Personal and Impersonal Form

Section A: Change from personal to impersonal form using the following sentence starters:

It is said that…  It is believed that…  It is thought that…  It is known that…

1) I think that children are scared of ghosts. → It is said that children are scared of ghosts.
2) The man said that red cars go faster than white cars.
3) We know that mountains often have snow on the top.
4) They believe that milk chocolate is tastier than dark chocolate.
5) I thought that the moon was made of cheese!

Section B: Change from impersonal to personal form:

1) It is said that clothes shopping is expensive. → I say that clothes shopping is expensive.
2) Eating salad is healthier than desserts.
3) It was believed that the Earth was flat.
4) It is believed that sea levels are increasing.
5) It was said that women could not vote.

Section C: Which is the correct personal version?

1) It is known that school dinners are healthy.
   a) Schools dinners are healthy.
   b) For me, a school dinner is healthy.
   c) A school dinner is a healthy dinner.

2) Going to school every day will help you get a better job
   a) I know going to school will help me get a better job.
   b) It is believed that going to school every day will help you get a better job.
   c) To get a better job, it is thought that going to school every day will help.

Section D: Which is the correct impersonal version?

1) I think that teachers know everything!
   a) Teachers know everything, I thought.
   b) He believes that teachers know everything.
   c) It is known that teachers know everything.

2) She knows that good manners are important
   a) Good manners are important, it is said.
   b) She thinks good manners are important.
   c) Good manners are important, she believes.

Section E: Write a paragraph discussing the benefits of brushing your teeth using some of the sentence starters below:

It is said that...  It is believed that...  It is thought that...  It is known that...