

SBI PO Prelims 2026

Parts of Speech - Practice Set 2 of 5

 **Focus: Verb & Subject-Verb Agreement (High Level)**

 **Time: 15 Minutes**

 **Total: 20 Questions**

 Section A: Error Detection (Verb/S-V) - 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 high-level questions on VERB and SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT for SBI PO
- ✓ Each question carries 1 mark (No negative marking for practice)
- ✓ Try to complete all questions within 15 minutes
- ✓ SBI PO level questions include complex sentences with multiple clauses and tricky subject-verb agreement
- ✓ After attempting all questions, check answers with detailed explanations
- ✓ 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. Identify the part that contains the error. (A, B, C, or D). If no error, mark E.

Question 1**Hard**

(A) The quality of the products (B) are being improved (C) to meet customer (D) expectations. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The quality of the products
- ☐ B. are being improved
- ☐ C. to meet customer
- ☐ D. expectations
- ☐ E. No error

Question 2**Hard**

(A) Neither the CEO (B) nor the board members (C) was aware (D) of the fraud. (E) No error

- ☐ A. Neither the CEO
- ☐ B. nor the board members
- ☐ C. was aware
- ☐ D. of the fraud
- ☐ E. No error

Question 3**Hard**

(A) Each of the employees (B) have been given (C) a bonus for their (D) outstanding (E) performance. (E) No error

- ☐ A. Each of the employees
- ☐ B. have been given
- ☐ C. a bonus for their
- ☐ D. outstanding performance
- ☐ E. No error

Question 4**Hard**

(A) The team of researchers, (B) along with their assistants, (C) have been working (D) on this project since 2020. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The team of researchers,
- ☐ B. along with their assistants,
- ☐ C. have been working
- ☐ D. on this project since 2020
- ☐ E. No error

Question 5**Medium**

(A) The news (B) about the accident (C) are very disturbing (D) for everyone. (E) No error

- ☐ A. The news
- ☐ B. about the accident
- ☐ C. are very disturbing
- ☐ D. for everyone
- ☐ E. No error

Question 6**Hard**

(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 7**Hard**

(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 8**Hard**

(A) She is one of the tallest girls (B) who has ever won (C) the national championship (D) in swimming. (E) No error

- ☐ A. She is one of the tallest girls
- ☐ B. who has ever won
- ☐ C. the national championship
- ☐ D. in swimming
- ☐ 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**Medium**

Neither the manager nor his assistants _____ present at the meeting yesterday.

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

Question 10**Hard**

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

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

Question 11**Hard**

The committee _____ divided in their opinion about the new proposal.

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

Question 12**Medium**

More than one student _____ failed the examination.

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

Question 13**Hard**

Fifty percent of the work _____ already been completed.

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

Question 14**Medium**

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**Hard**

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**Hard**

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**Hard**

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**Hard**

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

- ☐ A. Each of the employees have been given
- ☐ B. Each of the employees has been given
- ☐ C. Every of the employees have been given
- ☐ D. All of the employees has been given

SECTION D: Mixed Application**2 Questions**

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

Question 19**Hard**

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**Hard**

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 being improved

☒ B

Subject is "quality" (singular), not "products". "Of the products" is a prepositional phrase. Singular subject requires singular verb "is".

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

Q2. Answer: C. was aware

☒ C

"Neither...nor" structures follow the nearest subject rule. The nearest subject here is "assistants" (plural), so the verb should be plural "were".

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

Q3. Answer: B. have been given and C. their

☒ B & C

"Each of" is always singular. "Each of the employees" = singular subject, so verb should be singular "has been given". Also, singular pronoun "his/her" is needed.

📌 Each, every, either, neither, anyone, everyone → always singular.

Q4. Answer: C. have been working

☒ C

"Team" is a collective noun. When the team acts as a single unit, it takes singular verb. Here the team is working together, so singular verb "has been working" is correct.

📌 Collective nouns take singular verb when acting as a unit. Phrases like "along with" don't change the subject.

Q5. Answer: C. are very disturbing

✓ C

"News" looks plural but is actually singular. It takes singular verb "is".

📌 News, mathematics, physics, economics, politics → singular despite ending in 's'.

Q6. Answer: B. has been received

✓ B

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

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

Q7. Answer: B. are increasing

✓ B

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

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

Q8. Answer: B. who has ever won

✓ B

"One of the tallest girls who" — "who" refers to "girls" (plural), so the verb should be plural "have ever won".

📌 One of the + plural noun + who/that + plural verb.

SECTION B: Fill in the Blanks (Verb Forms)

Q9. Answer: B. were

☒ B

Nearest subject "assistants" (plural) → were.

Q10. Answer: B. are

☒ B

Nearest subject "board members" (plural) → are.

Q11. Answer: B. are

☒ B

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

Q12. Answer: B. has

☒ B

"More than one" is followed by singular noun and singular verb.

Q13. Answer: B. has

☒ B

"Work" is uncountable, so singular verb "has".

Q14. Answer: B. are

☒ B

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

SECTION C: Sentence Improvement

Q15. Answer: B. is being checked

 B

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

Q16. Answer: B. were aware

 B

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

Q17. Answer: B. are waiting

 B

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

Q18. Answer: B. Each of the employees has been given

 B

"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

 B

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.

 B

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

Performance Tracker

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

 **Score Interpretation (SBI PO Level):** 17-20: Excellent | 14-16: Good | 10-13: Average | Below 10: Need Improvement

Important Verb & Subject-Verb Agreement Rules (SBI PO Level)

-  **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:** One of the + plural noun + who/that + plural verb.

 **Rule 11:** Phrases like "along with, as well as, together with" do not make the subject plural.

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