

How to use this worksheet. Thirty questions, about 25 minutes, with the answer key at the end. Cross out every prepositional phrase before choosing the verb. In error-spotting questions check **every** verb, not only the first.

Formula sheet

A prepositional phrase (of the boys, along with, as well as) never controls the verb

Always singular: each, every, neither, either, one of, news, mathematics, a sum of money, a distance

Always plural: scissors, trousers, spectacles | a number of is plural, the number of is singular

With either...or and neither...nor, the verb agrees with the nearer subject

Section A · Level 1 — The basic rule and singular-looking subjects

Ten questions. Find the real subject before you look at the verb.

1. A singular subject takes a:

(1) Plural verb (2) Singular verb (3) Either verb (4) No verb

2. Choose the correct sentence.

(1) The boys plays cricket. (2) The boys play cricket. (3) The boys playing cricket. (4) The boy play cricket.

3. Fill in the blank.

Neither of the answers _____ correct.

(1) are (2) were (3) is (4) have

4. Fill in the blank.

Each of the students _____ a book.

(1) have (2) has (3) are having (4) were

5. Fill in the blank.

One of my friends _____ a doctor.

(1) are (2) is (3) were (4) have

6. Fill in the blank.

The news _____ shocking.

(1) are (2) were (3) is (4) have

7. Fill in the blank.

Mathematics _____ my favourite subject.

(1) are (2) is (3) were (4) have

8. Fill in the blank.

The scissors _____ on the table.

(1) is (2) was (3) are (4) has

9. Fill in the blank.

Ten kilometres _____ a long distance to walk.

(1) are (2) is (3) were (4) have

10. Fill in the blank.

The committee _____ divided in its opinion.

(1) is (2) are (3) has (4) were

Working space — Questions 1 to 10*Write the formula before you substitute.***Section B · Level 2 — Either-or, collective nouns and intervening phrases***Ten questions. Prepositional phrases never control the verb.***11.** Fill in the blank.

Either the teacher or the students _____ mistaken.

(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) has

12. Fill in the blank.

Neither the students nor the teacher _____ present.

(1) are (2) were (3) is (4) have

13. Fill in the blank.

The quality of the mangoes _____ poor.

(1) are (2) were (3) is (4) have

14. Fill in the blank.

A number of students _____ absent today.

(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) has

15. Fill in the blank.

The number of applicants _____ increasing.

(1) are (2) is (3) were (4) have

16. Fill in the blank.

Bread and butter _____ my usual breakfast.

(1) are (2) is (3) were (4) have

17. Fill in the blank.

My friend, along with his brothers, _____ coming.

(1) are (2) is (3) were (4) have

18. Fill in the blank.

Not only the manager but also the clerks _____ responsible.

(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) has

19. Fill in the blank.

There _____ many reasons for his failure.

(1) is (2) was (3) are (4) has

20. Fill in the blank.

Every boy and every girl _____ been informed.

(1) have (2) has (3) are (4) were

Working space — Questions 11 to 20*Write the formula before you substitute.*

Section C · Previous year questions and error correction — Straight from the AAI ATC papers, plus error spotting

Ten questions. Three are real previous year questions.

21. Select the grammatically correct sentence. [PYQ 2021 · Shift 3]

(1) There were 100 books on that shelf, each one of them was a classic. (2) There were 100 books on that shelf, each one of them were classic. (3) There was 100 books on that shelf, each one of them is a classic. (4) There were 100 books on that shelf, each one of them are a classic.

22. The following sentence has been divided into parts. Select the part that contains the error.

Nature have its own way / of teaching us through different life experiences / that may seem unwelcome / but eventually cure us. [PYQ 2021 · Shift 2]

(1) Nature have its own way (2) of teaching us through different life experiences (3) that may seem unwelcome (4) but eventually cure us

23. The following sentence has been divided into parts. Select the part that contains the error.

The King tried his best to groom his foolish son / to prepare him for his future role, / but the young prince only go / from bad to worse. [PYQ 2021 · Shift 2]

(1) The King tried his best to groom his foolish son (2) to prepare him for his future role (3) from bad to worse (4) but the young prince only go

24. Spot the error.

The list of items are on the desk.

(1) The list (2) of items (3) are (4) on the desk

25. Spot the error.

Each of the boys have submitted their form.

(1) Each of the boys (2) have (3) submitted (4) their form

26. Choose the correct sentence.

(1) Neither he nor I am wrong. (2) Neither he nor I is wrong. (3) Neither he nor I are wrong. (4) Neither he nor I was wrong.

27. Fill in the blank.

The jury _____ unable to reach a verdict.

(1) were (2) was (3) have (4) are

28. Fill in the blank.

Twenty rupees _____ not a large sum.

(1) are (2) were (3) is (4) have

29. Choose the correct sentence.

(1) Physics are difficult. (2) Physics is difficult. (3) Physics were difficult. (4) Physics have difficult.

30. Fill in the blank.

Neither of the two answers _____ acceptable.

(1) are (2) is (3) were (4) have

Working space — Questions 21 to 30

Write the formula before you substitute.

Answer key

Check only after you have attempted every question. Full worked solutions for each one are on the worksheet page at aviatelearnings.com.

1. (2)	7. (2)	13. (3)	19. (3)	25. (2)
2. (2)	8. (3)	14. (2)	20. (2)	26. (1)
3. (3)	9. (2)	15. (2)	21. (1)	27. (2)
4. (2)	10. (1)	16. (2)	22. (1)	28. (3)
5. (2)	11. (2)	17. (2)	23. (4)	29. (2)
6. (3)	12. (3)	18. (2)	24. (3)	30. (2)

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