QUANTIFIERS & THEIR AGREEMENTS – LƯỢNG TỪ & SỰ HÒA HỢP

I. LƯỢNG TỪ (TỪ CHỈ SỐ LƯỢNG)

Some/Any: một vài	Some + N (đếm được) → câu khẳng định, câu mời, đề nghị	I want to buy some new pencils. Would you like some tea?
	Any + N (không đếm được) → câu phủ định, nghi vấn	There aren't any chairs in the room. Is there any water left in the fridge?
Many / Much: nhiều	Many + N(đếm được)	There aren't many people living here.
	Much + N(không đếm được)	He has spent so much money on video games that he stole his mother's wallet.
A number of/ **An amount of/** **A great deal of** **→ nhiều, rất nhiều**	A number of + N(đếm được)	He has a large number of English books.
	An amount of + N(không đếm được)	He borrows a great amount of money.
	A great deal of + N(không đếm được)	A great number of students said they were forced to practise the piano.
Plenty of / A lot of/ lots of: rất nhiều	Plenty of/A lot of/lots of + N (đếm được/không đếm được)	There were plenty of berries. He has a lot of/lots of friends here.
Few/ a few: một vài	A few + N (đếm được) → có nghĩa khẳng định, ít đủ để dùng	We've got a little bacon and a few eggs.
	Few + N (đếm được) → có nghĩa phủ định, không đủ dùng	Few people can say that they always tell the truth.
Little/ a Little: một chút/ một ít	A little + N (không đếm được) → có nghĩa khẳng định, ít đủ để dùng	There is little sugar in my coffee.
	Little + N (không đếm được) → có nghĩa phủ định, không đủ dùng	Let's go and have a drink. We have got a little time before the train leaves.
Each/Every	Every: mỗi, mọi	I go for walk every morning.
	Each: mỗi	Each day seems to pass very slowly.

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II. ĐỘNG TỪ SỬ DỤNG SAU TỪ CHỈ SỐ LƯỢNG

a. Số thập phân, phân số, sự đo lường → động từ số ít

Three quarters of a ton is too much. - Ba phần tư tấn là quá nhiều.

b. No + danh từ số ít → động từ số ít

No student has finished their assignment. - Không có học sinh nào hoàn thành bài tập.

c. No + danh từ số nhiều → động từ số nhiều

No people think alike. - Không có người nào nghĩ giống nhau.

d. A number of + N → động từ số nhiều

A number of countries are overproducing goods. – Nhiều nước đang sản xuất thừa hàng hóa.

→ A number of được hiểu là: "nhiều"

e. The number of + N → động từ số ít

The number of visitors increases rapidly. - Lượng du khách tăng nhanh chóng.

→ The number of được hiểu là: "lượng, số lượng"

Exercise 1: Choose a word from the table below to fill each blank. Some words may be used more than once.

Many	a little	any	some	less	little	fewer
Much	a great deal of		a few	a lot of	few	

Question 1: The museum was very crowded. There were too _____ people.

Question 2: Jack knows _____ Japanese, but his brother knows enough Japanese to manage.

Question 3: Eating out seems to be expensive in this sumptuous city. There aren't _____ cheap restaurants.

Question 4 . She had _____ time to study than I did but had better results.

Question 5: Try to avoid foods which contain _____ fat.

Question 6: We've been having _____ problems with the new computer.

Question 7: In the developed world, there are hardly _____ jobs left which don't use computers to carry out many daily tasks.

Question 8: We only have _____ apples. We should go and buy some more.

Question 9: _____ my friends are living abroad now.

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Question 10: There are _____ slices of cake left over from the party.

Question 11: She has spent _____ time in Europe to learn English and French with a view to finding a better job.

Question 12: There aren't very _____ weekends between now and Christmas.

Question 13: "Is there _____butter I could use?" "No, there's some margarine but there isn't _____ butter."

Question 14: If I drink too _____ coffee, I can't sleep.

Question 15: How _____ liquid do you think this bottle contains?

Question 16: I eat _____ chocolate and _____ biscuits than I used to.

Question 17: Lots of people at the club are under 20, but there are quite _____ who aren't.

Question 18: It was embarrassing how _____ people attended the party.

Question 20: The weather is expected to remain clear for the next _____ days.

Exercise 2: Identify one word or phrase that must be changed in each sentence to be correct.

