

Forms of *Be*

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

1. The poetry of Emily Dickinson _____ often taught in school.
A is **B** am **C** were **D** are
2. Her work _____ not very popular during her lifetime.
A was **B** were **C** are **D** am
3. Only seven of her poems _____ published before her death on May 15, 1886.
A am **B** is **C** was **D** were
4. Emily Dickinson _____ born on December 10, 1830.
A are **B** was **C** am **D** were
5. Her poems _____ now known throughout the world.
A are **B** is **C** was **D** am
6. I _____ now reading some of her poetry in English class.
A was **B** were **C** is **D** am
7. Her poems _____ known for their unique style.
A are **B** was **C** am **D** is
8. Emily's sister, Lavinia, _____ responsible for getting many of her poems published.
A was **B** are **C** were **D** am
9. Shortly after Emily's death, many of her poems _____ collected.
A is **B** was **C** were **D** am
10. Lavinia _____ certain that the poems would be popular.
A were **B** am **C** are **D** was
11. The poem I _____ reading makes me sad.
A is **B** are **C** am **D** were
12. Many of her poems _____ about sad topics.
A is **B** was **C** am **D** are
13. Today, she _____ considered one of the most famous poets of all times.
A am **B** are **C** is **D** were
14. She _____ the kind of person who liked to stay in her house most of the time.
A are **B** was **C** were **D** am
15. Most of her poems _____ written while she was alone.
A were **B** was **C** am **D** is
16. Visitors _____ rarely invited to her home to see her.
A were **B** was **C** is **D** am
17. It _____ not very often that she went away on trips.
A am **B** are **C** were **D** was
18. Two popular topics of Dickinson's poems _____ death and nature.
A is **B** are **C** am **D** was
19. Some people say that she _____ a very unhappy person.
A was **B** were **C** are **D** am
20. Poetry _____ a way for her to express herself.
A is **B** were **C** was **D** am