	Column B
(a) I lost my purse	1. Compound Sentence
(b) A book was written by Meera	2. Active Voice
(c) The mountain is very steep and I cannot climb it	3. Complex Sentence
(d) Though he is old, he walks quickly	4. Passive Voice

(a) (b) (c) (d)

(A) 2 4 1 3

(B) 4 1 2 3

(C) 1 2 3 4

(D) 3 1 2 4

Explanation:

Option A, subject acts upon object(Purse). So it is active voice.

Option B, **by** is used. So it is Passive voice. Object acted upon by the subject.

Option C, It is compound sentence because the conjunction **and** is used between two main clause.

Option D, this sentence is dependent, which consists of 1 main clause and 1 sub-ordinate clause.

2] Which of the following sentences are in active voice?

- I. They sing songs in the assembly.
- II. A notice was sent by the manager.
- III. You gave him your pen.
- IV. He has built a house in his native place.

- (A) Only I, III and IV are correct
- (B) Only II, III and IV are correct
- (C) I, II and III are correct
- (D) All are correct

Explanation:

Option II is Passive Voice, whereas I, III & IV are Active Voice, which acts upon the object.

3] Which of the following options has a sentence with the verb in the active voice?

- (A) The letter has just been posted
- (B) The bird was killed by a cruel boy
- (C) **The cat drank all the milk**
- (D) He is loved by all

Explanation:

Option A, B & D is Passive Voice, whereas option C is Active voice. Option C- subject (Cat) acts upon object(Milk). Option A B & D are vice-versa against active voice.

4] Pick out the correct passive form of the verb.

We should help the poor.

- (A) must be helped
- (B) will be helped
- (C) **should be helped**
- (D) shall be helped

Explanation:

The Passive voice Modals are **Can, May, Should, Must, Might**, etc. According to this rule, option C is correct answer. Also, Active and Passive voice doesn't change its meaning or tenses. In that way, option C fits well.

Corrected sentence

Active voice : We should help the poor.

Passive voice : The poor should be helped by us.

5] Pick out the correct active form of the verb.

A poem has been written by Gopi

- (A) **has written**
- (B) had written
- (C) would have written
- (D) would write

Explanation:

Given sentence is Passive Voice. To pick out the active form of the verb, **has written** is correct answer according to the above mentioned rule.

Corrected Active voice: Gopi has written a Poem.

6] Pick out the correct passive form of the verb for the given sentence :

They called Manu

- (A) called
- (B) **was called**
- (C) has been called
- (D) would be called

Explanation:

They (Subject) acts upon object (Manu) - Active Voice

Manu(Object) was called by them(Subject) – Passive voice.

Passive voice generally represents past tense.

7] Which of the following sentences is in passive voice

- (A) He learns many languages
- (B) **A car was bought by him**

- (C) I consume fruits regularly
- (D) She writes a letter

Explanation:

Option B is passive voice where, **by** is used to represent Subject. Option A, C & D is Active voice → subject + verb + Object.

8] Which sentence cannot be changed into passive voice?

- (A) Everyone praised him for his honesty
- (B) They named the baby Lucy in the Church
- (C) **Hari is a doctor in America**
- (D) Balu kicked the ball towards the wall

Explanation:

Option A, B and C are active voice, where it can be change to passive voice as follows,

He was praised for his honesty by everyone.

Baby Lucy was named in the church by them.

The ball was kicked towards the wall by Balu.

But option C cannot be changed as passive. Because, the sentence consists of Subject + Verb+ Complement + Adjunct., where no Object is found. We cannot change this sentence in any aspects to passive voice.

9] "Give the order"

Choose the passive form of the above sentence from the options given below :

- (A) The order was given
- (B) The order is given
- (C) **Let the order be given**
- (D) First give the order

Explanation:

Give the order is **active voice**. Apt option to coincide with passive voice rule is option c.

10] Identify the sentence that contains the passive form of the verb:

- (A) The workers are painting the walls
- (B) Ram was driving the car at that time
- (C) **A laptop will have been sent to me by my mother**
- (D) Antony touched the hearts of the people

Explanation:

Option C is Passive voice, where **by** is used. Also the Object acted upon the subject.

