Fill in the blanks with an appropriate active or passive verb form.

1. This poem ................................ by Tagore.
   wrote
   was written
   has written
   We need a passive verb here because the subject is not the doer of the action. Tagore wrote this poem. When we change it into passive, we get ‘This poem was written by Tagore’.

2. The matter ................................ tomorrow.
   will discuss
   will be discussed
   was discussed
   They will discuss the matter tomorrow. When we change it into the passive voice, we get ‘The matter will be discussed tomorrow’. We need a passive verb here because the subject is not the doer of the action.

3. The government ................................. its plans to build a bridge over the river.
   has been announced
   has announced
   was announced
   We need an active verb because the subject is the doer of the action.

4. Let the room .................................
   cleaned
   be cleaning
   be cleaned
   We need a passive verb here because the subject is not the doer of the action.
5. Two battles ......................... here a hundred years ago.

had fought
had been fought
fought

We need a passive verb here because the subject is not the doer of the action.

6. The results ............................. yet.

have not announced
have not been announced
were not announced

They have not announced the results yet. When we change this into the passive voice, we get: The results have not been announced yet.

7. He ............................. to get out.

told
has told
was told

We need a passive verb here because the subject is not the doer of the action.

8. Has the parcel ..........................?

sent
being sent
been sent

We need a passive verb here because the subject is not the doer of the action.

9. The tables and chairs ........................... by the carpenter.

are making
have made
are being made

We need a passive verb here because the subject is not the doer of the action. The carpenter
is making the tables and chairs. When we change it into the passive voice, we get: The tables and chairs are being made by the carpenter.

10. Everybody ……………………………. him.

- hates
- is hated

We need an active verb because the subject is the doer of the action.

11. The scandal ……………………….. in a few days.

- will forget
- will forgot
- will be forgotten

We need a passive verb here because the subject is not the doer of the action.

12. The boys …………………………. the window.

- broke
- were broken
- have been broken

We need an active verb because the subject is the doer of the action.

PLAY AGAIN!

Answers

1. This poem was written by Tagore.
2. The matter will be discussed tomorrow.
3. The government has announced its plans to build a bridge over the river.
4. Let the room be cleaned.
5. Two battles had been fought here a hundred years ago.
6. The results have not been announced yet.
7. He was told to get out.
8. Has the parcel been sent?
9. The tables and chairs are being made by the carpenter.
10. Everybody hates him.
11. The scandal will be forgotten in a few days.
12. The boys broke the window.