



NTRCA Lecture Sheet

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☑ Syntax (Subject-verb Agreement)

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Syntax (Use the right form of verb)

Noun যখন Subject (কর্তা) হিসাবে কাজ করে, তখন subject ও verb এর মধ্যে agreement বা মিল থাকতে হয়। এই agreement বা মিলকে syntax বলে। syntax এ সব সময় দুটি শব্দ ব্যবহৃত হয়। এক, verb এর singular form; দুই, verb এর plural form এই দুটি শব্দ সম্পর্কে আমরা অবগত হই।

Singular form of verb:

1. Present Tense-এ করা অর্থে 3rd person singular number হলে verb এর শেষে s, es, ies হয়, এটাকে verb এর singular form বলে। যথাঃ Ali goes to school. He plays football.
2. Present/Past Tense-এ হওয়া অর্থে 3rd person singular number হলে is/was হয়। এটাকে verb এর singular form বলে। যেমনঃ Ali is in the classroom. Present Tense/Past Tense -এ হওয়া অর্থে I এর পরে am/was হয়, এটাও verb এর singular form. I am ill today.
3. Present/Past Tense এ হওয়া অর্থে I এর পরে am/was হয়, এটাও verb এর singular form. I am in the classroom. I was in the classroom.

4. Present Tense এ কোন কিছু থাকা অর্থে 3rd person singular number হলে has হয়, এটাই verb এর singular form. Ali has a cow.

Plural form of verb:

1. Present Tense-এ করা অর্থে verb এর শেষে s, es, ies যোগ না হওয়া অর্থাৎ verb এর কোন পরিবর্তন না হওয়াটাই verb এর plural form নামে পরিচিত। যেমনঃ I do, You do, They do.
2. Present/Past Tense এ হওয়া অর্থে are/were বসে। এটাই verb এর plural form হিসেবে পরিচিত। যেমনঃ We/You/They are (were) present.
3. Present Tense-এ কোন কিছু থাকা অর্থে have হয়। এটাই verb এর plural form. যেমনঃ I/We/You/They have a house in Dhaka.

Subject-verb agreement এর নিয়মাবলী উদাহরণসহ নীচে দেওয়া হল:

