

**CAPSTONE**

## English Lecture#04

# পেট্রোবাংলা স্পেশাল কোর্স



### Topic: Grammar

- Subject-Verb Agreement
- Subjunctive

**Name:**

**Batch:**

Panthapath : 01972-277866

Mirpur : 01970-985421

Mouchak : 01999-017011

Chittangong : 01970-985420

### Class Test on Lecture Sheet 3

Time: 10 minutes

Obtained Mark:

Total Marks: 10

- Susan's term paper was (A) definitely the most thorough (B) researched work she had done (C) all year, but she was still worried that the teacher wouldn't like it (D). No error (E).
- Find out the correct form- [NSI (Field Officer) 2021]  
A. I got the work done by him. B. I got the work doing by him  
C. I got the work been done by him D. I got the work was doing by him
- While the trick may (A) look effortlessly (B), the actual execution of (C) a perfect double back handspring is quite tricky (D) to achieve successfully. No error (E).
- He bought a three \_\_\_\_\_ suit. [BSEC (AD) 2021]  
A. hundred-dollars B. hundreds-dollar C. hundred-dollar D. hundreds-dollars
- Although he is liable to make political enemies with the decision, the President will propose severe tax cuts that may both stimulate business and reduce the availability of home loans.  
A. liable to B. liable from C. able to  
D. of a mind to E. acknowledging his ability to
- Sarah, Kamal, and Hamid competed against one another (A) in the four hundred meter hurdle event, and (B) they both (C) scored similarly (D). No error (E).
- Pick appropriate word and complete the sentence: 'Taking the time to eat a good breakfast is simply a way to make the morning \_\_\_\_\_ and the day \_\_\_\_\_.' [Combined 9 Bank (SO)-2023]  
A. Better, Easier B. Best, Easiest C. Ease, Easier D. Easy, Easier
- Why do you look at me like I am so much lesser intelligently than you are?  
A. much lesser in intelligent B. lessly intelligently C. much lessly intelligently  
D. much less intelligent E. much fewer intelligent
- Choose the correct sentence: [বেবিচক (এরাড্রাম কর্মকর্তা)-২০২৩]  
A. I have many works to do. B. I have many work to do.  
C. I have a lot of work to do. D. I have great deal works to do.
- Especially in the early years, new entrepreneurs may need to find resourceful ways, like renting temporary office space or using answering services, that make their company seem large and more firmly established than they may actually be.  
A. that make their company seem large B. to make their companies seem larger  
C. thus making their companies seem larger D. so that the companies seem larger  
E. of making their company seem large

## Subject-Verb Agreement

Every sentence must have a subject and a verb. The subject is the noun that performs the action expressed by the verb: The **dog** with the gray ears **runs** out of the house.

অধিকাংশ Competitive exam-এ subject-verb agreement থেকে প্রশ্ন আসে। তাই, এ বিষয় থেকে পরীক্ষায় আসা বিভিন্ন প্রশ্নগুলো problem solving method-এ করার সময় শিক্ষার্থীরা মূলত যে ধরনের সমস্যায় পড়ে তা হলো-

- ✓ Subject placement pitfalls (subject কোনটি)?
  - ✓ Singular-plural pitfalls (subটি singular/ plural)?
- তাই, subject-verb agreement নিয়ে কিছু rules দেখানো হল-

### Rule-1: Subject and Verb Must Exist

If a sentence is missing the subject or the verb, the sentence is a **Fragment**: in other words, it is not a complete sentence!

**Wrong** : His knowledge of languages and international relations aid him in his work.

**Right** : **His knowledge** of languages and international relations **aids** him in his work.

### Rule-2: Subject and verb must make sense together

**Wrong** : The development of a hydrogen car based on expected performance parameters will be able to travel hundreds of miles without refueling.

**Right** : Once developed, a hydrogen **car** based on expected performance parameters **will be** able to travel hundreds of miles without refueling.

### Rule-3: Subject and verb Must Agree in number

The discovery of new medicines (was/were) vital to the Company's growth.

