

8. **The United States of America – a rich country.** (যুক্তরাষ্ট্র একটি ধনী দেশ) [HSTU (E) 14-15]
a) are b) were c) was d) is Ans:d

9. **The United States – a big Navy.** (যুক্তরাষ্ট্রের একটি বড় নৌবাহিনী আছে) [CU (G, H) 09-10]
a) has b) have c) is d) was e) were Ans:a

The United States (মার্কিন যুক্তরাষ্ট্র) একটি দেশের নাম তাই এর verb টি singular হবে।
এক্ষেত্রে 'হওয়া' অর্থে is এবং 'থাকা' অর্থে has ব্যবহৃত হয় তাই প্রথমটিতে is এবং পরেরটিতে has হবে।

10. **Gulliver's Travels – wonderful to read.** (গালিভারের ভ্রমণ কাহিনী পড়তে বিস্ময়কর লাগে) [RU A, জোড় 15-16]
'The Arabian Nights' (be) my favourite book. (আরব্য রজনী আমার প্রিয় বই) [৭ম প্রভাষক নিবন্ধন-১১]

The Arabian Nights – still a great favourite to many people. [DU (৭ কলেজ) 19-20]

The Arabian Nights – still a great favourite. [26th BCS, DU (D) 06-07, BU (B-AE) 14-15,
IU (C) 10-11, CU (B₂) 12-13, RU (A-বিজোড়) 15-16, PUST (B) 16-17, খনিজ সম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয়ের সহকারী পরিচালক-১৯]

a) has b) are c) is d) were Ans:c

Arabian Nights (আরব্য রজনী), Gulliver's Travels (গালিভারের ভ্রমণ কাহিনী) হচ্ছে একটি একটি বইয়ের নাম
তাই verb টি singular হবে অর্থাৎ is হবে (হওয়া অর্থে)। ৩য় টির অর্থ: আরব্য রজনী এখনো অত্যন্ত প্রিয় একটি বই।

11. **I – the 9th letter of the English alphabet.** (I ইংরেজি বর্ণমালার ৯ম বর্ণ) [RU (সমাজবিজ্ঞান) 09-10]

a) is b) are c) am d) will be Ans:a

I দ্বারা 'আমি' না বুঝিয়ে letter, vowel, symbol বুঝালে I এর পরে is/verb+s/es বসবে। e.g. I is a pronoun.
I is a vowel. I is the first person singular number. I stands for 1 (one) in the Roman system.

Rule : plural subject সাধারণত plural verb গ্রহণ করে। plural subject একের অধিক কোনো কিছু (ব্যক্তি, বস্তু, বিষয় বা কোনো নাম) নির্দেশ করে। plural verb এর সাথে কখনো s বা es যুক্ত হয় না। কিছু noun এর plural form একই এবং কিছু plural noun দেখতে singular হলেও plural verb নেয়- এই বিষয়টি খেয়াল রাখতে হবে।

Teeth are covered with a hard substance called enamel. Teeth have a hard surface layer called enamel. My teeth are very sensitive to cold food. Aircraft today use complex avionic systems.

What do mice live on? What criteria are used for assessing a student's ability?

The fruit are small and round. Fish are abundant in the lake. Fish struggle for survival when the water level drops in the lake. Deer are naturally timid creatures. Only true deer have antlers. Sheep were grazing in the fields. Bacteria grow in profusion in the warm, wet soil. Bacteria are becoming resistant to antibiotics. The bacteria are spread by physical contact.

12. **These grapes – sour.** (এই আঙ্গুরগুলো টক) [DU (B) 06-07, RU (E, বিজোড়) 14-15]

a) tasting b) are tasting c) tastes d) taste Ans:d

These grapes হচ্ছে plural subject সুতরাং verb টি হবে। সাধারণত taste এর continuous tense হয় না।

13. **– there any nursing schools – Chittagong?** [DU (B) 11-12]

a) Is, at b) Are, on c) Was, in d) Are, in Ans:d

any nursing schools হচ্ছে plural subject তাই are হবে এবং Chittagong হচ্ছে শহর তাই এর পূর্বে in হবে

14. **The memoranda – not important.** (স্মারকগুলো গুরুত্বপূর্ণ নয়) [RU (সমাজবিজ্ঞান) 09-10]

a) is b) has c) have d) are Ans:d

memoranda হচ্ছে memorandum এর plural। সুতরাং verb টি plural হবে।

15. **Where – all the boys —?** (সব ছেলেরা কোথায় গিয়েছে?) [DU (B) 11-12, JKKNIU (খ) 16-17]

a) has, gone b) have, gone c) did, went d) does, go Ans:b

16. **Those – the type I like.** (ঐগুলি আমার পছন্দের ধরন নয়) [RU (E, জোড়) 15-16]

a) isn't b) aren't c) won't d) don't Ans:b

Rule: যে সকল noun এর দুটো অংশ (two parts) থাকে সেগুলো সাধারণত plural verb নেয় কিন্তু তাদের আগে singular determiner + pair of ব্যবহার করলে singular verb নেয়। These/Those/The + plural noun + plural verb অথবা, A/The/This + pair of + plural noun + singular verb

The pants are in the drawer. A/The pair of pants is in the drawer. The pliers are on the table.

A/The pair of pliers is on the table. These/The socks are too small for me. This pair of socks

is too small for me. The/These scissors are dull/blunt. The/This pair of scissors is dull/blunt.

17. The pair of scissors – dull. (কাঁচিটি ভেঁতা/ কাঁচিটিতে ধার নেই) [IU (BBA) 15-16]

A pair of pants – in the drawer. (ড্রয়ারের মধ্যে একটি প্যান্ট আছে) [KU (C) 09-10]

a) have been b) is c) are d) has Ans:b

18. – pair of socks – too small for me. [DU (B) 14-15]

– pair of shoes – too tight for Shanta. [BSMRSTU (E) 17-18]

a) This, is b) These, are c) These, is d) This, are Ans:a

Rule: Noun, Pronoun অথবা, Noun equivalent কোনো কিছুই কেবলমাত্র বাক্যের Subject হতে পারে। তাই

Adjective কখনোই বাক্যের Subject হয় না। বাক্যের শুরুতে Adjective থাকলে Here/There এর নিয়ম অনুসরণ

করতে হবে। adjective + singular verb + singular subject; adjective + plural verb + plural subject

Blessed is he who gets a good wife. Blessed are the poor/the pious/the meek. Uneasy lies the

head that wears a crown. Inevitable are the decrees of God. Deafening were the screams of

the wounded. Gone are those days when we used to go fishing.

19. Sweet – the uses of adversity. (দুঃখের প্রয়োজনীয়তা মধুর) [CU I 13-14, B1 15-16, শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়ের সহকারী শিক্ষা প্রকৌশলী (পুর)-১৯, ডাক বিভাগের পোস্টাল অপারেটর-২৩]

a) is b) are c) has d) have Ans:b

20. Loud – the cries of the victim. [DU (D) 97-98]

a) was b) were c) raised d) rang Ans:b

Rule: 'দেড়' অর্থে One and a half + plural noun + plural verb

অথবা, A/An (singular noun) and a half + singular verb

One and a half hours are allowed for the exam. An hour and a half is allowed for the exam.

One and a half years have passed since I last saw her. A year and a half has passed since

I last saw her. কিন্তু One and a half lemons was enough.- MEU, P K De Sarkar]

উল্লেখ্য, কোনো কিছুর পরিমাণ/একক সমষ্টি বুঝালে One and a half + plural noun + plural verb হয়।

One and a half cups is enough sugar. One and a half miles is a long way.

21. Choose the correct sentence. [দেড় ঘন্টা দীর্ঘ সময়] [RU (Law) 05-06, সোনালী ব্যাংক লি. অফিসার-১৮]

a) One and a half hour is a long time. b) One and a half hours is a long time.

c) One and a half hour are a long time. d) One and half hour is a long time. Ans:b

Rule: If, If only, I wish এর পরে subject এর number ও person যাই হোক না কেন be হিসেবে সর্বদাই

were বসে। If I were in your shoes. (আমি যদি তোমার জায়গায় হতাম) I wish it were true. (এটা যদি সত্য হতো)

22. If I – a king! [34th BCS, প্রতিরক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়ের সহকারী পরিচালক-২৩]

a) am b) was c) were d) shall be Ans:c

23. If I – rich, I would travel around the world. (আমি ধনী হলে বিশ্ব ভ্রমণ করতাম) [CU (ঘ) 07-08, বাংলাদেশ পরিসংখ্যান ব্যুরোর ডাটা এন্ট্রি/কন্ট্রোল অপারেটর-২০]

a) am b) was c) were d) have been Ans:c

24. I wish I — a lawyer/a cricketer. (যদি আইনজীবী/ক্রিকেটার হতাম) [NSI-এর অফিস সহকারী/সহকারী পরিচালক-১৭]

I wish I — a king. [IU H 17-18, প্রাণিসম্পদ অধিদপ্তরের অফিস সহকারী-২৩]

a) was b) am c) is d) were Ans:d

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Rule: one or two অথবা one or more + plural noun বাক্যের subject হলে তা plural verb গ্রহণ করে।
(one or two = a few) There are one or two apparent discrepancies between the two reports.
There are one or two typing errors in the report. There are one or two companies interested in
our products. One or two students from our department have won prizes. One or more cars
were parked in front of the house each day. One or more people were killed in the accident.

Rule: one of এর পরে plural noun এবং singular verb বসে। যেমন: One of his parents is blind.
One of my friends lives in London. One of their daughters has just got married.
কিন্তু one in + plural noun এর পরে singular plural অথবা plural verb বসতে পারে।

One in three cars break/breaks down in the first year. One in five people in the country are
classified as poor. Apparently one in ten people/one person in ten has problems with reading.
One in five hours is/are spent socializing. One in seven accidents is caused by sleepy drivers.
One in every three marriages ends in divorce. One in five products was found to be defective.
One in six is eligible. One in three people globally do not have access to safe drinking water.

Rule: and দ্বারা যুক্ত একাধিক noun যদি দুটি আলাদা ব্যক্তি বা বস্তু বুঝায় তাহলে এদের verb টি plural হবে।
He and I were playing. (সে আর আমি খেলছিলাম) Are your father and mother at home?(তোমার মা-বাবা কি
বাড়িতে আছেন?) You and he are birds of the same feather. (তুমি আর সে একই স্বভাবের লোক) [BUET 10-11]

25. Sumi and Bokul – friends when I studied in high school. [CU (A2) 14-15]
a) are b) is c) was d) were Ans:d

26. Mithila and Jarin – not – to each other for two years due to a misunderstanding. [JnU (C) 14-15]
(মিথিলা ও জেরিন একটা ভুল বোঝাবুঝির কারণে দুই বছর ধরে কেউ কারও সাথে কথা বলেনি)
a) are, spoken b) are, speaking c) has, spoken d) have, spoken Ans:d

27. Here – the note book and the report that I promised you last week. [DU (B-Elective English) 08-09, CU (E) 06-07, (D) 12-13]
a) is b) are c) was d) has been e) have been Ans:b

28. Coffee and tea – served in the evening. [RU E2 18-19]
a) was b) were c) have d) had Ans:b

Rule: and দ্বারা যুক্ত একাধিক noun যদি একক ব্যক্তি বা একক ভাব/ধারণা/বস্তু বোঝায় তাহলে এদের verb টি
singular হবে। মনে রাখুন: A & B = C হয় অর্থাৎ দুটি noun যুক্ত হয়ে একক কিছু হলেই verb টি singular হবে।
যেমন: Bread এবং butter বা jelly আলাদা পণ্য বা আলাদা কিনি তাই verb টি plural হবে। কিন্তু নাস্তা খাওয়ার সময়
আমরা bread এর সাথে butter বা jelly মিশিয়ে/মাখিয়ে খাই তাই verb টি singular হবে। অনুরূপ আরো দেখে বুঝে নিন
Rice and curry/vegetables is my favourite dish. The horse and carriage (= ঘোড়ার গাড়ি) is at the
door. The horse and trap/pony and trap (= ছোট ঘোড়ার গাড়ি) has been waiting (for) a long time.
The new bed and breakfast opens this week. The colour and style is a matter of personal taste.
Truth and honesty is the best policy. Honour and glory is his reward. A good man and useful
citizen has passed away. Breaking and entering is against the law. Loading and unloading
ships is fatiguing work. Drinking and driving is dangerous. Drinking and driving costs lives.
The rise and fall of the tide is due to lunar influence. **ব্যতিক্রম:** Time and tide wait for none.
তবে, High School English Grammar-Wren & Martin এ Time and tide waits for no man. উল্লেখ আছে।

29. The bed and breakfast – charming. (--- মনোমুগ্ধকর ছিল) [BSMRSTU (G) 15-16]
a) are b) were c) was d) have been Ans:c

bed and breakfast হচ্ছে মূলত রাতে ঘুমানোর জন্য ঘর এবং পরের দিন সকালে নাস্তা সরবাহের একটি সেবা/সার্ভিস।

30. The poet and novelist – come.

[গণপূর্ত অধিদপ্তরের কম্পিউটার অপারেটর-১৬]

My friend and benefactor – come. (আমার বন্ধু ও হিতাকাজক্ষী দাতা এসেছে)

[NSTU (D) 14-15]

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

Ans:b

31. Bread and butter – a popular weekend breakfast.

[COU (B) 18-19]

Bread and butter — my favourable food.