1. Subject 3rd person singular number হলে - Ali goes to school.



2. দুই বা ততোধিক singular noun কে and দ্বারা যুক্ত করা হলে verb plural হয়। Ali and Karim go to school.
3. কিন্তু 'And' দ্বারা দুই বা ততোধিক singular noun কে যুক্ত করা হলে এবং এদের দ্বারা অভিন্ন সত্তা অথবা একটি ধারণাকে বুঝালে অথবা তাদের কার্যক্রম এক রকম হলে অথবা তাদের প্রয়োজনীয়তা একরূপ হলে তখন তাদের verb singular হয়। যেমনঃ Rice and curry is my favourite food. Time and tide waits for none. Slow and steady wins the race.
4. And দ্বারা যুক্ত কোন noun এ একটি article থাকলে একটি মাত্র ব্যক্তি, বস্তু, স্থান, নির্দেশ করে তখন verb singular হয়, কিন্তু দুটি article থাকলে দুটি ব্যক্তি, বস্তু, স্থান, বুঝান, তখন verb plural হয়। The principal and secretary is coming. The Principal and the secretary are coming.
5. বইয়ের নাম, দেশের নাম, দৈর্ঘ্য, প্রস্থ, উচ্চতা, ওজন, দূরত্ব, সময়ের পরিমাণ, খেলা-ধূলা, কিছু রোগের নাম, কোন বাক্যের subject হলে এদের verb singular হয়। Gulliver's Travels is a famous book. Mathematics is a hard subject. 60 miles is a long journey.
6. কিছু কিছু Adjective এর পূর্বে The বসার ফলে একটি শ্রেণীতে পরিণত হয়, তখন verb plural হয়। The rich, the poor, the old, the blind, the brave, the deaf. যেমনঃ The rich are happy. কিন্তু adjective এর পরে noun বসলে একটি মাত্র ব্যক্তিকে বুঝাবে, তখন তার verb singular হয়। যেমনঃ The rich man is coming.
7. দুটি কর্তাকে with, together with, not, and not, as well as, in addition to, accompanied by, surrounded by, along with, including ইত্যাদি দ্বারা যুক্ত করা হলে প্রথম subject অনুযায়ী verb হয় - This book in addition to the novels, costs me Rs. 20/-. You and not, I am guilty. I and not, you am guilty. The Principal with his teachers is coming.
8. Many a থাকলে subject এর পরে verb singular হয় কিন্তু, A many থাকলে verb plural হয়, যেমনঃ Many a man was present. A many men were present.
9. After দ্বারা যুক্ত দুটি singular number এর verb singular হয় - Grief after grief has made him great. Man after man is coming.
10. Pair থাকলে verb singular হয় কিন্তু pair শব্দটি না থাকলে verb plural হয়। যেমনঃ This pair of shoes is good. These shoes are good.
11. Rest, half, part এর পরে of থাকলে noun singular হলে verb singular হয় এবং noun plural হলে verb plural হয়। Rest of the mango is rotten. Rest of the mangoes are rotten.
- 12.. Fractions and percentage এর পরে uncountable noun থাকলে singular verb, plural countable noun থাকলে plural verb হবে। Uncountable: One half of the gas in the cylinder has escaped. Fifty percent of my income goes on food. Countable Plural: Two thirds of the students in the English department fail in their exam
13. No, all, some এর ব্যবহারঃ No tree grows here. No trees grow here. No art is here. All the money has been lost.
All the students have passed.
14. A number of/A Variety of এর পরে plural verb হয় কিন্তু the number of/the Variety of এর পরে singular verb হয় - A number of persons were present. A Variety of foods and vegetables displayed in the exhibition were attractive.
15. Either or, Neither nor, Not only but also যুক্ত বাক্যে পরের subject অনুসারে verbটি নির্ধারিত হয় - Either my brothers or my sister is going to do the washings. Either my sister or my brothers are going to do the washings Neither the books nor the movie was interesting. Neither the movie nor the books were interesting. Not only I but also you are guilty.
16. Relative pronoun এর antecedent এর number ও person অনুসারে verb হয়। যেমনঃ It is I who have done this.
17. Each, every, no, either, neither দ্বারা বিশেষিত noun এর পরে verb singular হয়। Each boy was given a prize. Each boy and each girl has been given a ticket. Either report is true. Neither news is true.
18. Either of/neither of/each of/every of/one of / none of এর পরে noun বহুবচন থাকলেও verb singular হয় - Either of the boys is intelligent. Neither of the girls sings well.
19. Artillery, aristocracy, cattle, gentry, people, public, poultry, vermin, peasantry, mankind প্রভৃতি দেখতে এক বচন মনে হলেও এরা বহুবচন। তাই এদের পরে verb plural হয়। যথাঃ Cattle are grazing in the field. The gentry were present in the meeting.