## Skill Builder 01

1. Since the shipment of supplies for our experiments were delayed, we will have to reschedule our work.
2. The zoning improvement plan, better known as zip codes, enable postal clerks to speed the routing of an ever-increasing volume of mail.
3. One can only live without water for about ten days because almost 60 percent of their body is water.
4. Groups of tissue, each with its own function, \_\_\_\_\_ in the human body.  
A. it makes up the organs                      C. they make up the organs                      E. None of these  
B. make up the organs                      D. makes up the organs
5. Afiq is a proactive police officer, so although (A) the local rebellious teenagers are annoyed (B) by his strict nature (C), the overall safety of the town have improved (D) drastically since he was hired. No error (E).

### Rule-4: Eliminate the Middlemen

**Prepositional phrases:** of mice; for milk; by 1800; with her; at that level; to the store

Prepositions are followed by nouns or pronouns, which complete the phrase. Prepositional phrases modify or describe other parts of the sentence. Thus, you can generally eliminate them to find the subject.

**Wrong** : In the warring days of the emperor's life, the conquest of new lands on the borders of the empire were considered vital.

**Right** : ~~In the warring days of the emperor's life, the conquest of new lands on the borders of the empire was considered vital.~~

### Subordinate clause:

When the auditors left, the executive who had been interviewed was/were glad.

~~When the auditors left, the executive who had been interviewed was glad.~~

### Rule-5: And vs. Additive phrases

The word 'and' can unite two or more singular subject, forming a compound plural subject.

Joe and his friends are going to the beach.

Mathematics, history, and science are mandatory high- school subjects.

Many other words and phrases besides and can 'add' to a subject. These words and phrases are called **Additive Phrases**. Examples include the following:

Along with Jony	in addition to surgery	as well as the mayor
Accompanied by me	together with a tie	including Salt and pepper

Unlike and, additive phrases do not form compound subjects. Rather, additive phrases function as modifiers and therefore cannot change the number of the subject.

Tahsan, as well as his friends, is going to the beach.

Mathematics, in addition to history and science, is a required subject.

If one **subject** is singular and one plural and the words are connected by the words **or**, **nor**, **neither...nor**, **either...or**, and **not only...but also**, you use the verb form of the subject that is nearest the verb.

**Right:** Neither the coach nor the players are going to the beach.

**Right:** Neither the players nor the coach is going to the beach.

### Skill Builder 02

**Directions: Write a "C" on the line if the sentence is correct. If there is an error in the sentences, write the correct answer.**

1. The facilities at the new research library, including an excellent microfilm file, is a among the best in the country.
2. Mary, accompanied by her brother, were very well received at talent show.
3. The Professor, with his assistant and press secretary, are scheduled to arrive in Dhaka.
4. I have not seen my cousins, now a woman, for many years.
5. **Fame as well as fortune were his goals in life.**  
A. Fame as well as fortune were his goals  
B. Fame as well as fortune was his goals  
C. Fame and fortune were his goals  
D. Fame as well as fortune were his goal  
E. Fame also fortune were his goals

#### **Rule-6: Collective Nouns: Almost Always Singular**

A Collective noun is a noun that looks singular (it usually does not end with an-s) but can refer to a group of people or objects. Some examples include the following:

**People :** agency, army, audience, class, committee, crowd, orchestra, team

**Items :** baggage, equipment, fleet, fruit, furniture

**Right :** The crowd in the stands is cheering loudly as the home team takes the field.

**Right :** Our army of a hundred thousand soldiers is attacking the enemy.

#### **Rule-7: Indefinite pronouns: usually singular**

Anyone, anybody, anything	No one, nobody, nothing	Someone, somebody, something
Everyone, everybody, everything	Each, every (as pronouns)	Whatever, whoever, either, neither

**Right:** some of the money was stolen from my wallet. (money is singular)

**Right:** Some of the documents were stolen from the bank. (documents is plural)

**Right:** Any of these women is a suitable candidate for marriage to my son.

**Note that:** Not one is always singular: Not one of my friends is here this weekend.

**Wrong:** Each man and woman have to consider how to react to such an emergency.

**Right:** Each man and woman has to consider how to react to such an emergency.

#### **But,**

**Wrong:** The women each has to consider how to react to such an emergency.

**Right:** The women each have to consider how to react to such an emergency.

**Wrong:** Either of the students have made a mistake.

**Right:** Either of the students has made a mistake.

#### **Rule-8: Quantity Words and phrases**

The phrase the number of takes a singular verb, but A number of take a plural verb.

