

IBPS PO Prelims 2026

Parts of Speech - Practice Set 2 of 5

 **Focus: Verb & Subject-Verb Agreement**

 **Time: 15 Minutes**

 **Total: 20 Questions**

 Section A: Error Detection (Verb/Subject-Verb) - 8 Qs

 Section B: Fill in the Blanks (Verb Forms) - 6 Qs

 Section C: Sentence Improvement - 4 Qs  Section D: Mixed Application - 2 Qs

Instructions

- ✓ This practice set contains 20 questions based on VERB and SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT only
- ✓ Each question carries 1 mark (No negative marking for practice)
- ✓ Try to complete all questions within 15 minutes
- ✓ Focus on identifying subject-verb agreement errors and correct verb forms
- ✓ After attempting all questions, check answers with detailed explanations given at the end
- ✓ Use the Performance Tracker to analyze your accuracy

SECTION A: Error Detection (Verb & Subject-Verb Agreement)

**8
Questions**

Directions: Each sentence below contains an error related to VERB or SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT. Identify the part that contains the error. (A, B, C, or D). If no error, mark E.

Question 1

(A) The quality of the products (B) are not up to (C) the expected standards (D) set by the company. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The quality of the products
- ☐ B. are not up to
- ☐ C. the expected standards
- ☐ D. set by the company
- ☐ E. No error

Question 2

(A) Neither the manager (B) nor his assistants (C) was present (D) at the meeting. (E) No error

- ☐ A. Neither the manager
- ☐ B. nor his assistants
- ☐ C. was present
- ☐ D. at the meeting
- ☐ E. No error

Question 3

(A) Each of the students (B) have submitted (C) their assignments (D) before the deadline. (E) No error

- ☐ A. Each of the students
- ☐ B. have submitted
- ☐ C. their assignments
- ☐ D. before the deadline
- ☐ E. No error

Question 4

(A) The team of researchers (B) have been working (C) on this project (D) for over two years. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The team of researchers
- ☐ B. have been working
- ☐ C. on this project
- ☐ D. for over two years
- ☐ E. No error

Question 5

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

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

Question 6

(A) The number of vacancies (B) are increasing (C) every year due to (D) retirement and expansion. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The number of vacancies
- ☐ B. are increasing
- ☐ C. every year due to
- ☐ D. retirement and expansion
- ☐ E. No error

Question 7

(A) The committee (B) are divided (C) in their opinion (D) about the new proposal. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The committee
- ☐ B. are divided
- ☐ C. in their opinion
- ☐ D. about the new proposal
- ☐ E. No error

Question 8

(A) Mathematics (B) are my favorite (C) subject because (D) it is logical. (E) No error

- ☐ A. Mathematics
- ☐ B. are my favorite
- ☐ C. subject because
- ☐ D. it is logical
- ☐ E. No error

SECTION B: Fill in the Blanks (Verb Forms)

6 Questions

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

Question 9

Either the director or the board members _____ responsible for the decision.

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

Question 10

Neither the students nor the teacher _____ aware of the change in schedule.

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

Question 11

The jury _____ divided in their opinion about the verdict.

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

Question 12

More than one student _____ failed the examination.

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

Question 13

Fifty percent of the work _____ already been completed.

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

Question 14

The police _____ investigating the case thoroughly.

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

SECTION C: Sentence Improvement

4 Questions

Directions: Improve the underlined part of the sentence.

Question 15

The quality of the products are being checked by the quality control team.

- ☐ A. are being checked
- ☐ B. is being checked
- ☐ C. have been checked
- ☐ D. were being checked

Question 16

Neither the CEO nor the board members was aware of the situation.

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

Question 17

A number of students is waiting outside the principal's office.

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

Question 18

Each of the employees have been given a bonus for their performance.

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

SECTION D: Mixed Application

2 Questions

Directions: Answer the following questions based on the concepts of Verb and Subject-Verb Agreement.

Question 19

In the following sentence, which verb form is correct and why?

"The collection of rare stamps _____ worth more than a million rupees."

- ☐ A. are - because stamps is plural
- ☐ B. is - because collection is the subject
- ☐ C. are - because worth is plural
- ☐ D. is - because stamps is singular

Question 20

Identify the correct sentence from the following options:

- ☐ A. The committee have submitted its report.
- ☐ B. The committee has submitted its report.
- ☐ C. The committee have submitted their report.
- ☐ D. The committee has submitted their report.



Answer Key with Detailed Explanations

SECTION A: Error Detection (Verb & Subject-Verb Agreement)

Q1. Answer: B. are not up to

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: The subject is "quality" (singular), not "products". "Of the products" is a prepositional phrase. Singular subject "quality" requires singular verb "is", not "are". Correct: "The quality of the products is not up to..."

📌 **Rule:** In "Noun + of + noun" structure, verb agrees with the first noun (the one before "of").

Q2. Answer: C. was present

✓ **Correct Answer: C**

Explanation: "Neither...nor" structures follow the nearest subject rule. The nearest subject here is "assistants" (plural), so the verb should be plural "were". Correct: "Neither the manager nor his assistants were present."

📌 **Rule:** With "neither...nor" and "either...or", the verb agrees with the nearest subject.