[JU (ইতিহাস) 09-10]

a) is b) are c) have been d) were

Ans:a

Rule: uncountable noun সাধারণত singular verb গ্রহণ করে। যেমন: The news is not yet official. Mankind is at stake now. (মানবজাতি এখন সংকটাপন্ন) Mankind has always been obsessed by power.

32. Ill news – apace. (দুঃসংবাদ বাতাসের আগে যায়)

[সমাজসেবা অধিদপ্তরের প্রবেশন অফিসার-১৩]

a) run b) runs c) running d) ran

Ans:b

33. No news – good news. (কোনো খবর নেই মানেই ভালো খবর)

[JnU (D) 09-10]

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

Ans:a

Rule: একই ব্যক্তি দুইটি পদবীর অধিকারী হলে শুধুমাত্র প্রথম পদবীর পূর্বে The বসে এবং verb টি singular হয়। তবে, দুইটি পদবীর অধিকারী দুইজন ব্যক্তি আলাদা আলাদা হলে দুইটির পূর্বেই The বসে এবং verb টি plural হয়।

The Headmaster and Chairman was present at the last meeting.

The Headmaster and the Chairman were present at the last meeting.

34. The Headmaster and Secretary – present at the last meeting.

[পরিসংখ্যান সহকারী-২০]

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

Ans:b

35. The Headmaster and the Principal – present in the last meeting.

[১৬তম শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন-১৯]

a) was b) were c) had been d) have been

Ans:b

36. The great scholar and poet – dead.

[BSMRSTU F 18-19]

The poet and novelist – dead.

a) is b) been c) are d) has been

[JnU (C) 09-10]

Ans:a

Rule: Ethics, politics, economics, mathematics, statistics, physics, athletics, acoustics, hysterics প্রভৃতি যদি subject/academic discipline (পাঠ্য বিষয়) এর নাম বুঝায় তবে singular verb গ্রহণ করে। কিন্তু এদের পূর্বে determiner (my, his, her, their, Sajal's (name's), no, the ইত্যাদি) থাকলে এদের পরে plural verb বসে। এক্ষেত্রে এরা বিশেষ দৃষ্টান্ত যেমন: কারো বা কোনো কিছুর বৈশিষ্ট্য, গুণ বুঝায়।

Politics is the business of his life. (রাজনীতিই তার জীবনের কাজ); Politics is popular at this university.

His politics are not practical. তার রাজনীতি (= রাজনৈতিক দর্শন/কলাকৌশল) বাস্তবধর্মী নয়।

Ethics deals with moral principles. The ethics of journalism are much debated.

There are no ethics in politics. রাজনীতিতে কোনো নীতি নেই।

Economics has only recently been recognised as a scientific study.

The economics of the project are very encouraging. প্রকল্পটির অর্থনৈতিক পদ্ধতি বেশ উৎসাহদায়ক।

আরো বিস্তারিত আছে
'RESEARCH' এ

37. Physics – a difficult subject.

[গণপূর্ত অধিদপ্তরের কম্পিউটার অপারেটর-১৬]

Physics/Forestry/Economics/Mathematics – my favourite subject.

[মাধ্যমিক সহকারী শিক্ষক-০৯, সিটি ব্যাংক-১১, CU (C1) 14-15, JKKNIU (ঘ) 16-17, উপ-খাদ্য পরিদর্শক-২১]

a) are b) will be c) be d) is

Ans:d

38. His mathematics – weak.

[JU (গ) 09-10]

a) is b) are c) have d) none

Ans:b

রেফারেন্স: A practical English Grammar – A J Thomson & A V Martinet এর 2.Nouns 27 নং পৃষ্ঠায় ছবুছ আছে।
ব্যাখ্যা: His mathematics দ্বারা তার গাণিতিক ক্ষমতা বোঝানো হয়েছে। বাক্যের অর্থ: তার গাণিতিক দক্ষতা দুর্বল।

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39. Ethics – the study of moral duties, principles & values. [COU B 09-10]
a) are b) is c) are about d) deal Ans:b

Rule: and দ্বারা যুক্ত দুই বা ততোধিক singular noun এর প্রত্যেকটির পূর্বে Each, Every বা No থাকলে verb টি singular হয়। e.g. Each boy and each girl has a pen. Each day and each hour brings its duty. Every leaf and every flower proclaims the glory of Allah/God. Every flower and every leaf has stripped off the tree. Every star and every planet is the handiwork of Allah/God.

Each day and each hour reminds us of our short life. No relative and no friend cares for me. তবে, তিন অথবা ততোধিক noun থাকলে প্রথমটির পূর্বে Every ব্যবহার করলেই চলে।

Every man, woman and child was killed/lost. Every man, woman and child is to be educated. Every man, woman and child is now aware of the terrible consequences of the habit of smoking.

40. Each boy and each girl – given a prize yesterday. [BSMRSTU (F) 18-19]

a) is b) was c) are d) were Ans:b

41. Every man, woman and child on the island — the effects of the fuel shortage.

a) has suffered b) suffer c) have suffered d) a & c [BSMRSTU F 15-16] Ans:a

42. Each boy and each girl (dress) with a new dress.

[RU (মার্কেটিং) 07-08]

a) was dressed b) were dressed c) dresses d) have dressed Ans:a

dress এর passive voice এ preposition 'by' না বসে 'with' বসে। তাই বাক্যটি passive হবে।

43. The correct tense is-

[IU (D) 11-12]

a) No boy and no girl perform well b) No boy and no girl performs well
c) No boy and no girl have performed well d) No boy and no girl are performed well :b

Rule: The + adjective বিশেষ শ্রেণি অর্থে plural common noun হয় তাই এর পরে plural verb বসে।

The poor live from hand to mouth. (গরীবেরা দিন আনে দিন খায়) The wise do not talk much. (জ্ঞানীরা বেশি কথা বলেন না) The poor are born to suffer. (গরীবরা কষ্ট ভোগ করার জন্যই জন্মায়)

In all ages, the weak are oppressed by the strong. (সর্বকালে/সর্বযুগে দুর্বলেরা সবলদের দ্বারা অত্যাচারিত হয়)

The old feel the cold more than the young. The old are not always wiser than the young.

The unemployed are losing hope. The rich plan for tomorrow, the poor for today.

44. The cautious — not always cowards.

[রাজশাহী কৃষি উন্নয়ন ব্যাংক (সুপারভাইজার)-১৫]

a) is b) was c) are d) were Ans:c

45. The virtuous (be) always happy. (ধার্মিকেরা সর্বদাই সুখী) [Medical 05-06, RU 07-08, HSTU C 14-15]

The virtuous (be) blessed (ব্লেসিড). (ধার্মিকেরা সুখী)

[RU 03-04]

a) have been b) are c) is d) none of these Ans:b

46. The poor – much in winter.

[১২তম শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন (২)-১৫, BADC এর সহকারী হিসাবরক্ষণ কর্মকর্তা-২২]

a) suffer b) suffers c) suffering d) suffered Ans:a

Rule: with, along with, together with, as well as, accompanied with/by, in addition to, and

not, including, excluding, but, except দ্বারা যুক্ত একাধিক noun/pronoun এর ক্ষেত্রে পূর্বের বা প্রথম noun/pronoun অনুযায়ী verb হবে। অর্থাৎ প্রথম noun/pronoun টি singular হলে verb টি singular হবে এবং প্রথম

noun/pronoun টি plural হলে verb টি plural হবে। Mrs Rokeya along with her daughters was there.

He as well as his brothers is very intelligent. His brothers as well as he are very intelligent.

47. The man along with her neighbours – working for the welfare of the people. [PSC-16]

The headmaster along with his colleagues – coming here today. [১১তম শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন (২)-১৪]

a) have b) is c) were d) are Ans:b

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48. 'Karim as well as Rahim – praise. [প্রাথমিক সহকারী শিক্ষক (টগব)-১১, প্রাথমিক সহকারী শিক্ষক (৪র্থ পর্যায়)-১৯]
The young entrepreneur as well as her sales team members – praise. [DU C 18-19]
a) deserve b) deserves c) has deserved d) deserving
deserve (ডিজার্ভ)- যোগ্য/উপযুক্ত হওয়া। continuous tense এ deserve এর ব্যবহার নেই। Ans:b
49. Ram as well as Rahim – there. [বিভিন্ন মন্ত্রণালয়ের প্রশাসনিক কর্মকর্তা-১৯]
a) were b) was c) have d) has
Ans:b
50. My parents as well as I – present there. [আমদানি রপ্তানি অধিদপ্তরের উচ্চমান সহকারী-১৯]
a) was b) am c) were d) will
Ans:c
51. The father with his seven daughters – left the house. [১৬তম শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন-১৯]
a) have b) are c) has d) was
Ans:c
52. The principal along with his students – planting trees for two hours. [১৫তম প্রভাষক নিবন্ধন-১৯, NSI এর ফিল্ড অফিসার-২৩]
a) have been b) has been c) is d) are
Ans:b
53. Lima along with her friends – to school every day. [১৪তম শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন (২)-১৭]
a) go b) goes c) is going d) are going
Ans:b
54. Orthita as well as Obhinibesh (to be) – attending the party. [১৪তম শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন -১৭]
a) are b) is c) have been d) been
Ans:b
55. The ship with all its crew – lost after the terrible storm. [DU (ঘ) 16-17]
a) were b) has c) have d) was
Ans:d
এখানে lost ব্যবহৃত হয়েছে adjective হিসেবে। তাই এর আগে was বসবে, has নয়।
56. Shormi as well as her sisters – to buy fashionable jewellery. [BSMRSTU (D) 16-17]
a) like b) likes c) is liked d) were liked
Ans:b
57. Her brother along with her parents insist that she remain in school. [বাংলাদেশ হাউজ বিল্ডিং কর্পোরেশন (অফিসার)-১১, KU (L) 14-15, JKKNTU (AL) 18-19]
a) are insisting b) have insisted c) insists d) were insisting
Ans:c
58. Rahim and not you – won the prize. (তুমি নয়, রহিম পুরস্কারটি জিতেছে) [RU (A3) 12-13]
a) is b) has c) was d) are
Ans:b
59. The father with his three sons – left the place. [উপ সহকারী পরিচালক (শ্রম)-০১]
a) have b) were c) has d) will
Ans:c
60. Everything including the books – bought. [আনসার ও ভিডিপি অধিদপ্তরের সার্কেল অ্যাডজুটেন্ট-১০]
a) were b) was c) are d) have
Ans:b
61. Nipa as well as her brothers (come) to me. [৬ষ্ঠ প্রভাষক নিবন্ধন-১০]
a) have come b) are coming c) was gone d) has come
Ans:d
62. They as well as he – incorrect. [বিটিভি'র প্রযোজক-০৬]
a) is b) be c) will d) not
Ans:b
সঠিক উত্তর হবে are কিন্তু subject টি singular বা plural হোক না কেন be verb হিসেবে শুধু be ব্যবহার করা যায়।
63. They as well as he – incorrect. [RU (D, অবাগিজ্য) 11-12, MBSTU (D) 19-20]
a) is b) are c) will d) was
Ans:b
64. She together with her teacher – present in the meeting. [KU (সমাজবিজ্ঞান স্কুল) 11-12]
a) were b) was c) have d) had
Ans:b
65. Ruma as well as Jhuma – happy.
The tiger as well as the leopard – a big cat. [DU (D) 99-00]
a) is b) are c) were d) have been
[DU (D) 98-99]
Ans:a

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66. Mr Ali as well as his two sons (to be) present there yesterday. [RU (F1) 12-13]
a) was b) were c) is d) are Ans:a
বাক্যে yesterday আছে বিধায় verb এর past indefinite tense হবে। তাই verb হিসেবে was বসবে।

67. Find out the correct sentence. [খ্যাতি ও সম্পদ তার জীবনের লক্ষ্য ছিল] [DU (C) 93-94]

- a) Fame as well as fortune were his goals in life.
b) Fame as well as fortune was his goals in life.
c) Fame also fortune was his goals in life.
d) Fame and fortune were his goals in life.

