Subject–Verb Agreement

Standard difficulty · 20 questions · 40 marks · Time: 36 minutes

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Write full answers in Sections B and C. Answers are on the last page — try every question first!

Section A — Choose the correct answer — 8 × 1 = 8 marks

1. Choose the right verb: Each of the farmers ____ a new book.
(a) has **(b)** have **(c)** having **(d)** to have

2. Choose the right verb: Mathematics ____ not difficult.
(a) being **(b)** are **(c)** be **(d)** is

3. Choose the right verb: The number of farmers near the gate ____ growing.
(a) were **(b)** was **(c)** be **(d)** being

4. Choose the right verb: There ____ many farmers near the gate.
(a) were **(b)** being **(c)** was **(d)** be

5. Choose the right verb: My uncle, along with the boys, ____ in the library.
(a) was **(b)** be **(c)** were **(d)** being

6. A singular subject takes:
(a) a singular verb **(b)** a plural verb
(c) no verb **(d)** either verb

7. Dev ____ a message every day. Choose the right verb.
(a) send **(b)** to send **(c)** sending **(d)** sends

8. Assertion (A): “Every one of the students is in the library.” is correct.
Reason (R): A sentence must begin with a capital letter.
(a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
(c) A is true, but R is false.
(d) A is false, but R is true.

Section B — Short answer — 8 × 2 = 16 marks

9. Fill in the blank with “was” or “were”: The packet of oranges ____ on the table.

10. Fill in the blank with “was” or “were”: My spectacles ____ on the shelf.

11. Fill in the blank with “is” or “are”: Neither the teacher nor the children ____ in the garden.

12. Fill in the blank with “was” or “were”: The bunch of toys ____ on the table.

13. Fill in the blank with “was” or “were”: My pliers ____ on the shelf.

14. Correct the sentence, if needed, and give the rule: “Neither the visitors nor the captain were near the gate.”

15. Rewrite with a plural subject: “Rahul repairs the bicycle every day.”

16. Rewrite with “he” as the subject: “We sing a song every day.”

Section C — Longer answers — 4 × 4 = 16 marks

17. Fill in the blanks with the right verb:
(1) There ____ three workers in the park. (is/are)
(2) One of my classmates ____ in the library. (is/are)
(3) Every one of the students ____ at the bus stop. (was/were)
(4) One of my cousins ____ in the hall. (was/were)

18. Each sentence has one mistake in agreement. Write them correctly:
(1) Every one of the children were near the gate.
(2) One of my classmates were in the garden.
(3) The number of farmers in the garden were growing.

19. Explain the agreement rule for nouns like scissors and news and for “either … or” and “neither … nor”, with an example of each.

20. Write four sentences about a school trip using: “Farhan and the visitors”, “each of the visitors”, “neither the bus nor the visitors” and “one of the teachers”. Make every verb agree.

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Answer key

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Q	Answer	Working
1	**(a) has**	“each of” takes a singular verb
2	**(d) is**	subjects like Mathematics, Physics and news end in -s but are singular
3	**(b) was**	“the number of” is singular
4	**(a) were**	after “there”, the verb agrees with the noun that follows
5	**(a) was**	“along with”, “as well as” and “with” do not change the subject
6	**(a) a singular verb**	—
7	**(d) sends**	a singular subject in the simple present takes -s/-es
8	**(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.**	A is true: “every one of” takes a singular verb. R is true but does not explain A.
9	**was**	the verb agrees with the main noun before “of”, not the noun after it
10	**were**	nouns like scissors, spectacles and trousers are always plural
11	**are**	with “neither … nor”, the verb agrees with the nearer subject
12	**was**	the verb agrees with the main noun before “of”, not the noun after it
13	**were**	nouns like scissors, spectacles and trousers are always plural
14	**Neither the visitors nor the captain was near the gate. (with “neither … nor”, the verb agrees with the nearer subject)**	—
15	**e.g. They repair the bicycle every day.**	a plural subject takes the base verb in the simple present
16	**He sings a song every day.**	he, she, it take -s/-es in the simple present
17	**(1) are; (2) is; (3) was; (4) was**	after “there”, the verb agrees with the noun that follows; “one of …” takes a singular verb: the subject is “one”; “every one of” takes a singular verb; “one of …” takes a singular verb: the subject is “one”
18	**(1) Every one of the children was near the gate. (2) One of my classmates was in the garden. (3) The number of farmers in the garden was growing.**	“every one of” takes a singular verb; “one of …” takes a singular verb: the subject is “one”; “the number of” is singular
19	**Nouns like scissors and news: scissors, spectacles and trousers are plural (My scissors are blunt); news and Mathematics are singular (The news is good). “either … or” and “neither … nor”: the verb agrees with the nearer subject: Neither the teacher nor the students are late.**	Any correct examples.
20	**e.g. Farhan and the visitors are excited. Each of the visitors has a packed lunch. Neither the bus nor the**	Any correct sentences.

Q	Answer	Working
	visitors are late. One of the teachers is in charge.	

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