

171. (b) See the explanation of question 16.  
 173. (a) When we join two subjects by using 'and not', the verb agrees with the first subject. 'The captain' will take 'is' with it.  
 174. (b) When two subjects are joined by using 'neither....nor', the verb agrees with the second subject. 'State Governments' (Plural noun) will take a plural verb.

## SPOTTING THE ERROR

1. (a) The officers/ (b) who were on inspection in this factory / (c) were discovered many discrepancies. / (d) No error.
2. (b) The teacher asked / (b) the students whether they could/ (c) tell the name of the man who had been invented steam engine. / (d) No error.
3. (a) He held a bomb / (b) in his hand which was totally hiding / (c) in the long cloak that he was wearing. / (d) No error.
4. (a) I was surprise / (b) at his brazenness/ (c) as he was considered an obedient student / (d) No error.
5. (a) Had the police not/ (b) reached here / (c) on time, the traders would have robbed . / (d) No error.
6. (a) He seriously wounded / (b) during the cross fire and / (c) was rushed to hospital / (d) No error.
7. (a) Police Officers sent / (b) to the theatre and every nook and corner / (c) was thoroughly checked. / (d) No error.
8. (a) When the minister was shot dead,/ (b) people were run here and there / (c) to save themselves. / (d) No error.
9. (a) Mother's milk / (b) cannot substituted by / (c) any thing else./ (d) No error.
10. (a) When the thief broke into their house / (b) they raised a hue and cry / (c) and the thief caught immediately by the people. / (d) No error
11. (a) The city / (b) was tore / (c) by riots./ (d) No error.
12. (a) It was suggested / (b) by him that the baby / (c) should be immediately taken care. / (d) No error.
13. (a) The truck driver was accused / (b) the lady for walking / (c) in the middle of the road./ (d) No error.
14. (a) Some passengers / (b) were flew/ (c) to Paris on the last trip./ (d) No error.
15. (a) By the time he arrived, / (b) everybody had / (c) been gone./ (d) No error.
16. (a) I am extremely annoyed / (b) by/ (c) the mismanagement./ (d) No error.
17. (a) The mall was / (b) engulfed/ (c) by the fire/ (d) No error.
18. (a) It believed earlier / (b) that the sun/ (c) revolved round the earth./ (d) No error.
19. (a) As she was wearing / (b) skimpy clothes/ (c) she was stared./ (d) No error.
20. (a) You behave in such / (b) a weird manner that / (c) everybody disgusted with you./ (d) No error.
21. (a) Ten mangoes / (b) are contained / (c) by this box./ (d) No error.
22. (a) A gang of robbers were arrested/ (b) by the police / (c) last night near the island./ (d) No error.
23. (a) The streets of Rome / (b) were thronged/ (c) by the common people./ (d) No error.
24. (a) Everyone says that/ (b) he born / (c) of poor parents./ (d) No error.
25. (a) The ship sank / (b) and everyone / (c) aboard drowned./ (d) No error.
26. (a) If motorists do not observe the traffic regulations, (b) they will be stopped, ticketed / (c) and have to pay a fine. / (d) No error
27. (a) There will be no more supplies/ (b) unless all arrears of payment / (c) were cleared by next Monday. / (d) No error
28. (a) The news of his father's death / (b) was not declared / (c) so far. / (d) No error