Ans:d

68. The verb agrees with its subject in--- [ত্রাণ ও পুনর্বাসন অধিদপ্তরের প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়ন কর্মকর্তা-০৬]

- a) The mother together with the daughter was walking slowly.
b) The mother together with the daughter were walking slowly.
c) The mother together with the daughter had been walking slowly.
d) The mother together with the daughter have been walking slowly.

Ans:a

69. Choose the best option. [RU (D, অবাণিজ্য) 11-12]

- a) The teacher along with the students were present
b) The teacher and a student was present
c) The teacher along with the student was present.
d) Every student were with the teacher

Ans:c

70. The decoration of the new office block, including the furniture and curtains, --.

- a) is more pleasing b) are more pleasing
c) have most pleasing d) is most pleasing

[জনতা ব্যাংক (AEO)-১৫]

Ans:d

তুলনার ক্ষেত্রে more ব্যবহৃত হয়। এই বাক্যে কোনো তুলনা করা হয়নি। তাই more pleasing হবে না। তুলনার ক্ষেত্রে the most ব্যবহৃত হয়। তবে very অর্থে most + adjective, a + most + adjective + noun ব্যবহৃত হয়।

71. Identify the correct sentence. [RU (D, বাণিজ্য) 10-11, PUST (C, মানবিক) 16-17]

- a) He together with his friends has come yet.
b) He together with his friends have already come.
c) He together with his friends have not come yet.
d) He together with his friends has already come.

Ans:d

Together with দ্বারা যুক্ত একাধিক noun/pronoun এর ক্ষেত্রে পূর্বের noun/pronoun অনুযায়ী verb হবে।
ইয়া বোধক Sentence এ already হবে। Sub + have/has + already + past participle + object + Ext.
না বোধক Sentence এ yet হবে। Sub + have not/has not + past participle + object + yet.

72. The actress, along with her friends ----- [BRUR (কলা ও সামাজিক বিজ্ঞান অনুষদ) 11-12]

- a) are going to a party tonight b) is going to a party tonight
c) had been gone to a party tonight d) would be going to a party tonight

Ans:b

73. Which sentence is correct? [JnU (A) 10-11, NU (বাণিজ্য) 10-11]

- a) Tania as well as her friends are participating in the party.
b) Tania as well as her friends is participating in the party.
c) Tania and her friends is participating in the party.
d) Tania with her friends are participating in the party.

Ans:b

74. The scopes in the new subject, including the availability of a celebrated Professor,--

- a) are to be taken into consideration b) is to be taken into consideration
c) has to be taken into consideration d) both a and b

[BSMRSTU D 15-16] Ans:a

75. Show the correct use of 'along with'-

- a) Karim along with his sons were there.
 b) Karim along with his sons was there.
 c) Karim along with his sons are eating rice.
 d) Karim along with his sons have gone to Dhaka.

Ans:b

76. The verb agrees with subject in -

[DU (B) 98-99, BSMRSTU (F-অবাণিজ্য) 14-15]

- a) He as well as his two brothers are skilful drivers.
 b) He as well as his two brothers have been skilful drivers.
 c) He as well as his two brothers were skilful drivers.
 d) He as well as his two brothers is a skilful driver.

বিদ্যুৎ জ্বালানী ও খনিজসম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয়ের
অধীনে সহকারী বিকোরক পরিদর্শক-০৩

Ans:d

Rule: Either — or, Neither — nor, or, Not only — but also দ্বারা যুক্ত একাধিক subject এর ক্ষেত্রে verb টি বসে তার নিকটতম subject এর number/person অনুসারে। এক্ষেত্রে assertive sentence এ or, nor, but also এর পরে singular subject থাকলে singular verb হবে এবং plural subject থাকলে plural verb হবে।
 Either he or his friends are to blame. No damage or injuries were reported. Either the judge or the lawyers ask the witness questions. Neither the carpenters nor the plumber has finished the work. It was a miracle that neither the passengers nor the driver was injured in the car accident.

77. Neither the moon nor the stars — visible last night.

[বিটিভির সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (সিভিল)-১৭]

- a) was b) were c) are d) had been

Ans:b

78. Neither Sharmin nor her friend — present last week.

[বিসিআইসি'র সহকারী ব্যবস্থাপক-১৮]

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

Ans:b

79. Neither Rini nor Simi — qualified for the job. [29th BCS, JU 09-10, CU (B₂) 12-13, সমাজসেবা

অধিদপ্তরের প্রবেশন অফিসার ১৩, পল্লী উন্নয়ন বোর্ডের হিসাব সহকারী-১৪, IU (C) 15-16, বাংলাদেশ মেরিন একাডেমী ১৫-১৬]

Neither Rahim nor Karim — qualified for the admission test 2015. [HSTU (C) 14-15]

Neither Rima nor Hira — qualified for the admission test. [JUST (A) 12-13]

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

Ans:b

80. Choose the correct sentence.

[সহকারী থানা/উপজেলা শিক্ষা কর্মকর্তা (ATEO)-১৬]

- a) Either they or I are wrong b) Either they or I is wrong
 c) Either they or I am wrong d) Either they or I were wrong

Ans:c

81. Either you or I — wrong.

[HSTU (E) 14-15]

Neither Sufia nor I — capable of solving the problem.

[DU (A) 10-11]

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

Ans:c

82. Neither Jane nor her brothers — a consent form for tomorrow's field trip.

[RU (BBA) 03-04, DU (C) 11-12, JU (E-3) 13-14]

- a) need b) needs c) is needing d) has need

Ans:a

83. Neither Mr. Karim nor his friend are invited to speak at the seminar.

(মি: করিম বা তার বন্ধু কাউকেই আলোচনা সভায় কথা বলতে নিমন্ত্রণ করা হয়নি) [Pubali Bank-11, DU (D) 12-13]

- a) is invited to speak at the seminar b) are invited to speak at the seminar
 c) is to speak at the seminar d) are speaking at the seminar

Ans:a

84. Which of these is correct?

[JU (C) 11-12]

- A) Either he or his friends have pulled the wall down.
 B) Either he or his friends has pulled the wall down.
 C) Neither he or his friends have pulled the wall down.

D) Both B & C

Ans:A

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85. Neither Professor Abdul Quader nor any other faculty member – to contest for the Dean's position. [CU 02-03] Ans:d

- a) intend b) is intended c) has intend d) intends

86. Which of the following sentences is correct? [DU (B) 96-97]

- a) Either the student or the teacher are to blame.
b) Either the students or the teacher have to blame.
c) Either the students or the teacher has to blame.
d) Either the students or the teacher is to blame.

বাক্যের অর্থ:
হয় ছাত্ররা না হয় শিক্ষক দোষী

87. Identify the correct sentence. [সে বা তার বোনেরা কেউই দায়ী নয়] [RU (D- বাণিজ্য) 09-10, 10-11] Ans:d

- a) Either she or her sisters is responsible.
b) Neither she nor her sisters is responsible.
c) Neither she nor her sisters are responsible.
d) Either she nor her sisters are responsible.

Rule: Many a/an (অনেকেই/কত না) এর পরে noun ও verb দুটোই singular হয়।

Many a/an + singular noun + singular verb : Many a good man has been destroyed by drink. Many a man has done so. Many a man does not know his own good deeds. Many a man was present there. Many a student has made the same mistake. Many a man runs after money.

88. Many a student – his/her time in idleness. (অনেক ছাত্রই অলসতাই সময় নষ্ট করে) [NU (মানবিক) 13-14] Ans:b

- a) waste b) wastes c) wasting d) are wasting

89. Many a – tried to complete the work. (কাজটা শেষ করার চেষ্টা অনেকেই করেছে) [রেলওয়ে সহকারী কমান্ডেন্ট-০৭, BSMRSTU (E) 15-16, NSTU (C) 15-16, পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ডের মিটার টেস্টার-২৩] Ans:d

- a) men has b) men have c) man have d) man has

90. Many a man – succumbed to such temptation. [মৎস্য অধিদপ্তরের অফিস সহকারী-১৮] Ans:d

- a) get b) are c) have d) has

91. Many a student – to qualify the driving test on the first try. [CU (A) 16-17] Ans:b

- a) fail b) fails c) pass d) passes e) want

92. Many a flower – born to blush unseen. (কত ফুল ফুটেই শুকিয়ে যায়) [RU 08-09, MBSTU (D) 15-16] Ans:d

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

এটি একটি চিরন্তন সত্য। সুতরাং verb এর present indefinite tense হবে। তাই verb হিসেবে is বসবে।

Rule: Infinitive, Gerund, Clause যদি subject হয় তবে third person singular এর verb নেয়।

N.B. Gerund এর plural object থাকলেও singular verb হবে। e.g. Peeling onions makes me cry.

Telling lies is a very bad habit. (মিথ্যা বলা খুব বাজে অভ্যাস) Refusing invitations is not always easy.

93. Telling lies – a great sin. (মিথ্যা বলা মহাপাপ) [রেলওয়ের উপসহকারী প্রকৌশলী-১৩, ৮ম বিজেএস (সহকারী জজ)-১৩] Ans:d

- Buying clothes – often a very time consuming practice. [CU (E) 08-09, D 22-23]
- a) am b) are c) was d) is

94. Educating all people – a mammoth task. (সব লোককে শিক্ষাদান করা বিশাল কাজ) [১৩তম শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন-১৬] Ans:a

Reading novels – my favourite pastime. (উপন্যাস পড়া আমার প্রিয় অবসর-বিনোদন) [CU (G) 16-17]

Reading novels – my passion (উপন্যাস পড়তে আমার প্রচণ্ড ভালো লাগে). [CU B 09-10, BRUR D 13-14]

- a) is b) are c) be d) have

95. Studying lots of books (make) a person knowledgeable and wise. [COU (A) 16-17] Ans:a

- a) makes b) make c) is made d) making

96. **What you say – true.** (তুমি যা বল তা সত্য = তোমার কথা সত্য) [RU (সমাজবিজ্ঞান) 08-09, NSTU (C) 16-17]

Ans:c

a) do b) does c) is d) are

বাক্যের subject টি What you say হচ্ছে noun clause সুতরাং verb টি singular হবে। আবার, be verb এর পরে adjective বসে। বাক্যে true (adjective complement) থাকায় verb টি does না হয়ে is হবে।

97. **To err – human.** (মানুষ মাত্রই ভুল করে)

[বিত্তারসি সিনিয়র অফিসার-০০]

Ans:c

a) are b) be c) is d) not

Rule: Time, Distance, Weight, Length, Money এদের এককের সমষ্টি দেখতে plural হলেও যখন উক্ত সমষ্টিকে একটা unit হিসেবে ধরা হয় তখন সেটি singular verb গ্রহণ করে।

Two hours seems a long time to have to wait for the next bus. 40 hours is a fairly average working week for most people. Five years is the maximum sentence for that offence.

