ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Long Subjects and Relative Clauses: Agreement Quiz (B2)

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Explanations

1. The woman who lives next door ___ a doctor.
✔ **A) is**
The subject is the woman. Who lives next door only describes her, so the verb is singular.

2. The books that I bought yesterday ___ on the table.
✔ **C) are**
The subject is the books (plural). That I bought yesterday does not change it.

3. The girls who ___ next to us are very friendly.
✔ **B) sit**
Who refers to the girls (plural), so the verb in the who-clause is plural: the girls who sit next to us.

4. She is the only one of my friends who ___ Chinese.
✔ **A) speaks**
With the only one ... who, who refers to one, so the verb is singular.

5. What we need ___ more time.
✔ **A) is**
A what-clause as the subject usually takes a singular verb: What we need is more time.

6. Which sentence is correct?
✔ **C) The cost of the repairs was high.**
The subject is the cost (singular), so we use was.

7. Learning languages ___ a lot of practice.
✔ **B) takes**
An -ing subject (a gerund) takes a singular verb: Learning languages takes practice.

8. Here ___ the photos from our holiday.
✔ **A) are**
After here and there at the start, the subject comes after the verb. The photos is plural, so we use are.

9. On the wall ___ two old paintings.
✔ **D) hang**
In this word order, the subject (two old paintings) comes after the verb. It is plural, so the verb is hang.

10. The man with the two dogs ___ every morning.
✔ **D) runs**
The subject is the man. With the two dogs only describes him.

11. People who exercise regularly ___ better.
✔ **C) sleep**
The subject is people (plural). Who exercise regularly describes them.

12. Which sentence is correct?
✔ **B) The results of the survey show a clear trend.**
The subject is the results (plural): The results ... show.

13. My favourite food ___ noodles.
✔ **C) is**
The verb agrees with the subject before it (my favourite food, singular), not with noodles after it.

14. The reason for all these delays ___ a lack of staff.
✔ **B) is**
The subject is the reason (singular).

15. To win three games in a row ___ not easy.
✔ **D) is**
An infinitive subject (to win ...) takes a singular verb.

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