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Subject-Verb Agreement Practice

Instructions: Read each sentence carefully. Choose the correct verb form that agrees with the subject. For fill-in-the-blank items, write the correct verb. For short-answer and essay items, respond in complete sentences as directed. Write your answers on the lines provided.

1. **(Fill in the Blank)** The group of students _____ (is / are) meeting in the library after school.

2. **(Fill in the Blank)** Neither the teacher nor the students _____ (was / were) aware of the schedule change.

3. **(Short Answer)** Identify the subject in the following sentence and explain why the verb is singular or plural: "The collection of rare stamps sits in a locked cabinet."

4. **(Fill in the Blank)** Each of the contestants _____ (has / have) prepared a short speech.

5. **(Fill in the Blank)** Mathematics _____ (is / are) my favorite subject.

6. **(Short Answer)** Correct the verb error in this sentence and explain your reasoning: “The committee have decided to postpone the vote.”

7. **(Fill in the Blank)** Either the cat or the dogs _____ (is / are) responsible for the mess in the kitchen.

8. **(Fill in the Blank)** Here _____ (comes / come) the results of the experiment.

9. **(Essay / Long Response)** Write two to three sentences explaining the rule for subject-verb agreement when the subject is an indefinite pronoun such as “everyone” or “someone.” Provide an example sentence that correctly follows the rule.

10. **(Fill in the Blank)** The news about the storm _____ (was / were) surprising to everyone.

Answer Key

1. **is** — The subject is “group” (singular), so the verb must be singular.
2. **were** — When subjects are joined by “neither...nor,” the verb agrees with the subject closer to it. Here, “students” is plural, so the verb is plural.
3. The subject is “collection” (singular). The verb “sits” is singular because it agrees with the singular subject “collection,” not with the plural object of the preposition “stamps.”
4. **has** — The subject “each” is singular, so the verb must be singular.
5. **is** — The word “mathematics” is treated as a singular subject, even though it ends in “-s.”
6. The correct verb should be “has decided” (singular) because the subject “committee” is a collective noun acting as a single unit. Correction: “The committee has decided to postpone the vote.”
7. **are** — With “either...or,” the verb agrees with the subject closer to it. Here, “dogs” is plural, so the verb is plural.
8. **come** — The subject “results” is plural, so the verb must be plural. In sentences beginning with “here” or “there,” the subject follows the verb.
9. Indefinite pronouns like “everyone,” “someone,” “anyone,” and “no one” are always singular and require singular verbs. For example: “Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.” Even though the pronoun refers to many people, the verb remains singular.
10. **was** — The word “news” is uncountable and treated as singular, so the verb must be singular.