

# 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).



DAY 7





#### **Question 1**

The teacher, along with her students, (a) / were busy preparing for the (b) / upcoming annual cultural event. (c) / No error (d).

#### **Question 2**

Neither the manager nor the employees (a) / is willing to take (b) / responsibility for the error. (c) / No error (d).



#### **Question 3**

The new project, though ambitious, (a) / demand extensive resources and (b) / unwavering commitment from the team. (c) / No error (d).

#### **Question 4**

Each of the candidates (a) / have submitted their (b) / application forms well in time. (c) / No error (d).



#### **Question 5**

Despite of his repeated assurances, (a) / the contractor failed to complete (b) / the work on time. (c) / No error (d).

#### **Question 6**

The number of participants (a) / in the conference (b) / were overwhelming. (c) / No error (d).



#### **Question 7**

The jury was divided (a) / in their opinion, and (b) / the verdict was delayed. (c) / No error (d).

#### **Question 8**

Many a politician (a) / have lost credibility (b) / due to corruption scandals. (c) / No error (d).



#### **Question 9**

The researcher, as well as the assistants, (a) / were congratulated for their (b) / groundbreaking discovery. (c) / No error (d).

#### **Question 10**

It is high time (a) / that the government takes action (b) / against rising inflation. (c) / No error (d).



#### **Question 11**

The principal and the teacher (a) / is attending the seminar (b) / on innovative teaching methods. (c) / No error (d).

#### **Question 12**

He did not only apologize (a) / but also compensated (b) / for the damages caused. (c) / No error (d).



#### **Question 13**

The committee has decided (a) / to postpone the event (b) / until further orders will be issued. (c) / No error (d).

#### **Question 14**

Every man, woman, and child (a) / deserve equal opportunities (b) / to succeed in life. (c) / No error (d).



#### **Question 15**

No sooner had the train arrived (a) / at the platform, the passengers (b) / started boarding. (c) / No error (d).



# ANSWER WITH EXPLANATION



**1. Answer:** (b)

Explanation: The phrase "The teacher, along with her students," is a singular subject because "along with" does not alter the number of the subject. It should be "was busy" instead of "were busy."

**2. Answer:** (b)

**Explanation:** When subjects are joined by "neither...nor," the verb agrees with the subject closest to it. Here, "employees" is plural, so it should be "are willing."

**3. Answer:** (b)

**Explanation:** The subject "project" is singular, so the verb should be "demands," not "demand."



4. **Answer**: (b)

Explanation: "Each" is singular, so the correct verb is "has."

Additionally, "their" should be replaced with "his or her" to maintain agreement.

**5. Answer:** (a)

**Explanation:** The phrase "Despite of" is incorrect. It should be "Despite his repeated assurances."

**6. Answer:** (c)

**Explanation:** "The number" is treated as singular, so the verb should be "was overwhelming."



**7. Answer:** (b)

**Explanation:** "Jury" is a collective noun. If the members act individually, "their" is correct, but it is better phrased as "was divided in its opinions."

**8. Answer:** (b)

**Explanation:** "Many a" takes a singular verb. It should be "has lost credibility."

**9. Answer:** (a)

**Explanation:** "As well as" does not make the subject plural. The correct phrase is "was congratulated."



**10. Answer:** (b)

**Explanation:** "It is high time" is followed by the past tense. The correct phrase is "took action."

**11. Answer:** (b)

Explanation: When two singular nouns are joined by "and" and refer to different entities, the verb is plural. It should be "are attending."

**12. Answer:** (a)

**Explanation:** The correct phrase is "not only did he apologize."



**13. Answer:** (c)

**Explanation:** The phrase "until further orders will be issued" is incorrect. It should be "until further orders are issued."

**14. Answer:** (b)

**Explanation:** "Every" takes a singular verb. The correct verb is "deserves."

**15. Answer:** (b)

**Explanation:** "No sooner" is followed by "than," so the correct phrase is "than the passengers."