Class Work

- 1. Fifty miles not a long distance.** [১৭তম প্রভাষক নিবন্ধন- ২০২২]
ক. are খ. is
গ. have been ঘ. were উ: খ
 - 2. Slow and steady — the race.** [৯ম প্রভাষক নিবন্ধন- ২০১৩]
ক. win খ. won
গ. has won ঘ. wins উ: ঘ
 - 3. “The Arabian Night” (be) my favourite books.** [৭ম প্রভাষক নিবন্ধন- ২০১১]
ক. is খ. are
গ. has ঘ. were উ: ক
 - Fill in the blanks with the correct option.**
 - 4. The machinery — working well.** [৬ষ্ঠ প্রভাষক নিবন্ধন- ২০১০]
ক. is খ. were
গ. are ঘ. should উ: ক
 - 5. Three fourths of the work — finished.** [৬ষ্ঠ প্রভাষক নিবন্ধন- ২০১০]
ক. have been খ. has been
গ. had ঘ. were উ: খ
 - 6. At least one of the students — full marks everytime.** [৬ষ্ঠ প্রভাষক নিবন্ধন- ২০১০]
ক. get খ. gets
গ. are getting ঘ. have got উ: খ
 - 7. The principal along with his students — planting trees for two hours.** [১৫তম প্রভাষক নিবন্ধন- ২০১৯]
ক. have been খ. has been
গ. is ঘ. are উ: খ
 - 8. Nipa as well as her brothers (come) to me.** [৬ষ্ঠ প্রভাষক নিবন্ধন- ২০১০]
ক. have come খ. are coming
গ. was came ঘ. has come উ: ঘ
 - 9. Lima along with her friends — to school everyday.** [১৪তম শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন পরীক্ষা (স্কুল-২): ২০১৭]
ক. go খ. goes
গ. is going ঘ. are going উ: খ
 - 10. Educating all people — a mammoth task.** [১৩তম শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন পরীক্ষা (স্কুল সমমান): ২০১৬]
ক. are খ. is
গ. be ঘ. have উ: খ
 - 11. Three-fourth of the work — finished.** [১৩তম শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন পরীক্ষা (স্কুল সমমান): ২০১৬]
ক. have been খ. is
গ. are ঘ. has been উ: ঘ
 - 12. The colour of her eyes — blue.** [১৩তম শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন পরীক্ষা (স্কুল-২): ২০১৬]
ক. are খ. is
গ. were ঘ. none of the above উ: খ
 - 13. The poor — much in winter.** [১২তম শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন পরীক্ষা (স্কুল সমমান-২): ২০১৫]
ক. suffer খ. suffers
গ. suffering ঘ. suffered উ: ক
 - 14. Two and two — four.** [১১তম শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন পরীক্ষা (স্কুল/সমমান-২): ২০১৪]
ক. make খ. makes
গ. made ঘ. make/makes উ: খ
 - 15. The He ran a race. Here ‘ran’ is a — verb.** [৬ষ্ঠ শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন পরীক্ষা (স্কুল সমমান): ২০১০]
ক. Causative খ. Copulative
গ. Cognate ঘ. Factitive উ: গ
 - 16. Which is the past form of the verb ‘wring’?** [৬ষ্ঠ শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন পরীক্ষা (স্কুল সমমান): ২০১০]
ক. Wrang খ. Wrung
গ. Wranged ঘ. Wringed উ: খ
 - 17. ‘Syntax’ means—**
[প্রাথমিক সহকারী শিক্ষক নিয়োগ পরীক্ষা (২য় পর্যায়)-২০২২]
ক. Manner of speech খ. Sentence building
গ. Supplementary text ঘ. To read only some lines **(b)**
 - 18. A lot of news in those papers ----- unreliable.**
[প্রাথমিক সহকারী শিক্ষক নিয়োগ পরীক্ষা (২য় পর্যায়)-২০২২]
ক. are খ. is
গ. were ঘ. being **(b)**
 - 19. Fifty kg...really a heavy weight to carry.**
[প্রাথমিক বিদ্যালয় সহকারী শিক্ষক : ১৯]
a) are b) was **(c)**
c) is d) were **(c)**
 - 20. Agomoni School is one of the best --- in the city.**
[প্রাথমিক সহকারী শিক্ষক নিয়োগ পরীক্ষা (১ম পর্যায়)-২০২২]
ক. school খ. schools
গ. of It ঘ. high school **(b)**
 - 21. Choose the correct sentence-**
[প্রাথমিক বিদ্যালয় সহকারী শিক্ষক : ১৯]
a) Fifty miles is a long distance
b) Fifty miles has a long distance
c) Fifty milles are a long distance
d) Fifty mile is a long distance **(a)**
 - 22. All of the people at the conference are-**
[প্রাথমিক বিদ্যালয় সহকারী শিক্ষক : ১৯]
a) mathematic teachers b) mathematics teachers
c) mathematics teacher d) mathematic’s teacher **(b)**

23. Which of the following sentences is correct?

[প্রাথমিক বিদ্যালয় প্রধান শিক্ষক : ১৯]

- a) One of my brothers are a doctor
b) One of my brothers is a doctor
c) One of my brothers is doctors
d) One of my brother is a doctor

(b)

24. Karim as well as Rahim...praise. [প্রাথমিক বিদ্যালয় প্রধান শিক্ষক : ১৯]

- a) deserve
b) deserves
c) are deserving
d) is deserving

(b)