**Right:** The number of hardworking students in this class is quite large.

**Right:** A number of students in this class are hard workers.

"some," "half," "none," "more," or "all" are followed by a prepositional phrase. The object of the preposition determines the form of the verb.

**Right:** Half of the pie is blueberry.

**Right:** Half of the slices are already gone.

**Right:** A minority of the students are willing to pay more.

Word/Phrase	Noun Form	Verb Form	Example
a number of	plural noun	plural verb	a number of <u>students</u> (sub) <u>are</u> (v) present today.
the number of	plural noun	singular verb	the number of <u>students</u> (sub) in the class <u>is</u> (v) fifteen.
many	plural noun	plural verb	<u>a many</u> (sub) students <u>are</u> (v) present today.
many a	singular noun	singular verb	<u>many a</u> (sub) student <u>is</u> (v) absent today.
more than one	singular noun	singular verb	<u>more than one</u> (sub) student <u>is</u> (v) absent today.
more than two/ three	plural noun	plural verb	More than two students <u>are</u> (v) absent today. [কেননা, More than one-কে ধরা হয়; compound of one এবং এতে singular noun হিসেবে singular verb বসে।] More than two boys <u>were</u> (plural verb) present there.

### Rule 9: Subject phrases and clauses: Always singular

Sometimes the subject of a sentence is an –ing phrase or even a whole clause. This sort of subject is always singular and requires a singular verb form.

Having good friends is a wonderful thing.

Whatever they want to do is fine with me.

### Rule 10: Flip It!

In most English sentences the subject precedes the verb.

**Wrong:** Near those buildings sit a lonely house, inhabited by squatters.

Flip it! A lonely house, inhabited by squatters, sits near those buildings.

**Right:** Near those buildings sits a lonely house, inhabited by squatters.

**Wrong:** There is a young man and an older woman at the bus stop.

Flip it! A young man and an older woman are there at the bus stop.

**Right:** There are a young man and an older woman at the bus stop.

### Skill Builder: 03

**Directions:** Write a "C" on the line if the sentence is correct. If there is an error in the sentences, write the correct answer.

- There are several jobs available.
- Along the beach was several small boats that had been washed ashore.
- Neither my sisters nor my brother is ready to begin college.
- The lack of logic in his arguments never cease to surprise me.
- She was determined to study nuclear physics, which was the most difficult course offered at that school.
- Students who have difficulty with this subject should try to find someone who is willing to tutor them.
- Either her husband or her children is going to be upset no matter what decision she makes.
- Mrs. Farin is one of the women who is responsible for writing that.
- My uncle, as well as my father, are going to Canada on business.
- The only one of his friends who is upset with Shajib is Babu.

### Practice some questions:

- Despite their avowed opposition to the strike, no one from among the dozens of nonunion workers were willing to cross the picket line. [IBA MBA, 2004-2005]
  - from among the dozens of nonunion workers were willing
  - of the dozens of nonunion workers were willing
  - was willing from among the dozens of nonunion workers
  - from among the dozens of nonunion workers was willing
  - from the dozens of nonunion workers were willing

