

ACTIVITY 1

Choose the correct verb to agree with its subject and complete the sentence.

Question 1: There _____ several students absent from class today.

Answer:
a. is
b. are
c. was

Question 2: Neither _____ eligible to apply for the job.

Answer:
a. were
b. are
c. is

Question 3: The study found that the hypotheses _____ incorrect.

Answer:
a. are
b. was
c. were

Question 4: Neither the football nor the tennis matches _____ interesting.

Answer:
a. were
b. was
c. is

Question 5: The kookaburra is an Australian bird which _____ on snakes.

Answer:
a. are preying
b. preys
c. prey



Question 6: The Olympic swimming team _____ elected a fortnight ago.

Answer:
a. had
b. was
c. were

Question 7: None of the questions _____ to the exam.

Answer:
a. relate
b. relates
c. are relating

Question 8: Knowing a subject well _____ a lot of study.

Answer:
a. require
b. are requiring
c. requires

Question 9: The percentage of male nurses entering the profession _____ increased.

Answer:
a. are
b. has
c. have

Question 10: Newspapers and magazines _____ students with a good source of reading material.

Answer:
a. provide
b. provides
c. is providing

ACTIVITY 2

Choose the subject that agrees with the verb to complete the following sentences. There may be some sentences where two choices are correct.

Question 1: _____ have voted for approval.

- Answer:**
- a. Australia, as well as China,
 - b. The Australian companies
 - c. The Australian

Question 2: _____ were reduced during the takeover.

- Answer:**
- a. None of the company's profits
 - b. None of the company's wealth
 - c. None of the company's income

Question 3: _____ are grown in Indonesia.

- Answer:**
- a. Many varieties of tea
 - b. Many varieties of spring flowers
 - c. Many variety of vegetable

Question 4: _____ is accurate in assessing the problem.

- Answer:**
- a. Either the scientists or the astronomer
 - b. Either the scientist or the astronomers
 - c. Either the scientists or a astronomer

Question 5: _____ speak Mandarin fluently.

- Answer:**
- a. Everybody
 - b. Both
 - c. Someone



Question 6: _____ is required for enrolment.

- Answer:**
- a. A passport or offer letter
 - b. A passport
 - c. The passports

Question 7: There are _____

- Answer:**
- a. several students who failed the test.
 - b. a foreign student who failed the test.
 - c. some student who failed the test.

Question 8: _____ were quite serious.

- Answer:**
- a. The problems that the student faced
 - b. The problem that the students faced
 - c. A problem that a student faced

Question 9: _____ is too much for that book.

- Answer:**
- a. Twenty-five dollars
 - b. One dollar
 - c. Five dollar

Question 10: _____ works for the *Time* magazine.

- Answer:**
- a. The journalist who wants to interview the directors
 - b. The journalists who want to interview the director
 - c. The journalist which want to interview the director

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2. Neither **is** eligible to apply for the job.
3. The study found that the hypotheses **were** incorrect.
4. Neither the football nor the tennis matches **were** interesting.
5. The kookaburra is an Australian bird, which **preys** on snakes.
6. The Olympic swimming team **was/were** elected a fortnight ago.
(both are acceptable – see rule 12)
7. None of the questions **relate** to the exam.
8. Knowing a subject well **requires** a lot of study.
9. The percentage of male nurses entering the profession **has** increased.
10. Newspapers and magazines **provide** students with a good source of reading material.

ANSWERS ACTIVITY 2

Question 1: _____ have voted for approval.

Answer: **b. The Australian companies**

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Answer: **a. None of the company's profits**

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Answer: **a. Many varieties of tea / b. Many varieties of spring flowers**

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