

Mastering English Concord Rules

English Language · Practice Test · 10 Questions

1. What does the term 'Concord' mean in English grammar?

- A) The study of vocabulary
- B) An agreement between two units in a sentence
- C) The structure of a paragraph
- D) The history of English literature

2. Which type of concord depends on the intended meaning rather than syntax?

- A) Grammatical concord
- B) Situational concord
- C) Notional concord
- D) Proximity concord

3. Which of the following is considered a 'zero plural' noun?

- A) Students
- B) Aircraft
- C) Computers
- D) Teachers

4. In the sentence 'The banker and teacher is approachable', why is a singular verb used?

- A) The subjects are plural
- B) The subjects refer to one unit
- C) It is a relative clause
- D) The subject is a pronoun

5. What is the rule when using 'neither...nor' to connect two subjects?

- A) The verb agrees with the first subject
- B) The verb is always plural
- C) The verb agrees with the closer noun phrase
- D) The verb is always singular

6. Which verb form is used with the phrase 'The number of'?

- A) Singular
- B) Plural
- C) Past tense only
- D) Depends on the object

7. What is the guiding principle for Subject-Verb agreement?

- A) Agreement by proximity
- B) One at a time
- C) Plural takes precedence
- D) Subject follows verb

8. Which of these is a cause of concord errors?

- A) Overgeneralization of rules
- B) Using too many adjectives
- C) Lack of vocabulary
- D) Excessive use of nouns

9. When 'along with' connects two noun phrases, the verb agrees with which NP?

- A) The one closer to the verb
- B) The one further from the verb
- C) The first one mentioned
- D) The plural one

10. In a complex subject, which word determines the number of the verb?

- A) The determiner
- B) The pre-modifier
- C) The headword
- D) The post-modifier