



ACTIVITY SHEET

EPISODE 26: URBAN ARCHAEOLOGY

ACTIVITY 1

Choose the correct verb to agree with its subject and complete the sentence.

1. There _____ several students absent from class today.
 - a. is
 - b. are
 - c. was

2. Neither _____ eligible to apply for the job.
 - a. were
 - b. are
 - c. is

3. The study found that the hypotheses _____ incorrect.
 - a. are
 - b. was
 - c. were

4. Neither the football nor the tennis matches _____ interesting.
 - a. were
 - b. was
 - c. is

5. The kookaburra is an Australian bird which _____ on snakes.
 - a. are preying
 - b. preys
 - c. prey

6. The Olympic swimming team _____ elected a fortnight ago.
 - a. had
 - b. was
 - c. were

7. None of the questions _____ to the exam.
 - a. relate
 - b. relates
 - c. are relating



8. Knowing a subject well _____ a lot of study.
- a. require
 - b. are requiring
 - c. requires
9. The percentage of male nurses entering the profession _____ increased.
- a. are
 - b. has
 - c. have
10. Newspapers and magazines _____ students with a good source of reading material.
- a. provide
 - b. provides
 - c. is providing

ACTIVITY 2

Choose the subject that agrees with the verb to complete the following sentences. There may be some sentences where two choices are correct.

1. _____ have voted for approval.
- a. Australia, as well as China,
 - b. The Australian companies
 - c. The Australian
2. _____ were reduced during the takeover.
- a. None of the company's profits
 - b. None of the company's wealth
 - c. None of the company's income
3. _____ are grown in Indonesia.
- a. Many varieties of tea
 - b. Many varieties of spring flowers
 - c. Many variety of vegetable
4. _____ is accurate in assessing the problem.
- a. Either the scientists or the astronomer
 - b. Either the scientist or the astronomers
 - c. Either the scientists or a astronomer
5. _____ speak Mandarin fluently.
- a. Everybody
 - b. Both
 - c. Someone



6. _____ is required for enrolment.
- A passport or offer letter
 - A passport
 - The passports
7. There are _____
- several students who failed the test.
 - a foreign student who failed the test.
 - some student who failed the test.
8. _____ were quite serious.
- The problems that the student faced
 - The problem that the students faced
 - A problem that a student faced
9. _____ is too much for that book.
- Twenty-five dollars
 - One dollar
 - Five dollar
10. _____ works for the *Time* magazine.
- The journalist who wants to interview the directors
 - The journalists who want to interview the director
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ACTIVITY 3

Decide how the final 's' in the 3rd person singular (simple present tense) or the plural noun is pronounced in the following sentences.

- He starts his day by listening to the radio every morning.
 - /lz/
 - /s/ starts
 - /z/
- A special seminar will be scheduled for all the vegetarians in the group.
 - /lz/
 - /s/
 - /z/ vegetarians
- South America's greatest river, the Amazon, flows into the Atlantic Ocean.
 - /lz/
 - /s/



- c. /z/ flows
4. The full-time IELTS preparation course finishes at the end of the month.
- a. /lz/ finishes
 - b. /s/
 - c. /z/
5. The jazz group will be holding a number of free concerts in the park.
- a. /lz/
 - b. /s/ concerts
 - c. /z/
6. The houses in that village were built in the last century.
- a. /lz/ houses
 - b. /s/
 - c. /z/
7. The nearest school is ten kilometres from here.
- a. /lz/
 - b. /s/
 - c. /z/ kilometres
8. Because Mary speaks Mandarin well, she was able to assist the judge.
- a. /lz/
 - b. /s/ speaks
 - c. /z/
9. Buses will be transporting the team to the stadium for their football match.
- a. /lz/ buses
 - b. /s/
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10. The plane leaves for Jakarta early in the morning.
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(both are acceptable – see rule 12)
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