



AN INTENSIVE TEST-COURSE OF UPDATED ENGLISH FOR USERS AT LARGE

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TASK 1

Divide these sentences into two groups:

a) sentences in which the indefinite article should be used; b) where it is not used.

- 1 She has ... watch of her own.
- 2 I like to present ... flowers.
- 3 Miss Sharp's father was ... artist.
- 4 Oh, what... good man he is!
- 5 They are ... little children.
- 6 She is ... chemist.

TASK 2

Divide these sentences into two groups:

a) sentences in which the indefinite article should be used; b) where it is not used.

- 1 My brothers are ... businessmen.
- 2 ... drowning man catches at a straw.
- 3 Not ... word was said in the room.
- 4 ... week or two passed.
- 5 I'll come in ... minute.
- 6 He bought ... dozen eggs.

TASK 3

Divide these sentences into two groups:

a) sentences in which the definite article should be used; b) where the indefinite article should be used.

- 1 Have you got ... book to read?

- 2 I don't want to speak to ... girl. I've never seen her. Won't you speak to her?
- 3 It is ... hard work.
- 4 It is ... hard job.
- 5 He has made ... great progress.
- 6 ... progress he has made is great.

TASK 4

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which no article should be used; b) sentences in which the definite article should be used.

- 1 He asked for ... permission to leave.
- 2 ... permission he received made him happy.
- 3 What ... nasty weather we are having today!
- 4 ... weather is nasty today.
- 5 ... news was unexpected.
- 6 What ... unexpected news!

LIFE IS WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT IT

TASK 5

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which no article should be

used; b) sentences in which the definite article should be used.

- 1 He was taken to ... hospital.
- 2 ... hospital was far from our place.
- 3 We were at ... dentist together.
- 4 ... casino was situated in the center of the town.
- 5 He entered ... college at last.
- 6 We went through ... life together.

TASK 6

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which no article should be used; b) sentences in which the definite or indefinite articles should be used.

- 1 My name is ... Marilyn Manson.
- 2 You're not... Marilyn Manson I married.
- 3 We stayed at ... John's.
- 4 We stayed at ... Greens'.
- 5 Why, you are quite ... Bill Gates!
- 6 Mozart has been called ... Raphael of music.

TASK 7

Choose the article (a, the) or no article (-) that best completes the sentence. Write the number of the sentence and the variant you choose, e.g. 1 a, 2 the, 3 -.

- 1 (The, -) president Roosevelt was a famous politician in the 40s.

- 2 He was elected (the, -) Prime Minister.
- 3 (The, -) Colonel Brown entered the room.
- 4 (The, -) painter O'Keefee has left many fine pictures of flowers.
- 5 She is (a, the) daughter of a chemist (relationship).
- 6 He is (a, the) son of an artist (one 'of the sons).

TASK 8

Choose the article (a, the) or no article (-) that best completes the sentence. Write the number of the sentence and the variant you choose, e.g. 1 a, 2 the, 3 -.

- 1 Most of ... managers come in.
- 2 I entered ... wrong house.
- 3 That was ... large room.
- 4 You are ... very person I need.
- 5 He's famous for ... navel piercing.
- 6 Jack is ... 4F-man.

TASK 9

Divide these sentences into two groups:

a) sentences in which the definite article should be used; b) where the indefinite article should be used.

- 1 I've just seen ... boy whom we met at my uncle's last week.
- 2 He came to ... house he was looking for.
- 3 I saw him passing ... house.
- 4 He wanted to return ... money he had taken.
- 5 ... pendant he had taken lay on the table.
- 6 He knocked at ... door of a very good house.

LIFE IS WHAT IS GOING ON WHILE WE MAKE PLANS

TASK 10

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which the indefinite article should be used; b) sentences in which the definite article should be used.

- 1 There is ... violin-player in the street.
- 2 ... eraser is on the table.
- 3 This is ... account I need.
- 4 This is ... account.

- 5 ... letter I got last week is in my pocket.
- 6 I got ... letter last week.

TASK 11

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which no article should be used; b) sentences in which the definite or indefinite articles should be used.

- 1 ... honey is usually sweet.
- 2 Very often ... love is blind.
- 3 ... meat was good and he was hungry.
- 4 On hearing what had happened she ran for ... warm water.
- 5 We took ... bread and butter with us.
- 6 It is such ... good wine!

TASK 12

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which no article should be used; b) sentences in which the definite article should be used.