2. The reason **I came late to class today is because** the bus broke down. [IBA MBA 2004-05]  
 A. I came late to class today is because  
 B. why I came to class today is because  
 C. I was late to class today is because  
 D. that I was late to class today is because  
 E. I came late to class today is that
3. Neither Mr. Turjoy nor his friends **is invited to speak at the seminar.** [IBA MBA '04]  
 A. is invited to speak at the seminar  
 B. are invited to speak at the seminar  
 C. is speaking at the seminar  
 D. are speaking at the seminar  
 E. will speak at the seminar
4. **Whatever he aspired to achieve, they** were hindered by his jealous stepbrothers.  
 A. Whatever he aspired to achieve, they  
 B. Whatever he had any aspirations to, they  
 C. Whatever aspirations he had  
 D. Whatever be his aspiration, they  
 E. Many of his aspirations and goals
5. During all these forty one years' life of Bangladesh, no one expected the public media **was** fair. [IBA MBA July' 13]  
 A. was  
 B. to be  
 C. of being  
 D. should be  
 E. had to be
6. **Lately** (A), **many of** (B) the **committee's** (C) suggestions **has been** (D) rejected. **No error** (E). [IBA MBA July '16]
7. **Determination of** (A) the long term **effects** (B) of aerosols on the upper atmosphere **are** (C) currently one of the **most challenging** (D) problems in climate research. **No error** (E). [IBA MBA Dec' 11]
8. A pair of **supportive** (A) shoes **are** (B) important if **you** (C) **are experiencing** (D) lower back pain. **No error** (E).

### Subjunctive

The subjunctive is a special, relatively rare verb form that expresses something **desired** or **imagined**. We use the subjunctive when talking about events that somebody:

- **wants** to happen
- **anticipates** will happen

#### **In certain *that* clauses**

The base subjunctive is typically used in **that** clause after two structures:

#### **1. Verb or Noun + that**

- advise, ask, command, demand, desire, insist, order, prefer, propose, recommend, request, suggest
- command, demand, order, proposal, recommendation, request, suggestion

#### **2. Adjective + that**

- advisable, best, crucial, desirable, essential, imperative, important, necessary, unthinkable, urgent, vital

Look at these sentences which include examples of the above:

**Right:** He suggests that you be present at the meeting.

**Right:** The board recommended that he join the company.

**Right:** They made a suggestion that we be early.

**Right:** He boss insisted that Sam not be at the meeting.

**Right:** The president demanded that I be allowed to take part in the meeting.

**Right:** It is essential that the army advance rapidly.

**Right:** We have made a request that we *not be* disturbed.

#### **Notice above↑:**

- the position of *not* when creating negation
- that the main clause can be in any tense

### Skill Builder: 04

**Directions: Write a "C" on the line if the sentence is correct. If there is an error in the sentences, write the correct answer.**

1. I propose that we all are waiting in Ryan's apartment when he gets home.
2. The board of directors recommended that he be not dismissed.
3. It is important that a car be waiting when we arrive.
4. It is mandatory that you be standing there when he gets off the plane.
5. It was urgent that the tax rate needs to be cut down.

### More Practices:

1. The government requires **that these forms should be submitted** before the end of the financial year.  
A. that these forms should be submitted  
B. that these forms be submitted  
C. for these forms to be submitted  
D. these forms submission  
E. these forms should be submitted
2. It is likely for a dentist to ask that a patient **visits** him or her once a year.  
A. visits  
B. will visit  
C. would visit  
D. visit  
E. should visit

