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## SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT



A. In each sentence, underline the most suitable answer from the bracket. [15 marks]

1. The three brothers ( have , has ) been arrested by the police.
2. This book ( describe , describes ) ways to make a model airplane.
3. Private investigators often ( use , uses ) computers to help solve their cases.
4. The basketballers and their coach ( is , are ) tired after the training.
5. The workers ( has , have ) taken the keys to the front door.
6. Earthquakes ( is , are ) common in certain parts of Indonesia.
7. Grasshoppers ( have infested , has infested ) some plantations in China.
8. The malaria plague ( has killed , have killed ) many people in many parts of the world.
9. A teacher's job ( is , are ) not easy. It needs dedication, patience and commitment.
10. Some bird-watchers ( was accused , were accused ) of shooting baby birds in their nests.



B. Complete the sentences below, making sure the subject agrees with the verb. Remember to use only PRESENT TENSE. [5 marks]

1. \_\_\_\_\_ come out of the bank.
2. Laila and her classmates \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The manager and his assistant \_\_\_\_\_.
4. My teacher \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Chocolate cake and vanilla ice-cream \_\_\_\_\_.



C. In the following groups of sentences, one of the sentences is incorrect where the verb does not agree with the subject. **Circle** the letter of the incorrect sentence, **underline** the wrong verb and then **write** the correct verb in the bracket provided. [10 marks]

1. a. The children's books is scattered all over the living room. [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]  
 b. My dad misses the bus and arrives late to work. [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]  
 c. Jane and Sara complete the project on their own. [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]
2. a. The book authors meet once a year in New York. [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]  
 b. The nurses and doctors on duty attends to the accident victims. [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]  
 c. James' brothers graduate this year. [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]
3. a. This Math activity require many players. [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]  
 b. The discipline mistress punishes all the late comers. [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]  
 c. The schools in this area are all private schools. [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]
4. a. Shooting the basketball from 5 meters away is not easy. [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]  
 b. The team's coaches wear red T-shirts and blue pants. [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]  
 c. The puppies topples the glass of water. [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]
5. a. James and his band members travel out of town once a month. [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]  
 b. Isn't the view awesome from this side of the chalet? [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]  
 c. Don't the boy know that it is wrong to hack into people's account? [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]



D. Complete the sentence by writing the present tense form of the verb that agrees with the subject. [5 marks]

1. Sky-diving (be) \_\_\_\_\_ a dangerous yet thrilling sport.
2. My brother (fetch) \_\_\_\_\_ me from my night class.
3. The teachers and students from this school (wear) \_\_\_\_\_ nice uniforms.
4. She (have) \_\_\_\_\_ never visited Japan before.
5. Car accidents (happen) \_\_\_\_\_ mainly due to careless drivers.

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## ANSWERS

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B. Complete the sentences below, making sure the subject agrees with the verb. Remember to use only PRESENT TENSE. [5 marks]

Accept any logical answers.

1. The customers quietly come out of the bank.
27. Laila and her classmates are going jungle trekking next week.
28. The manager and his assistant take the important documents away.
29. My teacher tells me that if I failed my Grammar test again, she would confiscate my mobile phone.
30. Chocolate cake and vanilla ice-cream are my favorite desert.

(Not complementary items)



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D. On the line following each sentence, write the present tense form of the verb that agrees with the subject. [5 marks]

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