- 1 He was ... hope of his people.
- 2 What ... fine weather!
- 3 Have you ever met a man who doesn't like ... music at all?
- 4 They say, ... weather can influence people's mood.
- 5 While there is ... life there is (6) ... hope.

TASK 13

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which no article should be used; b) sentences in which the definite or indefinite articles should be used.

- 1 I like ... English literature very much.
- 2 ... American literature of the XIX century is interesting.
- 3 Have you seen ... Dr White?
- 4 ... professor Schneider is out.
- 5 ... lord Stockton has not arrived yet.
- 6 She turned to ... Aunt Polly.
- 7 «I'd like to see ... Mother,» the baby said.
- 8 ... mother brought her son some tea.

TASK 14

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which no article should be used; b) sentences in which the definite article should be used.

- 1 He went to ... Asia Minor last year.

- 2 ... Latin America is too far from our place.
 3 ... Italy is a very beautiful country.
 4 ... lake Ontario is very famous.
 5 ... Ontario is very famous.
 6 ... Madagascar is a great island.

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 LIFE IS SLY, WHEN I'VE GOT ALL
 ACES IT STARTS PLAYING CHESS

TASK 15

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which the definite article should be used; b) sentences in which no article should be used.

- 1 ... Ohio River is great.
- 2 He was in ... Alps last spring.
- 3 ... Elbrus is a mountain peak.
- 4 One of the most dangerous places in the world is ... Bermudas.
- 5 ... Trafalgar Square is in the center of London.
- 6 Have you seen ... Oxford Street?

TASK 16

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which the definite article should be used; b) sentences in which no article should be used.

- 1 The wind is blowing from ... North.
- 2 He crossed the country from ... East to West.
- 3 ... May is a spring month.
- 4 ... September of 2001 will always remain in the memory of the American people.
- 5 My day off is ... Friday.
- 6 She came on ... Friday when David was born.

TASK 17

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which the indefinite article should be used; b) sentences in which no article or the definite article should be used.

- 1 ... cold May is a usual thing in our city.
- 2 Robinson Crusoe found his servant on ... Friday.
- 3 I don't remember exactly when he came from Rawalpindi, but I am sure it was on ... Saturday.

- 3 But I don't know ... girl either.
- 4 This is ... house Jack built.
- 5 Give me ... book, please. It is there, on me table.
- 6 In summer ... sun shines brightly.

TASK 18

Divide these sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which the definite article should be used; b) where the indefinite article should be used.

- 1 ... silver moon appeared in ... the sky.
- 2 ... moon appeared in the sky.
- 3 I'd like to read ... detective story.
- 4 Canon Doyle is a master of ... detective story.
- 5 ... tragedy first appeared in Ancient Greece.
- 6 He didn't get the American visa last year. That was ... tragedy for him.

TASK 19

Divide these sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which the definite article should be used; b) where the indefinite article should be used.

- 1 ... telephone was invented in the XIX century.
- 2 She bought ... telephone.
- 3 ... tiger is a strong animal.
- 4 In the zoo they saw ... tiger.
- 5 ... comedy is a popular genre.
- 6 I saw ... comedy last week.

LIFE IS EXPENSIVE ON EARTH. BUT
 THE FREE CRUISE AROUND THE SUN
 IS INCLUDED INTO THE TOUR

TASK 20

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences where no articles should be used; b) sentences where the article should be used.

- 1 I saw ... man crossing the street.
- 2 ... man entered the room.
- 3 His trust in ... man had been destroyed.
- 4 I like ... woman, he said.
- 5 ... woman is (6) ... man's helpmate.

TASK 21

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which the definite article

should be used; b) where it should not be used.

- 1 ... kindest smile appeared on his face.
- 2 None of ... boys entered the garage.
- 3 Some of ... women looked happy.
- 4 Some ... women looked happy.
- 5 Many ... girls were crying.
- 6 Many of ... girls were crying.

TASK 22

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which the definite article should be used; b) sentences in which no article should be used.

- 1 This is ... most interesting book I've ever read.
- 2 ... most flowers smell sweet.
- 3 Most of ... flowers here smell sweet.
- 4 ... two students entered the room.
- 5 ... two students I told you about have entered the room.
- 6 He listened with ... greatest attention.
- 7 He was ... strongest boy in his kindergarten.

TASK 23

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which the definite article should be used; b) sentences in which the indefinite article should be used.