### Important MCQ

1. Choose the correct sentence. [NSI (Junior Field Officer) 2021]  
A. One should do his duties and responsibilities.  
B. One should do their duties and responsibilities.  
C. One should do ones duties and responsibilities.  
D. One should do one's duties and responsibilities
2. All the books have been sold. There \_\_\_\_\_ left. [বাংলাদেশ বেসামরিক বিমান চলাচল কর্তৃপক্ষ (এরোড্রোন কর্মকর্তা) ২০২১]  
A. are none  
B. is none  
C. none  
D. not any
3. 'Karim are well as Rahim \_\_\_\_\_ praise.' [প্রাথমিক সহকারী শিক্ষক-১১, ১৯]  
A. deserve  
B. deserves  
C. has deserved  
D. deserving
4. Which one of the following is an incorrect sentence? [PSC (Senior Instructor) 2021]  
A. I owed it to him to be honest.  
B. I know that he is an honest man.  
C. They know that he was honest.  
D. He know him to be honest.
5. The decoration of the new office block, including the furniture and curtain, \_\_\_\_\_. [জনতা ব্যাংক (AEO)-১৫]  
A. is more pleasing  
B. are more pleasing  
C. have most pleasing  
D. is the most pleasing
6. A basket of rotten oranges \_\_\_\_\_ thrown away. [প্রাথমিক শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তরের হিসাবরক্ষক-১৮]  
A. were  
B. was  
C. have been  
D. have
7. Choose the correct sentence.  
A. She has got very ling hairs.  
B. Give me some papers to write on.  
C. There were too many noises.  
D. The news has made us very happy.
8. Five miles \_\_\_\_\_ a long distance. [জনপ্রশাসন মন্ত্রণালয়ের প্রশাসনিক কর্মকর্তা-১৬]  
A. are  
B. were  
C. is  
D. none of these
9. A number of refugees \_\_\_\_\_ been turned back at the border. [বিসিআইসি (সহকারী রসায়নবিদ)-১৮]  
A. are  
B. has  
C. is  
D. have
10. The number of boys present in the function \_\_\_\_\_ satisfactory. [পররাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়ের প্রশাসনিক কর্মকর্তা-১৯]  
A. was  
B. have  
C. were  
D. have been
11. Two and two \_\_\_\_\_ four.  
[১১তম শিক্ষক নিবন্ধন-১৪, NSI অফিস সহকারী-১৭, পরিবেশ অধিদপ্তরের ফিল্ড ইনভেস্টিগেটর-০৬, স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তরে অফিস সহকারী-১৯]  
A. makes  
B. make  
C. made  
D. was

12. Choose the correct sentence. [বাংলাদেশ পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ডের সহকারী ইনফোর্সমেন্ট কো-অর্ডিনেটর-১৯]
- A. Cattle is grazing in the field. B. Cattle are grazing in the field.  
C. Cattles were grazing in the field. D. Cattles are grazing in the field.
13. A hundred taka \_\_\_\_\_ all that he wants. [বাংলাদেশ সিকিউরিটিজ অ্যান্ড এক্সচেঞ্জ কমিশন (ব্যক্তিগত কর্মকর্তা) ২০২১]
- A. was B. were C. is D. are
14. Hasan has read most of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Shakespeare. [42<sup>nd</sup> BCS-2021]
- A. poem B. play C. drama D. works
15. What kind of verb is the word 'went' in the sentences 'The dog went mad'?' [১৪তম প্রভাষক নিবন্ধন-১৭]
- A. Transitive B. Causative C. Copulative D. Factitive
16. Four and four \_\_\_\_\_ eight. [বিমান বাংলাদেশ এয়ারলাইন্স লিমিটেড (সহকারী ব্যবস্থাপক) ২০২১]
- A. makes B. made C. make D. are
17. A doctor may be able **to diagnose** (A) a problem **perfect** (B), but he may not be able to find a drug **to which** (C) the patient **will respond** (D). [32<sup>nd</sup> BCS]
18. Neither of the worker (A) was ready to work overtime (B), causing (C) the deadline to be missed (D). No error (E). [CGDF (Jr. Auditor) 2019]
19. Identify the correct sentence. [তথ্য ও যোগাযোগ প্রযুক্তি অধিদপ্তর (সহকারী প্রোগ্রামার) ২০২০]
- A. Someone is knocking in the door. B. They have gone for walk.  
C. My son does not like the vegetable. D. Discuss the matter in detail.
20. Choose the correct sentence. [উপজেলা শিক্ষা কর্মকর্তা-১৬]
- A. Either they or I are wrong. B. Either they or I is wrong.  
C. Either they or I am wrong. D. Either they or I were wrong.
21. The decoration of the new office block, including the furniture and curtains, \_\_\_\_\_. [উপজেলা শিক্ষা কর্মকর্তা-১৬]
- A. is more pleasing B. are more pleasing C. have most pleasing D. is the most pleasing
22. Choose the correct sentence.
- A. One of the boys are meeting me today. B. One of the boy will meet me today.  
C. One of the boy is meeting me today. D. One of the boys is meeting me today.
23. Identify the correct sentence- [খাদ্য অধিদপ্তর (সহকারী উপ-খাদ্য পরিদর্শক) ২০২১]
- A. The sceneries of Cox's Bazar are attractive. B. The sceneries of Cox's Bazar are attractive.  
C. The scenery of Cox's Bazar is attractive. D. The scenery of Cox's Bazar is attractive.
24. Which of the following sentence is correct? [দি সিকিউরিটি প্রিন্টিং কর্পোরেশন লি. (সহকারী ব্যবস্থাপক) ২০২১]
- A. No news are good news. B. No news is good news.  
C. No news were good news. D. No news have been good news.
25. Complete the following sentence: 'Had I known you were waiting outside, I \_\_\_\_\_.' [39<sup>th</sup> BCS]
- A. had invited you to come in B. would invite you to come in  
C. would be inviting you come in D. would have invited you to come in
26. Choose the correct sentence. [37<sup>th</sup> BCS]
- A. all of it depend on you B. all of it are depending on you  
C. all of it depends on you D. all of it are depended on you
27. This could have worked if I \_\_\_\_\_ been more cautious. [36<sup>th</sup> BCS]
- A. had B. have C. might D. would

