

# 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 <u>is</u></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 <u>is</u></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 <u>is</u></b> my favourite subject.
6. Each/ Every/ One/ Neither/ Either + N (số ít)/ + of + N (số nhiều)	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 <u>is</u></b> Tom's favourite. Ex2 : <b>Two and two <u>is</u></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 từ.	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/ giống từ + 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.

1. Tom with dog \_\_\_\_ here now.  
a. is                      b. are                      c. was                      d. were
2. Tom as well as his dog \_\_\_\_ here now.  
a. is                      b. are                      c. was                      d. were
3. My old friends and colleague, John, \_\_\_\_ married.  
a. has just got              b. have just got              c. just has got              d. just have got
4. The singer and actor \_\_\_\_ coming now.  
a. was                      b. were                      c. is                      d. are
5. The singer and the actor \_\_\_\_ coming now.  
a. was                      b. were                      c. is                      d. are
6. Mathematics \_\_\_\_ difficult.  
a. is                      b. are                      c. is                      d. are
7. Two billion dollars \_\_\_\_ not enough for the victims of the tsunami  
a. was                      b. were                      c. is                      d. are
8. Three years in a strange land \_\_\_\_ like a long time for lonely people.  
a. is seeming              b. are seeing              c. seems                      d. seemed
9. The film "Titanic" \_\_\_\_ very interesting.  
a. is                      b. are                      c. was                      d. were
10. Cattle \_\_\_\_ allowed graze here now.  
a. was                      b. were                      c. is                      d. are
11. None of this money \_\_\_\_ right now.  
a. is                      b. are                      c. was                      d. were
12. None of them \_\_\_\_ right now.  
a. is                      b. are                      c. was                      d. were
13. Every student \_\_\_\_ willing to join the picnic now.  
a. is                      b. are                      c. was                      d. were
14. The number of students \_\_\_\_ in creasing now.  
a. are                      b. was                      c. were                      d. is
15. A number of students \_\_\_\_ playing table - tennis now.  
a. are                      b. was                      c. were                      d. is
16. Physics \_\_\_\_ my favourite subject.  
a. are                      b. is                      c. was                      d. have been
17. They boy, with his two companions, \_\_\_\_ the cherry tree now.



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

18. The writer 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.

a. find                      b. finds                      c. are finding                      d. found

35. The Browns \_\_\_\_\_ here since 1950.

a. are living                      b. have lived                      c. have been living                      d. has been living

36. John, as well as I, \_\_\_\_\_ a student.

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

37. Not only John but his brothers \_\_\_\_\_ also in debt.

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

38. The majority of the TOEFL tests \_\_\_\_\_ difficult.

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

39. Local news \_\_\_\_\_ on TV every night at 5:30

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

40. A number of sheep \_\_\_\_\_ died from a strange illness.

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

41. The science classes at this \_\_\_\_\_ difficult.

a. schools are                      b. school is                      c. school are                      d. school's is

42. One of the \_\_\_\_\_ from Italy.

a. student is                      b. students are                      c. student are                      d. student is

43. \_\_\_\_\_ to support the case against James?

a. Is there any proof                      b. Are there any proof  
c. Is there any proofs                      d. Are there any proofs

44. You have to pay extra if you take too \_\_\_\_\_ with you.

a. much luggages                      b. many luggages                      c. much luggage                      d. may luggage

45. \_\_\_\_\_ in your class have tickets for the lecture series?

a. Do any of the student                      b. Does any of the student  
c. Do any of the students                      d. Does any of the students

46. Bob got fired. It's going to be difficult for him to find job.

a. other                      b. another                      c. the other                      d. the another

47. There \_\_\_\_\_ available in his area of specialization.

a. isn't a lot of job                      b. aren't a lot of jobs  
c. isn't a lot of jobs                      d. aren't a lot of job

48. He made the soup by mixing \_\_\_\_\_ meat with some rice.

a. little                      b. few                      c. a little                      d. a few

49. Many of the \_\_\_\_\_ not expect to win.

a. participants in the race do                      b. participants in the races does  
c. participants in the race does                      d. participant in the race does

**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  
c. The number of Vietnamese has
- b. A number of Vietnamese has  
b. 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