- 1 She is singing her part in ... second act.
- 2 ... second game was more successful than (3) ... first.
- 4 Give me ... pencil. This one is broken.
- 5 There are two books here, take one and I'll take ... other.
- 6 He made ... second experiment, then some more. All were with the same results.

TASK 24

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which the definite article should be used; b) sentences in which no article should be used.

- 1 When we were in London, we visited ... National Gallery.
- 2 The British Prime Minister lives in ... Downing Street.
- 3 Frank is a student at ... Liverpool University.
- 4 Mr Smith reads ... 'Daily Telegraph'.
- 5 You must visit ... Science Museum, when you are in London.

6 'Which hotel are you staying at?' – 'At ... Sheraton.'

LIFE IS CHANGED FOR PIOUS
 WHEN YOU HAVEN'T GOT
 MONEY TO LIVE IN SIN

TASK 25

Choose the article «the» or no article (-) that best completes the sentence. Write the number of the sentence and the variant you choose, e.g. 1 -, 2 -, 3 the.

- 1 ... first day of the week is Monday.
- 2 She is ... fifty-four.
- 3 She entered ... room 4.
- 4 Then another bell-boy came to us, ... sixth already.
- 5 ... two of my friends entered the University.
- 6 And he remembered the holidays they had, ... four of them, with a little girl, Rose, to look after the babies.
- 7 ... February is the shortest month.
- 8 I don't like ... October.
- 9 ... October, Pushkin wrote about, is very famous now.

TASK 26

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which the definite article should be used; b) sentences in which no article should be used.

- 1 Last summer I visited ... Tretyakov Gallery.
- 2 ... Tretyakov's ideas led to a famous gallery.
- 3 ... Roosevelt's government came to power.
- 4 ... Roosevelt government came to power.
- 5 He is at ... Smith's.
- 6 He is at ... Smiths'.

TASK 27

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which the definite article should be used; b) sentences in which the indefinite article should be used.

- 1 O'Henry ... great American short story writer, died in 1910.
- 2 Shakespeare, ... famous English poet, lived some centuries ago.

3 Hamlet ... famous tragedy by Shakespeare, was written in the VII century.

- 4 Pericles, ... comedy by Shakespeare, is not often read.
- 5 Professor Rosewood, ... director of our firm, has come.
- 6 Mr Black, ... founder of our firm, has left for Glasgow.

TASK 28

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which the indefinite article should be used; b) sentences in which no article or the definite article should be used.

- 1 Come here ... child.
- 2 She is quite ... child.
- 3 I've never heard of such ... thing.
- 4 ... thing he has brought is heavy.
- 5 What ... wonderful place it is!
- 6 ... place was dirty and untidy.

TASK 29

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which the definite article should be used; b) sentences in which no article or the indefinite article should be used.

- 1 It is rather ... interesting story.
- 2 ... story is rather interesting.
- 3 I spent ... sleepless night.
- 4 We spent ... night in the forest.
- 5 ... night is meant for sleep.
- 6 It is not easy to work at ... night.

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 LIFE IS A QUEE FOR DEATH; YOU MAY
 BE PUSHED NOT IN TURN

TASK 30

Choose the article «the» or no article (-) that best completes the sentence. Write the number of the sentence and the variant you choose, e.g. 1 -, 2 -, 3 the.

- 1 ... iron ore is used to make steel.
- 2 ... iron ore from Canada is high in quality.
- 3 ... gold is perhaps the most highly valued metal.
- 4 ... coffee is important in Brazil.
- 5 ... best coffee comes from Brazil (6) like ... tea.

TASK 31

Choose the article «the» or no article (-) that best completes the sentence. Write the number of the sentence and the variant you choose, e.g. 1 -, 2 -, 3 the.

- 1 Jack plays ... guitar very well.
- 2 Peter likes to play ... volleyball in the morning.
- 3 My friend plays ... tennis quite well.
- 4 He is going to play ... football tomorrow.
- 5 Do you play ... piano?
- 6 She plays ... violin in the orchestra.

TASK 32

Choose the correct form of the word from those in brackets. Write the number of the sentence and the form you choose.

- 1 I am afraid of (dogs, the dogs).
- 2 (Apples, the apples) are good for you.
- 3 In Britain (coffee, the coffee) is more expensive than (tea, the tea).
- 4 They got married but (marriage, the marriage) was not successful.
- 5 I don't like (cats, the cats).

