

Subject-Verb Agreement MCQs

1. The jury ___ divided in their opinions regarding the final verdict.

- A) was
- B) were
- C) is
- D) has

2. Each of the boys ___ completed his assignment on time.

- A) have
- B) has
- C) are
- D) were

3. Ten miles ___ a long way to walk in the scorching heat.

- A) are
- B) were
- C) is
- D) have been

4. Neither of the two answers ___ correct.

- A) are
- B) were
- C) is
- D) have been

5. Bread and butter ___ my favorite breakfast.

- A) are
- B) were
- C) is
- D) have been

6. The captain, along with his crew members, ___ warmly welcomed by the fans.

- A) were
- B) was

C) have been

D) are

7. Either the teacher or the students ___ responsible for organizing the event.

A) is

B) are

C) was

D) has been

8. Neither the students nor the teacher ___ responsible for the mistake.

A) are

B) were

C) is

D) have been

9. Gulliver's Travels ___ written by Jonathan Swift.

A) were

B) are

C) was

D) have been

10. Two-thirds of the cake ___ eaten by the children.

A) were

B) was

C) are

D) have been

11. Two-thirds of the books in the library ___ damaged by the leak.

A) was

B) were

C) is

D) has been

12. A number of students ___ absent from the class today.

- A) is
- B) was
- C) are
- D) has been

13. The number of students enrolled in the course ____ thirty.

- A) are
- B) were
- C) is
- D) have been

14. The principal, as well as the teachers, ____ present at the meeting.

- A) were
- B) was
- C) are
- D) have been

15. Mathematics ____ considered a difficult subject by many students.

- A) are
- B) were
- C) is
- D) have been

16. The quality of these mangoes ____ not up to the mark.

- A) were
- B) was
- C) are
- D) have been

17. A lot of money ____ spent on renovating the old building.

- A) were
- B) are
- C) was
- D) have been

18. It is I who ___ to blame for this misunderstanding.

- A) is
- B) are
- C) am
- D) were

19. He is one of those men who ___ always punctual.

- A) is
- B) are
- C) was
- D) am

20. The bouquet of red roses ___ lovely in the vase.

- A) smell
- B) smells
- C) smelling
- D) are smelling

21. Fifty thousand rupees ___ donated to the orphanage by the club.

- A) were
- B) are
- C) was
- D) have been

22. There ___ several reasons for delaying the project.

- A) is
- B) was
- C) are
- D) has been

23. None of the water ___ left in the pitcher after the match.

- A) were
- B) are
- C) was
- D) have been

24. Each man and each woman ___ an equal right to vote.

- A) have
- B) has
- C) are
- D) were

25. More than one person ___ involved in the financial scam.

- A) were
- B) are
- C) was
- D) have been

26. Not only the coach but also the players ___ thrilled with the victory.

- A) was
- B) were
- C) is
- D) has been

27. The novelist, accompanied by his editors, ___ arriving tomorrow morning.

- A) arrive
- B) arrives
- C) are arriving
- D) have arrived

28. Five years ___ a long time to wait for a reunion.

- A) are
- B) were
- C) is
- D) have been

29. A pair of trousers ___ hanging in the wardrobe.

- A) are
- B) were
- C) is

D) have been

30. Everyone in the auditorium ____ listening attentively to the speaker.

A) were

B) are

C) was

D) have been

Answer Key

1. B (were - jury acting as individuals/divided)
2. B (has - "each" is singular)
3. C (is - distance expressed as a single unit)
4. C (is - "neither" is singular)
5. C (is - compound subject acting as a single dish)
6. B (was - subject is "captain"; phrases like "along with" do not change the subject number)
7. B (are - verb agrees with the closer subject "students")
8. C (is - verb agrees with the closer subject "teacher")
9. C (was - singular book title)
10. B (was - fraction of a singular uncountable noun/mass)
11. B (were - fraction of a plural countable noun)
12. C (are - "a number of" takes a plural verb)
13. C (is - "the number of" takes a singular verb)
14. B (was - subject is "principal")
15. C (is - academic subjects taking singular verbs)
16. B (was - subject is "quality", not "mangoes")
17. C (was - uncountable noun amount)
18. C (am - relative pronoun "who" refers to "I")
19. B (are - "who" refers to "men")
20. B (smells - subject is "bouquet")
21. C (was - sum of money acting as a single unit)
22. C (are - subject "several reasons" is plural)
23. C (was - "water" is uncountable)
24. B (has - preceded by "each")
25. C (was - "more than one" takes a singular countable noun and singular verb)
26. B (were - "not only... but also" matches verb to the closer subject "players")
27. B (arrives - subject is "novelist")

28. C (is - time period acting as a single unit)

29. C (is - subject is "A pair of")

30. C (was - indefinite pronouns like "everyone" are singular)