Passive Voice

Part A

Rewrite the following sentences in the passive voice. Add the doer when necessary.

1. The developers are putting up new buildings everywhere in the city.

   New buildings are being put up everywhere in the city (by the developers).

2. The police have arrested two men for shoplifting.

   Two men have been arrested (by the police) for shoplifting.

3. Our school debate team won the inter-school debate competition last week.

   The inter-school debate competition was won by our school debate team last week.

4. We have to submit our project to Mr Wong by 5 pm today.

   Our project has to be submitted to Mr Wong by 5 pm today.

5. Can people pay the electricity bills at the Post Office?

   Can the electricity bills be paid at the Post Office?

Part B

Proofread the following conversation. There are some mistakes in the use of the passive voice. Underline the mistakes or insert missing words. Make the corrections on the right hand column. Put a tick if the line is correct.

Ivan : I heard that a huge party will ∧ held after Charlene's	1. _____ *be* _____
graduation ceremony next month.	2. _____ ✓ _____
Jessica : Who will be <u>invite</u>?	3. _____ *invited* _____
Ivan : All of Charlene's friends, including us! Charlene told me	4. _____ ✓ _____
that a guest list <u>has been</u> made at the moment.	5. _____ is being _____
Jessica : It sounds grand! Has the party venue ∧ decided yet?	6. _____ been _____
Ivan : I know that several restaurants <u>is picking</u> by Charlene last	7. _____ were picked _____
week. By the way, I think we should buy a gift for her too.	8. _____ ✓ _____
Jessica : Sure. What kind of gift ∧ be bought for her graduation?	9. _____ should _____
Ivan : I <u>could be</u> told some time ago that Charlene loves tulips.	10. _____ was / had been _____
Jessica : Then let's get tulips. We can go to the florist later and see	11. _____ ✓ _____
if the tulips can be <u>wrap</u> nicely for the special occasion.	12. _____ wrapped _____

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Part C

Cyrus is going to watch the Olympic Equestrian Event. He is writing an email about it to his friend Andrea, who is now studying in London. Complete the email for Cyrus by choosing the best answers. Put a tick in the correct box.

To	: andrealovely@mailbox.co.uk
From	: cyrushappy@teenmail.com
Subject	: Olympic Equestrian Event

Dear Andrea,

How're you? I hope you're doing well in London.

The Olympic Equestrian Event __1.__ in Hong Kong next week. Dad has bought tickets for the event. I'm really looking forward to it because no Olympic event __2.__ in Hong Kong before!

Do you know what Equestrian is like? I've done some research on the Internet and learnt that the Equestrian event __3.__ three components. They are Dressage, Jumping and Eventing. I'll watch the Dressage, which __4.__ as the 'ballet' of the horses. You can guess what Dressage is like now, can't you?

In Dressage, the horse __5.__ to perform some movements to the music. To get higher scores, a close cooperation between the horse and the rider __6.__. To win the competition, the 'ballet' __7.__ elegantly. Since the horses __8.__ by noises, the audience __9.__ to keep their voices down during the performance.

I'll let you know what the event is like after I've watched it!

Cyrus

1. ☑ A. will be held
   ☐ B. is holding
   ☐ C. is being held

2. ☑ A. has been organised
   ☐ B. were organised
   ☐ C. will be organised

3. ☐ A. has made up of
   ☐ B. are made up of
   ☑ C. is made up of

4. ☐ A. will be described
   ☐ B. described
   ☑ C. is described

5. ☑ A. is required
   ☐ B. has been required
   ☐ C. is being required

6. ☐ A. has shown
   ☑ B. has to be shown
   ☐ C. is shown

7. ☐ A. is performed
   ☑ B. should be performed
   ☐ C. has been performed

8. ☑ A. can be distracted
   ☐ B. have been distracted
   ☐ C. can distract

9. ☐ A. is being asked
   ☐ B. was asked
   ☑ C. will be asked

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