

CHAPTER 12: SUBJECT AND VERB AGREEMENT

❖ CƠ SỞ LÝ THUYẾT

A. Một số trường hợp động từ chia ở số ít

1. Danh từ không đếm được hoặc danh từ đếm được số ít làm chủ từ.	Ex1: Water is very necessary to our life. Ex2: The film is very interesting.
2. V-ing; to V1, V1, mệnh đề làm chủ ngữ :	Ex1: Collecting stamps and coins <u>is</u> my hobby . Ex2: That you get very high grades in school is necessary.
3. Đại từ bất định: everyone, everybody, someone, somebody, no one, nobody, anyone, anybody, everything, something, anything	Ex: Somebody has taken my books away.
4. Đề cập đến khoảng cách, thời gian, tiền, số lượng, đo lường, tựa đề	Ex1: Six miles <u>is</u> a long distance . Ex2: Two years is long enough.
5. Danh từ số ít tận cùng là "s" : measles, mumps, rabies, diabetes, physics, mathematics, statistics, linguistics, news, billiards, Naples, Marseilles, the United States, the Philippines, the Netherlands.....	Ex: Physics <u>is</u> my favourite subject.
6. Each/ Every/ One/ Neither/ Either + N (số ít)/ + of + N (số nhiều)	Ex1: Every seat has a member. Ex2: Neither of my sisters likes film. Ex3: Each of children has a toy.
7. Each/ Every + N(số ít) + and + each/every + N (số ít)	Ex: Each boy and each girl has a book.
8. N + and + N (khi các danh từ đề cập đến cùng 1 người, 1 vật) và biểu thức toán học với "and". Ex: fish and chip; meat pie and peas, bread and butter, bed and breakfast, ...	Ex1: Fish and chips <u>is</u> Tom's favourite. Ex2 : Two and two <u>is</u> four .
9. Những danh từ thuộc loại không đếm được và luôn dùng với động từ số ít: information, furniture, knowledge, equipment, advice, traffic, scenery, machinery, homework, housework, work, music, money, luggage, baggage, rubbish, garbage, weather, English.	

B. Một số trường hợp động từ chia ở số nhiều

1. Danh từ số nhiều làm chủ từ.	Ex1: These students are very good. Ex2: Water and oil do not mix.
2. Danh từ tập hợp (the + adj). Ex: the rich , the poor, the blind, the young, the old, the injured, the disabled, ...	Ex: The rich are not always happy.
3. 1 số trường hợp DT số nhiều bất qui tắc: people, police, staff, cattle, children, men, women, feet, teeth, (bacterium- bacteria; medium- media; criterion- criteria; datum-data; fungus-fungi; stimulus-stimuli ...)	Ex: Cattle <u>are</u> domestic animals .

C. Một số trường hợp vừa là số ít vừa là số nhiều

1. Either or Neither + S ₁ + nor + S ₂ + V (S ₂) Not only but also	Ex1: Either you or I am here. Ex2: Neither Tom nor you are here. Ex3: Not only my sisters but also my father knows you.
2. There/ Here + is/was/has + N (số ít) are/were/have + N (số nhiều)	Ex1: There is a picture on the wall. Ex2: There are two sides to every problem.
3. The number of + N (số nhiều) -> V số ít A number of + N (số nhiều) -> V số nhiều	Ex1: The number of students in this class is small. Ex2: A number of my students are keen on

	learning English.
4. All/Some / Most/ N (số ít) => V (số ít) A lot of / None + of + N (số nhiều) => V (số nhiều)	Ex1: Most money is needed Ex2: One third of the population is unemployed.
5. S ₁ + with/along with/ together with/ in addition to/ as well as/ accompanied by/ gởi từ + S ₂ + V (S ₁)	Ex: My brother as well as my sisters is here.
6. No + N (số ít) + V (số ít) + N (số nhiều) + V (số nhiều)	Ex1: No example is relevant to this case. Ex2: No students are here.

❖ BÀI TẬP ÁP DỤNG

Mark the letter A, B, C, or D on your answer sheet to indicate the correct answer.

- Tom with dog____ here now.
a. is b. are c. was d. were
- Tom as well as his dog____ here now.
a. is b. are c. was d. were
- My old friends and colleague, John, ____ married.
a. has just got b. have just got c. just has got d. just have got
- The singer and actor____ coming now.
a. was b. were c. is d. are
- The singer and the actor____ coming now.
a. was b. were c. is d. are
- Mathematics____ difficult.
a. is b. are c. is d. are
- Two billion dollars____ not enough for the victims of the tsunami
a. was b. were c. is d. are
- Three years in a strange land ____ like a long time for lonely people.
a. is seeming b. are seeing c. seems d. seemed
- The film "Titanic" ____ very interesting.
a. is b. are c. was d. were
- Cattle____ allowed graze here now.
a. was b. were c. is d. are
- None of this money____ right now.
a. is b. are c. was d. were
- None of them____ right now.
a. is b. are c. was d. were
- Every student ____ willing to join the picnic now.
a. is b. are c. was d. were
- The number of students____ in creasing now.
a. are b. was c. were d. is
- A number of students ____ playing table - tennis now.
a. are b. was c. were d. is
- Physics____ my favourite subject.
a. are b. is c. was d. have been
- They boy, with his two companions, ____ the cherry tree now.
a. has split b. have split c. is slitting d. are splitting
- The write and poet____ going to preside over this meeting
a. are b. is c. have been going d. is to

