

PRACTICE EXERCISES

EXERCISE 1: Fill in the blanks with the correct verb

Choose the correct option from the brackets.

1. The poet and singer _____ arrived. (has / have)
2. Neither the manager nor his assistants _____ present. (was / were)
3. Each of the boys _____ given a prize. (was / were)
4. The jury _____ divided in their opinion. (was / were)
5. The news _____ very shocking. (is / are)
6. A number of students _____ complaining. (is / are)
7. The number of tourists _____ increasing every year. (is / are)
8. Ten kilometres _____ a long distance. (is / are)
9. Mathematics _____ always been difficult for me. (has / have)
10. My trousers _____ torn. (is / are)

11. "Gulliver's Travels" _____ written by Jonathan Swift. (was / were)
12. More than one child _____ hurt. (was / were)
13. Everyone in the class _____ completed the homework. (has / have)
14. All of the bread _____ been eaten. (has / have)
15. There _____ many people waiting outside. (is / are)
16. Neither of the answers _____ correct. (is / are)
17. The poor _____ helped by the government. (is / are)
18. Cattle _____ grazing peacefully. (was / were)
19. Swimming _____ a healthy activity. (is / are)
20. The police _____ arrested the thief. (has / have)
21. Half of the apple _____ rotten. (is / are)
22. Many a student _____ failed the exam. (has / have)
23. This is one of the books that _____ won awards. (has / have)
24. She is the only one who _____ the truth. (knows / know)
25. The team _____ celebrating their individual victories. (is / are)

EXERCISE 2: Spot the error and correct it (20 questions)

Each sentence has one error in subject-verb agreement. Identify and correct it.

1. The boy and his friend is coming with us.
2. Neither the teacher nor the students was in the classroom.
3. Each of the flowers have bloomed beautifully.
4. The committee has been arguing among themselves for hours.
5. Physics are my favourite subject.
6. Where is the scissors? I need them.
7. A number of the population is illiterate.
8. The number of accidents have increased.
9. Ten thousand rupees are not a small amount.
10. None of the information were useful.

11. Everything in the bags are expensive.
12. There is many reasons to be happy.
13. Seldom have I saw such honesty.
14. Running every day keep you fit.
15. The old is often lonely.
16. Poultry is kept on this farm.
17. More than one person have complained.
18. The singer and dancer have left the stage.
19. Mathematics are my weakest subject.
20. Every boy and every girl have the right to education.

EXERCISE 3: Rewrite the paragraph correctly

Instructions: The paragraph below has 10 errors in subject-verb agreement. Rewrite the paragraph correctly.

Everyone in our family love trees. My father, along with his brothers, plant a new tree every month. Neither the heat nor the rains stop them. Mathematics of planting is not difficult, but a number of people does not understand its importance. The number of trees in our city are decreasing. Ten rupees spent on a sapling are a small price for a greener tomorrow. The police also helps by protecting forest areas. Everyone who care about the earth know that small actions matters. More than one child in our neighbourhood has started planting too. There is many reasons to believe that together we can save our planet.