TASK 33

Choose the correct form of the word from those in brackets. Write the number of the sentence and the form(s) you choose.

- 1 Don't stay in that 'BB' hotel. (Beds, the beds) are very uncomfortable.
- 2 (Most people, the most) people believe that (marriage, the marriage) and (family life, the family life) are (the basis, basis) of the society.

- 3 It's cold today. Put on (coat, the coat).
- 4 She goes to (church, the church) every Sunday.

TASK 34

Choose the article or no article (-) that best completes the sentence. Write the number of the sentence and the variant you choose, e.g. 1 -, 2 -, 3 the.

- 1 It was ... spring.
- 2 It was ... warm spring.
- 3 He returned home in ... spring of 2000.
- 4 ... spring was cold and rainy.
- 5 It was ... early spring.
- 6 It was ... late spring.

LIFE IS A GOOD TEACHER,
BUT ITS LESSONS ARE SO
EXPENSIVE.

TASK 35

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which no article should be used; b) sentences in which the definite or indefinite articles should be used.

- 1 ... morning came and we started.
- 2 ... morning was warm.
- 3 That was ... warm morning.
- 4 He usually works in ... morning.
- 5 It was ... early morning.
- 6 It was ... late morning.

TASK 36

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which no article should be

used; b) sentences in which the definite article should be used.

- 1 ... action begins at 8:30pm.
- 2 He is a scientist. He goes to ... lab every day.
- 3 He has just gone to ... office.
- 4 He left ... job last year.
- 5 She's fond of ... tennis.
- 6 ... way he did his job is good.

TASK 37

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which no article should be used; b) sentences in which the indefinite article should be used.

- 1 When did you have ... breakfast?
- 2 Is ... supper ready?
- 3 I'm cooking ... dinner.
- 4 They are at ... breakfast now.
- 5 They had ... very substantial dinner.
- 6 After ... light breakfast he went home.

TASK 38

Divide the sentences into two groups: a) sentences in which no article should be used; b) sentences in which the definite article should be used.

- 1 ... last winter he was abroad.
- 2 ... last week I didn't go to work.
- 3 ... last month I was at my grandparents'.
- 4 ... last year I finished the project.
- 5 Look! ... last leaf is coming down.
- 6 ... last word was said by the boss.
- 7 Do you speak ... English?
- 8 Do you know ... English language?
- 9 What is ... English for «подшипник»?

TASK 39

Choose the correct form of the word from those in brackets. Write the number of the sentence and the form you choose.

- 1 What time do your children finish (school, the school)?
- 2 After (work, the work) Ann usually goes home.
- 3 I like to read in (bed, the bed) before going to sleep.
- 4 My brother is very 29, he is in (hospital, the hospital).

LIFE IS A RACE WHEN ALL RUSH
BOTH TO BE THE FIRST AND TO
REACH FINISH THE LAST

TASK 40

Choose the article «a» or «the» that best completes the sentence. Write the number of the sentence and the article(s) you choose, e.g. 1a, a; 2a; 3 the, a.

- 1 John was ... only person I talked to at ... party.
- 2 Tim lives in ... small village in ... country.
- 3 What is ... highest mountain in ... world?

TASK 41

Choose the article «a» or «the» that best completes the sentence. Write the number of the sentence and the article(s) you choose, e.g. 1a, a; 2a; 3 the, a.

- 1 It was ... beautiful day, ... sun shone brightly in ... sky.
- 2 We don't go to ... theatre very much these days. In fact, in ... town where we live there isn't ... theatre. Sorry.

TASK 42

Choose the article «a» or «the» that best completes the sentence. Write the number of the sentence and the article(s) you choose, e.g. 1a, a; 2a; 3 the, a.

- 1 We went to ... most expensive restaurant in town.
- 2 I wrote my name at ... top of the page.
- 3 ... moon goes round ... earth every 27 days.
- 4 I am not very hungry. I had ... big breakfast.
- 5 ... vase I brought you yesterday is still full of flowers.

TASK 43

Choose the article «the» or no article that best completes the sentence. Write the number of the sentence and the variant you choose, e.g. 1 the, 2 -.

- 1 What is ... longest river in the world?
- 2 Bolivia is in ... South America.
- 3 ... Indian ocean is between Africa and Australia.
- 4 ... Rocky Mountains is the name of the mountain range in the west of North America.
- 5 ... English Channel is the name of the sea between England and France.
- 6 Stockholm is the capital of ... Sweden.

