

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: Collecting stamps and coins <u>is</u> 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: Six miles <u>is</u> 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: Physics <u>is</u> 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: Fish and chips <u>is</u> Tom's favourite. Ex2 : Two and two <u>is</u> 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: Cattle are domestic animals .

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

1. Either or Neither + S ₁ + nor + S ₂ + V (S ₂) 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 money is needed Ex2: One third of the population is unemployed.
5. S ₁ + with/along with/ together with/ in addition to/ as well as/ accompanied by/ giống từ + S ₂ + V (S ₁)	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.

- [illegible]

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