25. Choose the correct sentence- [প্রাথমিক বিদ্যালয় প্রধান শিক্ষক : ১৯]

- a) Poors are not always dishonest
b) The poor are not always dishonest
c) The poors are not always dishonest
d) The poor is not always dishonest

(b)

26. The chairman and secretary...present at the last meeting. [প্রাথমিক বিদ্যালয় সহকারী শিক্ষক : ১৮]

- a) have
b) was
c) were
d) is

(b)

27. Choose the appropriate option to complete the sentence: Today...people who enjoy cricket is bigger than that of thirty years ago. [প্রাথমিক বিদ্যালয় প্রধান শিক্ষক : ১৮]

- a) number of
b) a great deal of
c) the number of
d) many

(c)

28. He and I...well. বাক্যের শূন্যস্থানে সঠিক শব্দ বসবে-

[প্রাথমিক বিদ্যালয় সহকারী শিক্ষক : ১০]

- a) are
b) is
c) was
d) am

(a)

29. নিচের কোন বাক্যটি শুদ্ধ? [প্রাথমিক বিদ্যালয় প্রধান শিক্ষক : ০৯]

- a) Honour and glory are his reward
b) Either you or he is to blame
c) This is the same book which he lost
d) He has written no less than four letters

(b)

30. The police — informed yesterday. (42th BCS)

- a) is
b) are
c) was
d) were

(d)

31. Choose the correct sentence. (37th BCS)

- a) All of it depend on you
b) All of it are depending on you
c) All of it depends on you
d) All of it are depended on you

(c)

32. Slow and steady _____ the race. (Fill in the gap) (36th BCS)

- a) win
b) wins
c) has won
d) won

(b)

33. Neither Rini nor Simi —qualified of. (29th BCS)

- a. are
b. is
c. were
d. had

(b)

34. Choose the correct sentence. (26th BCS)

- a. Everybody have gone there
b. Everybody are gone there
c. Everybody has gone there
d. Everybody has went there

(c)

35. The Arabian Nights-----still a famous book.

(26th BCS)

- a. has
b. are
c. is
d. were

(c)

36. At last one of the students-----full marks every time. (25th, 24th BCS)

- a. gets
b. get
c. are getting
d. have got

(a)

37. -----is not the only thing that tourists want to see. (24th BCS)

- a. A scenery
b. Sceneries
c. The sceneries
d. Scenery

(d)

38. In order to impose farming methods, we need----- (24th BCS বাতিল)

- a. machine
b. machinery
c. machineries
d. a machinery

(b)

39. Three-fourths of the work-----finished. (23rd BCS)

- a. have been
b. had
c. has been
d. were

(c)

40. A reward has been announced for the employees who----- hard. (21st BCS)

- a. have worked
b. has walked
c. will be walk
d. have had worked

(a)

41. Which of the following sentence is correct? (16th BCS)

- a. One of my friends are a lawyer.
b. One of my friend is a lawyer.
c. One of my friends is a lawyer.
d. One of my friend are a lawyer.

(c)

42. Choose the correct sentence. (11th BCS)

- a. The rich is not always happy.
b. Rich is not always happy.
c. The rich is not happy always
d. The rich are not always happy.

(d)

43. Choose the correct sentence. (10th BCS)

- a. A few of the three boys got a prize
b. Each of the three boys got a prize.
c. Every of the three boys got a prize.
d. All of the three boys got a prize.

(b)

44. Four and four — eight. [বাংলাদেশ কোস্ট গার্ড ও কৃষি প্রশিক্ষণ একাডেমির নার্স এবং ফায়ার সার্ভিস অ্যান্ড সিভিল ডিফেন্স-এর ফোরম্যান ২০১৯]

- Two and two — four . [বন অধিদপ্তরের বন প্রহরী ২০১৫]

- a made
b are
c makes
d make

(c)

45. There — twelve months in a year. [সংস্কৃতি বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়ের উপ-সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (সিভিল) ২০১৯]

- a were
b was
c are
d have

(c)