11] Identify the right pair of sentences in active and passive form

- (A) **We saw you and him,**
You and he were seen by us
- (B) He keeps me waiting –
I am kept waited
- (C) We expect good news
Good news is expecting
- (D) We prohibit smoking
Smoking has been prohibited

Explanation:

Option A is correct answer. Because the 1st line shows the active voice where subject acts upon object. The second line shows the passive voice, where **by** is used as per rule. Other options doesn't exist with those rules. Hence option A is correct answer.

12] Identify the sentence which is not in the same voice as the others

- (A) Without effort, nothing can be gained
- (B) My watch was lost
- (C) **All desire wealth and some acquire it**
- (D) He was refused admittance

Explanation:

Option A, B & D are Passive voice and option C is Active voice. Also option C is compound sentence.

13] Pick out the sentence which is in active voice.

- (A) He is loved by all
- (B) The field is ploughed

- (C) The thief was caught
(D) **The man cut down the tree**

Explanation:

The subject(The Man) acts upon the object(tree). So it is Active voice.

14] Complete the following sentence using a suitable form of the passive voice :
In primitive times, stone implements—— to kill animals.

- (A) was employed
(B) **were employed**
(C) will be employed
(D) had been employed

Explanation:

Another clue to find passive voice is, the passive sentence have a form of verb such as was, were & is. But that alone can't help in some cases, in such cases if you add 'by whom & so' to the end. It is passive voice or else it is active voice.

Here you can find by the passive verb **were**. Also you can find by adding by at the end as imaginary like 'stone implements were employed to kill animals by them'. This helps to find passive or active.

15] Identify the sentence with the verb in its passive form.

- (A) **The symposium was inaugurated by the Director.**
(B) The Director inaugurated the symposium.
(C) The workers are painting the walls.
(D) Gopi has written a poem.

Explanation:

Option A with **by** represents passive voice, whereas others are active voice.

16] Identify the sentence that contains a verb in its active form.

- (A) The work was completed by the students.
(B) **The old man completed his work.**
(C) The gifts were issued to the children.
(D) The culprits must be arrested by the police.

Explanation:

Option A, B & C describes the Object (The work, gifts & culprits) is acted upon by the subject (Students, children & Police). But option B, the subject (The Old man) acts upon the object (work).

17] Select the correct voice.

Which of the following options has a sentence with the verb in the active voice?

- (A) The exhibition was opened by the Governor
- (B) The dog chased the sheep**
- (C) Nothing will be gained by hurry
- (D) The thief was caught

Explanation:

Here the **dog** is subject and the **sheep** is object. Thus the subject acts upon the object. So it is active voice. Other options has the terms against active voice. Thus it is passive voice.

18] Which of the following options has a sentence with a verb in the active voice?

- (A) The letter was posted last night
- (B) The boy was bitten by a dog
- (C) Columbus discovered America**
- (D) The enemy was compelled to surrender

Explanation:

Option A, B & D has passive verb **was** and also **by** is used. If you add **by** at the option A & C as imaginary it comes under passive voice.

Example: The letter was posted last night **by me (Imaginary)**

The Enemy was compelled to surrender **by them (imaginary)**.

Hope you guys understand.

19] Which of the following options has a sentence with the verb in the active voice?

- (A) Many students attended this workshop.**
- (B) Many students were questioned.

- (C) Many students have been screened.
(D) Many students had been given a warning.

Explanation:

Option A → subject(many students) acts upon the object(workshop).

In Other options, still receiver of the action is not mentioned, whereas **many students** comes under subject and object is not mentioned. So it is consider to be passive.

20] Choose the correct passive voice of the following sentence :

Post this letter

- (A) This letter has to post
(B) This letter will be posted
(C) You should post this letter
(D) **Let this letter be posted**

Explanation:

The above given sentence is **imperative sentence in active voice**. It can be converted into passive voice as **let + object + be + past participle**.

In such way, Post this letter → Let + this letter(object) + be + Posted(Past participle).

21] Choose the correct active form of the sentence given below.

He was awarded a prize by the Government.

- (A) The Government will award him a prize
(B) The Government will be awarding him a prize
(C) The Government have to award him a prize
(D) **The Government awarded him a prize**

Explanation:

The given sentence is in passive voice. Other options has the passive verb form. So obviously option D is correct answer.

