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**Lesson : Grammar : Agreement of the subject with the verb Lecturer : Pradeep Warnakulasooriya Handout No 02**

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**(1) Choose the correct form of the verb that agrees with the subject.**

1. Niranjalā and her brothers (is, are) at school.
2. Either my mother or my father (is, are) coming to the meeting.
3. The dog or the cats (is, are) outside.
4. Either my shoes or your coat (is, are) always on the floor.
5. Gayan and Thamali (doesn't, don't) want to see that movie.
6. Bandara (doesn't, don't) know the answer.
7. One of my sisters (is, are) going on a trip to France.
8. The man with all the birds (live, lives) on my street.
9. The movie, including all the previews, (take, takes) about two hours to watch.
10. The players, as well as the captain, (want, wants) to win.
11. Either answer (is, are) acceptable.
12. Every one of those books (is, are) fiction.
13. Nobody (know, knows) the trouble I've seen.
14. (Is, Are) the news on at five or six?
15. Mathematics (is, are) Jagath's favorite subject, while Civics (is, are) Ananda's favorite subject.
16. Eighty rupees (is, are) the price of a movie these days.
17. (Is, Are) the tweezers in this drawer?
18. Your pants (is, are) at the cleaner's.
19. There (was, were) fifteen candies in that bag. Now there (is, are) only one left!
20. The committee (debates, debate) these questions carefully.

21. The committee (leads, lead) very different lives in private.
22. The Prime Minister, together with his wife, (greet, greet) the press cordially.
23. All of the CDs, even the scratched one, (is, are) in this case.

**2. Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of verb. Choose the answers from the options given in the brackets.**

1. One of my friends ..... gone to Singapore. (has / have)
2. Each of the boys ..... given a present. (was / were)
3. Neither of the contestants ..... able to win a decisive victory. (was / were)
4. Oil and water ..... not mix. (do / does)
5. He and I ..... at Oxford together. ( was / were)
6. Slow and steady ..... the race. (win / wins)
7. Neither Pathum nor Jagath ..... any right to the property. (has / have)
8. No prize or medal ..... given to the boy, though he stood first in the examination. (was / were)
9. Either Hafza or Rikaza ..... responsible for this. (is / are)
10. Neither the Minister nor his colleagues ..... given any explanation for this. (have / has)

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# Answer : Subject and Verb Agreement Exercise

1. Annie and her brothers **are** at school.
2. Either my mother or my father **is** coming to the meeting.
3. The dog or the cats **are** outside.
4. Either my shoes or your coat **is** always on the floor.
5. George and Tamara **don't** want to see that movie.
6. Benito **doesn't** know the answer.
7. One of my sisters **is** going on a trip to France.
8. The man with all the birds **lives** on my street.
9. The movie, including all the previews, **takes** about two hours to watch.
10. The players, as well as the captain, **want** to win.
11. Either answer **is** acceptable.
12. Every one of those books **is** fiction.
13. Nobody **knows** the trouble I've seen.
14. **Is** the news on at five or six?
15. Mathematics **is** John's favorite subject, while Civics **is** Andrea's favorite subject.
16. Eight dollars **is** the price of a movie these days.
17. **Are** the tweezers in this drawer?
18. Your pants **are** at the cleaner's.
19. There **were** fifteen candies in that bag. Now there **is** only one left!
20. The committee **debates** these questions carefully.
21. The committee **lead** very different lives in private.
22. The Prime Minister, together with his wife, **greet**s the press cordially.
23. All of the CDs, even the scratched one, **are** in this case.