Fifteen minutes is allowed to each speaker. Six hundred taka is too much for this bag. One thousand taka doesn't buy much nowadays. Fifty pounds is the best I can offer you for the dress. Fifty pounds/dollars does not go very far these days. Hundred miles is a short distance for those who drive fast. Five hundred miles is a long distance to drive in a day.

কিন্তু সমষ্টিকে একত্রে না বুঝিয়ে আলাদা আলাদাভাবে বুঝালে plural verb গ্রহণ করে।

Ten years have passed since I met you last. Ten thousand taka were scattered on the floor. Four years have passed since that day. Ten years have passed in the twinkling of an eye.

Two years have elapsed since the attack. Two hours have elapsed since he fell asleep. Ten years of marriage to him have made her life a misery.

One and a half years have passed since I last saw her.

98. **Fifty kg – really a heavy weight to carry.**

[প্রাথমিক সহকারী শিক্ষক (৪র্থ ধাপ)-১৯]

Six gallons of milk (to be) still in the refrigerator.

[KU C 19-20]

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

Ans:c

99. **Twenty years – passed since my father died.**

[বিসিকের ১৩-১৬তম গ্রেডের কর্মচারী-১৯]

a) has b) have c) is d) having

Ans:b

100. **Twenty years – since my mother died.**

[সহকারী পরিবার পরিকল্পনা কর্মকর্তা-১৬]

a) has passed b) have passed c) pass d) passed

Ans:b

101. **Taka five lakhs – a good amount.**

[প্রত্নতত্ত্ব অধিদপ্তরের এস্টিমেটর-১৯]

a) are b) is c) have d) were

Ans:b

102. **Fifty miles – a long distance.**

[স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তরের অফিস সহকারী-১৯]

Five miles – a long distance. [IU C 10-11, জনপ্রশাসন মন্ত্রণালয়ে প্রশাসনিক কর্মকর্তা-১৬, পরিবারকল্যাণ পরিদর্শিকা-২৩]

Forty yards – a good distance. (চল্লিশ গজ একটি ভালো দূরত্ব) [DU (A) 02-03]

a) are b) is c) had d) were

Ans:b

103. **Ten years – a long time to wait.** [সমাজসেবা অধিদপ্তরে সহকারী শিক্ষক-১৭, প্রাণিসম্পদ অধিদপ্তরে অফিস সহকারী-২৩]

a) have been b) are c) is d) were

Ans:c

104. **Ten thousand dollars – a lot of money.** [DU (C) 14-15, সমাজসেবা অধিদপ্তরে সহকারী শিক্ষক-১৭]

Ten dollars – a lot of money for a cup of coffee. [JnU (C) 14-15]

Fifty thousand dollars – a big amount of money. [DU(D) 98-99, JnU (A) 10-11, PUST(B) 13-14]

Nine thousand taka – a good amount of money. [বিটিভি'র বিজ্ঞাপন আধিকারিক (গ্রেড ২)-০৬]

a) are b) is c) were d) aren't e) it's

Ans:b

105. **Twenty dollars a week (not go) far.** [মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তরের অধীনে প্রদর্শক-০৪]

a) Is not go b) Does not go c) Will not go d) Are not go

Ans:b

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Rule: Subject এর সাথে preposition দিয়ে যে শব্দ বা শব্দসমষ্টি যুক্ত থাকে তারা কখনোই verb এর উপর কোনো প্রভাব ফেলে না। তাই সাধারণত preposition (প্রেপজিশন) বা prepositional phrase এর পূর্বের subject অনুসারে verb বসবে। অর্থাৎ preposition এর পূর্বের subject টি plural হলে verb টি plural এবং singular হলে verb টি singular হবে। কিন্তু একই sentence এ যদি একাধিক noun এর পূর্বে একাধিক preposition ব্যবহৃত হয় তবে এক্ষেত্রে প্রথম preposition এর পূর্বে ব্যবহৃত noun এর number এর অনুযায়ী verb বসবে।

106. **The prices of rice — rising.** (চালের দরগুলো বাড়ছে) [সংস্কৃতি বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়ে উপসহকারী প্রকৌশলী-১৯] **Ans:d**
 a) is b) was c) have d) are
107. **The colour of her eyes — blue.** (তার চোখের রং নীল) [১৩তম শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন (২)-১৬] **Ans:b**
The list of items — on the desk. (সামগ্রীর তালিকাটি ডেস্কের উপরে আছে) [BSMRSTU (G) 15-16]
 a) are b) is c) were d) none of the above
108. **The taste of mangoes — me very much.** [এলজিআরডি মন্ত্রণালয়ের সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (সিভিল)-১৭] **Ans:b**
 a) tempting b) tempts c) tempt d) have tempted
109. **The presence of students is important. Here —** [বহিরাগমন ও পাসপোর্ট অধিদপ্তরের সহকারী পরিচালক-১১] **Ans:b**
 a) subject differs from verb b) subject agrees with verb
 c) subject is in plural number d) subject and verb do not go together
110. **The reason of my absence — my illness.** (আমার অনুপস্থিতির কারণ আমার অসুস্থতা) [JnU (E) 14-15] **Ans:c**
 a) of course b) nothing but c) was d) due to
111. **Poor visibility due to fog and rain — accident.** [JnU (D) 13-14] **Ans:b**
 a) cause b) causes c) causing d) have caused

Due to (=because of) হচ্ছে preposition--এবং এর পূর্ববর্তী অংশ Poor visibility (ঝাপসা দেখা/দৃষ্টিসাহায্য) হচ্ছে singular subject তাই singular verb হবে। বাক্যের অর্থ: কুয়াশা এবং বৃষ্টির কারণে ঝাপসা দেখা দুর্বটনা ঘটায়।

112. **The capacity of the students — to be evaluated.** [RU (B, Law) 12-13] **Ans:b**
 a) are b) has c) were d) will
113. **The invention of automatic weapons — endangered our life.** [NSTU (A) 10-11] **Ans:d**
 a) is b) have c) was d) has
114. **The effects of the climate change — devastating (বিধ্বংসী).** [NU (বাণিজ্য) 11-12] **Ans:b**
 a) is b) are c) has d) had
115. **The files of any computer — vulnerable to any electronic age thieves.** [NU (বাণিজ্য) 09-10] **Ans:b**
 a) is b) are c) was d) has been
116. **A basket of rotten oranges — thrown away.** [RU সমাজবিজ্ঞান 05-06, প্রাথমিক শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তর হিসারক্ষক-১৮] **Ans:b**
 a) were b) was c) have been d) have
117. **A basket of apples — been sold.** [DU (B) 06-07, সোনালী ব্যাংক (সিনিয় অফিসার)-১৪, MBSTU (B) 14-15] **Ans:a**
 a) has b) have c) having d) haven't
118. **A writer of stories — need of imagination (কল্পনাশক্তি).** [শ্রম পরিদপ্তরের সহঃ শ্রম পরিচালক-০৬] **Ans:d**
 a) does b) have c) is d) has
119. **The use of pictures — speaking tests — common.** [DU (C) 03-04] **Ans:a**
 a) in, is b) to, was c) on, were d) of, is
120. **The cause of the series of disasters — not yet known but an enquiry committee has been set up to find out what happened.** [CU E 03-04] **Ans:b**
 a) has b) is c) are d) were

বাক্যটি passive কিন্তু known এর আগে been নেই তাই has হবে না। (-is known or has been known)

142. **One-third of the students – present in the class.** [DU (D) 14-15, মার্কেটাইল ব্যাংক (MTO)-১৫]
a) is **b) are** **c) remains** **d) do not** Ans:b
143. **Three-fourths of the work – finished.** [23rd BCS, DU (D) 99-00, ৬ষ্ঠ প্রত্যয়ক নিবন্ধন-১০, BRUR B 14-15, JKNIU (ক) 15-16, BSMRSTU E 16-17, মুরগোণ ব্যবস্থাপনা ও প্রশাসন মন্ত্রণালয়ে অডিটর-১৯]
a) have been **b) was** **c) were** **d) has been** Ans:d
144. **Three-fourths of the earth's surface – by water.** [NU (মানবিক) 14-15, DU C 22-23]
a) are covered **b) covered** **c) is covered** **d) has covered** Ans:c
145. **The correct sentence is —** [এর দুই-তৃতীয়াংশ খুব ভালো] [প্রতিরক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়ের সাইফার অফিসার-০৫] ১২তম প্রত্যয়ক নিবন্ধন-১৫
a) Two-thirds of it is fine. **b) Two-third of it is fine.** Ans:a
c) Two-thirds of it are fine. **d) Two-third is fine.**
146. **দুই-তৃতীয়াংশের সঠিক ইংরেজি ----** [জনশক্তি ও কর্মসংস্থান ব্যুরোর উপ-পরিচালক-০১]
a) two-thirds **b) two-third** **c) two by three** **d) two above three** Ans:a
147. **Three-fourths of the books — sold.** [স্বাস্থ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের উপসহকারী প্রকৌশলী (পিডিএল)-১৬]
a) have been **b) has been** **c) had** **d) was** Ans:a
148. **Three-fourths of the novel —.** [NSTU (C) 16-17]
a) was read **b) were read** **c) had read** **d) been read** Ans:a
149. **Two-thirds of the road — repaired.** [RU D, অব্যবহৃত 10-11]
a) have been **b) are** **c) were** **d) has been** Ans:d
150. **Three-fourths of the assignment —.** (তিন-চতুর্থাংশ এসাইনমেন্ট শেষ হয়েছে) [CU A 16-17]
a) have been finished **b) has been finished** [CU B 20-21]
c) have been finish **d) have been finish** **e) have finished** Ans:b
151. **Choose the correct sentence.** [আজ দুই-তৃতীয়াংশ ছাত্র উপস্থিত] [IU (G) 12-13]
a) Two thirds of the students is present in the class/today. [IU (B) 15-16]
b) Two third of the students is present in the class/today.
c) Two thirds of the students are present in the class/today.
d) Two thirds of the student is present in the class/today. Ans:c
152. **Identify the correct sentence.** [দুই-তৃতীয়াংশ কাঁঠাল খাওয়া হয়েছে] [ন্যাশনাল ব্যাংক (অফিসার)-১০]
a) Two thirds of the jackfruit have been eaten.
b) Two thirds of the jackfruits has been eaten.
c) Two thirds of the jackfruits have been eaten.
d) Two third of the jackfruit has been eaten. Ans:c
153. **Identify the correct sentence.** [তিন-চতুর্থাংশ লোকজন অনুপস্থিত] [BSMRSTU D 18-19, F 19-20]
a) Three fourths of the people are absent. **b) Three fourth of the people are absent.**
c) Three fourths of the people is absent. **d) Three fourth if the people is absent.** Ans:a
154. **Choose the correct sentence.** [দুই-তৃতীয়াংশ ফসল নষ্ট হয়েছে] [RU (SS) 08-09, MBSTU (D) 16-17]
a) Two third of the crops are damaged. **b) Two third of the crops is damaged.**
c) Two thirds of the crops are damaged. **d) Two third of the crop is damaged.** Ans:c
- Crop হচ্ছে countable noun তাই এর plural হবে। লব (numerator) Two তাই হর (denominator) thirds হবে।
The land is used to grow crops. Because of the cold weather the crops are later this year.
155. **Which one is correct sentence?** [আমি কাজটার দুই-তৃতীয়াংশ শেষ করেছি] [মাধ্যমিক প্রধান শিক্ষক-০৩]
a) I have finished two-third of the works. **b) I have finished two-thirds of the work.**
c) I have finished two-thirds of the works **d) I have finished two-third of the work.** Ans:b

156. Choose the right form of verb: Three-fourths of the road (to be) pitched.

- a) Three-fourths of the road is pitched.
b) Three-fourths of the road were pitched.
c) Three-fourths of the road has been pitched.
d) Three-fourths of the road was pitched.

