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Quote:

Q1: Either Bill or we were supposed to contact Sylvia about the meeting.

Q2: Neither Professor Johnson nor his students are going to join the project.

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It's "we were" and "his students are" because they are closer to the verbs. This is called "the proximity rule."

Quote:

Q3: Two-quarters of the land has been sold to investors.

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The focal point is "the land."

Quote:

Q4: Fifty cents is how much I owe you ?

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Numbers and amount of money are singular.

Tim