46. The principal along with his students — planting trees for two hours.

[১৫তম প্রভাষক নিবন্ধন ও প্রত্যয়ন পরীক্ষা (কলেজ/সমপর্যায়) ২০১৯]

- a have been
b has been
c is
d are

(b)

47. The father with his seven daughters — left the house. [১৬তম শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন ও প্রত্যয়ন পরীক্ষা (স্কুল/সমপর্যায়) ২০১৯]

- a have
b are
c has
d was

(c)



48. **The Headmaster and the President of the school – present in the last meeting.**
[১৬তম শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন ও প্রত্যয়ন পরীক্ষা (স্কুল/সমপর্যায়) ২০১৯]
(a) was (b) were (c) had been (d) have been **(b)**
49. **A basket of rotten oranges – thrown away.**
[বিভিন্ন মন্ত্রণা./বিভাগ/অধি. ব্যক্তিগত কর্মকর্তা ২০১৮]
(a) were (b) was (c) have been (d) have **(b)**
50. **Neither the moon nor the stars – visible last night. The verb to fill in the gap should be—**
[তথ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের অধীন বিটিভির সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (সিভিল) ২০১৭]
(a) was (b) were (c) are (d) had been **(b)**
51. **He and I – well.**
[বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ের উপসহকারী প্রকৌশলী (সিভিল) ২০১৬]
(a) are (b) is (c) was (d) am **(a)**
52. **The man along with his neighbours – working for the welfare of the people.**
[জনপ্রশাসন মন্ত্রণালয়ের ব্যক্তিগত কর্মকর্তা ২০১৬]
(a) have (b) is (c) were (d) are **(b)**
53. **The number of students seeking admission in schools – increased.**
[GST গুচ্ছভুক্ত বিশ্ব. ইউনিট সি (বাণিজ্য) ২০২০-২১]
(a) have (b) has (c) have been (d) is **(b)**
54. **Many a boy – present in the meeting. Choose the appropriate option to complete the sentence.**
[রাবি ইউনিট এ (গ্রুপ-২) ২০২০-২১]
(a) was (b) were (c) are (d) have been **(a)**
55. **The Honorable Prime Minister with all her cabinet members – the function just now.**
[খুবি (খ) : ২০১৯-২০]
(a) have attended (b) attended (c) had attended (d) has attended **(d)**
56. **Every member of my family – here tonight.** [রাবি 'বি' ইউনিট (অবাণিজ্য) ২০১৮-১৯]
(a) be (b) are (c) is (d) in **(c)**
57. **Which sentence is correct?**
(a) They or he is certain to be called (b) They or he are certain to be called (c) The stars are their guide (d) A black and a white dog is in the room **(a)**
58. **Which is the proper sentence according to the pattern of 'subject + verb + object + past participle'?**
(a) He let his friend go (b) I found you disturbed by the incident. (c) My mother saw me coming in a frenzied state (d) You play football well **(b)**
59. **Gulliver's Travels – wonderful of read.**
(a) is (b) are (c) has (d) were **(a)**
60. **The verb agrees with the subject in—**
a. He as well as his two brothers are skilful divers. (b) He as well as his two brothers have been skilful divers. (c) He as well as his two brothers become skilful divers (d) He as well as his brother is a skilful diver. **(d)**

Student's Work

1. **Choose the correct sentence—**
a. There are a large number of boys playing in the field
b. There is a large number of boys playing in the field
c. There has a large number of boys playing in the field
d. There are a large number of boy playing in the field **(a)**
2. **Choose the correct sentence—**
a. There are a book and a pen on the table
b. There is a book and a pen on the table
c. There are a book on the table
d. There is book and pen on the table **(a)**
3. **Great Expectations – still a great favorite.**
a. has (b) are (c) is (d) were **(c)**
4. **Not only you but also I – responsible for this.**
a. are (b) am (c) have (d) had **(b)**
5. **Choose the correct sentence.**
a. Every man and every woman are killed by the terrorist.
b. Every man and every woman was killed by the terrorist
c. Every man and every woman have been killed by the terrorist.
d. Every man and every woman were killed by the terrorist. **(b)**
1. **Her sisters and not Rina—done the work**
a. is (b) are (c) has (d) have **(d)**
2. **Select the correct sentence:**
a. Neither of the two traffic lights is working
b. Neither of the two traffic lights are working
c. Neither of the two traffic lights have working
d. Neither of the two traffic lights were working. **(a)**
3. **Choose the correct sentence:**
a. The family has divided in its decisions.
b. The family have been divided in their decisions
c. The family has been divided several decisions
d. The family were taken their decisions. **(d)**
4. **Choose the correct sentence:**
a. A number of tenants are in the building
b. A number of tenants is in the building
c. A number of tenants was in the building
d. A number of tenants had in the building. **(a)**
5. **Choose the correct sentence:**
a. Many a boy is selected for the team
b. Many a boys is selected for the team
c. Many a boy were selected for the team
d. Many a boy are selected for the team. **(a)**
6. **Each boy and each girl—given a prize.**
a. was (b) were (c) was being (d) were being **(a)**

