ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

And, Or, Neither … Nor: Subject-Verb Agreement Quiz (B1)

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Explanations

1. My brother and my sister ___ at university.
✔ **C) are**
Two subjects joined by and take a plural verb: My brother and my sister are at university.

2. Either Tom or Anna ___ the keys.
✔ **A) has**
With either … or, the verb agrees with the nearer subject. Anna is singular, so we use has.

3. Neither the teacher nor the students ___ ready.
✔ **A) were**
With neither … nor, the verb agrees with the nearer subject. The students is plural, so we use were.

4. Neither the students nor the teacher ___ ready.
✔ **B) was**
Now the nearer subject is the teacher (singular), so we use was.

5. Bread and butter ___ my favourite breakfast.
✔ **D) is**
Bread and butter is one dish, so it takes a singular verb.

6. Which sentence is correct?
✔ **B) Pizza and pasta are my favourite foods.**
Two different things joined by and take a plural verb: Pizza and pasta are my favourite foods.

7. My mother or my father ___ me to school every day.
✔ **C) takes**
With or, the verb agrees with the nearer subject. My father is singular, so we use takes.

8. Both the bus and the train ___ late this morning.
✔ **A) were**
Both … and always takes a plural verb.

9. Either the cats or the dog ___ eaten my sandwich.
✔ **A) has**
The nearer subject is the dog (singular), so we use has.

10. Neither of my parents ___ English.
✔ **B) speaks**
Neither of + plural noun usually takes a singular verb in careful English: Neither of my parents speaks English.

11. You and I ___ in the same group.
✔ **D) are**
You and I means we, so we use are.

12. Which sentence is correct?
✔ **C) Either my sister or my cousins are coming.**
The nearer subject is my cousins (plural), so we use are.

13. The singer and songwriter ___ coming tonight.
✔ **C) is**
The singer and songwriter is one person who does both jobs (one the), so we use a singular verb.

14. The singer and the guitarist ___ coming tonight.
✔ **D) are**
The singer and the guitarist are two people (two the's), so we use a plural verb.

15. Not only the children but also their mother ___ ill.
✔ **B) was**
With not only … but also, the verb agrees with the nearer subject. Their mother is singular, so we use was.

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