

# SBI Clerk Prelims 2026

## Subject-Verb Agreement - Practice Set 2 of 5

 **Focus: Collective Nouns & Number of**

 **Time: 15 Minutes**

 **Total: 25 Questions**

 Section A: Error Detection - 10 Qs

 Section B: Fill in the Blanks - 10 Qs

 Section C: Sentence Improvement - 5 Qs

### Instructions

- ✓ This practice set contains 25 moderate level questions on COLLECTIVE NOUNS and NUMBER OF
- ✓ Each question carries 1 mark (No negative marking for practice)
- ✓ Try to complete all questions within 15 minutes
- ✓ Rules covered: Collective Nouns (team, committee, jury), The number of vs A number of
- ✓ SBI Clerk level is slightly higher than IBPS Clerk
- ✓ After attempting all questions, check answers with detailed explanations
- ✓ Use the Performance Tracker to analyze your accuracy

### SECTION A: Error Detection (Collective Nouns & Number of)

10  
Questions

*Directions: Each sentence below contains an error related to Collective Nouns or Number of. Identify the part that contains the error. (A, B, C, or D). If no error, mark E.*

**Question 1****Medium**

(A) The committee (B) have decided (C) to implement (D) the new policy. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The committee
- ☐ B. have decided
- ☐ C. to implement
- ☐ D. the new policy
- ☐ E. No error

**Question 2****Medium**

(A) The team (B) are playing (C) very well (D) this season. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The team
- ☐ B. are playing
- ☐ C. very well
- ☐ D. this season
- ☐ E. No error

**Question 3****Hard**

(A) The jury (B) are divided (C) in their opinion (D) about the verdict. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The jury
- ☐ B. are divided
- ☐ C. in their opinion
- ☐ D. about the verdict
- ☐ E. No error

**Question 4****Hard**

(A) The number of students (B) in the class (C) are increasing (D) every year. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The number of students
- ☐ B. in the class
- ☐ C. are increasing
- ☐ D. every year
- ☐ E. No error

**Question 5****Hard**

(A) A number of complaints (B) has been received (C) regarding the new policy (D) last month. (E) No error

- ☐ A. A number of complaints
- ☐ B. has been received
- ☐ C. regarding the new policy
- ☐ D. last month
- ☐ E. No error

**Question 6****Medium**

(A) The audience (B) was clapping (C) loudly (D) for the performer. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The audience
- ☐ B. was clapping
- ☐ C. loudly
- ☐ D. for the performer
- ☐ E. No error

**Question 7****Medium**

(A) The government (B) have announced (C) new policies (D) for farmers. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The government
- ☐ B. have announced
- ☐ C. new policies
- ☐ D. for farmers
- ☐ E. No error

**Question 8****Hard**

(A) The family (B) is celebrating (C) Diwali together (D) this year. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The family
- ☐ B. is celebrating
- ☐ C. Diwali together
- ☐ D. this year
- ☐ E. No error

**Question 9****Medium**

(A) The staff (B) are working (C) efficiently (D) under pressure. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The staff
- ☐ B. are working
- ☐ C. efficiently
- ☐ D. under pressure
- ☐ E. No error

**Question 10****Medium**

(A) The crowd (B) was shouting (C) slogans (D) at the rally. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The crowd
- ☐ B. was shouting
- ☐ C. slogans
- ☐ D. at the rally
- ☐ E. No error

**SECTION B: Fill in the Blanks****10 Questions**

*Directions: Choose the correct verb form to fill in the blank.*

**Question 11****Medium**

The committee \_\_\_\_\_ decided to cancel the meeting.

- ☐ A. have
- ☐ B. has
- ☐ C. are
- ☐ D. were

**Question 12****Medium**

The team \_\_\_\_\_ practicing for the final match.

- ☐ A. is
- ☐ B. are
- ☐ C. were
- ☐ D. have

**Question 13****Hard**

The jury \_\_\_\_\_ divided in their opinion.

- ☐ A. is
- ☐ B. are
- ☐ C. was
- ☐ D. has

**Question 14****Hard**

The number of vacancies \_\_\_\_\_ increasing every year.

- ☐ A. are
- ☐ B. have
- ☐ C. is
- ☐ D. were

**Question 15****Hard**

A number of students \_\_\_\_\_ absent today.

- ☐ A. is
- ☐ B. was
- ☐ C. are
- ☐ D. has

**Question 16****Medium**

The audience \_\_\_\_\_ cheering loudly.

- ☐ A. was
- ☐ B. were
- ☐ C. is
- ☐ D. has

**Question 17****Medium**

The government \_\_\_\_\_ announced a new scheme.

- ☐ A. have
- ☐ B. has
- ☐ C. are
- ☐ D. were

**Question 18****Hard**

The family \_\_\_\_\_ gone to different places.

- ☐ A. has
- ☐ B. have
- ☐ C. is
- ☐ D. was

**Question 19****Medium**

The staff \_\_\_\_\_ working efficiently today.

- ☐ A. is
- ☐ B. are
- ☐ C. was
- ☐ D. has

**Question 20****Medium**

The crowd \_\_\_\_\_ shouting slogans.

