

## Subject Verb Agreement

In each question, there are four sentences. Identify the sentence(s) that is/are correct in terms of grammar and usage.

Q.I. A. A number of Gita's friends is **are** living in town.

B. The employer **and the manager** plays **play** the most important role in employee motivation.

He plays

They play

C. Raphael, **along with his friend** Ranjan, are **is** going to Bangalore.

D. **Neither** Rukmini **nor** Priya **is** ready to help anyone.

1) A & D

2) C & D

3) C only

4) D only

Q.II. A. Neil, **as well as** Roy, are **is** attending the birthday party.

B. Each of the boys ~~were~~ **was** given a glass of milk.

C. The news that you heard **is** true.

D. The number of mangoes being shipped into the market ~~were~~ **was** decreasing over the years.

1) A & B

2) D only

3) C & D

4) None of these

Q.III. A. Rohan, **the promoter of two prestigious Indian companies**, are **is** proud of being a first generation entrepreneur.

B. The pair of scissors kept in my bag **is** stolen.

C. Niles (singular), **along with** his friends, ~~claim~~ **claims** responsibility for this incident.

He (singular) claims > He eats

They claim > They eat

D. Each of the team leaders **is** answerable to her respective team members.

1) D only

2) B & D

3) C & D

4) A & C

Q.IV. A. Measles are **is** infectious and can sometimes cause disfigurement in the affected person.

3 idiots is a good movie

The lord of the rings is a classic book

Alzheimers is a degenerative disease

B. In anticipation of the possible non-availability of the injured star batsman, **one** of the promising players selected for the team ~~were~~ **was** asked to stand by.

C. The results **of** the election ~~was~~ **were** awaited with bated breath by all the political parties.

The principle of the colleges is coming today

D. The investigation committee, **comprising two Supreme Court judges**, **has** sent its report to the central government.

1) D only

2) C & D

3) A & D

4) B & C

Q.V. A. Numismatics ~~are~~ **is** the study of coins, banknotes and medals.

B. The run of successes recorded by the team ~~are~~ **is** ascribed to the new coach hired by the sports authority.

C. Salman Rushdie, Arundhati Roy, Kiran Desai and Aravind Adiga **form** the quartet of Man Booker awardees—a bouquet of creative artistes that ~~are~~ **is** the pride of the nation.

He forms

They form

D. **Neither** food coupons **nor** books ~~were~~ provided by the company.

1) A & D      2) C & D      3) D only      4) B & D

Q.VI. A. The mosaic of languages that ~~embellish~~ **embellishes** the country called India **is** truly inspiring.

He embellishes

They embellish

B. The tallest snowy peak of the Himalayas, **the highest mountain ranges in the world**, ~~are~~ **is** the target of many mountaineers.

C. Some of Paul's writings on science and religion ~~was~~ **were** published posthumously.

D. A part of the art museum, **housing paper drawings, acrylic paints and oil canvasses**, ~~was~~ damaged in the fire.

A part of the building is damaged

A part of the army is attacking from the opposite side

1) D only      2) B & D      3) A & D      4) C & D

Q.VII. A. The employer, **as well as** his employees, ~~are~~ **is** on leave.

B. The members of the team ~~is~~ **are** working together.

C. Mathematics, Biology and Science **are** tough subjects.

D. Ten dozen (collective noun) ~~costs~~ **cost** ten thousand rupees.

Cms > length

Kgs > weight

Celsius > temperature

It costs

They cost

1) D only      2) C only      3) A & D      4) C & D

Q.VIII. A. **There is** a beggar and a schoolboy at the railway station.

B. Near our college buildings ~~sit~~ **sits** my father's shop.

He sits

They sit

C. That the minister and his family visited France last week ~~are~~ **is** a secret.

D. **Neither** of my friends ~~are~~ **is** intelligent.

1) D only      2) B only      3) B & D      4) A only

Q.IX. A. Each of the airhostesses ~~were~~ **was** taught to deal with emergency.

B. The comedian **and** the musician of the opera **were** appreciated.

C. Twenty kilometres ~~are~~ **is** a long drive from here.

D. Our happiness **or** our sadness ~~are~~ **is** in our own hands.

1) D only    2) B only    3) B & D    4) C & D

Q.X. A. An employee **exercises** his rights under law.

He exercises

They exercise

B. Aishwarya **and** Ranjan **were** decorated for his **their** services in the office.

C. One has to perform his **one's** duties to himself **oneself**.

D. I **am** ready to assist **every one** of my brothers in ~~their~~ **his** work.

1) A & D    2) A only    3) D only    4) B & C

Whenever you have the pronoun 'one' in a sentence, then all the other pronouns in the sentence have to be in the form of 'one'.