

Unit - 3

SUBJECT VERB AGREEMENT

A.1.

Subject	Verb
1. students	are arriving
2. study	needs
3. I	agree
they	are going
4. supervisor	is coming
5. manager	called
6. he	is going
7. news	is
8. his policy	is
politics	is
9. people	should not join
10. you	are
11. pick-up bus	arrives
	presume

A.3.

Countable Singular	Countable Plural	Uncountable
Centre	Students	Politics
Study	Arrangements	News
Location, Campus	Days	Honesty
Constellation	People	Luggage
Team, Supervisor		Study
Manager,		Policy
Committee		
Policy, Game		
Pick-up Bus		
Railway Station		

A.4	Feet (cp) tooth (cs) goose (cs)	Person (cs) coffee (uc) gentlemen (cp)	News (uc) knife (cs) oil (uc)	Oxen (cp) boxes (cp) furniture (uc)
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A.5	Clue E=mc ² 1+1=2	Subject Physics Mathematics
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Subjects – Dramatics, Economics, Statistics, Electronics

Diseases – diabetes, rabies, mumps, tuberculosis, measles, rickets

Games/Sports – cards, darts, athletics, skittles, billiards, tennis, aerobics, gymnastic

A singular verb is used with these nouns.

A.6 **Has, is, has, is, is**

A 7 Questions

Answers

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| 1) What are shears used for? | 1) They are used for trimming the edges. |
| 2) Have you got the binoculars? | 2) No, I have lost them. |
| 3) What are pliers made of? | 3) They are made of iron and plastic |
| 4) How much do these trousers cost? | 4) They cost Rs 500. |
| 5) Are your socks torn? | 5) Yes, they are. |
| 6) What are tongs used for? | 6) They are used for grasping and lifting objects. |
| 7) Are your goggles branded? | 7) My goggles are not branded. |
| 8) Which slacks are not allowed in school? | 8) Black slacks are not allowed in school. |
| 9) What are scissors used for? | 9) They are used for cutting cloth. |
| 10) Can you lend me your compasses? | 10) No, they are with my friend, Ashok. |

All the nouns in the above sentences take the plural verb.

B.1 It is a classroom activity.

Eg **Questions like** – Has the government decided on the age of retirement?

Are the staff agreeable to working on Saturdays?

Answers --The government has decided on the retirement age as 60.

The staff are divided on their decision to work on Saturdays

Q. Has the media covered the incident truthfully?

Ans. The media has covered the incident with great honesty and rare truthfulness.

B.2. **Correct form of verb**

1. were
2. has
3. was
4. is
5. seems
6. is
7. are
8. were
9. is
10. was

B.3. The United States of America _____ is

500 rupees _____ is

a number of people _____ are

The Arabian Nights _____ is

A couple of friends _____ are

half of us _____ are

The majority of the members of the committee _____ are

A gang of robbers _____ is

A herd of cattle _____ is

B.4 1) The boy is

2) The book is

3) The furniture is

4) The team has been

5) A visit provides

C. 1) One of my friends has gone to Canada.

2) Each one of the managers has applied.....

3) Neither of the boxers was able.....

Statement: singular verb

4) Tobacco and alcohol are injurious to health.

5) He and I were at Patna University together.

6) Oil and water do not mix.

Statement: plural verb

7) Age and experience brings wisdom to man.

8) Slow and steady wins the race.

9) Bread and butter is what the poor want.

Statement: singular verb

10) My uncle and guardian want me.....

11) The Collector and District Magistrate are away.

12) The notable patriot and orator is no more.

13) The industrialist and the politician have been.....

Statement: singular verb, plural form.

14) Neither Raju nor Sheela has.....

15) No scholarship or reward was given.....

16) Either China or Malaysia has the chance.....

Statement: singular verb

17) Neither he nor I have any objection.....

18) Either you or Rashmi has to own.....

Statement: near it.