28. I \_\_\_\_\_ working all afternoon and have just finished the assignment.  
A. have been                      B. had been                      C. shall be                      D. am
29. Mathematics (to be) my favourite subject. [খাদ্য অধিদপ্তর (উপ-খাদ্য পরিদর্শক) ২০২১]  
A. is                      B. are                      C. will be                      D. be
30. 'Don't worry, one of the robbers \_\_\_\_\_,' said a policeman to the gathering crowd. [সম্মিত ৫ ব্যাংক (ক্যাশ অফিসার) ২০২১]  
A. are being pursued                      B. have been pursuing                      C. is being pursued                      D. will be pursuing
31. Which of the sentence is correct? [বাংলাদেশ পরিসংখ্যান ব্যুরো (পরিসংখ্যান সহকারী) ২০২১]  
A. I had better not be late.                      B. I had better not to be late.  
C. I had not better he late.                      D. I had better being late.
32. \_\_\_\_\_ we truly understand others can we show sympathy towards them.  
A. Only if                      B. Unless                      C. Even if                      D. But for
33. I wish you \_\_\_\_\_ me from the station to inform me that you were on your way I \_\_\_\_\_ the dinner ready for your arrival home.  
A. have called, will have prepared                      B. call, will be preparing  
C. would call, have prepared                      D. had called, could have prepared
34. They suffered much \_\_\_\_\_ tornado had hit their village. [31<sup>st</sup> BCS]  
A. until                      B. since                      C. as if                      D. let alone
35. Which of the following sentence is correct? [সিকিউরিটি প্রিন্টিং কর্পোরেশন লি. (জেনারেল অফিসার) ২০২১]  
A. Rohan and his father were helping his mother.                      B. Rohan and his father was helping his mother.  
C. Rohan and his father were helping their mother.                      D. Rohan and his father were helping Rohan's mother.
36. He had written the book before held \_\_\_\_\_. [28<sup>th</sup> BCS]  
A. retired                      B. had retired                      C. has retired                      D. will be retired
37. What would have happened if \_\_\_\_\_. [27<sup>th</sup> BCS]  
A. the bridge is broken                      B. the bridge would break  
C. the bridge had broken                      D. the bridge has been broken
38. Choose the correct sentences. [26<sup>th</sup> BCS]  
A. Everybody have gone there                      B. Everybody are gone there  
C. Everybody has gone there                      D. Everybody has went there
39. Choose the right form of verb: It is high time we (act) on the matter. [43<sup>rd</sup> BCS-2021]  
A. are acting                      B. acted                      C. have acted                      D. could act
40. Chose the correct sentence. [NSI (AD) 2021]  
A. She disguised herself lest she be recognized.                      B. She was disguised lest she should be recognized.  
C. She disguised lest she be recognized.                      D. She disguised herself lest she can be recognized.
41. Would you mine \_\_\_\_\_ a cup of tea with me? [বেসামরিক বিমান চলাচল কর্তৃপক্ষ (সিনিয়র অফিসার) ২০২১]  
A. having to drink                      B. having                      C. drink                      D. to take
42. It would be pleasant / better if we \_\_\_\_\_ where to go. [দুর্যোগ ব্যবস্থাপনা ও ত্রাণ মন্ত্রণালয়ের অডিটর-১৯]  
A. know                      B. known                      C. knew                      D. had known
43. If cigarettes were banned, life \_\_\_\_\_. [PSC' র সহকারী পরিচালক]  
A. will be healthier                      B. becomes healthier  
C. should become healthier                      D. would become healthier

