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Indefinite Pronouns

Definition

Indefinite pronouns refer to people, places, or things without specifying exactly who or what they are. They can be singular, plural, or both, depending on context.

Example

Category	Examples	Agreement
Singular	anyone, everyone, someone, anybody, each	takes singular verb
Plural	both, few, many, several, others	takes plural verb
Singular or plural	all, any, most, none, some	depends on context

Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

1. Read the following sentence:

_____ of the cave passages in the Yucatan Peninsula's Sistema Sac Actun has been fully mapped, as the network extends for more than 370 kilometers underground.

Which indefinite pronoun correctly completes this sentence?

- A. All
- B. None
- C. Many
- D. Each

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2. Choose the sentence with the correct subject-verb agreement using indefinite pronouns:

- A. Everyone who explores the cenotes need to bring proper diving equipment.
- B. Several of the limestone formations is over 100,000 years old.
- C. Most of the water in these cave systems comes from rainfall that filters through the porous rock.
- D. Each of the underwater passages connect to form the world's largest submerged cave system.

3. Which indefinite pronoun in the following sentence is used correctly as a plural form?

While some of the stalactite is ancient, many are still actively forming as mineral-rich water drips from the cave ceiling.

- A. some
- B. is
- C. many
- D. are

4. In the sentence "_____ who studies the Yucatan cave systems agrees that they were formed during periods when the sea level was much lower," which indefinite pronoun would be grammatically correct?

- A. Few
- B. Everyone
- C. Several
- D. Both

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Part 2: Fill in the Blank

Complete each sentence with an appropriate indefinite pronoun from the word bank. Each pronoun should be used only once, and should maintain correct subject-verb agreement in the sentence.

Word Bank: everyone, several, nothing, both, most

1. _____ of the ancient Mayan artifacts discovered in the Yucatan cenotes remains remarkably well-preserved due to the stable underwater environment.
2. The Sistema Sac Actun and Sistema Dos Ojos were once thought to be separate cave systems, but explorers discovered that _____ are actually connected, forming the world's largest known underwater cave system.
3. _____ of the cave divers agreed that special training is necessary before attempting to navigate the complex limestone tunnels of the Yucatan Peninsula.
4. While _____ knows about the famous cenotes near tourist areas, the Yucatan Peninsula contains thousands of lesser-known cave openings waiting to be explored.
5. Specialized researchers have documented _____ unique geological formations in the Yucatan caves that cannot be found anywhere else on Earth.

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Part 1: Multiple Choice

1. B. None (Singular indefinite pronoun that correctly pairs with "has been" and logically fits since the entire system cannot be fully mapped)
2. C. Most of the water in these cave systems comes from rainfall that filters through the porous rock. (Correct subject-verb agreement with "most" functioning as plural in this context)
3. C. many (Used correctly as a plural indefinite pronoun paired with "are")
4. B. Everyone (Singular indefinite pronoun that correctly pairs with "agrees")

Part 2: Fill in the Blank

1. Most (functions as singular with "remains" when referring to a collective unit)
2. both (plural indefinite pronoun for exactly two items)
3. Everyone (singular indefinite pronoun that pairs with "agreed")
4. everyone (singular indefinite pronoun referring to people in general)
5. several (plural indefinite pronoun for more than two but not many)