Passive Voice Exercises 3

Use active or passive, in any appropriate tense, for the verbs in parentheses.

1. The Amazon valley is extremely important to the ecology of the earth. Forty percent of the world's oxygen (produce) ______________ there.

2. The game (win, probably) ______________ by the other team tomorrow. They're a lot better than we are.

3. There was a terrible accident on a busy downtown street yesterday. Dozens of people (see) ______________ it, including my friend, who (interview) ______________ by the police.

4. In my country, certain prices (control) ______________ by the government, such as the prices of medical supplies. However, other prices (determine) ______________ by how much people are willing to pay for a product.

5. Yesterday the wind (blow) ______________ my hat off my head. I had to chase it down the street. I (want, not) ______________ to lose it because it's my favorite hat and it (cost) ______________ a lot.

6. Right now, Alex is in hospital. He (treat) ______________ for a bad burn on his hand and arm.

7. Yesterday a purse-snatcher (catch) ______________ by a dog. While the thief (chase) ______________ by the police, he (jump) ______________ over a fence into someone's yard, where he encountered a furious dog. The dog (keep) ______________ the thief from escaping.
8. Frostbite may occur when the skin (expose) _____________ to extreme cold. It most frequently (affect) _____________ the skin of the cheeks, chin, ears, fingers, nose, and toes.

9. The first fish (appear) on the earth about 500 million years ago. Up to now 20,000 kinds (name) ________________ and (describe) ________________ by scientists. New species (discover) every year, so the total increases continually.

10. Proper first aid can save a victim's life, especially if the victim is bleeding heavily, has stopped breathing, or (poison) ________________.

11. The government used to support the school. Today it (support) ________________ by private funds as well as by the tuition the students pay.

12. Richard Anderson is a former astronaut. Several years ago, at age 52, Anderson (inform) ________________ by his superior at the aircraft corporation that he could no longer be a test pilot. He (tell) ________________ that he was being relieved of his duties because of his age. Claiming age discrimination, he took the corporation to court.