44. Choose the correct sentence. [NSI (AD) 2021]  
 A. The kid likes to watch cartoons and eating chocolates.  
 B. The kid likes watching cartoons and to eat chocolates.  
 C. The kid likes watching cartoons and eating chocolates.  
 D. The kid like watching cartoons and eating.
45. While (walk) in the morning, I saw them playing. [NSI (Field Officer) 2021]  
 A. walk B. walked C. walking D. walks
46. Seeing is \_\_\_\_\_. [SESIP সহকারী থানা মাধ্যমিক শিক্ষক কর্মকর্তা-২০১৫]  
 A. to believe B. believed C. believing D. how to believe
47. The prices of rice are \_\_\_\_\_. [28<sup>th</sup> BCS]  
 A. raising B. risen C. rising D. raised
48. Which of the following is correct? [BB (General Officer) 2022]  
 A. Twenty miles is a long distance. B. Twenty miles are a lone distance.  
 C. Twenty mile is a long distance. D. Twenty mile are a long distance.
49. Don't mention anything unless you (ask) for. [NSI (Field Officer) 2021]  
 A. ask B. were asked C. are asked D. will ask
50. It was **upcoming** (A) of the players to be **disrespect** (B) **towards** (C) the **other team's** (D) national anthem. [CGDF জুনিয়র অডিটর-২০১৯]
51. My favorite history professor, **as well as** (A) some of his administrative staff, **were** (B) asked to resign **because** (C) fewer students were taking history courses **than** (D) ever before. **No error** (E).
52. Sumi claims that she **wants** (A) **to attend** (B) college after graduation, but her poor attitude about **studying** (C) during senior year **do not indicate** (D) that she enjoys being a student. **No error** (E).
53. Alina's **preference for** (A) caviar and expensive chocolates **are** (B) not a reflection of what she actually enjoys, **but** (C) simply a manifestation of her tendency **to spend** (D) money carelessly. **No error** (E).
54. Karim, **together with** (A), many of his **friends** (B) and relatives **were** (C) present **in** (D) the party. No error (E). [CGDF (Jr. Auditor) 2019]
55. One of every two new businesses **fail** within two years.  
 A. fail B. fails C. should fail  
 D. may have failed E. has failed
56. Every opposition candidate **except she was** defeated in the election. [বাংলাদেশ পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ড (সহকারী পরিচালক) ২০১৯]  
 A. except she was B. except her were C. excepting she was  
 D. except her was E. excepting she were
57. **To insists on an oath of allegiance to the government is violating** a person's basic constitutional rights. [বাংলাদেশ পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ড (সহকারী পরিচালক) ২০১৯]  
 A. To insists on a oath of allegiance to the government is violating  
 B. To insists on an oath of allegiance to the government violates  
 C. Insisting on an oath of allegiance to the government is violating  
 D. To insist on an oath of allegiance to the government is to violate  
 E. Insisting on an oath of allegiance to the government amounts violating