Subject(The government) acts → on object(prize)

22] Select the appropriate active voice of the underlined words :

The wounded boy was being helped by the strangers.:

- (A) is helped
- (B) were helping**
- (C) would help
- (D) had been helped

Explanation:

Here passive verb **were** is used to convert the given passive voice to active voice form.

Corrected sentence: 'The strangers were helping the wounded boy'.

23] Choose the correct Passive Voice of the sentence given below:
Who broke the glass?

- (A) By whom the glass was broken?
- (B) By whom was the glass broken?**
- (C) Who has been broken the glass?
- (D) By whom was the glass break?

Explanation:

Who is converted → By whom, broke → broken in past tense. Thus option B is right answer.

24] The wounded man was being helped by some boys.
The active form of the above sentence is :

- (A) Some boys were helping the wounded man.**
- (B) Some boys are helping the wounded man.
- (C) Some boys have been helping the wounded man.
- (D) Some boys have not been helping the wounded man.

Explanation:

Same as question no.22. The given question is in passive voice. To convert it into active voice **were helping – verb** is used.

25] Choose the correct passive voice of the sentence given below :
He will have written a letter.

- (A) A letter will have written by him.
- (B) A letter will have write by him.**

- (C) A letter will be written by him.
(D) **A letter will have been written by him.**

Explanation:

Mostly the modal verb like has, have, had, will, etc does not change their position when changing from active voice to passive voice. In such way, option D is correct answer.

26] Find out the appropriate passive voice for the following sentence :
Will the teacher test our English?

- (A) **Will our English be tested by the teacher?**
(B) Will we test our English by the teacher?
(C) Will the teacher be tested in English?
(D) Will our English test the teacher?

Explanation:

In this Interrogative sentence, it doesn't change the modal verb and it was converted into passive voice (by). In such way, option A is right answer. Option B doesn't make sense to the meaning of the sentence.

27] Why did your brother write such a letter?
Choose the passive form of the above sentence :

- (A) None
(B) Why did such a letter was written by your brother?
(C) **Why was such a letter written by your brother?**
(D) Why has he written such a letter?

Explanation:

Option B & C used **by** at the end to mention the subject. But the verb form doesn't changed in option B, whereas the question is not in modal verb. In option C, passive verb form has been changed. So it is right answer.

28] Choose the correct passive form of the sentence given below :
We should help the poor.

- (A) The poor have to be helped.
(B) **The poor should be helped.**

- (C) The poor must be helped.
 (D) The poor was to be helped.

Explanation:

As the rule of converting active voice to passive voice, the modal verb '**should**' doesn't be changed. In such way, option B is apt answer. Also if you add **by** at the end of the sentence in option B. It will give the passive voice as follows, The poor(object) should be helped(verb) by us(subject) = Object is acted upon by the subject → **Passive Voice**.

29] Match the. sentence in Column 'A' with Column 'B' and select the correct answer from the options given :

Column 'A'	Column 'B'
(a) We must eat to live	1. Complex sentence
(b) He wrote me a letter	2. Passive voice
(c) The letter was written by me	3. Active voice
(d) Though I like tea, I prefer coffee	4. Simple sentence

(a) (b) (c) (d)

(A) 4 3 2 1

(B) 4 3 1 2

(C) 3 4 2 1

(D) 3 4 1 2

Explanation:

After all such explanation, this match is quite simple.

Column A with option **a** is simple sentence because, it has one independent clause and one predicate.

Like wise option **b** is active voice with subject (he) + verb (wrote me) + object (a letter) = Subject acts upon the object.

Option **c** is passive voice because **by** is used as simple clue.

Option **d** is complex, because it has 1 dependent clause(though I like tea) + 1 independent clause(I prefer coffee) which can stand alone by it's meaning.

30] Rewrite the sentence in the passive voice :

The man completed his work. His master paid him.

- (A) His work is completed by the man and he is paid by his master
- (B) His work was completed by the man and he was paid by his master**
- (C) His work had completed by the man and he was paid by his master
- (D) His work has completed by the man and he has been paid by his master

Explanation:

Both independent clause stands on its own meaning. Both can be converted individually into passive voice like in option B by using **by + subject** at the end to make passive & the conjunction **and** is also used to connect both the Main clause to give compound sentence.