19. Neither the mother nor the children _____ aware of the danger.
a. were b. was c. is d. has been
20. She told me that she _____ happy for what he _____
a. is feeling/ did b. was feeling/ had done
c. feels/ did d. has felt/ has been going
21. If anyone _____, tell him I'll be back later.
a. was calling b. called c. call d. calls
22. Each of the boys _____ a book now.
a. have b. has c. had d. are having
23. Two-thirds of the money _____ mine now.
a. is b. are c. was d. were
24. About 60% of students in this class _____ from China.
a. was b. were c. are d. is
25. A number of sheep _____ eating grass now.
a. are b. is c. was d. were
26. The number of books in this library _____ large.
a. are b. is c. was d. were
27. Either you or I _____ wrong.
a. am b. is c. are d. were
28. Neither my gloves nor my hat _____ with this dress.
a. is going b. are going c. goes d. go
29. The poor living her _____ help.
a. is needing b. are needing c. need d. needs
30. Several of the students _____ absent yesterday.
a. has been b. had been c. were d. was
31. The professor said that Vietnam _____ to South-East Asia.
a. has belonged b. has belonged c. belonged d. belongs
32. He _____ he had read that story - book before.
a. told b. has told c. had told d. said
33. His choice of words _____ very good.
a. are b. be c. is d. being
34. Anybody who _____ my keys will be given a candy.
a. find b. finds c. are finding d. found
35. The Browns _____ here since 1950.
a. are living b. have lived c. have been living d. has been living
36. John, as well as I, _____ a student.
a. are b. were c. as d. has been
37. Not only John but his brothers _____ also in debt.
a. is b. have c. was d. were
38. The majority of the TOEFL tests _____ difficult.
a. are b. is c. be d. being
39. Local news _____ on TV every night at 5:30
a. were b. was c. is d. are
40. A number of sheep _____ died from a strange illness.
a. have b. has c. is d. are
41. The science classes at this _____ difficult.

- a. schools are b. school is c. school are d. school's is
42. One of the ____ from Italy.
a. student is b. students are c. student are d. student is
43. ____ to support the case against James?
a. Is there any proof b. Are there any proof
c. Is there any proofs d. Are there any proofs
44. You have to pay extra if you take too ____ with you.
a. much luggages b. many luggages c. much luggage d. may luggage
45. ____ in your lass have tickets for the lecture series?
a. Do any of the student b. Does any of the student
c. Do any of the students d. Does any of the students
46. Bob got fired. It's going to be difficult for him to find job.
a. other b. another c. the other d. the another
47. There ____ available in his area of specialization.
a. isn't a lot of job b. aren't a lot of jobs
c. isn't a lot of jobs d. aren't a lot of job
48. He made the soup by mixing ____ meat with some rice.
a. little b. few c. a little d. a few
49. Many of the ____ not expect to win.
a. participants in the race do b. participants in the races does
c. participants in the race does d. participant in the race does
50. The English ____ strong traditions.
a. has many b. have much c. have many d. has much
51. ____ moved to that city recently.
a. A number of Vietnamese have b. A number of Vietnamese has
c. The number of Vietnamese has d. The number of Vietnamese have
52. Each of the reference ____ available in the school library.
a. books on that list is b. books on that list are
c. books on that list is d. book on that list are
53. Several ____ sleeping under a tree.
a. of lions were b. lion was c. of the lions was d. lions were
54. Many of the ____ not used to day. They are remnants of the past.
a. railroad tracks around here are b. railroad's tracks around here is
c. railroad tracks around here is d. railroad's tracks around here are
55. As we walked through the jungle, the ____ unusually quiet.
a. monkeys were b. monkeys was c. monkies were d. monkies was
56. At the news conference, several reporters didn't get clear answer to ____ questions.
a. theirs b. their c. his and hers d. his and her
57. I have a ____ sister.
a. seven years old b. seven years old c. seven year old d. seven year olds
58. There ____ in the world today.
a. is any new computer company b. is many new computer companies
c. are many new computer companies d. are many new computer companies
59. Self-esteem is important. It's important for people to like ____
a. oneself b. yourself c. him/herself d. themselves
60. What ____ you used in picking a winner in the art contest?

- a. is the criteria b. are the criteria c. are the criterion d. are the riterions
61. Mathematics ____ very interesting to me.
a. are b. have been c. were d. is
62. Down ____ for three days
a. the rain poured b. did the rain pour c. poured the rain d. do the rain pour
63. Twenty dollars ____ the price.
a. are b. is c. being d. were
64. A number of graduates ____ scholarships from this department.
a. have received b. has received c. are received d. receives
65. Pollution together with water erosion ____ its toll on the building.
a. are taking b. is taking c. have taking d. have taken
66. Most of the rooms in the hotel ____ air-conditioning.
a. has b. having c. have d. are
67. A few ____ the test.
a. have failed b. has failed c. is failing d. failing
68. Under the tree ____ full of food.
a. a basket was b. was a basket c. are a basket d. were a basket
69. Both viruses and genes ____ made from nucleoproteins.
a. are b. is c. were d. has been
70. Coffee contains caffeine, and so ____
a. tea did b. does tea c. it does d. tea does
71. Mary, accompanied by her brother on the piano, ____ very well received at the talent show yesterday.
a. was b. were c. have been d. has been
72. The smallest flying dinosaurs ____ about the size of a robin.
a. was b. are c. have d. been
73. My new pair of pants ____ at the cleaners.
a. is b. are c. be d. have been
74. Out ____ the bird from its tiny cage.
a. did the bird fly b. fly the bird c. did the bird fly d. flew the bird
75. The police ____ on the alert for the escaped convict.
a. are b. be c. can d. been
76. I'm happy that everything ____ in its place.
a. are b. been c. is d. have
77. One of my best friends ____ five credit cards.
a. have b. has c. does d. do
78. ____ an emergency arise, call 911.
a. Can b. Does c. Should d. Will
79. There ____ never been an environmental disaster of this magnitude.
a. has b. have c. are d. is
80. The news ____ quite alarming.
a. are b. have c. was d. were