- ☐ A. was
- ☐ B. were
- ☐ C. is
- ☐ D. has

**SECTION C: Sentence Improvement****5 Questions**

*Directions: Improve the underlined part of the sentence.*

**Question 21****Medium**

The committee have submitted its report.

- ☐ A. have submitted
- ☐ B. has submitted
- ☐ C. are submitting
- ☐ D. were submitting

**Question 22****Hard**

A number of issues remains unresolved.

- ☐ A. A number of issues remains
- ☐ B. A number of issues remain
- ☐ C. A number of issue remains
- ☐ D. The number of issues remain

**Question 23****Medium**

The team are playing well this season.

- ☐ A. are playing well
- ☐ B. is playing well
- ☐ C. have played well
- ☐ D. were playing well

**Question 24****Hard**

The number of students are increasing every year.

- ☐ A. The number of students are increasing
- ☐ B. The number of students is increasing
- ☐ C. A number of students is increasing
- ☐ D. The number of student are increasing

The jury was divided in their opinion about the verdict.

- ☐ A. was divided in their opinion
- ☐ B. were divided in their opinion
- ☐ C. was divided in its opinion
- ☐ D. were divided in its opinion

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## Answer Key with Detailed Explanations

### SECTION A: Error Detection

**Q1. Answer: B. have decided**

☒ B

"Committee" is a collective noun acting as a unit → "has decided".

Collective nouns take singular verb when acting as a unit.

**Q2. Answer: B. are playing**

☒ B

"Team" is a collective noun acting as a unit → "is playing".

Collective nouns (team, committee) → singular verb when acting as a unit.

**Q3. Answer: E. No error**

☒ E

"Divided in their opinion" indicates members acting individually → plural verb "are" is correct.

Collective nouns take plural verb when members act individually.

**Q4. Answer: C. are increasing**

☒ C

"The number of" takes singular verb → "is increasing".

"The number of" + plural noun + singular verb.

**Q5. Answer: B. has been received**

 **B**

"A number of" means "many" and takes plural verb → "have been received".

 "A number of" + plural noun + plural verb.

**Q6. Answer: E. No error**

 **E**

"Audience" acting as a unit → singular verb "was" is correct.

 Audience can take singular or plural verb depending on context.

**Q7. Answer: B. have announced**

 **B**

"Government" is singular → "has announced".

 Government takes singular verb in formal English.

**Q8. Answer: E. No error**

 **E**

"Family celebrating together" indicates members acting as a unit → singular verb "is" is correct.

 Family can take singular or plural verb.

**Q9. Answer: E. No error**

 **E**

"Staff" acting as individuals? The sentence "are working" suggests plural is acceptable. Both "is" and "are" can be correct for staff.

 Staff can take singular or plural verb.

**Q10. Answer: E. No error**

☒ E

"Crowd" acting as a unit → singular verb "was" is correct.

 Crowd usually takes singular verb.

## SECTION B: Fill in the Blanks

**Q11. Answer: B. has**

☒ B

Committee acting as a unit → singular verb.

**Q12. Answer: A. is**

☒ A

Team acting as a unit → singular verb.

**Q13. Answer: B. are**

☒ B

"Divided in opinion" → members acting individually → plural verb.

**Q14. Answer: C. is**

☒ C

"The number of" → singular verb.

**Q15. Answer: C. are**

☒ C

"A number of" → plural verb.

**Q16. Answer: A. was**

☒ A

Audience acting as a unit → singular verb.

**Q17. Answer: B. has**

☒ B

Government singular → singular verb.

**Q18. Answer: B. have**

☒ B

"Gone to different places" → members acting individually → plural verb.

**Q19. Answer: B. are**

☒ B

Staff plural verb (working as individuals).

**Q20. Answer: A. was**

☒ A

Crowd acting as a unit → singular verb.

## SECTION C: Sentence Improvement

**Q21. Answer: B. has submitted**

☒ B

Committee singular → has.

**Q22. Answer: B. A number of issues remain**

☒ B

"A number of" → plural verb remain.

**Q23. Answer: B. is playing well**

☒ B

Team as unit → singular verb is.

**Q24. Answer: B. The number of students is increasing**

☒ B

"The number of" → singular verb is.

**Q25. Answer: B. were divided in their opinion**

☒ B

"Divided in opinion" → members acting individually → plural verb were.



## Performance Tracker

| Section                     | Total     | Correct | Wrong | Accuracy % |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|-------|------------|
| Section A (Error Detection) | 10        | ___     | ___   | ___%       |
| Section B (Fill in Blanks)  | 10        | ___     | ___   | ___%       |
| Section C (Improvement)     | 5         | ___     | ___   | ___%       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>25</b> | ___     | ___   | ___%       |



**Score Interpretation:** 22-25: Excellent | 18-21: Good | 14-17: Average | Below 14: Need Improvement

## **Collective Nouns & Number of Rules for SBI Clerk**

-  **Rule 1:** Collective nouns (team, committee, jury) take singular verb when acting as a unit
-  **Rule 2:** Collective nouns take plural verb when members act individually (divided, disagreed, quarreled)
-  **Rule 3:** "The number of" + plural noun + singular verb
-  **Rule 4:** "A number of" + plural noun + plural verb
-  **Rule 5:** Government, audience, crowd, staff can be singular or plural based on context
-  **Rule 6:** Family takes singular when together, plural when members act individually

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