[বাংলাদেশ কমার্স ব্যাংক-০০]

Ans:c

157. What is the correct expression of the fraction $5\frac{2}{3}$?

- a) Five and two-third
b) Five and two-thirds
c) Five and a two-thirds
d) Five and a two-third

[সরকারী মাধ্যমিক শিক্ষা-০৯]

Ans:b

Rule: Fraction (ভগ্নাংশ) এবং Percent (শতকরা) এর subject-verb agreement এর নিয়ম একই রকম।

Percent (%) দ্বারা সংখ্যা বুঝালে plural verb এবং পরিমাণ বুঝালে singular verb হবে। About 50 percent of the house needs major repair. About 50 percent of the houses need major repair.

N.B. cardinal number (1, 2, 5 etc.) এর পরে percent বসে। number এর পরে percentage বসে না।

Only 10% of the prisoners are well. A high percentage of the female staff are part-time workers.

158. Fifty percent of the land — cultivated.

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

[CU (C1) 14-15]

Ans:b

159. Choose the correct sentence.

- a) Only four percentage of the prisoners are women.
b) Only four percent of the prisoners are women.
c) Only women are the four percent prisoners.
d) Only the prisoners are four percent women.

[NU (বিজ্ঞান) 10-11]

Ans:b

Rule: No + singular/uncountable noun + singular verb; No + plural noun + plural verb

No goals were scored in the first half. No objections were raised at the time. No animals were harmed during the making of the film. No pains were spared. There are/were no shops open. In politics, there are no friendships. There are no winners in a divorce. No student is to leave the room. There is no train until tomorrow. There were no suitable candidates for the job. There is no hospital in the immediate vicinity. There was no bus, so we walked home.

160. In those days there (to be) no steamships.

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

[JnU (C) 09-10]

Ans:a

প্রদত্ত প্রশ্নের বাক্যের In those days নির্দেশ করছে sentence এর verb টির past tense এ হবে।

161. Which of the following is a correct sentence? (আজ কোনো পড়া নেই)

- a) There is no lessons today.
b) There are no lessons today.
c) There are no lesson today.
d) None of the above

[DU (C) 00-01]

Ans:b

Rule: A lot of অথবা lots of এর পরে uncountable noun থাকলে singular verb বসবে।

A lot of অথবা lots of এর পরে plural noun থাকলে plural verb বসবে।

There are lots of fun things to do here. There are lots of surprises in store for visitors to the gallery. Every year a lot of pollution is created, and a lot of trees are cut down. There are lots of/a lot of places to visit in Bangladesh. There are always a lot of exceptions to grammar rules. There are a lot of empty properties in the area. There are a lot of bad people in the world.

162. A lot of news in those papers – unreliable.

- a) are
b) were
c) is
d) be
e) being

[CU (E, Law) 05-06, প্রাথমিক সহকারী শিক্ষক-২২, নির্বাচন কমিশনে অফিস সহায়ক-২৩]

Ans:c

163. There — a lot of people here waiting for the leader.

- a) is
b) has
c) have
d) are

[JU (C) 16-17]

Ans:d

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Rule: It, Who ('কে না' অর্থে) বাক্যের subject হলে এরা সাধারণত singular verb গ্রহণ করে।

It is we who are to blame. Who does not love flower? Who does not wish to be happy?
তবে who দ্বারা plural নির্দেশ করা হলে plural verb নেয়। We need people who are good at managing.
আর unreal past এর ক্ষেত্রে it এর পরে were বসে। I wish it were true. (এটা যদি সত্য হতো)

[NU (ব্যবসায় শিক্ষা) 10-11]

164. It – the students who should not miss any class.

- a) are b) is c) has d) have

Ans:b

165. Find out the correct sentence. (কে না জানে দুইয়ে দুইয়ে চার হয়?)

[থানা/উপজেলা নির্বাচন অফিসার-৯৫, ০৪]

- a) Who does not know that two and two make four?
b) Who do not know that two and two make four?
c) Who does not know that two and two makes four?
d) Who does not know that two and two have make four?

Ans:c

Rule: Relative pronoun যদি subject হিসেবে ব্যবহৃত হয় তবে এর পরবর্তী verb টি ঐ relative pronoun এর antecedent এর number ও person অনুসারে হয়ে থাকে। Relative pronoun এর ঠিক পূর্ববর্তী noun বা pronoun কে antecedent বলে। e.g. It is he who is to blame. (সেই-ই দোষী) It is you who are guilty.
ভিন্ন person এর দুটি প্রকাশ্য antecedent থাকলে relative pronoun এর verb ও person নিকটতম antecedent অনুসারে হয়। e.g. You are the person who helps me. I am the man who has done it.

166. You are the man who — always troubled me. [বিমান বাংলাদেশ এয়ারলাইন্স লিমিটেড, সহকারী ব্যবস্থাপক-২১]

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

Ans:c

167. It is you who – to blame. [ATEO-05, ট্রাস্ট ব্যাংক-১০, সিটি ব্যাংক-১১, JU (E) 14-15, BU (ক) 15-16, NSI-এর সহকারী পরিচালক-১৭, CU A 19-20, ডাক বিভাগের উচ্চমান সহকারী-২২, মন্ত্রিপরিষদ বিভাগে কম্পিউটার অপারেটর-২৩]

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

Ans:b

168. It is I who – to blame. (আমিই দোষী)

[৬ষ্ঠ প্রভাষক নিবন্ধন-১০, সংস্কৃতি বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়ে উপসহকারী প্রকৌশলী-১৯, গ্রামীণ ব্যাংক প্রবেশনারি অফিসার-২৩]

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

Ans:c

169. I, who – your friend, will help you in all possible ways.

[DU (অধিভুক্ত ৭ কলেজ) 18-19]

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

Ans:a

170. Choose the correct sentence.

[DU (A) 12-13]

- a) It is you who is to play. b) It is you who are to leave.
c) It is you who is late. d) It is you who has won the prize.

Ans:b

171. A reward has been announced for the employees who – hard. [21st BCS, KU (C) 08-09]

- a) have worked b) has worked c) will be work d) have had worked

Ans:a

172. Everybody who – a fever must go home immediately.

[JnU (C) 12-13]

- a) have b) had c) has d) none

Ans:c

Rule: More than one + singular noun সাধারণত singular verb গ্রহণ করে কিন্তু More than two/three ইত্যাদি plural verb গ্রহণ করে। More than one person is going to have to find a new job.

More than one man was present there. More than two men were present there.
আবার, More than one + thousand, hundred + plural noun + plural verb

173. More than two general people (to kill) in the fighting.

[IU 06-07]

- a) More than two general people is killed in the fighting.
b) More than two general people were killed in the fighting.
c) More than two general people was killed in the fighting.
d) More than two general people have killed in the fighting.

Ans:b

Rule: সাধারণত A number of (= some, several, many) এর পর plural noun এবং plural verb বসে।
উল্লেখ্য, A — number of এর পর plural noun এবং সাধারণত singular verb বসে।

negligible/record/significant/sizable/small/surprising এমন কোনো একটা adjective বসতে পারে।
An — number of এর ক্ষেত্রে number এর আগে fantastic/good/great/growing/large/limited/

The — number of এর ক্ষেত্রে equal/increasing/indeterminate/infinite এমন কোনো adjective এবং
e.g. A number of people were present. A number of interesting suggestions have been made.

A number of parents have voiced concern about their children's safety. A number of illnesses
are entirely avoidable. A number of artefacts were found at the excavation site. A number of

simplifications have been made to the taxation system. A significant number of indecent
assaults on women go unreported. A small number of children are educated at home.

A good number of people are suffering from the disease throughout the world. A limited
number of documents from the period are still extant. Unfortunately, a sizable number of our

women are deprived of their basic rights. The number of unemployed is rising rapidly.
The number of elderly is rising. The number of people present was greater than we expected.

The actual number of people killed is not yet known. The exact number of people carrying the
virus is unknown. The growing number of visitors is/was damaging the footpaths.

ব্যতিক্রম: There/Here + singular verb + a number of + plural noun
e.g. There is a large number of boys in his class. (Wren & Martin) There is an equal number of

boys and girls in the class. (OALD) There has been an increasing number of cases of the
disease. (CALD) There was a record number of confiscations by customs officers last year.

There is a growing number of women in high-profile positions of the government.
তবে এখন There/Here + plural verb + a/any number of + plural noun এর ব্যবহার ব্যাপক প্রচলিত।

There are a number of possible remedies to this problem. There are a number of things we
need to discuss. There are a number of routes to qualifying as a social worker. There were

a number of errors and omissions in the article. There are a number of different points of
view on this issue. There are an infinite number of solutions to the problem. There were/are

a large number of candidates for the job. There are a large number of potential customers for
the new product. There are any number of miracle cures on the market for people gullible

enough to buy them. There are only a limited number of jobs/tickets available.
নিচের উদাহরণগুলোতে উপরের নিয়মের পরিলক্ষিত হয়। এগুলো মনে রাখার চেষ্টা করবেন।

a large number of এর ক্ষেত্রে singular verb এবং The large/requisite number এর ক্ষেত্রে plural verb
A large number of invitations has been sent. (CALD) They were not able to start the meeting

until the requisite number of members were present. Experts believe that the large number
of cancer cases in the area are directly related to the new nuclear power station.

উল্লেখ্য, The number of + plural noun + relative pronoun + plural verb ----- singular verb
The number of residents who have been questioned on this matter is quite small. Today the

number of people who enjoy cricket is bigger than that of thirty years ago. I couldn't believe
the number of people who fail each year is now in single figures. The number of students who have filled out the admission forms

is quite small. The number of cars which are stolen every year has risen.

174. Identify the correct sentence.

[পাট ও বস্ত্র মন্ত্রণালয়ের জুনিয়র ইন্সট্রাক্টর-২০]

- a) A number of students is absent today. b) A number of students are absent today.
c) Number of students are absent today. d) A number of student is absent today. Ans:b

175. A number of refugees – been turned back at the border. [বিসিআইসি-এর সহকারী রসায়নবিদ-১৮]

- a) are b) has c) is d) have Ans:d

176. The number of boys present in the function – satisfactory. [পররাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়ে প্রশাসনিক কর্মকর্তা-১৯]

- a) was b) have c) were d) have been Ans:a

177. A number of students – joined together to form a club for hockey fans. [ডাচবাংলা ব্যাংক-১০]

- a) has b) have c) is d) are Ans:b

178. There – an equal number of boys and girls in the class. [RU (E, জোড়) 13-14]

- a) are b) is c) has d) were Ans:b

179. Choose the correct sentence.

[খাদ্য ও দুর্যোগ ব্যবস্থাপনা মন্ত্রণালয়ের প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়ন কর্মকর্তা-০৪]

- 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 is a large number of boy playing in the field.

Ans:b

180. The number of students seeking admission — . [DU (A) 07-08, RU (A5) 11-12, (D) 11-12]

- a) have increased b) have been increased
c) is increased d) has increased PUST (C, মানবিক) 16-17

Ans:d

181. The number of people who came to the concert – disappointing. [SUST (A) 13-14]

- a) are b) is c) would be d) very Ans:b

Rule: Here/There + singular verb + singular subject, Here/There + plural verb + plural subject
Here is a list of words in alphabetical order. There is a vast array of books on the subject.
Here are the keys. There is someone on the phone for you. There are two people waiting outside.

182. — there any cars on the street? (রাস্তায় কোনো গাড়ি আছে কি?) [কৃষি সম্প্রসারণ অধিদপ্তরে সহকারী কৃষি কর্মকর্তা-১৬]

- a) Is b) Are c) Am d) Isn't Ans:b

183. There — twelve months in a year.

[সংস্কৃতি বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়ে উপসহকারী প্রকৌশলী-১৯]

There – six seasons in Bangladesh.