58. Some of the characters in the play \_\_\_\_\_ Macbeth, but no one \_\_\_\_\_ him as much as Lady Macbeth.  
[ঢাকা পাওয়ার ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন কোম্পানি, জুনিয়র সহকারী ব্যবস্থাপক (ফাইন্যান্স)-২০১৯]
- A. fear/ love      B. feared/ loved      C. fears/ love      D. fear/ loves      E. none of these
59. Some argues (A) the because the free markets allow (B) for personal choice (C), they are (D) ethical. No error (E).  
[CGDF (Auditor) 2019]
60. **Not having** (A) a plan for spending and savings habits **is** (B) one of the biggest **pitfall** (C) that **keep** (D) entrepreneurs and others from achieving their wealth goals. **No error** (E).
61. **No one question** the desire to succeed among most students in a competitive school environment.
- A. No one question      B. No question      C. No questions  
D. No one questions      E. Nobody question
62. The winner was no one else other than my sister. [CGDF (Jr. Officer) 2019]
- A. no one else other      B. no one other      C. not anyone other  
D. no one rather      E. none other
63. **Whatever he aspired to achieve, they** were hindered by his jealous stepbrothers.
- A. Whatever he aspired to achieve, they      B. Whatever he had any aspirations to, they  
C. Whatever aspirations he had      D. Whatever be his aspiration, they  
E. Many of his aspirations and goals
64. **Jurassic Park, written by Michael Crichton, and which was first printed in 1988,** is a novel al out a theme park of the future in which dinosaurs roam free.
- A. Jurassic Park, written by Michael Crichton, and which was first printed in 1988,  
B. Jurassic park, written by Michael Crichton and first printed in 1988,  
C. Jurassic Park, which was written by Michael Crichton, and which was first printed in 1988,  
D. Written by Michael Crichton and first printed in 1988, Jurassic Park  
E. Jurassic Park, which was written by Michael Crichton and first printed in 1988,
65. The nine months long liberation war was the most testing phase in Bangladesh's history.
- A. The nine months long liberation war      B. The long nine month liberation war  
C. The liberation war of nine months long      D. The nine month's long liberation war  
E. The nine month long liberation war [CGDF (Jr. Officer) 2019]
66. Neither Mily nor Lily \_\_\_\_\_ qualified for the job. [CGDF (Jr. Auditor) 2022]
- A. are      B. is      C. were      D. have
67. Wholesalers (A) and retailers are claiming (B) the supply shortages have (C) been (D) driving prices up. No error (E).  
[বাংলাদেশ কেমিক্যাল ইন্ডস্ট্রিজ কর্পোরেশন (সহকারী ব্যবস্থাপক) ২০২২]
68. Our migrant (A) workers have sacrificed (B) plenty of themselves (C) for their families and country (D). No error (E).  
[বাংলাদেশ কেমিক্যাল ইন্ডস্ট্রিজ কর্পোরেশন (সহকারী ব্যবস্থাপক) ২০২২]
69. Another elected government in Pakistan failed to finish its term.  
[বাংলাদেশ কেমিক্যাল ইন্ডস্ট্রিজ কর্পোরেশন (সহকারী ব্যবস্থাপক) ২০২২]
- A. No missing word      B. were      C. has      D. was
70. The special service desk formally inaugurated by the prime minister on April 10.  
[বাংলাদেশ কেমিক্যাল ইন্ডস্ট্রিজ কর্পোরেশন (সহকারী ব্যবস্থাপক) ২০২২]
- A. was      B. were      C. has      D. have

**Skill Builder Answer**

<b>SB 01</b>	1. was delayed	2. enables	3. one's body	4. B	5. has improved			
<b>SB 02</b>	1. are	2. was	3. is	4. now women	5. C			
<b>SB 03</b>	1. C	2. wrong (were several small boats)						
	3. C	4. Wrong (never ceases)						
	5. C	6. C						
	7. Wrong (or her children are going)	8. Wrong (the women who are responsible)						
	9. Wrong (is going)	10. C						
<b>More Practice</b>	1. D	2. E	3. B	4. C	5. B	6. D	7. C	8. B
<b>SB 04</b>	1. we all be waiting	2. not be dismissed		3. C				
	4. C	5. need to be						
<b>More Practice</b>	1. B	2. D						