Grade 12 Adv. Term 1 - Maze 12 (Passive Voice)

Fill in the gaps using the correct form of verbs in brackets:

The Mona Lisa, arguably the most renowned painting in the world, (1) _____ **(paint)** by Leonardo da Vinci in the early 16th century. Over the centuries, it (2) _____ **(admire)** by millions, and countless interpretations (3) _____ **(offer)** regarding the subject's enigmatic smile. Despite its age, the painting (4) _____ **(preserve)** remarkably well, though occasional restorations (5) _____ **(undertake)** to ensure its longevity.

In 1911, a major scandal (6) _____ **(spark)** when the Mona Lisa (7) _____ **(steal)** from the Louvre. The incident (8) _____ **(report)** widely in the media, and for two years, its whereabouts (9) _____ **(remain)** unknown. Eventually, the painting (10) _____ **(recover)** when an Italian man (11) _____ **(arrest)** for attempting to sell it to a gallery in Florence.

Today, the Mona Lisa (12) _____ **(keep)** behind bulletproof glass to protect it from potential damage or theft. Millions of visitors (13) _____ **(draw)** to the Louvre annually, but only a few (14) _____ **(allow)** to get close to the painting. Strict security protocols (15) _____ **(implement)** after incidents where artworks in the museum (16) _____ **(vandalize)**.

Over the years, various tests (17) _____ **(conduct)** to understand the materials da Vinci used. X-ray fluorescence and infrared imaging (18) _____ **(employ)** to analyze the layers of paint and to reveal sketches that (19) _____ **(hide)** beneath the surface.

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Even though the Mona Lisa (20) _____ **(study)** extensively, there are still many mysteries that (21) _____ **(unravel)**. Her identity (22) _____ **(debate)** for centuries, with some experts suggesting she may (23) _____ **(be)** Lisa Gherardini, the wife of a wealthy merchant, though this theory (24) _____ **(challenge)** repeatedly by others.

In addition to its historical significance, the painting (25) _____ **(use)** as a symbol in numerous cultural references. Its image (26) _____ **(reproduce)** on everything from postcards to t-shirts, and its influence on modern art (27) _____ **(recognize)** globally. The Mona Lisa's legacy (28) _____ **(cement)** not only by its beauty but by the air of mystery that surrounds it.

As restoration techniques improve, it (29) _____ **(hope)** that the painting (30) _____ **(preserve)** for many more centuries to come, ensuring future generations (31) _____ **(captivate)** by its allure.

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This maze aims at mastering the use of the passive voice as an essential component of the first trimester English Assessment.

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