Q3. Answer: B. have submitted

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Each of" is always singular. "Each of the students" = singular subject, so verb should be singular "has submitted". Correct: "Each of the students has submitted..."

📌 **Rule:** Each, every, either, neither, anyone, everyone, someone, nobody, nothing → always singular.

Q4. Answer: B. have been working

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Team" is a collective noun. When the team acts as a single unit, it takes singular verb. Here the team is working together on a project, so singular verb "has been working" is correct. Correct: "The team of researchers has been working..."

📌 **Rule:** Collective nouns (team, committee, audience) take singular verb when acting as a unit.

Q5. Answer: B. has been received

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "A number of" means "many" and takes a plural verb. The correct verb is "have been received". Correct: "A number of complaints have been received..."

📌 **Rule:** "A number of" + plural noun + plural verb. "The number of" + plural noun + singular verb.

Q6. Answer: B. are increasing

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "The number of" takes a singular verb. "The number of vacancies" = singular subject, so verb should be singular "is increasing". Correct: "The number of vacancies is increasing..."

📌 **Rule:** "The number of" + plural noun + singular verb. "A number of" + plural noun + plural verb.

Q7. Answer: No error (B. are divided is correct)

✓ **Correct Answer: E. No error**

Explanation: "Are divided" is correct here because "committee" is acting individually (divided in opinion). When collective nouns indicate individual members, plural verb is used. This sentence is correct as written.

 **Rule:** Collective nouns take plural verb when members act individually (divided, disagreed, quarreled).

Q8. Answer: B. are my favorite

 **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Mathematics" looks plural but is actually singular. It takes singular verb "is". Correct: "Mathematics is my favorite subject..."

 **Rule:** Subjects like mathematics, physics, economics, news, politics → singular despite ending in 's'.

SECTION B: Fill in the Blanks (Verb Forms)

Q9. Answer: B. are

 **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Either...or" - verb agrees with nearest subject. "Board members" is plural, so verb is "are".

Q10. Answer: A. is

 **Correct Answer: A**

Explanation: "Neither...nor" - verb agrees with nearest subject. "Teacher" is singular, so verb is "is".

Q11. Answer: B. are

 **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Divided in opinion" indicates jury members are acting individually, so plural verb "are" is correct.

Q12. Answer: B. has

 **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "More than one" is followed by singular noun and singular verb.
"More than one student has failed."

Q13. Answer: B. has

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Work" is uncountable, so singular verb "has" is correct. Percentage takes verb according to the noun after "of".

Q14. Answer: B. are

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Police" is a plural noun in English and takes plural verb "are".

SECTION C: Sentence Improvement

Q15. Answer: B. is being checked

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: Subject is "quality" (singular), so verb should be singular "is".

Q16. Answer: B. were aware

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Neither...nor" - nearest subject "board members" (plural) requires plural verb "were".

Q17. Answer: B. are waiting

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "A number of" means "many" and takes plural verb "are".

Q18. Answer: B. has been given

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Each of" is singular, so verb should be singular "has been given".

SECTION D: Mixed Application

Q19. Answer: B. is - because collection is the subject

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: The subject is "collection" (singular), not "stamps". "Of rare stamps" is a prepositional phrase. Singular subject takes singular verb "is".

Q20. Answer: B. The committee has submitted its report.

✓ **Correct Answer: B**

Explanation: "Committee" is singular when acting as a unit. "Its" is the correct singular pronoun. Both verb and pronoun must agree.

Performance Tracker

Fill in your scores below to track your progress:

Section	Total Questions	Correct	Wrong	Accuracy %
Section A (Error Detection)	8	____	____	____%
Section B (Fill in the Blanks)	6	____	____	____%
Section C (Sentence Improvement)	4	____	____	____%
Section D (Mixed Application)	2	____	____	____%
TOTAL	20	____	____	____%

Score Interpretation:

- **18-20 correct:** Excellent! You've mastered Verb & Subject-Verb Agreement concepts.
- **15-17 correct:** Good, but need to work on tricky areas like collective nouns and neither/nor.
- **12-14 correct:** Average - review the rules and practice more.
- **Below 12:** Need significant improvement - study the rules again carefully.

Important Verb & Subject-Verb Agreement Rules Covered in this Set

-  **Rule 1:** In "Noun + of + noun" structure, verb agrees with the first noun (before "of").
-  **Rule 2:** With "neither...nor" and "either...or", verb agrees with the nearest subject.
-  **Rule 3:** Each, every, either, neither, anyone, everyone, someone, nobody, nothing → always singular.
-  **Rule 4:** Collective nouns (team, committee, audience) take singular verb when acting as a unit, plural when acting individually.
-  **Rule 5:** "A number of" + plural verb, "The number of" + singular verb.
-  **Rule 6:** Subjects like mathematics, physics, economics, news, politics → singular despite ending in 's'.
-  **Rule 7:** "Police" is plural in English and takes plural verb.
-  **Rule 8:** "More than one" + singular noun + singular verb.
-  **Rule 9:** Percentage/fraction takes verb according to the noun after "of".
-  **Rule 10:** Indefinite pronouns (someone, anyone, nobody, each, every) are singular.