

# CHAPTER 12: SUBJECT AND VERB AGREEMENT

## ❖ CƠ SỞ LÝ THUYẾT

### A. Một số trường hợp động từ chia ở số ít

1. Danh từ không đếm được hoặc danh từ đếm được số ít làm chủ từ.	Ex1: Water is very necessary to our life. Ex2: The film is very interesting.
2. V-ing; to V1, V1, mệnh đề làm chủ ngữ :	Ex1: <b>Collecting stamps and coins is</b> my hobby . Ex2: That you get very high grades in school is necessary.
3. Đại từ bất định: everyone, everybody, someone, somebody, no one, nobody, anyone, anybody, everything, something, anything	Ex: Somebody has taken my books away.
4. Đề cập đến khoảng cách, thời gian, tiền, số lượng, đo lường, tựa đề	Ex1: <b>Six miles is</b> a long distance . Ex2: Two years is long enough.
5. Danh từ số ít tận cùng là "s" : measles, mumps, rabies, diabetes, physics, mathematics, statistics, linguistics, news, billiards, Naples, Marseilles, the United States, the Philippines, the Netherlands.....	Ex: <b>Physics is</b> my favourite subject.
6. Each/ Every/ One/ Neither/ Either + N (số ít)/ + of + N (số hai) +	Ex1: Every seat has a member. Ex2: Neither of my sisters likes film. Ex3: Each of children has a toy.
7. Each/ Every + N(số ít) + and + each/every + N (số ít)	Ex: Each boy and each girl has a book.
8. N + and + N (khi các danh từ đề cập đến cùng 1 người, 1 vật) và biểu thức toán học với "and". Ex: fish and chip; meat pie and peas, bread and butter, bed and breakfast, ...	Ex1: <b>Fish and chips is</b> Tom's favourite. Ex2 : <b>Two and two is</b> four .
9. Những danh từ thuộc loại không đếm được và luôn dùng với động từ số ít: information, furniture, knowledge, equipment, advice, traffic, scenery, machinery, homework, housework, work, music, money, luggage, baggage, rubbish, garbage, weather, English.	

### B. Một số trường hợp động từ chia ở số nhiều

1. Danh từ số nhiều làm chủ tÙ.	Ex1: These students are very good. Ex2: Water and oil do not mix.
2. Danh từ tập hợp ( the + adj). Ex: the rich , the poor, the blind, the young, the old, the injured, the disabled,...	Ex: The rich are not always happy.
3. 1 số trường hợp DT số nhiều bất qui tắc: people, police, staff, cattle, children, men, women, feet, teeth,( bacterium- bacteria; medium- media; criterion- criteria; datum-data; fungus-fungi; stimulus-stimuli ...)	Ex: <b>Cattle are</b> domestic animals .

### C. Một số trường hợp vừa là số ít vừa là số nhiều

1. Either or Neither + S <sub>1</sub> + nor + S <sub>2</sub> + V (S <sub>2</sub> ) Not only but also	Ex1: Either you or I am here. Ex2: Neither Tom nor you are here. Ex3: Not only my sisters but also my father knows you.
2. There/ Here + is/was/has + N (số ít) are/were/have + N (số nhiều)	Ex1: There is a picture on the wall. Ex2: There are two sides to every problem.
3. The number of + N (số nhiều ) -> V số ít A number of + N (số nhiều ) -> V số nhiều	Ex1: The number of students in this class is small. Ex2: A number of my students are keen on learning English.
4. All/Some / Most/ N (số ít) => V (số ít) A lot of / None + of + N (số nhiều) => V (số nhiều)	Ex1: Most <b>money is</b> needed Ex2: One third of the population is unemployed.
5. S <sub>1</sub> + with/along with/ together with/ in addition to/ as well as/ accompanied by/ gi ói tÙ + S <sub>2</sub> + V (S <sub>1</sub> )	Ex: My brother as well as my sisters is here.
6. No + N (số ít) + V (số ít) + N (số nhiều) + V (số nhiều)	Ex1: No example is relevant to this case. Ex2: No students are here.

## ❖ BÀI TẬP ÁP DỤNG

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer.

a. has split      b. have split      c. is slitting      d. are splitting

18. The write and poet \_\_\_\_ going to preside over this meeting

a. are      b. is      c. have been going      d. is to

19. Neither the mother nor the children \_\_\_\_ aware of the danger.

a. were      b. was      c. is      d. has been

20. She told me that she \_\_\_\_ happy for what he \_\_\_\_

a. is feeling/ did      b. was feeling/ had done  
c. feels/ did      d. has felt/ has been going

