

12. FUNCTIONAL GRAMMAR EXERCISES

AGREEMENT OF VERB WITH SUBJECT

Identify the correct verb or pronoun that agrees with subject of the following sentences:

1. The orator and statesman has/have arrived
2. The poet and philosopher is/are dead
3. Each day and every hour brings/bring a fresh anxiety
4. Neither Rama nor his brother was/were present there
5. Neither Afzal nor his friends was/were available for comment on the developments
6. The king with all his ministers was/were killed
7. The council that met in the town Hall was/were divided
8. Every one of the boat's crew was/were drowned
9. The behavior of the children was/were excellent
10. Not one of his lectures has/have ever been printed
11. A series of lectures has/have been arranged on the subject
12. Four weeks is/are a good holiday
13. He is one of those men who know/knows every thing
14. Four kilometers is/are a good distance
15. None but the brave deserve the fair
16. Neither children nor their mother is/are admitted
17. Many a flower is/are born to blush unseen
18. A large number of women was/were present at the meeting
19. Mohan as well as his friend is/are guilty
20. Time and tide wait/waits for no man

21. A knowledge of modern languages is/are essential these days
22. The accountant and treasurer has/have absconded
23. Either Rama or his brother is/are a fault
24. Not one of these five boys is/are present in the class
25. Which one of these umbrellas belongs/belongs to you?

Identify the correct verb or pronoun that agrees with the subject of the following sentences:

1. It is these people who instigate/instigates the workers.
2. Neither Mary nor Joseph has collected his/her admit card yet.
3. The multitude was/were frightened at the sight of the lion.
4. Any boy or girl sees/see it at once.
5. Everyman and every woman was/were terrified.
6. Each faculty member as well as most of those students know/knows the names of the miscreants.
7. More than forty boys was/were present at the meeting.
8. Bread and butter are/is a wholesome diet.
9. Mathematics seem/seems to be difficult.
10. I like every thing and everybody who/which reminds me of the greatness of God.
11. The man and the woman, the judge said, is/are guilty.
12. The managing director, not his assistants was/were responsible for the omission.

13. Advice is/are more easily given than taken.
14. The furniture your wish to buy is/are very expensive.
15. The acoustics of new auditorium is/are excellent.
16. The proceeds of this programme go/goes to local charities.
17. The people of India have/has firm faith in democracy.
18. The jury has/have given its verdict.
19. The jury is/are in complete disagreement on the issue.
20. None wants/want a change in the working hours
21. I who is/am your fiend will help you.
22. I am the person who has/have done this.
23. The number of students who reported to the class this morning is/are small.
24. A number of books are/is missing from the library.
25. Every one is/are entitled to one month's salary