Subject – predicate agreement.

Study the following sentences. Try to explain the usage of the verbs in singular and plural forms. If necessary, consult grammar books.

1.Everyone is here but nothing is being done. 2. If either of you takes a vacation now I shall be asked to finish this work. 3. Neither of these books is very new. 4. Every man and woman is eligible to vote. 5. Each student and teacher has a computer. 6. It was the dogs which awakened me. 7. It is grades that worry him. 8. The woman together with her two sons is arriving soon. 9. His answer in addition to his written tests shows that he deserves an excellent mark. 10. A strong wind along with rain and hail has been following us all the way. 11. The tutor as well as his pupils is going to have a rest in July. 12. Everyone except him was glad to make friends with foreign students. 13. One of the students was especially good at imitating birds' voices. 14. A red Honda and a blue Ford are parked outside. 15. Both a tiger and an elephant were in the Zoo. 16. Each dog and cat is vaccinated. 17. Both are going to attend the University. 18. Only a few have recognized her after her long absence. 19.Your sunglasses are very modern but your trousers aren't. 20. Your thanks are enough to forget the quarrel. 21. Environs of my native village are beautiful. 22. That pair of pants is not new. 23. A word of thanks is enough. 24. Neither the students nor the teacher is allowed to smoke here. 25. Either the teacher or the students have your book. 26. The New York Times is a good newspaper. 27. "Star Wars" war a good movie. 28. The Lords is one of the Houses of the British Parliament. 29. The Netherlands is a country situated below the sea level. 30. The Seyshells do not produce oil. 31. The Balkans are composed of sedimentary strata. 32. A number of students were missing from yesterday's classes. 33. The number of European students at the University

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is small. 34. Two weeks is enough time to have a vacation. 35. Five hundred dollars is required as a minimum payment. 36. Ten extra pounds is a lot to lose in a week. 37. 20 gallons of gasoline costs a lot of money. 38. The three years between 1991 and 1994 were the hardest for the state. 39. Mathematics is a difficult subject. 40. Acoustics are excellent in this hall. 41. The news was very good. 42. Measles is not a serious illness, nor is mumps. 43. Draughts is one of my favourite games, and so is dominoes. 44. The ironworks is just outside the town. 45. The class has its final tests on Friday. 46. The class are working on their individual projects. 47. The police are everywhere and they are searching for the criminals. 48. The jury are in their seats. 49. That species is rare. 50. Those species are common. 51. That deer is young and playful. 52. Deer live in Belarusian forests. 53. Where is the money? It is on the table. 54. Your advice is always good. I gladly follow it. 55. French is a Roman language. 56. The French are romantic. 57. The radius of the circle is two inches. 58. None of the stolen money has been found. 59. None of the students have finished the exam yet. 60. No example is relevant to this case. 61. No examples are relevant. 61. The majority believes that our life will change for the better. 62. The majority of the students believe that they will have a wonderful time during their vacation. 63. The flock of birds is circling overhead. 64. A school of fish is being attacked by sharks. 65. There are one or two things you should remember. 66. The students one after another are flooding into the assembly hall. 67. Who is to answer for all these mistakes? 68. To finish school well, to enter the University, to be a good specialist was the desire of Mike. 69. The small and the big house are both very ancient. 70. The small and big houses are both very beautiful. 71. Many a student attends the Central library. 72. Two and three is five. 73. His soul and body was in her hands.

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