



# SVA and Modifiers- Practice Questions- 22nd Sept

Special class

## Conceptual Questions on Subject-Verb Agreement & Modifiers

### Subject-Verb Agreement Questions

Q1.

Neither the teacher nor the students \_\_\_ willing to accept the proposal.

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

Q2.

The committee, along with its advisors, \_\_\_ meeting today.

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

Q3.

A bouquet of roses \_\_\_ placed on the table

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

Q4.

Each of the players \_\_\_ to follow the coach's instructions.

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

was / is      were!

→ rises  
yesterday / tomorrow  
since morning

subject  
C

Prepositional phrases after the subject can often make you commit a mistake.

C



A man ~~with three cars~~ is/are

The price ~~of water and petrol~~ is/are likely to increase  
↓ singular

One ~~of my friends~~ has/have  
Two ~~of my friends~~ have/has

20%

of



Cake



is missing  
are

20%

of

The students

is

avc

fraction





Q5.

Ten kilometers \_\_\_\_\_ a long distance to run.

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

one entity

is

It is too

books

high a price

### Modifier Questions

Q6.

Choose the sentence with the correct placement of the modifier:

- (A) She almost drove her children to school every day.
- (B) She drove her children almost to school every day.
- (C) She drove almost her children to school every day.
- (D) She drove her children to school almost every day.

study for 3 hrs

almost 5 (every day)

study for almost 3 hrs every day

Q7.

Select the sentence where the modifier is misplaced:

- (A) Covered with cream, the child ate the cake.
- (B) The child ate the cake covered with cream.
- (C) The cake covered with cream was eaten by the child.
- (D) The child, covered with cream, ate the cake.

2.45

A → B

Q8.

Identify the sentence with a dangling modifier:

- (A) To improve his health, he started exercising daily.
- (B) While driving to work, the accident was seen on the highway.
- (C) Running late, she skipped breakfast.
- (D) After finishing the book, she wrote a review.

saw the accident on the highway

Q9.

Choose the sentence that uses the modifier correctly:

- (A) The boy almost watched all the movies on Netflix.
- (B) The boy watched almost all the movies on Netflix.



Dangling modifier means the modifier has  
come, but what is  
getting modified has  
not  
come.

I was  
(While watching the movie), the cat jumped.  
↑ Saw the cat jump

modified, modified

logical

Cooked by my mother, (name of a dish)  
(Roasted by my mother), I was almost on the verge of crying  
1, the chicken was served to



- (C) Almost the boy watched all the movies on Netflix.  
(D) The boy watched all the movies almost on Netflix.

Q10.

Select the best-corrected version of this sentence:

"Walking down the street, the flowers looked beautiful."

- (A) Walking down the street, I saw the flowers looking beautiful.  
(B) The flowers looked beautiful walking down the street.  
(C) The flowers walking down the street looked beautiful.  
(D) Walking, the flowers looked beautiful down the street.

◆ Advanced Subject-Verb Agreement & Modifier Questions

Q1.

The series of lectures on climate change, which \_\_\_ scheduled by the university's Department of Environmental Studies in collaboration with international NGOs, \_\_\_ expected to draw a large audience.

- (A) was / is  
(B) were / are  
(C) was / are  
(D) were / is

Q2.

Either the board of directors or the CEO, who \_\_\_ known for avoiding the media, \_\_\_ to announce the merger by tomorrow.

- (A) is / are  
(B) are / is  
(C) is / is  
(D) are / are

(John and Peter) who are my friends  
Either John or Peter who is

Q3. The statistics that the research team                      during the past five years                      to a disturbing conclusion about urban air pollution.

- (A) has collected / point
- (B) have collected / points
- (C) has collected / points
- (D) have collected / point

Q4. The discovery of new galaxies, together with recent advances in telescope technology,                      astronomers to believe that the universe                      even larger than previously imagined.

- (A) has led / is
- (B) have led / is
- (C) have led / are
- (D) has led / are

Q5. Every one of the proposals that the committee members                      to the minister                      rejected for being impractical.

- (A) has submitted / was
- (B) have submitted / were
- (C) has submitted / were
- (D) have submitted / was

### Modifiers Section

Q6. Identify the sentence with the correctly placed modifier:

- (A) While delivering his lecture, the audience was reminded of the dangers of reckless driving by the speaker.
- (B) The audience was reminded of the dangers of reckless driving by the speaker while delivering his lecture.
- (C) While delivering his lecture, the speaker reminded the audience of the dangers of reckless driving.



(D) The speaker reminded the audience while delivering his lecture of the dangers of reckless driving.

**Q7.**

Choose the best revision of this sentence:

*"While flying over the desert, strange rock formations caught our attention."*

- (A) Strange rock formations flying over the desert caught our attention.
- (B) While we were flying over the desert, strange rock formations caught our attention.
- (C) Strange rock formations, while flying over the desert, caught our attention.
- (D) Flying over the desert, strange rock formations caught our attention from the plane.

**Q8.**

Select the sentence where the modifier is misplaced:

- (A) The professor explained the concept clearly to the students who were struggling with the chapter.
- (B) The professor explained clearly the concept to the students who were struggling with the chapter.
- (C) The professor, clearly explaining the concept, spoke to the students who were struggling with the chapter.
- (D) The professor explained the concept to the students clearly who were struggling with the chapter.

**Q9.**

Which sentence avoids a dangling modifier?

- ~~(A) Running across the campus, the rain soaked my clothes.~~
- ~~(B) Having finished the experiment, the results were surprising.~~
- ~~(C) To gain approval, the project was revised several times by the team.~~
- (D) After reviewing the data, the scientist revised her hypothesis.

**Q10.**

Select the clearest sentence:

- (A) She served sandwiches to the children on paper plates.
- (B) She served sandwiches on paper plates to the children.

- ~~(C) To the children, she served sandwiches on paper plates.~~
- ~~(D) She served the children sandwiches on paper plates.~~