[সিনিয়র স্টাফ নার্স-১৬]

- a) were b) was c) are d) have Ans:c

184. Here — book and bag that I lost last week.

[CU (D3) 16-17]

Here — notebook and report that I promised you last week. [Cliffs TOEFL P T 4 (2)]

- a) are the b) is the c) was the d) has been Ans:a

185. There — some changes recently.

[NSTU (D) 15-16]

- a) are b) has been c) have been d) had been Ans:c

Rule: Few/Many/Some + plural verb, অথবা Few/Many/Some + plural noun + plural verb
Many/Some/Several of + determiner + plural noun + plural verb;

Many are called but few are chosen. Many aspire to greatness but few attain. Many have tried but few have succeeded. Some are born great. Some say one thing, some say another. Several of my friends are learning English to go abroad. Some of his jokes were very rude. Several of the passengers were badly injured. Some of the officials have special privileges. Many of the exhibits were damaged in the fire, and some were totally destroyed.

186. Many goats are grazing and few sheep – sleeping in the field.

[RU 07-08]

- a) is b) are c) has been d) was Ans:b

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Rule: None + singular/plural verb ; None of + plural noun + singular/plural verb

None are so deaf as those who will not hear. (None এর পরে plural verb ব্যাকরণ)

All the tickets have been sold. There are none left. (= no tickets left)

We took a few photographs, but none of them were very good.

None but the brave deserves the fair. (None but the brave deserve the fair. এটিও সঠিক)

187. All the books have been sold. There -- left. (CUG 16-17, CAAB এর প্রশ্ন কলকাতা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়-১১)

- a) are none b) is none c) none d) not any

Ans: a

188. None of the students -- a car. (জাভানের কারও পর্চি নেই) (RU (Law) 09-10, ১ম শিফট নিয়ম (১)-১৪)

- a) has b) have c) have got d) own

[JKKNLU C 18-19] Ans: a

189. None -- helpless because they can always try. (RU (D) 12-13, (E, বিজ্ঞান) 16-17, JU (AS) 13-14)

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

Ans: a

None এর পরে verb টি singular/plural উভয়ই হতে পারে। কিন্তু এখানে they নির্দেশ করে None কে তাই None হচ্ছে plural subject এবং পরবর্তী clause টি present tense এ আছে তাই None এর পরে are ব্যাকরণ

190. Choose the correct sentence. (RU (E, বিজ্ঞান) 13-14)

- a) None of the pen writes well. b) No one of the pen writes well.
c) None of the pens writes well. d) None of the pens write well.

Ans: c

191. None of the students -- the exam yet. (জাভানের কেউই এখন পরীক্ষা শেষ করেনি) (JU (E-2) 13-14)

- a) has finished b) finish c) finished d) have finished

(Caff: TOEFL) Ans: d

192. Which of these is correct? (JU (C) 11-12)

- A) No one of his friends has taken breakfast.
B) None of his friends has taken breakfast.
C) None of his friends have taken breakfast. D) Both A & C

Ans: D

No one of + plural noun + singular verb ; None of + plural noun + singular/plural verb
প্রশ্নে A কে বাদ দেয়ার সুযোগ নেই তাই উত্তর A & C কিন্তু এখানে A & B ব্যবহার তা সঠিক। কারণ B, C দুটাই সঠিক।

Rule: Mathematical calculations বসি word এ প্রকাশ করা হয়, তখন subject টি singular verb হতে হবে।

Five and five makes/is/equals ten. Five times two is/equals ten. What is two and two?
2x + y equals/is equal to 7 (2x + y = 7) 6 multiplied by 2 equals 12. 6 divided by 2 equals 3.

193. Two and two -- four. (১১তম শিফট নিয়ম (১)-১৪, NSI এর অফিস সহকারী-১৭, BADC এর সহঃ হিসাবরক্ষক কর্মকর্তা-১১)

- Four and four -- eight. (পরিবেশ অধিদপ্তর বিজ্ঞ ইনভেস্টিগেটর-০৯, JKKNLU C 18-19, বহু মর্শনার অফিস সহকারী-১১)
- a) makes b) make c) made d) are

Ans: a

Rule: Everyone, Everybody, Nobody, No one, Any of, Anybody, Anyone ইত্যাদি হলে singular এবং এসেদের পরে সর্বদাই singular verb বসবে।

194. Choose the correct sentence. (26th BCS, JLU (B) 05-06, PSTU (BS-) 10-11, JKKNLU (G) 16-17, সমাজসেবা অধিদপ্তর বিজ্ঞ সুপারভাইজার-১৭, বহু মর্শনার অফিস সহকারী-১৭, করিমপুর শিল্প অধিদপ্তর লাইসেন্সার-১১)

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

Ans: b

195. -- any of the witnesses been sworn in yet? (কিছুদিনের মধ্যেই কলকাতা-১১)

- a) Has b) Is c) Are d) Have

Ans: a

196. Everybody wants to go the cinema but nobody -- willing to pay for the tickets. What shall we do? (CU (E, Law) 04-05)

- a) is seeming b) seem c) seems d) are seem

Ans: c

Rule: Both এর অর্থ হচ্ছে দুইজনই, উভয়। সুতরাং Both হচ্ছে plural subject এর পরে plural verb বসে।

Both were/are good. Both of the women were/are American. Both of them live in New York.

197. Both of the mice – underfed. (ইদুর দুটোর উভয়েই অভুক্ত ছিল)

[RU (সমাজবিজ্ঞান) 09-10]

a) is b) are c) was d) will

Ans:b

198. Neither of my brothers is handsome, but both – to be flattered.

[DU (A) 09-10]

a) likes b) like c) liking d) were liked

Ans:b

Rule: Most (অধিকাংশ) of + determiner এর পরে uncountable/singular noun থাকলে singular verb আর plural noun থাকলে plural verb ব্যবহৃত হয়। যেমন: Most of the scenes were filmed in a studio. Most of the building is in very bad repair. Most of the buildings are unfit to live in.

199. Fill in the blanks: Most – my jewellery - still missing.

[SUST B 13-14]

a) of, are b) of, is c) every, are d) all, is

Ans:b

Rule: খেলার দল অথবা দেশের নাম দ্বারা খেলার দল বুঝালে plural verb হয়। তবে singular verbও হতে পারে।

e.g. In cricket, Bangladesh have defeated India several times. (ক্রিকেটে বাংলাদেশ ভারতকে কয়েকবার হারিয়েছে)

Brazil have not won the World Cup in football since 2002.

Brazil are/is playing (against) Italy in a football match next week. (IEG, Raymond Murphy)

200. Which sentence is correct?

[সহকারী আবহাওয়াবিদ-০০, প্রাণ গ্রুপের সহকারী প্রকৌশলী-১৯]

a) Brazil have won the world cup five times.

b) Brazil has won the world cup four times.

c) Brazil have won world cup four times.

d) Brazil has won world cup four times.

ঘটনার সত্যতাও গুরুত্বপূর্ণ

ব্রাজিল পাঁচ বার বিশ্বকাপ জিতেছে

Ans:a

Rule: Police, People, Cattle এরা plural collective noun তাই plural verb গ্রহণ করে।

People like to be made to feel important. People have expressed legitimate fears about the spread of the disease. The police are investigating the murder, but haven't arrested anyone yet. The police are guardians/the preservers of law and order. Have the police been informed? Cattle were first domesticated in Neolithic times. The cattle were put out to pasture.

201. The police – informed yesterday.

[42nd BCS]

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

Ans:d

202. Choose the correct sentence. [12th BCS, RU 08-09, SUST07-08, প্রাক-প্রাথমিক সহকারী শিক্ষক (আলফা)-১৪]

a) The matter was informed to the police. b) The matter has been informed of the police.

c) The police was informed of the matter. d) The police were informed of the matter. A:d

203. Choose the correct sentence.

[সড়ক ও জনপথ অধিদপ্তরের উপ-সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (সিভিল)-০৩]

a) The police are very often helpless.

b) The police is never helpless.

c) The police is sometimes helpful.

d) All police is not bad.

Ans:a

204. Choose the correct sentence.

[বাংলাদেশ পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ডের সহকারী ইনফোর্সমেন্ট কো-অর্ডিনেটর-১৯]

a) Cattle is grazing in the field

b) Cattle are grazing in the field

c) Cattles were grazing in the field

d) Cattles are grazing in the field

Ans:b

Rule: Collective noun দ্বারা unit বুঝালে singular verb আর সদস্যদেরকে বুঝালে plural verb গ্রহণ করে।

Our team is the best. Our team are wearing their new jerseys. Her family doesn't appreciate her. The family have a history of mental disorder. His family are all observant Muslims.

205. The mob — dispersed.

[মাদকদ্রব্য নিয়ন্ত্রণ অধিদপ্তরের উপপরিদর্শক-১৩, সহকারী স্টেশন মাস্টার-২২]

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

Ans:d

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Your Turn

206. Which of the following sentences is correct? [BEZA এর সহকারী ব্যবস্থাপক-২০]
 a) In the accident, a number of passengers were died. a) killed/dead b) was
 b) Everyone were pleased at the party. c) questions d) is হবে।
 c) The interviewer asked a number of question.
 d) Each of the boys are suffering from corona virus. Ans:
207. ----- in the field is feeling sick. [BEZA এর সহকারী ব্যবস্থাপক-২০]
 a) One of the player b) One of the players
 c) Most of the players d) Most of the player Ans:b
208. Either the manager or his assistant — the company's personnel needs. [DESCO এর জুনিয়র অ্যাসিস্ট্যান্ট ম্যানেজার-১৯]
 a) reviews b) review c) are reviewing d) is reviewed Ans:a
209. Every member of my family – here tonight. [RU B 18-19, দুর্যোগ ব্যবস্থাপনা মন্ত্রণালয়ে অফিস সহায়ক-১৯]
 a) be b) are c) is d) in Ans:c
210. Choose the correct sentence. (ক্ষতিটার জন্য ভূমিই দায়ী) [সাধারণ বীমা কর্পোরেশনের আপার ডিভিশন অ্যাসিস্টেন্ট-১৯]
 a) It is you who is to pay for the loss. b) It is you who are to pay for the loss. Ans:b
 c) It is you who has to pay for the loss. d) It is you who is to responsible for the loss.
211. Choose the correct sentence. [প্রাথমিক সহকারী শিক্ষক (৩য় পর্যায়)-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. Ans:b
212. Which of the following sentences is correct? [বাংলাদেশ প্রতিযোগিতা কমিশন (ব্যক্তিগত সহকারী)-১৯]
 a) Neither of the two boys were wrong. b) Neither of the two boy was wrong.
 c) Neither of the two boys was wrong. d) Neither of the two boy were wrong. Ans:c
213. Which one is the correct sentence? [কারিগরি শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তরের জুনিয়র ইন্সট্রাক্টর (ইলেকট্রিনিয়)-১৮]
 a) Either of the book is stolen. b) Either of the books are stolen.
 c) None of the three d) Either of the books is stolen. Ans:d
214. The principal and chairman – present at the last meeting. [HSTU (C, মানবিক) 15-16]
 The chairman and secretary – present at the last meeting.
 [পরিবেশ অধিদপ্তরে ফিল্ড ইনভেস্টিগেটর এবং রিসার্চ অ্যাসিস্টেন্ট-০৬, প্রাথমিক সহকারী শিক্ষক (২০ জেলা, ১৪)-১৮]
 a) is b) was c) have d) were Ans:b
215. Which one is correct? [নির্বাচন কমিশন সচিবালয়ে উচ্চমান সহকারী-১৮]
 a) One of my sisters are a nurse. b) One of my sister is a nurse.
 c) One of my sisters is a nurse. d) One of my sister are a nurse. Ans:c
216. The dangers of a storm — torrential rains, high winds and storm surges. [বাংলাদেশ জুট মিল কর্পোরেশনের অফিসার-১৭]
 a) include b) includes c) including d) to include Ans:a
217. Choose the correct sentence. [পরিসংখ্যান কর্মকর্তা-১৭]
 a) One thirds of the students are absent. b) One third of the students are absent.
 c) One thirds of the student are absent. d) One third of the student are absent. Ans:b
218. Choose the correct sentence. [সাঁউদিষ্ট ব্যাংক লি. প্রবেশনারী অফিসার-১৬, অর্থনী ব্যাংক লি. সিনিয়র অফিসার-১৭]
 a) One of the boy's are meeting me today. b) One of the boy will meet me today. Ans:d
 c) One of the boy is meeting me today. d) One of the boys is meeting me today.

