Chapter-20

Active and Passive Voice

**Let’s Get Started**

Q. Underline the subject in each sentence.

My sister taught me how to ride a bicycle.

I was taught by my sister how to ride a bicycle.

Leonardo da Vinci painted this picture.

This picture was painted by Leonardo da Vinci.

QA. Read the sentences. Circle the correct verb form to complete each sentence.

1. Dipak posted the letter yesterday.

2. The workers did a lot of work yesterday but they weren’t paid.

3. A new school will be built on the land.

4. My friend speaks three languages.

5. My parents have been invited to the annual day function of our school.

6. A cricket match is played by two teams of eleven players each.

7. I think this ice cream is made with milk.

8. His songs are played on the radio every day.

9. What kind of oil is used in Punjabi cooking?

10. Peter’s mother makes his sweaters.

QB. Rewrite these sentences in the passive voice.

1. Our lessons are learnt every day.

2. The race is not won by the hare.

3. The attendance is not being taken by the teacher.

4. All my pocket money has been spent by me.

5. My pen has been stolen by someone.

6. All the sums have been solved by us.

7. The food for the children has not been cooked by the mother.

8. A bag was carried by every child.

9. A poisonous snake was killed by the farmer.

10. Five golden eggs were laid by the hen.

QC. Rewrite these sentences in the active voice.

1. His friends are holding a party tonight at his house.

2. The tailor is not stitching the clothes.

3. We are holding a meeting in the hall.

4. He is playing tennis regularly.

5. The bird has built a nest.

6. They have not completed their homework.

7. We have not heard her sad tale.

8. The Rajputs put up a brave fight.

9. The mother was looking after the son.

10. The child is eating an ice cream.

QD. Fill in the blanks with the passive form of the verbs given in the brackets.

1. She was distracted by the advertisements on the television.

2. What time is the pharmacy being opened in the morning?

3. The cake has been baked by my mother.

4. All types of clothes are ironed in this shop.

5. The cards have been written by the children.

6. This picture has been painted by whom?

7. Zeenat’s wallet has been stolen.

8. Christina is encouraged by her friends.

9. The agreements are being signed by the Presidents of the two countries.

10. All trains to Chennai have been cancelled.

**Let Us Write**

Q. Identify the voice of these sentences and rewrite them in the other voice.

1. Passive: The school advises the parents to check the results online.

2. Active: Non-vegetarian food is served by the cafeteria.

3. Active: A curfew has been issued by the army.

4. Passive: The Civil Aviation Minister will inaugurate the new airport.

5. Active: How many pieces of clothes are needed?

6. Passive: People around the world use social media.

7. Active: The Municipality Building is being renovated.

8. Passive: Did Tarun score any goals?

9. Active: By whom is Mathematics taught in your school?

10. Passive: The school is organizing a road safety awareness programme.