



Spotting Errors



for

NDA/CDS/AFCAT

Directions: Each item in this section has a sentence with three parts labelled as (a)/, (b)/ and (c)/. Read each sentence to find out whether there is any error in any part and indicate your response on the Answer Sheet against the corresponding letter, i.e., (a)/ or (b)/ or (c)/. If you find no error, your response should be indicated as (d).

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THE TUTORS ACADEMY

Question 1

The teacher, along with the students, **(a)/** were planning **(b)/** a surprise for the principal's birthday **(c)/**. No error **(d)**.

Question 2

Neither the manager nor the employees **(a)/** was aware **(b)/** of the changes in the policy **(c)/**. No error **(d)**.

Question 3

The committee are **(a)**/ divided in their opinions about **(b)**/ the proposed reforms **(c)**/. No error **(d)**.

Question 4

She has lived here **(a)**/ since five years **(b)**/ and knows everyone in the neighborhood **(c)**/. No error **(d)**.

Question 5

The news that he was quitting **(a)/** his job were **(b)/** surprising to everyone **(c)/**. No error **(d)**.

Question 6

Hardly had the train left **(a)/** the station when **(b)/** it started raining heavily **(c)/**. No error **(d)**.

Question 7

The number of students **(a)**/ in the class are **(b)**/ increasing every year **(c)**/.
No error **(d)**.

Question 8

If I was **(a)**/ the Prime Minister, I would focus **(b)**/ on education reforms **(c)**/.
No error **(d)**.

Question 9

Everyone of the students **(a)**/ have submitted **(b)**/ their assignments on time **(c)**/. No error **(d)**.

Question 10

No sooner the movie started **(a)**/ than the crowd began **(b)**/ to cheer loudly **(c)**/. No error **(d)**.

Question 11

One of my friends **(a)/** have gone to **(b)/** the United States for higher studies **(c)/**. No error **(d)**.

Question 12

Neither of the two candidates **(a)/** were suitable for **(b)/** the managerial position **(c)/**. No error **(d)**.

Question 13

The furniture in the room **(a)/** are very old and **(b)/** need to be replaced soon **(c)/**. No error **(d)**.

Question 14

The man, along with his dogs, **(a)/** have gone for a walk **(b)/** in the park **(c)/**. No error **(d)**.

Question 15

He is one of those players **(a)**/ who has always performed **(b)**/ consistently under pressure **(c)**/. No error **(d)**.

ANSWER WITH EXPLANATION

1. *(b) were planning*

Correction: *was planning*

Explanation: The subject *teacher* is singular, and the phrase *along with the students* is additional information. The verb must agree with the singular subject.

2. *(b) was aware*

Correction: *were aware*

Explanation: When subjects are connected by *neither...nor*, the verb agrees with the nearest subject. Here, *employees* is plural, so the verb should be *were*.

3. (a) *are*

Correction: *is*

Explanation: *Committee* is a collective noun and is treated as singular when it acts as a single entity.

4. (b) *since five years*

Correction: *for five years*

Explanation: *Since* is used to refer to a specific point in time, while *for* is used for a duration.

5. (b) were

Correction: was

Explanation: The subject *news* is singular and requires a singular verb.

6. (d) No error

Explanation: The sentence is correct. The construction *hardly...when* is grammatically accurate.

7. (b) are

Correction: *is*

Explanation: *The number is treated as singular and requires a singular verb.*

8. (a) was

Correction: *were*

Explanation: *In conditional sentences that express hypothetical situations, *were* is used instead of *was*.*

9. (b) *have submitted*

Correction: *has submitted*

Explanation: *Everyone* is singular and takes a singular verb.

10. (a) *No sooner the movie started*

Correction: *No sooner had the movie started*

Explanation: The correct structure is *No sooner had...than*.

11. (b) *have gone*

Correction: *has gone*

Explanation: The subject *one of my friends* is singular and requires a singular verb.

12. (b) *were suitable*

Correction: *was suitable*

Explanation: *Neither* is singular and requires a singular verb.

13. (b) are very old

Correction: *is very old*

Explanation: *Furniture* is an uncountable noun and is always treated as singular.

14. (b) have gone

Correction: *has gone*

Explanation: The subject *man* is singular, and the verb must agree with it.

15. (b) who has always performed

Correction: *who have always performed*

Explanation: The relative pronoun *who* refers to *players*, which is plural. Therefore, the verb should be *have*.