



## 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.

