

TASK 1

EXERCISES FOR PRACTICE

A. Directions: *Identify the subjects in the following and choose the correct – singular or plural – verb.*

1. During recession, not even the Mumbai public **has/have** enough money to meet its needs. **Has**
2. The public **is/are** dispersing away from the monotonous show. **are**
3. The majority **wins/win** what the minority **loses /lose**. **wins loses**
4. The government **has/have** fallen after the trust vote. **has**
5. The government **wants/want** to keep the plan to themselves. **want**
6. Two **deer/deers** were killed by the poachers. **deer**
7. The army **has/have** besieged the city and is poised to launch further attacks. **has**
8. The police **has/have** arrived and are investigating the matter. **have**
9. The issue remained unresolved as the committee **was/were** divided on the subject. **were**
10. The scissors **was/were** there but the tailor could not see them as his spectacles **was/were** not on his nose. **were**

B. Directions : *Identify the subject whether it is singular or plural and then make a better choice of the given verbs.*

1. Each of the candidates **was/were** awarded a certificate for participation. **was**
2. Either of those dresses **is/are** suitable for the party. **is**
3. Either the student or his parents **has/have** to be present at the function. **have**
4. Everybody or anybody **is/are** able to answer these questions. **is**
5. Neither of them **is/are** an expert of the subject. **is**
6. The ones who **is/are** found guilty must be punished. **is**
7. You or she **has/have** to be blamed for the accident. **has**
8. They and I **was/were** present there last night. **was**
9. Jessica is absent, but some students of her class **is/are** present. **are**
10. No one **know/knows** what happens after death. **knows**

One Ones

we say "some of the cake is left" or "some of the pieces of cake are left" **some of pieces of cake are left**