Singular and Plural Exercise

Most nouns form their plurals by adding -s to the singular. However, there are some nouns that have only a plural form or a singular form. Plural nouns should be followed by a plural verb and singular nouns should be followed by a singular verb.

Fill in the blanks.

1. I think they teach ..................... . mathematics in schools.
   too much
   too many

2. Politics ..................... . a complicated business.
   is
   are

3. ...................... suffering from a disease called BSE.
   Many cattle are
   Much cattle is

4. The police ..................... the thief.
   have arrested
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5. Where .................. my glasses?

are
is

6. The organization is trying to raise .................. to support its projects.

fund
funds

7. A number of people .................. tried to find the treasure.

has
have

8. A group of us .................. going to hold a party tomorrow.

is
are
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9. Half of her students ................. understand a word she says.
   doesn't
don't
Either could be used here

10. Ten miles ................. a long way to walk.
   is
   are
Either could be used here

11. One of my friends ................. going to Mexico.
   is
   are

   like
   likes
Either could be used here
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Answers

1. I think they teach too much mathematics in schools.
2. Politics is a complicated business.
3. Many cattle are suffering from a disease called BSE.
4. The police have arrested the thief.
5. Where are my glasses?
6. The organization is trying to raise funds to support its projects.
7. A number of people have tried to find the treasure.
8. A group of us are going to hold a party tomorrow.
9. Half of her students don’t understand a word she says.
10. Ten miles is a long way to walk.
11. One of my friends is going to Mexico.