219. Which one is the correct sentence? [18তম প্রত্যয়ক নিবন্ধন-১৭]
 a) Each boy and each girl have a pen. b) Each boy and each girl are having a pen. Ans:c
 c) Each boy and each girl has a pen. d) Each boy and each girl were having a pen
220. Each learner of English – a good dictionary. [সমাজসেবা অধিদপ্তরে সহকারী শিক্ষক-১৭]
 a) need b) is c) are d) needs Ans:d
 [সার্কেল অ্যাডজুটেন্ট-১০, উপ-সহকারী কৃষি কর্মকর্তা-১৬]
221. All that glitters — not gold. [সহকারী পরিবার পরিকল্পনা অফিসার-১৬]
 a) are b) were c) is d) make Ans:c
222. One of the boys — present. (বালকদের একজন উপস্থিত —) [সহকারী পরিবার পরিকল্পনা অফিসার-১৬]
 a) was b) were c) have been d) are Ans:a
223. One of the crucial ... traffic jam. (সঙ্কটপূর্ণ সমস্যাগুলোর একটি হচ্ছে যানজট) [পোস্টাল অপারেটর-১৬]
 a) problems is b) problems are c) problem is d) problems were Ans:a
224. Two and two — four. (দুইয়ে দুইয়ে চার হয়) [১১তম শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন (২)-১৪]
 a) make b) makes c) made d) make/makes Ans:b
225. 'Karim as well as Nayeem — praise. [রেজিস্টার্ড বেসরকারী প্রাথমিক সহকারী শিক্ষক (টগব)-১১]
 a) are deserving b) deserves c) deserve d) is deserving Ans:b
226. Which one of the following sentence is correct? [আইন, বিচার ও সংসদ বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়ের সাব-রেজিস্ট্রার-১২]
 a) Each boy and each girl have pens. b) Each boy and each girl have a pen.
 c) Each boy and each girl has a pen. d) Each boy and each girl has had a pen. Ans:c
227. Jamal and I – to school. (জামাল আর আমি হেঁটে স্কুলে যায়) [প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়ন কর্মকর্তা (খাদ্য ও দুর্যোগ ব্যবস্থাপনা মন্ত্রণা)-০৪]
 a) walking b) walk c) walks d) are walk [JKKNIU ঘ 14-15] Ans:b
228. He and I – ill. [নির্বাচন কমিশন সচিবালয়ে উচ্চমান সহকারী-১৮]
 He and I – well. [প্রাথমিক সহকারী শিক্ষক-১০, ১১তম শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন-১৪, প্রতিরক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়ের উপ-সহকারী পরিচালক-১৬]
 My family and I — well. (আমার পরিবার ও আমি ভালো আছি) [RU (সমাজজ্ঞান) 09-10, HSTU (A) 15-16]
 a) am b) is c) are d) was Ans:c
229. The principal along with the teachers and parents demand that the police department install a traffic light at the street crossing. [Pubali Bank (S.O) 12]
 a) are demanding b) demand c) demanding d) demands Ans:d
230. Which of the following sentence is correct? [বহিরাগমন ও পাসপোর্ট অধিদপ্তরের সহকারী পরিচালক-১১]
 a) The poet and novelists are dead. b) The poet and the novelist is dead.
 c) The poet and novelist is dead. d) The poet, the novelist and the playwright is dead. Ans:c
231. Slow and steady – the race. (ধীর ও স্থির ব্যক্তিই জয়লাভ করেন) [খাদ্য পরিদর্শক-৯৬, CU (D) 03-04, IU (B) 10-11, PUST (B) 12-13, প্রাথমিক সহকারী শিক্ষক (যমুনা)-১৩, 36th BCS, গণপূর্ত অধিদপ্তরের হিসাব সহকারী-১৬]
 a) will win b) won c) wins d) has won Ans:c
232. Neither the salesman nor the marketing manager – of the system. [জনতা ব্যাংক (AEO)-১৫]
 a) is favouring b) are for favour c) are in favour d) is in favour Ans:d
233. The chief competitor, as well as ourselves, — prices this summer. [জনতা ব্যাংক AEO-১৫]
 a) is obliged to raise b) is obliged to rising
 c) are obliged to raise d) are obliged in rising Ans:a
234. Which of the following is a correct sentence? [প্রাথমিক সহকারী শিক্ষক (দড়াটানা)-০৮, RU (A₆) 11-12]
 a) The cost of all these articles have risen. b) Between you and me affairs look dark.
 c) No news are good news. (= কোনো খবর নাই মানেই ভালো খবর, কারণ, খারাপ কিছু ঘটলে জানা যেত)
 d) The formation of the paragraphs are very important. [a) has, c) is, d) is] Ans:b

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235. Choose the correct sentence. [অর্থনী ব্যাংক লি. অফিসার-১০]
 a) Rina as well as Mina has come. b) Rina as well as Mina have come.
 c) Rina and Mina is coming. d) Rina and Mina were arrived. Ans:a
236. Choose the correct sentence. [BRDB এর উপজেলা পল্লী উন্নয়ন কর্মকর্তা-০৯]
 a) The can of beans were opened by Josh.
 b) The can of beans is opened by Josh.
 c) The can of beans was opened by Josh.
 d) The can of beans have been opened by Josh. Ans:c
237. Choose the correct sentence. [প্রাথমিক ও গণশিক্ষা বিভাগে সহকারী পরিচালক-০১]
 a) Two-third of it is true. b) Two-thirds of it is true.
 c) Two-thirds of it are true. d) All the above Ans:b
238. Which of the following is correct? [বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের অফিসার-০১]
 a) Each of the students are good. b) Each of the students is good
 c) Each of the student is good d) All of the students is good Ans:b
239. Select the correct answer. [লোকজনের সংখ্যা খুবই বেশি ছিল] [যুব উন্নয়ন অধিদপ্তরের সহকারী পরিচালক-৯৯]
 a) The number of people was very high.
 b) The number of people were very high.
 c) The number of peoples was very high.
 d) The numbers of peoples were very high. Ans:a
240. Each of the suspected men – arrested. (সন্দেহভাজন ব্যক্তিদের প্রত্যেককে গ্রেপ্তার করা হয়েছিল) [KU B 19-20]
 a) had b) have c) was d) were Ans:c
241. The Honourable Prime Minister with all her cabinet members – the function just now. [KU B 19-20]
 a) have attended b) attended c) had attended d) has attended Ans:d
242. Neither of the books – interesting. [DU (অভিভূক্ত ৭ কলেজ) 18-19]
 a) were b) are c) had d) was Ans:d
243. Junaibah along with her brothers – three. [JKKNIU (B) 18-19]
 a) are b) is c) am d) be Ans:b
244. The wealthy – not always happy. (ধনীরা/বিস্তবানরা সর্বদা সুখী নয়) [BSMRSTU (F) 18-19]
 a) am b) is c) are d) be Ans:c
245. Two-thirds of the city –. (নগরীটির দুই-তৃতীয়াংশ প্লাবিত হয়েছে) [CU (A) 18-19]
 a) have been inundated b) has been inundated (by flood উহ্য তাই passive)
 c) have inundated d) has inundated Ans:b
246. Which one is correct sentence? [RU A1 18-19]
 a) Two hours is a long time. b) Two hour is a long time.
 c) Two hours are a long time. d) Two hours are long time. Ans:a
- Twenty miles is a long distance. [RU A 17-18], Ten miles is too far to walk. [NU (মানবিক) 03-04]
247. None (to show) respect there. Right form of verb is- [RU E 18-19]
 a) shows b) show c) is showing d) was showing Ans:b
248. One of the snake charmers – playing on flute. [BSMRSTU D 18-19]
 One of my friends – a student of Rajshahi University. [RU (D, অবাণিজ্য) 11-12]
 a) is b) are c) has d) have Ans:a

249. **Everybody – flowers.** (প্রত্যেকে ফুল ভালোবাসে) [RU (সমাজবিজ্ঞান) 06-07, IU (D) 17-18]
 a) love b) loves c) like d) loving Ans:b
250. **The Vice Chancellor and Dean of science faculty – signed the paper.** [BSMRSTU D 18-19]
 a) is b) are c) has d) have Ans:c
251. **The influence of diverse branches of science —.** [CU (A) 18-19]
 a) have captured widespread attention b) has captured widespread attention Ans:b
 c) have had captured widespread attention d) has had captured widespread attention
252. **Identify the correct sentence.** (তিন-চতুর্থাংশ লোক অনুপস্থিত) [BSMRSTU D 18-19]
 a) Three fourths of the people are absent. b) Three fourth of the people are absent. Ans:a
 c) Three fourths of the people is absent. d) Three fourth of the people is absent.
253. **Which of the following is written in correct form?** [BSMRSTU G 18-19]
 a) Each of the girl is responsible for it. b) Each of the girls are responsible for it. Ans:c
 c) Each of the girls is responsible for it. d) Each of the girl are responsible for it.
254. **Mr. A Mannan along with his four children (visit) the island.** [BSMRSTU D 18-19]
 a) visit b) has visited c) have visited d) Both a & c Ans:b
255. **A bouquet of yellow roses – color and fragrance to the room.** [BSMRSTU D 18-19]
 a) lend b) have lent c) has lent d) lends Ans:d
256. **Either of the boys – done the work.** (বালক দুটির প্রত্যেকেই কাজটা করেছে) [BSMRSTU G 18-19]
 a) is b) has c) are d) have Ans:b
257. **Nowadays, price of every necessary thing —.** [BSMRSTU D 18-19]
 a) is rising b) is raising c) are raising d) are raising Ans:a
258. **The bed and breakfast —.** [BSMRSTU D 18-19]
 a) are entertaining b) was entertaining Ans:b
 c) has entertaining d) have entertained
259. **Select the correct sentence.** (সম্পদ চিরদিন থাকে না) [BSMRSTU D 18-19]
 a) The rich do not last for ever. b) Riches does not last for ever. Ans:d
 c) Rich do not last for ever. d) Riches do not last for ever.
260. **Neither Bulbul nor his parents – come.** [JKKNIU D 18-19]
 a) have b) has c) has to d) shall have been Ans:a
261. **Neither the teacher nor the students — to use this book again.** [DU D 17-18]
 a) wants b) want c) wanting d) is wanting Ans:b
262. **Refrigerating meats — the spread of bacteria.** [RU (D-বাণিজ্য) 17-18]
 a) slows b) slowing c) to slow d) is slowed Ans:a
263. **Storing raw fishes long time in refrigerators — the taste gradually.** [BSMRSTU E 17-18]
 a) subside b) decreases c) destroy d) augments Ans:b
264. **A lawyer – with clients in the court room.** [BSMRSTU (G) 17-18]
A doctor – with patients in the big room. [NU (ব্যবসায় শিক্ষা) 13-14]
 a) working b) to work c) is working d) work Ans:c
265. **Either my shoes or your coat — always on the floor.** [JnU (B) 17-18]
 a) is b) are c) were d) have Ans:a
266. **Shakespeare is of the view that “Sweet — the uses of adversity”.** [CU (D) 17-18]
 a) are b) is c) has d) have Ans:a

