# Articles and Determiners

Standard difficulty · 20 questions · 40 marks · Time: 36 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 word takes “an” before it?
**(a)** hour **(b)** one-way street **(c)** one-rupee coin **(d)** year

**2.** Choose the right article: ____ Nile is a very long river.
**(a)** no article **(b)** An **(c)** The **(d)** A

**3.** Choose the right article: He goes to bed at ten every night after ____ dinner.
**(a)** the **(b)** a **(c)** no article **(d)** an

**4.** How ____ friends are there in the kitchen?
**(a)** a little **(b)** much **(c)** many **(d)** little

**5.** “An” is used before a word that begins with:
**(a)** a vowel sound **(b)** a capital letter
**(c)** a vowel letter, whatever its sound **(d)** a consonant sound

**6.** There is only ____ milk left, so we must buy more.
**(a)** a lot **(b)** a few **(c)** a little **(d)** many

**7.** We do not have ____ milk at home.
**(a)** an **(b)** some **(c)** any **(d)** a

**8.** Assertion (A): We write “an unicorn”.
Reason (R): “A” is used before a consonant sound and “an” before a vowel sound, whatever the first letter.
**(a)** Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
**(b)** Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
**(c)** A is true, but R is false.
**(d)** A is false, but R is true.

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

**9.** Write “a” or “an” before each: (a) ____ horse (b) ____ egg (c) ____ eagle (d) ____ year

**10.** Fill in the blank with a suitable article: ____ Western Ghats get heavy rain.

**11.** Fill in “much” or “many”: How ____ information do you need?

**12.** Fill in “few” or “little”: There are very ____ eggs here; most have gone.

**13.** Why do we say “a union” and not “an union”?

**14.** Does this sentence need an article in the blank? Explain: I am reading about ____ history.

**15.** Use “some” or “any” correctly: (a) Are there ____ friends in the bag? (b) Please give me ____ water.

**16.** Is “sugar” countable or uncountable? Write a sentence using it with “much”.

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

**17.** Fill in the blanks with a, an, the or “no article”:
(1) I ate ____ hour for breakfast.
(2) She has ____ union.
(3) ____ Ganga is the longest river in India.
(4) We eat ____ breakfast at seven.

**18.** Write four sentences about a picnic using “many friends”, “much sugar”, “a few students” and “a little milk”.

**19.** Explain the difference between “a few” and “few”, and between “a little” and “little”, with an example of each. Also say whether “user” takes “a” or “an”, and why.

**20.** Sort these into two groups, those that take “a” and those that take “an”: “kite”, “hour”, “useful tool”, “horse”, “island”, “banana”.

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# Answer key

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| Q | Answer | Working |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | **(a) hour** | “an” goes before a vowel sound, “a” before a consonant sound; it is the sound that counts, not the letter |
| 2 | **(c) The** | the sun, the moon, the earth, rivers, oceans, mountain ranges and famous buildings take “the” |
| 3 | **(c) no article** | languages, games, single mountains, cities, meals, subjects and ideas like honesty take no article |
| 4 | **(c) many** | “many” goes with things we can count |
| 5 | **(a) a vowel sound** | — |
| 6 | **(c) a little** | “a little” goes with uncountable nouns |
| 7 | **(c) any** | “any” is used in negative sentences |
| 8 | **(d) A is false, but R is true.** | A is false: it is “a unicorn”: “unicorn” begins with a consonant sound. R is true. |
| 9 | **(a) a horse, (b) an egg, (c) an eagle, (d) a year** | it is the first sound that counts |
| 10 | **The** | unique things and named rivers, oceans and buildings take “the” |
| 11 | **much** | uncountable noun |
| 12 | **few** | “few” goes with countable nouns |
| 13 | **“union” begins with a consonant sound (a “y” or “w” sound), so it takes “a”.** | — |
| 14 | **No article: languages, games, single mountains, cities, meals, subjects and ideas like honesty take no article.** | — |
| 15 | **(a) any; (b) some** | “any” in questions and negatives, “some” in requests and offers |
| 16 | **Uncountable; e.g. How much sugar do you have?** | — |
| 17 | **(1) an; (2) a; (3) The; (4) no article** | — |
| 18 | **Any correct sentences using each phrase.** | — |
| 19 | **“A few” and “a little” mean some (a positive idea); “few” and “little” mean hardly any (a negative idea). E.g. A few friends came, so we had fun. Few friends came, so it was quiet. “user” takes “a” (consonant sound).** | — |
| 20 | **a: kite, useful tool, horse, banana; an: hour, island** | it is the first sound that counts |