

Chapter 21. Subject-Verb Agreement

Exercise 1. Fill in the blanks with suitable words.

1. Neither the manager nor his assistants _____ helpful.
(is, are)
2. The poet who wrote these songs _____ won the best songwriter award. (has, have)
3. Everyone in our class _____ Mrs Morris. (respect, respects)
4. There _____ several spelling mistakes in this paragraph.
(is, are)
5. Much of my time _____ spent in collecting suitable information. (was, were)
6. Amjad as well as his neighbours _____ fruit from this shop. (buy, buys)
7. Either you or I _____ in the wrong. (are, am)
8. The seats of this car _____ very comfortable. (is, are)
9. The captain with the other sailors _____ drowned. (was, were)
10. Both of these belts _____ made from good quality leather. (is, are)
11. This is one of the best story books that _____ been published recently. (has, have)
12. Neither the teacher nor the students _____ interested.
(was, were)

Exercise 2. Fill in the blanks with suitable words.

1. There _____ an island in the middle of the lake. (is, are)
2. Most of these questions _____ fairly simple. (is, are)
3. Neither the director nor the actors _____ impressed me.
(has, have)
4. Sahil as well as his friends _____ telling lies. (is, are)
5. Rice and curry _____ his favourite dish. (is, are)
6. Sumit, and not his friends, _____ to blame. (is, are)
7. One of these buses _____ going to the railway station. I
don't know which one. (is, are)
8. Only a little _____ been done. (has, have)
9. All the coaches of this train _____ air-conditioned. (is,
are)
10. The architect who has designed these houses _____ a
very creative mind. (has, have)
11. Much work still _____ to be done. (remain, remains)
12. This news published in all the newspapers _____ not
based on facts. (is, are)