267. **There is no denying fact that the sufferings of the Rohingyas —** [CU (D) 17-18]
 a) are beggar description b) beggar description
 c) have beggar description d) beggars description Ans:b
268. **Two-thirds of the mega city —** [CU (D) 17-18]
 a) have been destroyed by dynamite b) have destroyed by dynamite
 c) has been destroyed by dynamite d) has destroyed by dynamite Ans:c
269. **Which sentence of the following is incorrect?** [RU (F-অ-বিজ্ঞান) 17-18]
 a) Slow and steady win the race. b) Slow and steady won the race.
 c) Slow and steady wins the race. d) Slow and steady has won the race. Ans:a
270. **The inmates of the juvenile home — well by their caretakers.** [JnU (B) 17-18]
 a) were not being treated b) were not treating
 c) have not being treated d) was not being treated Ans:a
271. **Choose the correct sentence.** [JnU (C) 14-15]
 a) Fame as well as fortune were his goals. b) Fame as well as fortune was his goals.
 c) Fame as well fortune were his goals. d) Fame and fortune were his goals. Ans:d
272. **Which of the following sentence is correct:** [JU (H) 16-17]
 a) It is you who is to pay b) It is you who has won the prize.
 c) It is you who is late d) It is you who are to leave Ans:d
273. **Select the correct sentence.** (বিচারকমণ্ডলী তারা সিদ্ধান্তে একমত ছিল) [JnU E 15-16]
 a) The jury was unanimous (ইউন্যানিমাচ) in its decision. collective noun এর সদস্যদেরকে অখণ্ডভাবে বুঝালে
 b) The jury was unanimous in their decision. singular verb হবে
 c) The jury were unanimous in the decision.
 d) The jury were unanimous in its decision. Ans:a
- আরও ভালোভাবে জানতে Noun অধ্যায়ের noun of multitude অংশ দেখুন।
274. **Majority – present in the meeting.** [COU B 14-15]
 a) am b) are c) is d) have Ans:b
- P K De Sarkar এর A text book of higher English grammar অনুসারে majority সাধারণত singular verb নেয় কিন্তু majority দ্বারা the greater part/most (অধিকাংশ) বুঝালে plural verb নেয়। The majority is scanty but sufficient The majority are in my favour. The majority of my friends agree.
275. **The majority – that he is an honest man.** [BSMRSTU (F) 18-19]
 a) believes b) believe c) is believing d) are believing Ans:a
- CLIFFS TOEFL অনুসারে majority একা বসলে singular verb নেয় কিন্তু এর majority of পড়ে plural noun থাকলে plural verb নেয়। The majority of the students believe him to be innocent.
 The majority believes that we are in no danger.
276. **Every leaf and every flower – fallen off the tree.** [COU B 17-18]
 a) has b) have c) is d) was Ans:a
277. **Identify the incorrect sentence.** [BSMRUST (E) 13-14]
 a) The news is true. b) Neither of the two men was very strong.
 c) The United States has a big navy. d) Fifty thousand dollars are a large sum. Ans:d
278. **Much of the machinery on these farms — unusable.** [CU (C) 17-18]
 a) is b) are c) have d) has e) are being Ans:a

279. Which one is correct sentence?

- a) Each of the students have applied for the football match.
b) Either of the two boys are talent.
c) There are two pens; neither are good.
d) I have three dogs; none of them is ferocious.

[JU (G) 17-18]

a) has
b) is
c) is
Ans:d

280. My brother, together with his friends always – round collecting wood for bonfire night?

- a) are going b) have gone c) was going d) goes

[CU (C3) 16-17] Ans:d

281. Now a good number of courses – the Internet.

- a) are offered in b) offer on c) are offering in d) are offered on

[CU (D) 11-12] Ans:d

282. The movie, including the previews, — about two hours to watch.

- a) need b) takes c) has fixed d) have required

[DU (B-EE) 13-14] Ans:b

283. The secretary as well as the members — to submit the proposal to the Minister.

- a) need b) needs c) have d) are likely

[DU (B-EE) 14-15] Ans:b

284. Identify the correct sentence.

- a) Time and tide waits for no man. b) Fire and water does not agree.

- c) The novelist and poet are dead. d) The mayor, with his councillors are to be present.

[BSMRSTU (E) 13-14] Ans:a

285. Which of the following sentences is not correct?

- a) Fire and water does not agree. b) Every boy and girl was ready.

- c) You and I have done our duty. d) The majority is against any compromise.

[JU 09-10] Ans:a

Fire এবং water দুটি আলাদা বস্তু and দ্বারা যুক্ত হয়েছে বিধায় verb টি plural হবে অর্থাৎ do not হবে।

286. Twenty divided by ten – two. (বিশকে দশ দ্বারা ভাগ করলে দুই হয়)

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

[NSTU (B) 13-14]

Ten divided by five is/equals two.

Ans:d

287. Identify the error: Either of the solutions you have proposed are acceptable to the committee, whose members are willing to compromise.

- a) have b) are c) whose d) are willing

[JU (I) 17-18]

288. At present, the upsetting issue of abusing children -----.

- a) was made people concern b) have made people concern
c) are made people concern d) has made people concern

[BSMRSTU (D) 15-16]

Ans:d

289. His furniture, including a dinning table and six chairs, – being sold.

- a) are b) is c) will d) shall

[JU (C4) 15-16]

Ans:b

290. Karim as well as his classmates – present in today's meeting.

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

[CU 10-11]

Ans:a

291. Either my sister, or the neighbours — looking after the dogs.

- a) is b) are c) both a & b d) none

[JKKNIU (AL) 18-19]

Ans:b

292. Many a student — present in the class. (অনেক ছাত্রই ক্লাসে উপস্থিত আছে)

- a) are b) have c) is d) has

[BRUR (A) 16-17]

Ans:c

293. It — you who should have completed the task in time.

It — I who helped you take preparations for the examinations last year.

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

[JU C 16-17]

Ans:a

94. Shormi as well as her sisters — to buy fashionable jewellery.

- a) like b) likes c) is liked d) were liked

[BSMRSTU (D) 16-17]

Ans:b

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295. The man as well as the woman — much money. [MBSTU (D) 16-17]
 a) have b) has c) will d) were Ans:b
296. Praising all alike — praising none. (সবার এক রকম প্রশংসা করা মানে কারোই প্রশংসা করা নয়) [IU C 17-18]
 Writing letters — his hobby. (চিঠি লেখা তার শখ) [MBSTU (D) 16-17]
 a) is b) are c) will d) had Ans:a
297. The chairman and the secretary — present in the meeting. [COU (C) 16-17]
 a) was b) were c) had d) had been Ans:b
298. The captain and team manager — personally met the president of the club.
 a) has b) have c) was d) were [JKKNIU (ক) 15-16] Ans:a
299. Economics — my favourite subject. [JKKNIU (খ) 16-17]
 Bread and jelly (be) her favourite breakfast. [RU 03-04]
 a) is b) are c) had d) have Ans:a
300. A great deal of thought — into the designing of the auditorium. [KU (SC) 16-17]
 a) go b) have gone c) went d) has gone Ans:d
301. Which of the following sentences is correct? [JU (E) 17-18]
 a) The board of trustees meets in Denver twice in a year.
 b) 'Lost Cities' describes the discoveries of many ancient civilizations.
 c) Each of my friends attends a different college d) All the three
302. Choose the correct sentence: Ans:d
 [JU (C) 16-17]
 a) Neither Sheila nor her parents is going to the place tomorrow.
 b) Neither her parents nor Sheila are going to the place tomorrow.
 c) Neither Sheila nor her parents are going to the place tomorrow.
 d) Sheila and her parents is going to the place tomorrow.
303. Choose the correct sentence. Ans:c
 [JU (C) 16-17]
 a) Every boy and every girl are participating in the programme.
 b) Every boys and every girls are participating in the programme.
 c) Every boy and every girl is participating in the programme.
 d) Each boy and girl are participating in the programme.
304. Choose the correct sentence from the following: [NU (মানবিক) 12-13, JU (C) 16-17]
 ছাত্ররাই ঘরটি সাজিয়েছে
 a) It are the students who have decorated the room.
 b) It is the students who has decorated the room.
 c) It is the students who have decorated the room.
 d) It are the students who has decorated the room.
305. Neither the students nor the teacher — about what happens on this trip. [JnU C 10-11]
 a) is b) care c) was d) cares Ans:c
306. Rain falling on the roof —. (ছাদে বৃষ্টি পড়লে শব্দ হয়) [RU F 14-15, শিক্ষা প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তরের হিসাবরক্ষক-২১]
 a) making noise b) makes a noise c) make a noise d) is making a noise Ans:b
307. The cost of living in Sylhet — risen dramatically in the last few years. [SUST A 16-17]
 The cost of all these articles — risen. (এসব পণ্যসামগ্রীর দাম বেড়েছে) [SUST (খ) 04-05]
 a) have b) would c) will d) has e) may Ans:d
308. Verb agrees with [IU (C) 17-18]
 a) noun b) pronoun c) adjective d) subject, number and person Ans:d

309. **Mr. Salim, accompanied by his daughter Sumi and his only son Dipu, – killed yesterday.**
a) was **b) were** **c) have been** **d) had** [BSMRTU G 19-20] Ans:a
310. **None of the sardines – been eaten.** (সার্ডিন মাছগুলোর কোনোটিই খাওয়া হয়নি)
a) has **b) have** **c) has had** **d) have had** [JU (C2) 15-16] Ans:a
311. **One of the paramedics – from Chile.** (প্যারামেডিকেল ছাত্রদের একজনের দেশ হচ্ছে চিলি)
a) come **b) have come** **c) comes** **d) has come** [JU (C2) 15-16] Ans:c
312. **Identify the sentence with the appropriate subject- verb agreement.** [JnU (B) 10-11] Ans:c
- a) Many a boy waste their time in idleness.** (অনেক ছেলেই অলসতাই সময় নষ্ট করে)
b) Neither Karim nor Rahim smokes cigarette. (করিম বা রহিম কেউই সিগারেট খায় না)
c) He, as well as his friends, were visiting the museum.
d) The students along with the teacher were working in the project. Ans:b,d
313. **The poor – in rainy days.** (গরীবরা বৃষ্টির দিনে অনাহারে থাকে)
a) starves **b) starve** **c) depend** **d) stays** [KU (বিজ্ঞান, -স্কুল) 10-11] Ans:b
314. **One of the boys – absent yesterday.** (গতকাল ছেলেদের একজন অনুপস্থিত ছিল)
We found, one of the boys — ill. (আমরা বালকদের একজনকে অসুস্থ পেয়েছিলাম)
a) is **b) were** **c) are** **d) was** [RU (মনোবিজ্ঞান) 09-10] [PUST A 14-15] Ans:d
315. **Coffee and tea — nowadays offered as alternative.** [CU 02-03] Ans:a
a) are **b) had** **c) have** **d) will**
316. **Neither of the two candidates who had applied for admission to the Business Faculty — eligible for scholarship.** [HSTU (A) 14-15] Ans:a
a) was **b) were** **c) is** **d) are**
317. **The attendance of the students – poor.** (ছাত্রদের উপস্থিতি খুব কম)
The study of languages – very interesting. (ভাষা শিক্ষা খুব আনন্দদায়ক)
a) are **b) were** **c) was** **d) is** [JnU (D, Ad. English) 08-09] [NSTU (A) 09-10] Ans:d
318. **Which one is correct?** [NSTU (C) 15-16] Ans:c
a) The news are true **b) A few has come** a) & d) is b) have
c) The wages of sin is death **d) The number of students are seventy**
319. **Identify the sentence with the appropriate subject-verb agreement.** [JnU (B) 11-12] Ans:a
a) Each of them has five minutes to do the job. b) has
b) Karim as well Rahim have visited the zoo. c) comes
c) Many a man come to see the temple every year. d) am
d) Neither you nor I are to blame.
320. **¼ th of the work – finished.** (কাজটির এক-চতুর্থাংশ শেষ হয়েছে)
a) have been **b) were** **c) are** **d) has been** [RU 07-08] Ans:d
321. **The professor and the student – on that point.** [NU (মানবিক) 06-07] Ans:d
a) has agreed **b) agrees** **c) agreeing** **d) agree**
322. **The scenery of Cox's Bazaar — charming.** (কক্সবাজারের নৈসর্গিক সৌন্দর্য মনোমুগ্ধকর)
a) was **b) are** **c) were** **d) is** [RU 09-10] Ans:d
323. **In this film, the normal order of events — reversed.** [CU 05-06] Ans:b
a) have been **b) has been** **c) are** **d) being**
324. **The news – always bad nowadays.** [DU (D) 00-01] Ans:a
a) is **b) are** **c) was** **d) were**