7. It is I who—guilty.
a. am b. are c. were d. be **(a)**
8. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.
a. My names and address are printed on the package.
b. My names and address have been printed on the package.
c. My names and address is printed on the package.
d. My names and address were printed on the package. **(c)**
9. Choose the correct answer.
a. The chairmen and secretary of this organization have been very popular to the members.
b. The black and the white goat is grazing in the field
c. The Chairman and the secretary is very popular to the members.
d. The black and the white goat are grazing in the field. **(d)**
10. Choose the correct answer.
a. Neither Raihan nor his friends are responsible for this.
b. Either Divan or his friend were responsible for this.
c. Neither Raihan nor his friends is responsible for this.
d. Either Divan or his friend are responsible for this. **(a)**
11. Choose the correct answer.
a. I, you and he has murdered the man.
b. I, you and he have murdered the man.
c. I, you and he was murdering the man.
d. I, you and he is murdering the man. **(b)**
12. Choose the correct answer.
a. Politics are my favorite subject
b. The news are very interesting
c. His wages is not satisfactory
d. Billiards are becoming popular in our country. **(c)**
13. Which one is correct? Slow and steady—the race.
a. wins b. win
c. have won d. have win **(a)**
14. Choose the correct answer.
a. Twenty miles are a long distance
b. Ten kilograms are a huge amount
c. Ten dollars are enough to buy a pair of shoes in our country.
d. Two miles is a short distance if you go by bus. **(d)**
15. Choose the correct answer.
a. Cattle is grazing in the field
b. The peasantry is working hard to fulfill the demand of rice in our country
c. The clergy of the church were present in the general
d. The people is gathering there to protest against the new law. **(c)**
16. Which one is correct? Bread and butter—bought from market.
a. is b. are
c. have d. has **(b)**
17. Which one is correct? Fish and chips—not my favorite meal.
a. are b. is
c. have d. has **(b)**
18. Which one is correct? You, he and I—friends.
a. is b. are
c. was d. have **(b)**
19. We each—a mobile set.
a. has b. have
c. had been d. have been **(b)**
20. Two and two—four.
a. make b. makes
c. is making d. made **(b)**

Class

Exam

1. "The Arabian Night" (be) my favourite books.

ক. is খ. are
গ. has ঘ. were

2. Three fourths of the work — finished.
ক. have been খ. has been
গ. had ঘ. were
3. Lima along with her friends — to school everyday.

ক. go খ. goes
গ. is going ঘ. are going

4. Which is the past form of the verb 'wring'?

ক. Wrang খ. Wrung
গ. Wranged ঘ. Wringed

5. 'Syntax' means—

ক. Manner of speech
খ. Sentence building
গ. Supplementary text

ঘ. To read only some lines

6. Time and tide — for none-

a) waits b) waiting
c) wait d) renders

7. The police — informed yesterday.

(a) is (b) are
(c) was (d) were

8. Three-fourths of the work-----finished.

a. have been b. had
c. has been d. were

9. The number of students seeking admission in schools — increased.

(a) have (b) has
(c) have been (d) is

10. Which one is correct? Bread and butter —bought from market.

a. is b. are
c. have d. has



Answers

1	a
2	b
3	b
4	b
5	b
6	c
7	d
8	c
9	b
10	b

