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Multiple-choice questions (MCQs) on the usage of was and were

Choose the most appropriate option for each question.

1. The team ____ happy with their performance.

- a. was
- b. were
- c. is
- d. am

Ans: a. was

Explanation: "Team" is a collective noun, and in this case, it is treated as a singular entity. Therefore, the correct verb form is "was."

2. Yesterday, there ____ many people at the event.

- a. was
- b. were
- c. is
- d. am

Ans: b. were

Explanation: "People" is a plural noun, so the correct verb form is "were."

3. The books on the shelf ____ neatly arranged.

- a. was
- b. were
- c. is
- d. am

Ans: b. were

Explanation: "Books" is a plural noun, so the correct verb form is "were."

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4. My friends _____ excited about the upcoming trip.

- a. was
- b. is
- c. am
- d. were

Ans: d. were

Explanation: "Friends" is a plural noun, so the correct verb form is "were."

5. The children _____ playing in the park when it started raining.

- a. was
- b. were
- c. is
- d. am

Ans: b. were

Explanation: "Children" is a plural noun, so the correct verb form is "were."

6. Identify the appropriate verb form: The old house _____ haunted by ghosts.

- a. was
- b. were
- c. is
- d. am

Ans: a. was

Explanation: "House" is a singular noun, so the correct verb form is "was."



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7. Complete the sentence with the correct verb: Last night, there ____ a beautiful sunset.

- a. was
- b. were
- c. is
- d. am

Ans: a. was

Explanation: "There" is an expletive used to introduce a statement, and it does not affect the verb agreement. The subject here is "a beautiful sunset," which is singular, so the correct verb form is "was."

8. Choose the right verb form for the sentence: The team members ____ excited about the upcoming competition.

- a. was
- b. were
- c. is
- d. am

Ans: b. were

Explanation: "Members" is a plural noun, so the correct verb form is "were."

9. Select the correct verb: There ____ only a few people at the meeting.

- a. was
- b. were
- c. is
- d. am

Ans: b. were

Explanation: "There" is an expletive, and the actual subject is "a few people," which is plural, so the correct verb form is "were."



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10. Complete the sentence with the right verb: The computer and the printer ____ not working yesterday.

- a. am
- b. were
- c. is
- d. were

Ans: d. were

Explanation: "Computer and printer" are two separate entities, making the subject plural. Therefore, the correct verb form is "were."

11. Identify the correct form of the verb: The cat and the dog ____ playing together in the garden.

- a. was
- b. were
- c. is
- d. am

Ans: b. were

Explanation: "Cat and dog" are two separate entities, making the subject plural. Therefore, the correct verb form is "were."



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12. Choose the appropriate verb form: The cake and the cookies ____ delicious.

- a. was
- b. were
- c. is
- d. am

Ans: b. were

Explanation: "Cake and cookies" are two separate entities, making the subject plural. Therefore, the correct verb form is "were."

13. Identify the correct sentence:

- a. There were many apples on the tree.
- b. There was many apples on the tree.
- c. The group of friends was playing in the park.
- d. The group of friends is playing in the park.

Ans: a. There were many apples on the tree.

14. Identify the correct sentence with the usage of "was":

- a. The book on the shelf were mine.
- b. The book on the shelf was mine.
- c. The books on the shelf was mine.
- d. The books on the shelf were mine.

Ans: b. The book on the shelf was mine.



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15. Identify the correct sentence with the usage of "were":

- The students was studying for their exams.
- The student were studying for their exams.
- The student was studying for their exams.
- The students were studying for their exams.

Ans: d. The students were studying for their exams.

16. Identify the correct sentence with the usage of "was":

- She were the first person to arrive at the party.
- She was the first person to arrive at the party.
- The flowers was beautiful in the garden.
- The flowers is beautiful in the garden.

Ans: b. She was the first person to arrive at the party.

17. Identify the correct sentence with the usage of "was":

- The cat were sleeping on the windowsill.
- The cats was sleeping on the windowsill.
- The cat was sleeping on the windowsill.
- The cat are sleeping on the windowsill.

Ans: c. The cat was sleeping on the windowsill.

18. The students _____ excited about the upcoming field trip.

- was
- were
- is
- am

Ans: b. were

Explanation: "Students" is a plural noun, so the correct verb form is "were" to agree with the plural subject.



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19. Last summer, we _____ on a road trip across the country.

- a. was
- b. were
- c. is
- d. am

Ans: b. were

Explanation: "We" is a plural pronoun, so the correct past tense verb is "were" to maintain subject-verb agreement.

20. The new furniture in the living room _____ delivered yesterday.

- a. was
- b. were
- c. is
- d. am

Ans: a. was

Explanation: "Furniture" is a singular noun, so the correct verb form is "was" to agree with the singular subject.

21. Last night, the weather _____ perfect for a picnic.

- a. was
- b. were
- c. is
- d. was being

Ans: a. was

Explanation: "Weather" is a singular noun, so the correct verb form is "was."



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22. Which verb agrees with the subject "They" in the past tense?

- a. was
- b. were
- c. is
- d. was being

Ans: b. were

Explanation: "They" is a plural pronoun, and in the past tense, the correct verb form is "were."

23. The magazines _____ neatly arranged by the librarian.

- a. was
- b. were
- c. is
- d. was being

Ans: b. were

Explanation: "Magazines" is a plural noun, so the correct verb form is "were."

24. The new employees _____ introduced to the company's policies during the orientation.

- a. was
- b. were
- c. is
- d. was being

Ans: b. were

Explanation: "Employees" is a plural noun, so the correct verb form is "were."



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25. The concert tickets, as well as the backstage passes, _____ misplaced.

- a. was
- b. were
- c. is
- d. was being

Ans: b. were

Explanation: When the subject consists of multiple items joined by "as well as," the verb should agree with the closer part of the subject. In this case, "passes" is plural, so the correct verb form is "were."

26. Which of the following sentences uses "was" correctly?

- a. She were at the party last night.
- b. He was playing basketball when the phone rang.
- c. We was planning to go on a trip.
- d. She were playing with her friends.

Ans: b. He was playing basketball when the phone rang.

27. Identify the sentence with the incorrect use of "were":

- a. We were having dinner when the power went out.
- b. She was excited about the upcoming trip.
- c. The dogs were barking loudly in the neighborhood.
- d. They was excited about their wedding.

Ans: d. They was excited about their wedding.