S-V Agreement – Nouns ending in "-s"

Exercise 1: Give the correct form of the given verb in each sentence.

1. Students are excited that economics …… (be) being taught this semester.
2. Unfortunately, dishonest politics …… (be) used to win the election last year.
3. Athletics …… (provide) important opportunities for physical development.
4. Good news usually …… (travel) fast.
5. Because of the mood in the Senate, statistics …… (be) compiled quickly for the report yesterday.
6. For some time now civics …… (have/ has) been a required course in the curriculum.
7. Ceramics …… (take, takes) a great deal of practice for proficiency.
8. In this particular situation, the economics …… (are/is) hard to determine.
9. Because of constantly changing public opinion, politics …… (offer/ offers) a challenging career to both men and women.
10. In the mysterious darkness of the nocturnal world, sleek and agile cats …… (prowl) with graceful elegance
11. Indeed, mumps …… (be) a painful illness.
12. Rows of charming, colorful houses …… (line) the quaint cobblestone streets
13. Diabetes …… (affect) 100 million people worldwide.
14. Risk factors for heart disease …… (include) high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, smoking, obesity, and diabetes.
15. Politics …… (mean) the activities of the government or people who try to influence the way a country is governed.
16. The minimum qualification for the job …… (is/ are) a masters degree in electronics and computer technology.
17. The statistics …… (show) that, in general, women live longer than men.

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