

UNIT III :Subject And Verb Agreement

Musicians and performers _____ often the most appreciated artists.

Ans: are

2. Most children _____ to speak by the age of three.

Ans: learn

3. Nowhere _____ it state that the company is filing for bankruptcy.

Ans: does

4. At the end of the tube there _____ two lenses: one which gathers light and the other which magnifies the image.

Ans: are

5. The peasantry _____ the most vulnerable to climate change impacts.

Ans:are

6. Ram as well as his brothers _____coming today.

Ans: are is

7. Fifty miles _____ a long distance.

Ans: is

8. My friend, a philosopher and guide _____ going abroad.

Ans: is

9. Everyone in the family _____ been questioned about the theft.

Ans:has

10. Unless she _____ done the work to my standards, I _____ her.

Ans: has, shall not appreciate

Question 1: Choose the correct sentence with subject-verb agreement.

A) The dog and the cat was playing in the garden.

B) The dog and the cat were playing in the garden.

C) The dog and the cat is playing in the garden.

Answer 1: B) The dog and the cat were playing in the garden.

Explanation 1: When subjects are joined by “and,” they are plural, so the correct verb is “were.”

Question 2:Select the sentence with the correct subject-verb agreement.

A) Neither of the books is interesting.

B) Neither of the books are interesting.

C) Neither of the books am interesting.

Answer 2: A) Neither of the books is interesting.

Explanation2: “Neither” takes a singular verb form, so it’s “is” instead of “are.”

Question 3:Which sentence has proper subject-verb agreement?

A) Every student in the class have completed the assignment.

B) Every student in the class has completed the assignment.

C) Every student in the class had completed the assignment.

Answer 3: B) Every student in the class has completed the assignment.

Explanation 3:“Every student” is singular, so the correct verb is “has.”

Question 4:Select the sentence with the correct subject-verb agreement.

A) The group of friends was going to the party.

B) The group of friends were going to the party.

C) The group of friends is going to the party.

Answer 4: A) The group of friends was going to the party.

Explanation 4: When the subject is a collective noun like “group,” use a singular verb like “was.”

Question 5:Choose the sentence with the proper subject-verb agreement.

A) Either the cat or the dog are responsible for the mess.

B) Either the cat or the dog is responsible for the mess.

C) Either the cat or the dog were responsible for the mess.

Answer 5: B) Either the cat or the dog is responsible for the mess.

Explanation 5: When “either...or” is used, the subject closer to the verb determines the verb form. “Cat” is singular, so the verb should be singular too.

Question 6:Which sentence demonstrates correct subject-verb agreement?

A) The news are always changing.

B) The news am always changing.

C) The news is always changing.

Answer 6: C) The news is always changing.

Explanation 6: “News” is treated as a singular noun, so the verb “is” should be used.

Question 7: Choose the sentence with proper subject-verb agreement.

- A) My collection of stamps were stolen.
- B) My collection of stamps was stolen.
- C) My collection of stamps is stolen.

Answer 7: B) My collection of stamps was stolen.

Explanation 7: “Collection” is a singular noun, so the verb should match it as “was.”

Question 8: Select the sentence with the correct subject-verb agreement.

- A) Neither the teacher nor the students was happy.
- B) Neither the teacher nor the students were happy.
- C) Neither the teacher nor the students is happy.

Answer 8: B) Neither the teacher nor the students were happy.

Explanation 8: When “neither...nor” is used, the verb agrees with the subject closest to it. In this case, “students” is plural, so the verb is “were.”

Question 9: Which sentence has the proper subject-verb agreement?

- A) There is many birds in the tree.
- B) There are many birds in the tree.
- C) There were many birds in the tree.

Answer 9: B) There are many birds in the tree.

Explanation 9: When “there is” or “there are” is used, the verb agrees with the subject that follows. “Birds” is plural, so the correct verb is “are.”

Question 10: Choose the sentence with the correct subject-verb agreement.

- A) One of the students have already completed the quiz.
- B) One of the students has already completed the quiz.
- C) One of the students had already completed the quiz.

Answer 10: B) One of the students has already completed the quiz.

Explanation 10: When “one of” is used, the verb agrees with the object of the preposition (“students” in this case), making the verb “has.”

ARTICLES

1. Can you pass me ____ salt, please?

A. the B. a C. an D. no article needed

Answer: A

2. I need to buy ____ new phone.

A. the B. a C. an D. no article needed

Answer: B

3. ____ Alps are a popular tourist destination.

A. The B. A C. An D. No article needed

Answer: A

4. I am not a fan of ____ horror movies.

A. the B. a C. an D. no article needed

Answer: A

5. She is ____ excellent cook.

A. the B. an C. a D. no article needed

Answer: B

6. ____ sun is shining brightly today.

A. The B. A C. An D. No article needed

Answer: A

7. He is ____ only person who knows the password.

A. the B. a C. an D. no article needed

Answer: A

8. My neighbor has ____ cute dog.

A. the B. a C. an D. no article needed

Answer: B

9. ____ moon is visible in the sky tonight.

