Exercise 3.6: More on Verb Agreement

Select the correct verb in the following sentences.

1) Politics (is, are) a topic that will make one many enemies.
2) The governor’s politics (is, are) offensive.
3) The acoustics in this board room (is, are) lousy.
4) University athletics (is, are) likely to be cut during the next fiscal year.
5) The jury (was, were) polled on (its, their) verdict. [Or, The jurors were polled on their verdicts.]
6) None of these shirts (fit, fits).
7) More than half of travel agents (is, are) being hit by the strike.
8) Half of the rent receipts (is, are) missing.
9) Half of the rent (is, are) missing.
10) He is one of the worst candidates who (has, have) ever spoken to the convention.
11) All of the chemicals (was, were) spilled overboard.
12) All of the building (was, were) infested with termites.
13) Three-fourths of the China’s professors (was, were) sent to farms during Mao Tse-tung’s Cultural Revolution.
14) Two-thirds of the 35 million Americans who suffer from mild depression (is, are) women with young children.
15) Most of the team members (was, were) injured in the bus accident.
16) A number of ambitious rookies (has, have) arrived at the stadium for spring practice.
17) The media (is, are) under attack for (its, their) sensational approach to reporting allegations against the actor.
18) This is the only brand of olives that (is, are) low in fat.
19) Neither the police nor the investigator (appears, appear) closer to solving the crime.
20) Neither the cult leader nor his followers (is, are) likely to turn (himself, themselves) over to the FBI.