Articles and Prepositions

Standard difficulty · 20 questions · 40 marks · Time: 44 minutes

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Write full answers in Sections B and C. Answers are on the last page — try every question first!

Section A — Choose the correct answer — 8 × 1 = 8 marks

1. Which is correct?
(a) a honest boy **(b)** an hour **(c)** an university **(d)** an hour

2. Which is correct?
(a) an one-way road **(b)** an unicorn
(c) a one-way road **(d)** a old man

3. Which word takes “an” before it?
(a) dog **(b)** pencil **(c)** cat **(d)** empty box

4. Choose the right word: Who is ____ oldest person in your family?
(a) no word **(b)** a **(c)** the **(d)** an

5. The clock is standing on top of the stool. Fill in: The clock is ____ the stool.
(a) in front of **(b)** behind **(c)** under **(d)** on

6. The teacher stands facing the class, where everyone can see her. Fill in: The teacher stands ____ the class.
(a) under **(b)** above **(c)** in front of **(d)** on

7. The cat is sitting on top of the wall. Fill in: The cat is ____ the wall.
(a) under **(b)** behind **(c)** on **(d)** in front of

8. Which is correct?
(a) a useful book **(b)** an useful book **(c)** an yellow bag **(d)** an orange

Section B — Short answer — 8 × 2 = 16 marks

9. Write “a” or “an”: (a) ____ hour (b) ____ insect (c) ____ tiger (d) ____ window

10. Fill in “a” or “an”: Please draw ____ pencil in your book.

11. Fill in “a” or “an”: I can see ____ ant in the picture.

12. The key is inside the box. Fill in the missing word: The key is ____ the box.

13. The boy is at the back of the tree, so we cannot see him. Fill in the missing word: The boy is hiding ____ the tree.

14. The car is at the front of the gate, where everyone can see it. Fill in the missing word: The car is ____ the gate.

15. Fill in “a”, “an” or “the”: ____ earth goes round the sun.

16. Write a sentence using “in front of” to tell where your toy car is.

Section C — Longer answers — 4 × 4 = 16 marks

17. Fill in “a” or “an”:
(1) I can see ____ egg in the picture.
(2) Please draw ____ dog in your book.
(3) Please draw ____ ant in your book.
(4) Ravi drew ____ big house.

18. Fill in the words that tell us where:
(1) The fan is higher up than the bed, not touching it. The fan is ____ the bed.
(2) The clock is higher up than the bed, not touching it. The clock is ____ the bed.
(3) The bicycle is at the front of the gate, where everyone can see it. The bicycle is ____ the gate.
(4) The clock is standing on top of the stool. The clock is ____ the stool.

19. Write four sentences about where things are in your room. Use “in front of”, “above”, “under”, “between”.

20. Each sentence has the wrong word in the blank. Write the right word:

(1) I can see an uniform in the picture.

(2) I can see an mango in the picture.

(3) Please draw an yellow bag in your book.

(4) Please draw an dog in your book.

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Answer key

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Q	Answer	Working
1	**(d) an hour**	the h in “hour” is silent, so it begins with a vowel sound
2	**(c) a one-way road**	“one-way” begins with a “y” or “w” sound, so we use “a”
3	**(d) empty box**	“an” goes before a vowel sound
4	**(c) the**	“the” is used for something there is only one of, and before words like first, best and tallest
5	**(d) on**	“on” means on top of or touching
6	**(c) in front of**	“in front of” means facing the front
7	**(c) on**	“on” means on top of or touching
8	**(a) a useful book**	“useful” begins with a “y” or “w” sound, so we use “a”
9	**(a) an; (b) an; (c) a; (d) a**	an before a vowel sound, a before a consonant sound
10	**a**	“a” before a consonant sound
11	**an**	“an” before a vowel sound (a, e, i, o, u)
12	**in**	“in” means inside
13	**behind**	“behind” means at the back of
14	**in front of**	“in front of” means facing the front
15	**The**	“the” for something there is only one of, and before first, best, tallest
16	**e.g. My toy car is in front of the cupboard.**	Uses “in front of” to say where something is.
17	**(1) an; (2) a; (3) an; (4) a**	an before a vowel sound, a before a consonant sound
18	**(1) above; (2) above; (3) in front of; (4) on**	“above” means higher than, not touching; “above” means higher than, not touching; “in front of” means facing the front; “on” means on top of or touching
19	**e.g. A mat is in front of the door. A fan is above my bed. My slippers are under the bed. The lamp is between the bed and the table.**	Four sentences, each using one of the words correctly.
20	**(1) a; (2) a; (3) a; (4) a**	an before a vowel sound, a before a consonant sound

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