A. The B. A C. An D. No article needed

Answer: A

10. He is ____ intelligent and hardworking student.

A. the B. a C. an D. no article needed

Answer: B

Exercise: Fill in the blanks with the correct articles (a, an, the, or no article)

1. I saw ___ elephant at the zoo yesterday.
2. She wants to be ___ engineer when she grows up.
3. ___ sun rises in the east.
4. He bought ___ new car last week.
5. There is ___ interesting book on the table.
6. Can you pass me ___ salt, please?
7. ___ Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world.
8. I need ___ hour to finish my homework.
9. They are going to ___ party tonight.
10. She has ___ beautiful garden in her backyard.

Answers:

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Go through the following sentences and use the right form of the verb in the blanks to complete the sentences.

1. Mr Simon, the great painter and philanthropist, ____ arrived. (has/have)
2. Bread and butter ____ his daily food. (is/are)
3. Yusuf and Rahul ____ gone to the school fair. (have/has)
4. Slow and steady ____ the race. (win/wins)
5. The players ____ preparing for the big game tonight. (were/was)
6. The jury ____ unanimous in their decision. (was/were)
7. The little boy _____ mangoes. (like/likes)
8. The teachers _____ asked to attend a conference today. (were/was)
9. I _____ it is good for you. (thinks/think)
10. Neenu and Anu ____ twins. (are/is)

Answers –

1. Mr Simon, the great painter and philanthropist, has arrived. (has/have)
2. Bread and butter are his daily food. (is/are)
3. Yusuf and Rahul have gone to the school fair. (have/has)
4. Slow and steady wins the race. (win/wins)
5. The players were preparing for the big game tonight. (were/was)
6. The jury was unanimous in their decision. (was/were)
7. The little boy likes mangoes. (like/likes)
8. The teachers were asked to attend a conference today. (were/was)
9. I think it is good for you. (thinks/think)
10. Neenu and Anu are twins. (are/is)
11. Their daughter, Sheela, is a grade X student. (is/are)

Exercise: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb in brackets

1. She usually ____ (go) to the gym in the morning.
2. They ____ (not finish) their project yet.
3. I ____ (read) a book when you called me.
4. He ____ (work) at this company since 2015.
5. The children ____ (play) in the park right now.

6. If it ____ (rain) tomorrow, we will stay home.
7. She ____ (sing) beautifully at the concert last night.
8. We ____ (visit) our grandparents next weekend.
9. He always ____ (forget) his keys at home.
10. The movie ____ (start) at 8 PM tonight.

Answers:

1. She usually goes to the gym in the morning.
2. They have not finished their project yet.
3. I was reading a book when you called me.
4. He has been working at this company since 2015.
5. The children are playing in the park right now.
6. If it rains tomorrow, we will stay home.
7. She sang beautifully at the concert last night.
8. We will visit our grandparents next weekend.
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CONNECTIVES

Fill in the correct connectives and linking words from the list. There may be more than one answer in some sentences.

As Long As – Because - Despite – Due To - Even Though – However - In Case -

In Spite – Nevertheless - Therefore

1. Take your camera with you, just _____ mine doesn't work.
2. _____ having muscle problems, the defender was able to play.
3. Bring an umbrella with you _____ it rains tomorrow.
4. Skiing is a safe sport _____ you obey the rules on the slope.
5. All flights to and from London have been cancelled _____ fog.
6. They arrived in time for the meeting _____ having to travel in bad weather.
7. I like travelling by underground, _____ it gets pretty crowded during rush hours.
8. She has been living in the country her whole life. _____, she has decided she wants a change and plans on moving to the city.
9. We had a wonderful time in Barcelona. _____, transport workers were on strike so we couldn't use the underground.
10. _____ life was hard during the war, we managed to survive.
11. _____ heavy traffic on the motorway, we couldn't make it in time.
12. _____ of the low temperatures during the winter, Moscow is always worth visiting.
13. I can't come now _____ the children are ill, and I have to look after them.
14. The economy collapsed, _____ the government had to resign.
15. You may go out with your friends tonight, _____ you never go alone and stay with them all the time.

Answers: in case, Despite, in case, as long as, due to, despite, even though, nevertheless, however, even though, due to in spite, because, therefore, as long as.

Exercise: Fill in the blanks with appropriate connectives (and, but, or, because, although, so, while, when)

1. She wanted to go for a walk, ____ it was raining heavily.
2. I have to finish my homework, ____ I can go out with my friends.
3. He can choose to stay home, ____ he can join us for dinner.
4. I like tea, ____ I don't like coffee.
5. ____ it was late, they decided to continue their discussion.
6. We will go to the beach tomorrow ____ the weather is nice.
7. I enjoy reading books, ____ my sister prefers watching movies.
8. She studied hard for the exam, ____ she still found it difficult.

9. They left early, ____ they wanted to avoid traffic.
10. I will call you ____ I get home.

Answers:

1. She wanted to go for a walk, **but** it was raining heavily.
2. I have to finish my homework, **so** I can go out with my friends.
3. He can choose to stay home, **or** he can join us for dinner.
4. I like tea, **but** I don't like coffee.
5. **Although** it was late, they decided to continue their discussion.
6. We will go to the beach tomorrow **if** the weather is nice.
7. I enjoy reading books, **but** my sister prefers watching movies.
8. She studied hard for the exam, **but** she still found it difficult.
9. They left early, **because** they wanted to avoid traffic.
10. I will call you **when** I get home.