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| Module 4 - Change Of Voice |
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DIRECTIONS for questions 1 to 5: Rewrite the following sentences by changing the Voice.

1. John's mother raised him in a small town.

John was raised in a small town by his mother.

2. Some students study grammar on the Internet.

Grammar is studied on the Internet by some students.

3. A strange man was watching us.

We were being watched by a strange man.

4. We are working on the report right now.

The report is being worked on right now (by us).

5. My manager has told him to arrive early.

He has been told (by my manager) to arrive early.

DIRECTIONS for questions 6 to 10: A sentence has been given in Active voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Passive Voice.

6. His selection in the team surprised me.

a. **I was surprised at his selection in the team.**

b. I was surprised at the selection of the team.

c. His selection was a surprise.

d. His selection in the team was a big surprise.

Solution: The correct option is A. 'Me' will change to 'I'. 'Surprised' is a past tense active verb which will change to 'was surprised' which is past tense passive verb. 'His selection' will remain the same.

7. People bless him for his goodness.

a. **He is blessed for his goodness by the people.**

b. He has been blessed for his goodness by people.

c. The people have been blessing him for his goodness.

d. People have blessed him for his goodness.

Solution: The correct option is A. Tense will remain the same, as a simple present. 'He' will be in the subject place and 'people' should be in the object place. Hence he is blessed by the people should be the right choice.

8. You can play with these kittens quite safely.

a. These kittens can played with quite safely.

b. These kittens can be played with quite safely.

c. These kittens can play with you quite safely.

d. These kittens can be played with you quite safely.

Solution: The correct option is B. The verb- ‘Can play’ will change to ‘can be played’. The pronoun ‘you’ will be removed as it is not necessary. The preposition ‘with’ has to be in the sentence.

9. A child could not have done this mischief.

a. This mischief a child could not have been done.

b. This mischief could not have been done by a child.

c. This mischief could not be done by a child.

d. This mischief could not been done by a child.

Solution: The correct option is B. The verb- ‘Could not have done’ will change to ‘could not have been done.’

10. James Watt discovered the energy of steam.

a. The energy of steam was discovered by James Watt.

b. The energy of steam discovered James Watt.

c. James Watt was discovered by the energy of steam.

d. James Watt had discovered energy by the steam.

Solution: The correct option is A because the passive form of the verb is ‘was discovered’. Option B is in the Active voice but conveys a different meaning. Option C is the passive form of Option B. Option D is incorrect because the tense is different.

DIRECTIONS for questions 11 to 20: A sentence has been given in Passive Voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Active Voice.

11. Champagne is drunk on New Year’s Eve.

a. People drink champagne on New Year’s Eve.

b. Let us drink champagne on New Year’s Eve.

c. They will drink champagne on New Year’s Eve.

d. People always drink champagne on New Year’s Eve.

Solution: The subject ‘people’ is understood in the question sentence. So, that becomes the subject in the Active voice. Only Options A and D have the appropriate form of the verb, but Option D contains the word ‘always’, which is not mentioned in the original sentence. The correct option is A.

12. My bicycle has been sold.

a. I had sold my bicycle.

b. I have sold my bicycle.

c. They sold my bicycle.

d. My bicycle will sell.

Solution: Since ‘my bicycle’ has been mentioned, the appropriate subject in the Active voice would be ‘I’. The correct option is B.

13. Hundreds of students were rescued by the police.

a. The police has rescued hundreds of students.

b. The police had rescued hundreds of students.

c. The police rescued hundreds of students.

d. The police have rescued hundreds of students.

Solution: Option C is the only one that has the appropriate tense form. The correct option is C.

14. The most useful lessons of my life were given to me by my guru.

- a. My guru gives the most useful lessons.
- b. My guru is giving me the most useful lessons.
- c. My guru gave me the most useful lessons of my life.**
- d. My guru has been giving me the most useful lessons of my life.

Solution: The question sentence is in the simple past tense. The only option with the simple past tense in the Active voice is C.

15. He was arrested on the charge of theft, but was released for lack of evidence.

- a. He was arrested on a charge of theft, but was released for lack of evidence.
- b. The police arrested him on a charge of theft, but for lack of evidence he was released.
- c. The police arrested him on a charge of theft, but released him for lack of evidence.**
- d. None of these.

Solution: There are two verbs in the question sentence, and both are in the simple past. Both verbs must be converted into the Active voice. The correct option is C.

DIRECTIONS for questions 16 to 20: A sentence has been given in Active/Passive Voice. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best changes the voice of the sentence appropriately. (Mixed voice exercise).

16. The government has launched a massive tribal welfare program in Jharkhand.

- a. A massive tribal welfare program is launched by the government in Jharkhand.
- b. A massive tribal welfare program has been launched by the government in Jharkhand.**
- c. Jharkhand government has launched a massive tribal welfare program.
- d. The government in Jharkhand has launched a massive tribal welfare program.

Solution: The correct option is B. A massive tribal welfare program has been launched by the government in Jharkhand.

The given sentence is in the active voice and it is in Present Perfect Tense.

Rule: Subject + (has /have) + been + V3 + Other agents.

17. Cricket was being played by the boys.

- a. Cricket had been played by the boys.
- b. Cricket has been played by the boys.
- c. Cricket was played by the boys.
- d. The boys were playing cricket.**

Solution: The sentence is in the past continuous tense in the Passive voice. Option D is the only one in the past continuous tense in the Active voice.

18. Has anybody answered your question?

- a. Your question has been answered?
- b. Anybody has answered your question?
- c. Has your question been answered?**
- d. Have you answered your question?

Solution: The correct option is C. The sentence is an interrogative sentence and started with has. The passive voice should also start with has. Rule: Has + subject + been + V3 + Optional Agents.

19. The burglar destroyed several items in the room. He tore the carpet too.

a. Several items destroyed in the room by the burglar. Even the carpet he has torn.

b. Several items in the room were destroyed by the burglar. Even the carpet was torn.

c. Including the carpet, several items in the room have been torn by the burglar.

d. The burglar, being destroyed several items in the room, also the carpet has torn.

Solution: The question sentences are in the simple past in the Active voice. Option B is the only option with the simple past in the Passive voice.

20. He was given the details of his uncle's will by the lawyer.

a. The lawyer gives him the details of his uncle's will.

b. The lawyer has to give him the details of his uncle's will.

c. The lawyer will be giving him the details of his uncle's will.

d. The lawyer gave him the details of his uncle's will.

Solution: The question sentence is in the simple past tense in the Passive voice. The correct option is D.