Question 1: How many sugar do you take in your coffee?

Mistake:

Question 2: I don't have some cash on me, so could I pay with by cheque?

Mistake:

Question 3: I know quite a little people who have had the same problem.

Mistake:

Question 4: Can you give me any information about the buses in the city centre, please?

Mistake:

Question 5: He has been to America a little times. Twice in 1996 and again last year.

Mistake:

Question 6: Do you want to exchange this toaster for other one or do you want your money back?

Mistake:

Question 7: There's a number of cupboard space in the kitchen for all your pots and pans.

Mistake:

Question 8: You travel a lot. Have you been to much countries?

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Mistake:

Question 9: Do you have some books in your bag?

Mistake:

Question 10: I do a lot of jobs at the same time. I can earn many money.

Mistake:

Question 11: More children start school at the age of five.

Mistake:

Question 12: We saw some lions at the zoo, but we didn't see some tigers.

Mistake:

Question 13: 1 don't think some of the supermarkets were open.

Mistake:

Question 14: Each of the kids know the answer.

Mistake:

Question 15: Much people do not care about their hygiene.

Mistake:

Question 16: Many determination is needed to fulfill the target.

Mistake:

Question 17: Only a little employees knew how important the project was.

Mistake:

Question 18: There was few traffic so we arrived very early.

Mistake:

Question 19: Both of the kids knows the answer.

Mistake:

Question 20: It costs few money to give your children a good education.

Mistake:

Exercise 3: Choose the correct answer

1. _____ us think it's time for an election.

A. Lots of B. Lot of C. Much D. Many

2. _____ cheese is made from cow's milk.

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A. Most B. Some C. Much D. More

3. _____ my friends live abroad.

A. Many B. Some C. Much D. Most of

4. _____ us thought he was wrong.

A. Most of B. Some of C. Much of D. Many a

5. Thank you for bringing me along. I never thought Shakespeare could be so_____ fun.

A. many B. much C. few D. some

6. You should say_____ and do_____.

A. many / few B. much / little C. few / many D. little / much

7. Very_____ people knew about it.

A. few B. less C. much D. little

8. He is a man of_____ words.

A. less B. little C. fewer D. few

9. _____ heard about the book, but_____ read it.

A. Many / few B. Much / little C. Many / little D. Few / Fewer

10. "Do you know English?" "Just_____."

A. much B. many C. little D. less

11. She has very_____ knowledge of the matter.

A. few B. little C. some D. many

12. The forces were unequal, they were_____ we were_____

A. many / few B. much / little C. few / much D. little / much

13. We have imported_____ computers this year than last year.

A. few B. less C. fewer D. many

14. There has been_____ demand for computers this year than last year.

A. few B. little C. fewer D. more

15. _____ in Shanghai than in any other city in China.

A. More people live B. More people living

C. It has more people D. More living people

16. I've been to the theater_____ of times.

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A. much B. a little C. most of D. few

17. But_____ of the plays I've seen are modern.

A. a few of B. a little C. most D. many

18. When I studied Shakespeare, I thought his plays were_____ boring.

A. a great deal of B. few C. much D. many

19. _____ of Shakespeare's plays are about history.

A. A few of B. Many C. Much D. A little

20. They spent_____ time studying Victorian literature.

A. few B. many C. a large number of D. much

21. _____ popular expressions in our language have interesting background.

A. Little B. Many C. A large number D. Much

22. At the beginning everybody spoke English very quickly and I couldn't understand_____.

But after_____ days, it is easier and_____ things I had learnt came back to me.

A. much / a few / many B. a lot / little / a lot

C. much / much / a great number D. many / a few / many

23. Would you like_____ milk? Yes, please.

A. few B. any C. some D. much

24. _____ them were at the meeting last night so they didn't have knowledge about marketing

A. neither of B. any of C. many D. a lot of

25. _____ my friends live abroad.

A. Neither of B. Any of C. Many D. Most of

26. How_____ money have you got in your pocket?

A. a lot of B. any C. many D. much

27. I could speak_____ words of Swedish, but I wasn't very fluent.

A. a few B. a little C. few D. little

28. Can you speak French? Just_____.

A. a few B. little C. few D. a little

29. Very_____ people were flying because of terrorist activities then.

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A. few B. a little C. a few D. little

30. He spent_____ of his time on his holidays.

A. much B. many C. a lot of D. little

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