21. If anyone \_\_\_\_, tell him I'll be back later.

a. was calling      b. called      c. call      d. calls

22. Each of the boys \_\_\_\_ a book now.

a. have      b. has      c. had      d. are having

23. Two-thirds of the money \_\_\_\_ mine now.

a. is      b. are      c. was      d. were

24. About 60% of students in this class \_\_\_\_ from China.

a. was      b. were      c. are      d. is

25. A number of sheep \_\_\_\_ eating grass now.

a. are      b. is      c. was      d. were

26. The number of books in this library \_\_\_\_ large.

a. are      b. is      c. was      d. were

27. Either you or I \_\_\_\_ wrong.

a. am      b. is      c. are      d. were

28. Neither my gloves nor my hat \_\_\_\_ with this dress.

a. is going      b. are going      c. goes      d. go

29. The poor living her \_\_\_\_ help.

a. is needing      b. are needing      c. need      d. needs

30. Several of the students \_\_\_\_ absent yesterday.

a. has been      b. had been      c. were      d. was

31. The professor said that Vietnam \_\_\_\_ to South-East Asia.

a. has belonged      b. has belonged      c. belonged      d. belongs

32. He \_\_\_\_ he had read that story - book before.

a. told      b. has told      c. had told      d. said

33. His choice of words \_\_\_\_ very good.

a. are      b. be      c. is      d. being

34. Anybody who \_\_\_\_ my keys will be given a candy.



50. The English \_\_\_\_ strong traditions.

- a. has many
- b. have much
- c. have many
- d. has much

51. \_\_\_\_ moved to that city recently.

- a. A number of Vietnamese have
- b. A number of Vietnamese has
- c. The number of Vietnamese has
- d. The number of Vietnamese have

52. Each of the reference \_\_\_\_ available in the school library.

- a. books on that list is
- b. books on that list are
- c. books on that list is
- d. book on that list are

53. Several \_\_\_\_ sleeping under a tree.

- a. of lions were
- b. lion was
- c. of the lions was
- d. lions were

54. Many of the \_\_\_\_ not used to day. They are remnants of the past.

- a. railroad tracks around here are
- b. railroad's tracks around here is
- c. railroad tracks around here is
- d. railroad's tracks around here are

55. As we walked through the jungle, the \_\_\_\_ unusually quiet.

- a. monkeys were
- b. monkeys was
- c. monkies were
- d. monkies was

56. At the news conference, several reporters didn't get clear answer to \_\_\_\_ questions.

- a. theirs
- b. their
- c. his and hers
- d. his and her

57. I have a \_\_\_\_ sister.

- a. seven years old
- b. seven years old
- c. seven year old
- d. seven year olds

58. There \_\_\_\_ in the world today.

- a. is any new computer company
- b. is many new computer companies
- c. are many new computer companies
- d. are many new computer companies

59. Self-esteem is important. It's important for people to like \_\_\_\_

- a. oneself
- b. yourself
- c. him/herself
- d. themselves

60. What \_\_\_\_ you used in picking a winner in the art contest?

- a. is the criteria
- b. are the criteria
- c. are the criterion
- d. are the riterions

61. Mathematics \_\_\_\_ very interesting to me.

- a. are
- b. have been
- c. were
- d. is

62. Down \_\_\_\_ for three days

- a. the rain poured
- b. did the rain pour
- c. poured the rain
- d. do the rain pour

63. Twenty dollars \_\_\_\_ the price.

- a. are
- b. is
- c. being
- d. were

64. A number of graduates \_\_\_\_ scholarships from this department.

- a. have received
- b. has received
- c. are received
- d. receives

65. Pollution together with water erosion \_\_\_\_ its toll on the building.

a. are taking      b. is taking      c. have taking      d. have taken

66. Most of the rooms in the hotel \_\_\_\_ air-conditioning.

a. has      b. having      c. have      d. are

67. A few \_\_\_\_ the test.

a. have failed      b. has failed      c. is failing      d. failing

68. Under the tree \_\_\_\_ full of food.

a. a basket was      b. was a basket      c. are a basket      d. were a basket

69. Both viruses and genes \_\_\_\_ made from nucleoproteins.

a. are      b. is      c. were      d. has been

70. Coffee contains caffeine, and so \_\_\_\_

a. tea did      b. does tea      c. it does      d. tea does

71. Mary, accompanied by her brother on the piano, \_\_\_\_ very well received at the talent show yesterday.

a. was      b. were      c. have been      d. has been

72. The smallest flying dinosaurs \_\_\_\_ about the size of a robin.

a. was      b. are      c. have      d. been

73. My new pair of pants \_\_\_\_ at the cleaners.

a. is      b. are      c. be      d. have been

74. Out \_\_\_\_ the bird from its tiny cage.

a. did the bird fly      b. fly the bird      c. did the bird fly      d. flew the bird

75. The police \_\_\_\_ on the alert for the escaped convict.

a. are      b. be      c. can      d. been

76. I'm happy that everything \_\_\_\_ in its place.

a. are      b. been      c. is      d. have

77. One of my best friends \_\_\_\_ five credit cards.

a. have      b. has      c. does      d. do

78. \_\_\_\_ an emergency arise, call 911.

a. Can      b. Does      c. Should      d. Will

79. There \_\_\_\_ never been an environmental disaster of this magnitude.

a. has      b. have      c. are      d. is

80. The news \_\_\_\_ quite alarming.

a. are      b. have      c. was      d. were