English tenses and verb forms

Test 5. English tenses in the reported speech and passive voice. __________

Exercise 1 15 points

Direct speech into reported speech.
"I used to be slim."
Liz told us ........................................................
"Why are you wearing such a hat?"
He asked me ......................................................
"I wouldn't do it if I were you."
Terence said ........................................................
"We will stay in Madrid."
They claimed that .............................................
"Don't open the door, please."
She told us ........................................................
"I'm just looking."
Susan replied that ..............................................
"We came a year ago."
They explained that ...........................................
"I have never eaten this cake."
He admitted that ............................................... 
"Are you from France?"
He wanted to know ...........................................
"You must help me."
She said ...........................................................
"I have not been doing anything."
He told me ....................................................... 
"The Amazon is the biggest river."
I knew that ......................................................

"We couldn't swim in the sea."
They claimed that .............................................
"I can't go to school."
He said ...........................................................
"Why don't you like it?"
She wondered ...................................................

Exercise 2 8 points

Write the sentences in the passive voice.

Example:
A postman delivered this parcel.
This parcel was delivered by a postman.

The firm uses white bricks to build the hall.
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You must not cross the road now.
............................................................................
They were cooking the dinner at 7 o'clock.
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Mr. Black will inform Derek.
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El Greco painted this picture.
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They are knocking down the old school.
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Has anyone switched on the light?
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They may leave bicycles in the schoolyard.
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Exercise 3  7 points  

Make questions in the passive voice. Use the words in brackets.

Example:

I have seen the riot outside our school.

Yes? ................................................................ ?
(anybody/injure)

Yes? Has anybody been injured?

There was a sci-fi film on at the cinema last night.

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(your children/admit to see it)

Mr. and Mrs. Moore will give a party on Friday.

......................................................................... ?
(Susan/invite)

Last night a hurricane hit the coast of Florida.

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(people/warn before)

Please, leave your coat and bags here.

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(must leave/handbags)

Your desk is here now and the copying machine is in the corner.

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(anything else/change)

The police caught the robbers early in the morning.

Where ............................................................. ?
(the robbers/catch)

The earthquake has damaged a lot of houses.

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(anybody/kill)
Answer key - test 5

Exercise 1: 15 points
(1 point for each sentence)

Liz told us she used to be slim.
He asked me why I was wearing such a hat.
Terence said he would not do it if he was/were me.
They claimed that they would stay in Madrid.
She told us not to open the door.
Susan replied that she was just looking.
They explained that they had come a year before.
He admitted that he had never eaten that cake.
He wanted to know if/whether I was from France.
She said I had to help her.
He told me he had not been doing anything.
I knew that the Amazon is/was the biggest river.
They claimed that they couldn’t swim in the sea.
He said he couldn’t go to school.
She wondered why I didn’t like it.

Exercise 2: 8 points
(1 point for each sentence)

White bricks are used to build the hall.
The road must not be crossed now.
The dinner was being cooked at 7 o’clock.
Derek will be informed by Mr. Black.
This picture was painted by El Greco.
The old school is being knocked down.
Has the light been switched on?
Bicycles may be left in the schoolyard.

Exercise 3: 7 points
(1 point for each sentence)

Were your children admitted to see it?
Will Susan be invited? Has Susan been invited?
Had people been warned before?
Must handbags be left here?
Has anything else been changed?
Where were the robbers caught?
Has anybody been killed?

TOTAL 30 points

Great! .......................................... 27 points
Very good .................................... 24 points
Good .......................................... 21 points
I’m sorry ................................. 1 - 20 points

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Passive voice

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