

## Forms of *Be*

Decide which word best completes each sentence. Mark your answer on the answer sheet.

1. Stamp collecting \_\_\_\_\_ one of the world's most popular hobbies.  
**A** were                    **C** have  
**B** is                        **D** am
2. Postage stamps \_\_\_\_\_ been used since the mid-1800s.  
**A** are                      **C** were  
**B** have                    **D** has
3. The first stamps \_\_\_\_\_ used in England.  
**A** are                      **C** am  
**B** has                      **D** were
4. Brazil \_\_\_\_\_ the second country to use postage stamps.  
**A** am                      **C** was  
**B** has                      **D** were
5. Our country \_\_\_\_\_ the next to begin using them.  
**A** was                      **C** are  
**B** were                      **D** am
6. The number of collectors in the world \_\_\_\_\_ in the millions.  
**A** have                      **C** is  
**B** were                      **D** are
7. People \_\_\_\_\_ interested in collecting many different kinds of stamps.  
**A** have                      **C** has  
**B** are                        **D** is
8. One trend \_\_\_\_\_ been to collect stamps by country.  
**A** has                      **C** was  
**B** were                      **D** have
9. These days, people \_\_\_\_\_ been collecting stamps by subject, too.  
**A** have                      **C** are  
**B** am                        **D** were
10. There \_\_\_\_\_ sports, history, literature, and fund-raising stamps, among others.  
**A** has                      **C** are  
**B** am                        **D** have
11. The value of one particular stamp \_\_\_\_\_ been set at a million dollars or more!  
**A** is                        **C** were  
**B** was                      **D** has
12. Other stamps \_\_\_\_\_ been given similar values.  
**A** has                      **C** were  
**B** have                      **D** are
13. I \_\_\_\_\_ a beginning stamp collector.  
**A** is                        **C** am  
**B** were                      **D** have
14. My collection \_\_\_\_\_ still rather small.  
**A** am                      **C** have  
**B** is                        **D** were
15. But I \_\_\_\_\_ been learning a lot about the hobby.  
**A** am                      **C** was  
**B** has                        **D** have